

BackCare Product Panel Assessment Report

Product Name: Nada Chair – Back Savers

Date of Product Assessment: June 2005

Details of Assessment

Samples of the Nada Chair were provided to each member of the product panel to trial.

In your opinion please give a brief description of the product(s)

A self-support system, to provide a seating position when no chair is present. Body weight is supported by straps around the knees.

The product is portable back support, which is supplied in a compact carrying case. It comprises a support belt to which are attached straps which loop around the fronts of the knees when the user has adopted a sitting position.

By adjusting the straps the support allows the user to sit back against the support with a relaxed lower back. This relieves the stress, which causes pain and discomfort in so many poor public-seating arrangements.

A belt that supports the lower back by means of a straps around the knees. Could be useful for sitting where there is no back support, including on the ground. Can also be used in an ordinary chair.

Does the product function according to the manufacturers claims?

The panellists agreed that this was the case.

Has the product the potential to be of benefit to certain types of back pain sufferers?

All panellists agreed that the product had the potential to be of benefit to certain types of back pain sufferers.

In your opinion was the product user friendly?

All panellists agreed that the products were user friendly.

Did the product do what it was intended to do?

All panellists agreed that the product performed as stated within its marketing material.

Were there any noticeable dangers?

All panellists agreed that there were no noticeable dangers when the product was used for its main purpose. However, it was felt that the buckle on the stretching strap was capable of opening when over-loaded or incorrectly fastened, which needed to be mentioned in the instruction booklet.

Was the product satisfactory in providing pain relief?

All panellists agreed that the product was satisfactory in providing pain relief.

Were the instructions clear and concise?

All panellists agreed that the instructions were clear and concise.

Was the marketing material a true representation of the product?

All panellists agreed that the marketing materials were a true representation of the product - it was noted that the stretching straps were not mentioned in this material.

Do you regard the product as medically or technically safe?

The panellists regarded the product as safe with the proviso mentioned above regarding the stretching straps.

Were you satisfied with the supporting documentation e.g. medical reports testimonials, etc?

All panellists were satisfied with the supporting documentation for the product.

Has this product successfully completed the BackCare Product Panel Assessment?

This product has successfully completed the Panel assessment.

Any further comments.

The following comment was made and provided for general feedback.

- The product was easy to use and comfortable. It provided support in several situations including working at the computer and watching television.

Report dated: July 2005