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INTRODUCTION

The Medela Special Needs Feeder, also known as the Haberman Feeder, is an 80ml specialized feeding bottle designed for infants who experience difficulties with nursing due to facial or oral challenges. This feeder allows for a variable flow rate, controlled by both the feeder and the baby, and is sensitive to the baby's feeding efforts. It incorporates a one-way valve to prevent flooding and features a mini-SpecialNeeds teat, which is smaller for smaller babies. The product is provided in sterile packaging and includes a write-on surface for easy labeling.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Medela Special Needs Feeder is engineered to support babies with specific feeding requirements, ensuring they receive adequate nutrition while encouraging their natural feeding reflexes.



An image showing the Medela Special Needs Feeder, a clear 80ml bottle with a yellow collar and a specialized teat designed for infants with feeding difficulties.

Key Features:

- **80ml Capacity:** Suitable for controlled feeding volumes.
- **Variable Flow Rate:** Adjustable by the caregiver and responsive to the baby's suckling.
- **One-Way Valve:** Prevents milk from flowing back into the bottle, reducing air intake and flooding.
- **Mini-SpecialNeeds Teat:** Smaller nipple size for improved fit and comfort for smaller infants.
- **Sterile Packaging:** Ensures hygiene and safety upon first use.
- **Write-On Surface:** Convenient for labeling with date or baby's name.

Product Demonstration Video:

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Video demonstrating the features and use of the Medela Special Needs Feeder, highlighting its benefits for babies with feeding challenges.

SETUP

1. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, disassemble all parts of the feeder. Wash thoroughly in warm, soapy water. Rinse all components completely with clean water.
2. **Sterilization:** Sterilize all parts by boiling them in water for 5 minutes, using a steam sterilizer, or following your sterilizer's instructions. Ensure all parts are completely dry before assembly.
3. **Assembly:**
 - Insert the one-way valve into the base of the teat. Ensure it is seated firmly.
 - Place the assembled teat and valve into the yellow collar.
 - Screw the collar with the teat onto the bottle until secure. Do not overtighten.
4. **Filling:** Fill the bottle with the desired amount of breast milk or formula. Ensure the liquid temperature is appropriate for feeding.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Positioning the Teat:** Observe the three lines on the teat. These lines indicate different flow rates. Position the line corresponding to the desired flow rate under the baby's nose. One line for slow flow, two for medium, and three for fast flow.
2. **Initiating Feeding:** Gently place the teat in the baby's mouth. The baby's suckling action will draw milk through the one-way valve.
3. **Assisted Flow (if needed):** If the baby is having difficulty drawing milk, gently squeeze the bottle to assist the flow. Coordinate squeezing with the baby's suckling rhythm.
4. **Monitoring:** Continuously monitor the baby's feeding, ensuring they are swallowing comfortably and not showing signs of distress. Adjust the flow rate or assistance as needed.
5. **Breaks:** Allow the baby to take breaks during feeding. The one-way valve prevents milk from dripping, allowing the baby to rest without losing milk.

MAINTENANCE

1. **Cleaning After Each Use:** Disassemble all parts immediately after each feeding. Wash thoroughly

with warm, soapy water. Use a soft brush for hard-to-reach areas.

2. **Rinsing:** Rinse all components under clean running water to remove any soap residue.
3. **Drying:** Allow all parts to air dry completely on a clean surface or drying rack. Avoid using cloth towels which may leave lint.
4. **Sterilization:** Regular sterilization is recommended, especially for newborns or immunocompromised infants. Follow the same sterilization methods as for initial setup (boiling, steam sterilizer).
5. **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the teat and other components for signs of wear, tears, or damage. Replace any damaged parts immediately to ensure safe and effective feeding. The nipple may wear out over time, requiring replacement.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Leaking:**
 - Ensure all parts are correctly assembled and tightened.
 - Check the one-way valve for proper seating and any damage.
 - Inspect the teat for tears or enlargement of the slit, which can occur with prolonged use. Replace if damaged.
- **Slow Flow/No Flow:**
 - Verify the teat's flow line is correctly positioned under the baby's nose for the desired rate.
 - Ensure the one-way valve is clean and not obstructed.
 - Check for blockages in the teat opening.
- **Baby Refuses Feeder:**
 - Ensure the milk temperature is appropriate.
 - Try different flow rate settings by rotating the teat.
 - Consult with a lactation consultant or healthcare professional for personalized advice.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	8.8 x 6.7 x 1.5 inches
Item Model Number	6000S
Material Type	BPA Free, Latex Free, Lead Free, Phthalate Free
Number Of Items	1
Batteries Required	No
Is Portable	No
Item Weight	2.4 ounces
ASIN	B000X4JDH4

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding product warranty and specific support contacts is not available in the provided

product data. Please refer to the official Medela website or contact Medela customer service for detailed warranty information and support options.