



## **SAFETY AND COMFORT - IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

A doctor's opinion should be sought prior to using any orthopedic device.

No prophylactic device for the ankle, including the **SPRAIN-GUARD™**, can keep the user injury-free in all cases. The **SPRAIN-GUARD™** is designed to lessen injury severity. Effectiveness and comfort are determined by how this device is applied. Prior to initial use, the device must be professionally attached to the shoe by **X-STRAP® SYSTEMS**, or its representative. This device must be put on only as described in the manufacturer's instructions, including the testing of stability provided, following each application, or each adjustment of one or both straps. With the exception of special orders, this device is configured to be effective against INVERSION of the foot ONLY. This device should not be used on any part of the body except the ankle. Any alteration of a **SPRAIN-GUARD™** component, or any application other than that illustrated and discussed in manufacturer's instructions is a misuse or misapplication of the device. **X-STRAP® SYSTEMS**, the manufacturer, will not be liable for injuries or damages from misuse or misapplication of the device.

As per customer instructions provided on the Order Form, **X-STRAP® SYSTEMS, (We)**, will professionally attach, via stitching and/or tacking, a **SPRAIN-GUARD™** of the requested color to a shoe provided by the customer. We will NOT be responsible for ANY damage to the shoe as a result of attachment, removal or use of this device. **X-STRAP® SYSTEMS**, the manufacturer of the **SPRAIN-GUARD™**, cannot control the design, materials, workmanship or condition of the shoe, which is supplied by the customer. If we suspect that the shoe is not compatible with the **SPRAIN-GUARD™**, and may therefore reduce the effectiveness of the device, we will return the entire order, unfilled, with a written explanation. Even in cases when a customer's shoe appears to be compatible with the **SPRAIN-GUARD™**, we cannot know for certain that the interface is safe initially, or that it will remain safe over time. We, therefore, will NOT be responsible for any damage or for any injuries resulting from failure of the shoe material where the **SPRAIN-GUARD™** has been attached to the shoe. **X-STRAP® SYSTEMS** will be responsible for damage or injury resulting from use of the **SPRAIN-GUARD™** only to individuals identified as the "The User" on the **SPRAIN-GUARD™** Order Form.

To avoid skin irritation, this device should only be used while wearing socks. Only the manufacturer's strap wrapping pattern should be used to apply the straps around the cuff. The straps, which can be user-adjusted to provide support ranging from null to very stiff, should be adjusted as needed for a secure, comfortable fit, **but not over-tightened.** In order to maximize safety and comfort, the level of support provided must be tested each time either or both of the straps are adjusted. If discomfort occurs, use of this device should be discontinued temporarily. For maximum safety, **SPRAIN-GUARD™** users who use several pairs of shoes for athletic activities should consider having the **SPRAIN-GUARD™** attached to each pair of shoes.

Although durable, the **SPRAIN-GUARD™** fabric components will show signs of wear over time. Periodically (monthly), the user should inspect the device components, and the components' attachments to the shoe, to identify and make repairs, if needed. **X-STRAP® SYSTEMS**, will make repairs to the device and to the attachments, **at no charge**, if the shoe with the attached **SPRAIN-GUARD™** is sent to us within 6 months of the original Shipping Date. We will NOT make any repairs to shoes.

A new **SPRAIN-GUARD™** will normally outlast the shoe it is attached to, and can be professionally transferred to another shoe. Since our attachment method is of a semi-permanent nature, and proper attachment is critical for user protection and comfort, device transfers should NOT be made by the customer. To have a **SPRAIN-GUARD™** transferred safely, we offer a device transfer service, at a nominal cost.