

Medela 6200S

Medela SpecialNeeds™ Feeder 150ml Instruction Manual

Model: 6200S

INTRODUCTION

The Medela SpecialNeeds™ Feeder is an innovative feeding solution developed for infants who experience difficulties with traditional feeding methods due to facial or oral conditions, such as cleft lip or palate, or neurological impairments. Its unique design allows caregivers to control milk flow, ensuring a comfortable and efficient feeding experience for the baby.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS

The Medela SpecialNeeds™ Feeder consists of several key parts designed for optimal function and ease of use.



This image displays the Medela SpecialNeeds Feeder, consisting of a clear plastic bottle, a yellow screw ring, and a transparent silicone nipple and valve assembly. The bottle has 'medela' embossed on its side.

- **Bottle:** A clear, BPA-free plastic bottle with a 150ml capacity.
- **Screw Ring:** A yellow ring that secures the nipple assembly to the bottle.
- **Silicone Nipple:** A soft, transparent silicone nipple designed for sensitive mouths.
- **Valve:** An integrated valve system within the nipple assembly that controls milk flow.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Before first use, and after each subsequent use, ensure all components are thoroughly cleaned and sterilized.

1. **Disassemble:** Separate all parts of the feeder: bottle, screw ring, and nipple/valve assembly.
2. **Clean:** Wash all components with warm, soapy water. Use a soft brush for the bottle and nipple. *Do not use a nipple cleaner inside the silicone nipple to avoid damage.* Rinse thoroughly.
3. **Sterilize:** Sterilize all parts according to your preferred method (e.g., boiling, steam sterilization, or cold water).

sterilization). Ensure all parts are completely dry before assembly or storage.

4. **Assemble:** Insert the silicone nipple assembly into the screw ring. Ensure the valve is correctly seated. Screw the assembled nipple and ring onto the bottle until secure.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The SpecialNeeds™ Feeder allows for controlled feeding, adapting to the baby's sucking ability.

1. **Fill the Bottle:** Pour the desired amount of breast milk or formula into the clean, assembled bottle.
2. **Positioning:** Hold the feeder so that the milk fills the nipple. The nipple has a marked line (often raised) to indicate the flow rate. Rotate the nipple to align this line with the baby's nose for a slower flow, or downwards for a faster flow.
3. **Initiate Feeding:** Gently place the nipple into the baby's mouth. The baby will compress the nipple with their gums and tongue to release milk. The one-way valve prevents air from entering the nipple chamber, reducing air intake.
4. **Adjust Flow:** If the baby struggles or the flow is too slow/fast, gently rotate the nipple to adjust the flow rate. You may also need to gently squeeze the bottle to assist milk flow, especially for babies with very weak suction.
5. **Observe Baby:** Monitor the baby's feeding cues, swallowing, and breathing throughout the feeding session.

Important Safety Note: The Haberman Feeders are unsuitable for babies with poor swallow reflex. Do not use the feeders without the valve properly installed.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper cleaning and maintenance are crucial for the longevity and hygiene of your SpecialNeeds™ Feeder.

- **Daily Cleaning:** After each use, disassemble all parts and wash immediately with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly.
- **Sterilization:** Sterilize daily or as recommended by your healthcare professional.
- **Drying:** Allow all parts to air dry completely on a clean drying rack. Avoid using cloth towels which may leave lint.
- **Storage:** Store clean, dry components in a clean, covered container or area.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the silicone nipple for signs of wear, tears, or damage. Replace immediately if any damage is observed, as worn nipples can affect flow and pose a choking hazard.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Milk flow is too slow or blocked.	Nipple not positioned correctly; valve clogged; nipple damaged.	Rotate nipple to adjust flow; ensure valve is clean and clear; inspect nipple for damage and replace if necessary.
Milk flow is too fast.	Nipple positioned for fast flow; baby's suction is strong.	Rotate nipple to a slower flow position; monitor baby's swallowing.
Nipple splitting or tearing.	Normal wear and tear; improper cleaning (e.g., using a nipple brush inside).	Replace nipple immediately. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or brushes inside the nipple.
Leaking from the screw ring.	Screw ring not tightened sufficiently; nipple/valve not seated correctly.	Ensure screw ring is tightened securely; reassemble nipple and valve, ensuring proper seating.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 6200S
- **Product Dimensions:** 8.3 x 4.8 x 2.1 inches
- **Item Weight:** 1.6 ounces
- **Material Type:** BPA Free
- **Number of Items:** 1 (Feeder unit)
- **Bottle Nipple Type:** Vented

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Medela SpecialNeeds™ Feeder, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Medela website. For product support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Medela customer service directly.

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