


# Astrocon<sup>®</sup> Multifocal

 INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE - THIS LEAFLET CONTAINS IMPORTANT PRODUCT USE AND SAFETY INFORMATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. CONTACT LENSES SHOULD ALWAYS BE FITTED BY AN EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU FOLLOW YOUR EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL'S DIRECTIONS AND ALL LABELLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER USE OF YOUR CONTACT LENSES AND LENS CARE PRODUCTS.

## PRODUCT NAME

**ASTROCON MULTIFOCAL<sup>®</sup>**

## MATERIAL AND PACKAGING

**ASTROCON MULTIFOCAL** rigid gas permeable contact lenses are made from fluorosilicone-acrylate (Paragon HDS<sup>™</sup>/Paflufocon B or Fluorocon 30/Paflufocon C) material. To assist handling, the Paragon HDS material is tinted in light blue and the Fluorocon 30 material is tinted in light grey. The handling tints contain dyes D&C Green No 6, D&C Violet No 2 and Perox Yellow No 9 either alone or in combination.

**ASTROCON MULTIFOCAL** contact lenses are packed individually in flat-pack mailers within a "Tyvek" sleeve.

## INTENDED USE

**ASTROCON MULTIFOCAL** lenses are intended for daily wear for the optical correction of vision in persons with non-diseased eyes with low to moderate presbyopia and low to moderate astigmatism.

## RECOMMENDED WEAR AND REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

**DAILY WEAR** - less than 24 hours while awake. The wearing time may be built up gradually until the maximum recommended is achieved. **THE LENSES MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE SLEEPING.**

In the interests of maintaining the health of your eyes, the wearing schedule should be determined by your eye care professional.

CIBA VISION recommends that your **ASTROCON MULTIFOCAL** lenses are replaced every 12 to 18 months, as routine, or more frequently as determined by your eye care professional.

## HANDLING YOUR LENSES

Your eye care professional should provide you with detailed contact lens insertion and removal instructions.

Always wash and dry your hands before handling lenses. Ensure that you have the appropriate lens for that eye. Inspect your lenses prior to insertion. Do not insert if damaged.

To insert your lens, place the lens on a finger tip, and while looking straight ahead, hold the eyelids apart and place the lens directly onto the centre of the eye. The lids may then be released.

When removing your lens make sure that your hands are completely dry. Open your eyes wide so that your eyelids do not overlap the lens. Put your finger at the outside corner of your eye and staring wide, pull outwards and slightly upwards to stretch the lids tight. When you have pulled the lids as far as possible, blink. The lids should slide under the edges of the lens and lift it from the eye.

Your eye care professional should provide you with detailed instruction on how to care for a decentred lens.

Never use tweezers, suction cups, sharp objects or your finger nails to remove your lenses from the lens container or your eyes.


## FALLING ASLEEP WHILE WEARING YOUR LENSES

If you inadvertently fall asleep for a short period while wearing your lenses no adverse effects are likely. The lenses may however feel dry, this can usually be relieved by blinking fully several times.

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR LENSES

- **CORRECT CARE OF YOUR LENSES IS ESSENTIAL**
- **CLEAN** and **RINSE** your lenses to remove contaminants from the lens surface. In addition, your lenses may require periodic enzymatic cleaning to remove protein
- **DISINFECT** your lenses each time they are removed to destroy harmful germs and to ensure safe and comfortable contact lens wear
- Your eye care professional should choose the lens care system most suitable for you.
- Do not **SOAK** your lenses in any alcohol based cleaner.
- Ask your eye care professional before using any alternative lens care products.
- Do not alternate or mix lens care products from different systems.
- Use only lens care products intended for hard or rigid gas permeable lenses, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- **DO NOT USE HEAT NOR ANY PRODUCT DESIGNED FOR SOFT LENSES.**
- **DO NOT USE ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING BENZALKONIUM CHLORIDE.**

Always remember the following:

- Always wash, rinse and dry your hands before handling your contact lenses.
- Never store lenses overnight in saline only. Saline will **NOT** protect your lenses from germs and your eyes from possible infection.
- Never re-use the solution in your lens case.
- Never use solutions that are past their expiry date. 
- Rinse your lens case every time you remove your lenses from it. Use sterile saline or fresh lens care solution and, if appropriate, allow to air dry. This helps avoid contamination and serious eye injury.
- Replace your lens case regularly.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT WORN YOUR LENSES FOR A FEW DAYS**, follow the instructions given for your contact lens care regimen and, if applicable, clean and disinfect your lenses prior to insertion.

## WHEN NOT TO WEAR LENSES

Contact lenses should not be worn in conjunction with certain health or environmental conditions. Conditions that may prevent or interfere with safe contact lens wear include:

- Allergy, inflammation, infection or irritation in or around the eye or eyelids.
- Periods of poor health, such as severe colds or influenza.
- The use of some medications, including eye medication.
- Inadequate tear film (dry eyes).
- Excessively dry or dusty environments that make contact lens wear uncomfortable.
- Water sports without the use of goggles.

Consult your eye care professional specifically regarding these or other conditions.

## POSSIBLE PROBLEMS

Although contact lenses provide many benefits to the wearer, it is possible that problems might occur and may be first noticed as one or more of the following signs:

- Feeling of something in the eye
- Uncomfortable lens
- Eye redness
- Sensitivity to light
- Burning, stinging, itching or watering eyes
- Reduced sharpness of vision
- Rainbows or halos around lights
- Increased eye secretions
- Discomfort/pain
- Severe or persistent dry eyes

These symptoms, if ignored, may lead to more serious complications.

## WHAT TO DO IF A PROBLEM OCCURS

If any of the above symptoms occur:

- **IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE LENS(ES).**
- If the discomfort or problem stops, then look closely at the lens(es).
- If the lens(es) is (are) in any way damaged, **DO NOT** put the lens(es) back on the eye(s): replace with a new lens(es) or consult your eye care professional.
- If the lens(es) has (have) dirt, an eyelash, or foreign body on it (them), or the problem stops and the lens(es) appear(s) undamaged, thoroughly clean, rinse and disinfect/neutralise the lens(es), before reinsertion.
- If the above symptoms continue after removal or upon reinsertion of the lens(es) remove the lens(es) **IMMEDIATELY**, then promptly contact your eye care professional. A serious condition such as infection, corneal ulcer (ulcerative keratitis), corneal vascularisation or iritis may be present. These conditions could progress rapidly and may lead to permanent loss of vision. Less serious reactions such as abrasions, epithelial staining and bacterial conjunctivitis must be managed and treated properly to avoid complications.
- Occasional dryness may be relieved by the use of lubricating and wetting drops. If dryness persists consult your eye care professional.
- If a lens sticks (stops moving), apply several drops of a lubricating solution and wait until the lens begins to move freely on the eye before attempting to remove it. If the lens continues to stick, **IMMEDIATELY** consult your eye care professional.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The risk of a possible problem can be reduced by recognising the signs and following the advice, "What to do if a Problem Occurs". Correct cleaning and regular replacement of the lens case is essential. Contact lens wear increases the risk of eye infections. Smoking further increases the risk of ulcerative keratitis for contact lens users.

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Do not share your lenses with anyone as this may spread micro organisms which could result in serious eye health problems.
- Check your eyes daily to ensure they look well, feel comfortable and

your vision is clear.

- It is recommended that contact lens wearers visit their eye care professional regularly as directed.
- Do not use lenses or lens care products after their expiry date.
- In conditions of low light, wearers of tinted lenses may experience reduced vision of low contrast objects.
- Keep a note of the correct lens power for each eye.
- Be careful while using soaps, lotions, creams, cosmetics, or deodorants as they can cause irritation if they come in contact with your lenses.
- Insert your lenses **before** applying make-up and remove them **before** taking your make-up off.
- Avoid spraying aerosols such as hair spray near your eyes while wearing your lenses as this may cause irritation.
- Consult your eye care professional about wearing lenses during sporting activities including swimming.
- Remove your lenses when exposed to noxious or irritating vapours.
- Never allow contact lenses to come into contact with non-sterile liquids (including tap water and saliva) as microbial contamination can occur, which may lead to permanent eye damage.
- Inform your employer that you wear contact lenses, especially if your job involves using eye protection equipment.
- Do not wear **ASTROCON MULTIFOCAL** lenses while sleeping.

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