FlexCell[™] Installation and Setup Guide for the Prosthetist



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This document provides information for the prosthetist that will be installing FlexCell.



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Thank you for choosing FlexCell to help your patient better power their prosthesis. Whether you're retrofitting FlexCell into your patient's existing prosthesis or you're building a new prosthesis from the ground up, this guide will introduce you to FlexCell and help you install the system.

The installation of FlexCell should be performed exclusively by a licensed prosthetist or technician. Any unauthorized handling or installation of FlexCell will void the warranty. If you have any questions or are aware of issues related to the installation of FlexCell please call (443) 451-7175 or send an e-mail to support@i-biomed.com

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The FlexCell system is intended to power upper-limb prosthetic devices. The system consists of a charging port with an on/off button, a charger, and flexible lithium-polymer gel batteries. The flexibility of the batteries allow practitioners to conform them to the inner surface of the prosthesis shell.

The battery system is modular to accommodate various prosthesis setups. Up to four FlexCells can be combined for a maximum capacity of 2200 mAh using FlexCells or 1320 mAh for FlexCell Minis.

1.1 Specifications

Temperature range (use)	0°C to +49°C (32°F to 120°F)	
Temperature range (transport and storage)	0°C to +49°C (32°F to 120°F)	
Humidity range (use)	0% to 90%	
Humidity range (storage and transport)	0% to 95%	
Dimensions Standard	4.9" X 1.57" X 0.08"	
Dimensions Mini	3.25" X 1.57" X 0.08"	
Voltage output	7.4V DC	
Capacity (Standard/Mini)	550 mAh / 330 mAh	
Expected service life	500 charges / 2 years	
Weight (1x Standard/1x Mini)	31g / 17g	

1.2 Outputs







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Motion Control

FlexCell is compatible with most terminal devices.

FlexCell is available with three types of output connectors and has been tested with several prosthetic terminal devices such as hands, wrists, and elbow units. However, always confirm that your terminal device is compatible with FlexCell's specifications. If you have any questions regarding compatibility, please contact Infinite Biomedical Technologies.

2.1 Before You Begin

This section covers the following:

- Before you Begin
- Bend Radius
- How to Install FlexCell



Included in the package:

(A) FlexCell battery
(B) FlexCell Mini battery (if applicable)
(C) Wall adapter
(D) Charging port
(E) 2 flanges for charging port
(F) Charger adapter

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FlexCell / FlexCell Mini



Charger Adapter



2.2 Bend Radius



Pictured above is the to-scale maximum bend radius for the long axis of a FlexCell battery. The maximum bend curvature of the FlexCell cannot exceed the curvature depicted above.



The FlexCell 550 mAh battery is not intended to bend around the short axis; doing so can damage the battery and void the warranty. Bend 550 mAh batteries around the long axis only.



Pictured above is the to-scale maximum bend radius for the short axis of a FlexCell Mini battery. The maximum bend curvature of the FlexCell Mini cannot exceed the curvature depicted above.

2.3 How to Install FlexCell

A. If the charging port will be mounted on the prosthesis surface, place the provided flange in the desired location when molding the shell to create an accurate opening.





B. Place the FlexCell batteries anywhere within the prosthesis shell, taking care to ensure the batteries are not compressed and will never be in contact with the user's skin. Adhesives can be used to secure the batteries to the shell's inner surface.

C. Slip the junction box into the prosthesis and connect each battery to the junction box on the controller. The connectors are designed to plug in only one way. Check the orientation if it does not plug in easily.



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Only use FlexCell batteries with the FlexCell charging port and junction box

D. Connect the output connector to the terminal device. Pay close attention to the polarity of the connector depicted below.





Otto Bock Connector

Motion Control Connector

E. Insert the charging port into the flange. It is designed to only insert one way and should snap in easily. Check the orientation if it does not insert easily.



3.1 Turning On/Off

This section covers the following:

- Turning On/Off
- Checking Battery Charge
- Charging the Batteries

Charging Port Interface



USING FLEXCELL

How to turn on FlexCell

To turn on Flexcell, press and hold the controller button for 3 seconds. The seven LEDs will illuminate around the button in a clockwise direction and flash. To turn off FlexCell, press and hold the Control Unit button for 3 seconds. The seven LEDs will illuminate around the button in a counter-clockwise direction.



3.2 Checking Battery Charge

Press the charging port button to check the battery charge level. The number of lights that turn on (out of seven) provide an indication of capacity. The LEDs will blink when the system is turned off.



Note: Wait 20 seconds after plugging in the batteries or removing the charger before checking remaining capacity.

3.3 Charging the Batteries



1. Plug the supplied wall adapter block into a wall outlet.

2. Connect the FlexCell charger adapter to the plug of the wall adapter, depicted above right.



Only use wall adapters provided by Infinite Biomedical Technologies.

3. To charge the batteries, place the magnetic connector over the charging port's charging pads. The two magnets on the magnetic connector align with the steel bar on the charging port. The magnetic connector will snap in place.





4. A green LED will illuminate in the charger body when the batteries are charging. The green light will disappear when the batteries are done charging. To stop charging the batteries, remove the connector and place it on the housing attachment to prevent damage to the connector pins. FlexCell battery systems charge fully in approximately 3 hours.

MAINTAINING FLEXCEL

This section covers the following:

- Preventative Inspection
- Service and Cleaning
- Safety and Warnings

4.1 Preventative Inspection

All FlexCell battery systems undergo extensive quality assurance inspections upon receipt.

No additional inspection is required or advised.

4.2 Service and Cleaning

Perform a visual inspection of each battery and all wiring every few months. Make sure no connectors or wires are broken.

If batteries become inflated or excessively hot, discontinue use immediately and contact Infinite Biomedical Technologies.

Use a dry cloth to clean FlexCell components as necessary. The metal contacts on the charging port should be cleared of any debris build-up using a q-tip or other non-metallic object such as a toothpick.

Do not attempt to repair or service FlexCell. Return components to Infinite Biomedical Technologies for all repair servicing.

4.3 Safety and Warnings

Liquid damage warning: FlexCell is not designed to be waterproof. Do not submerge or spill liquid on or into the prosthesis as it will likely cause a malfunction in FlexCell. If the prosthesis will be worn in wet environments, ensure that FlexCell is sufficiently protected from the external environment.

Deformation warning: FlexCells should not be excessively bent. Excessive bending can damage the batteries. FlexCell Standards should only bend along the long axis. Refer to the bend radius guide on page 12 and 13.

Compression warning: FlexCells should not be exposed to constant, large, instantaneous, or repeated compression. Doing so will damage the internal chemistry of the battery.

Modification warning: Any modifation to FlexCell can pose a safety risk to the patient and will void the warranty. Do not unwrap the blue covering on the batteries.

Charging warning: Do not wear prosthesis while charging batteries. **Only use chargers provided by Infinite Biomedical Technologies.** **Heat warning:** Do not expose FlexCell to a heat source such as a fire, even if FlexCell is within the prosthesis. Do not leave FlexCell in a high-temperature environment (e.g. under direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle during hot weather)

Malfunction warning: If a FlexCell battery begins to give off an odor, generates heat, becomes discolored, or in any way appears abnormal during use, recharging or storage, immediately remove the prosthesis and battery (contact prosthesist for battery removal), store the battery in a contained vessel and contact Infinite Biomedical Technologies.



Disposal warning: Do not dispose of FlexCell in fire or heat. FlexCell should not be thrown away with common household garbage. Dispose of FlexCell by either returning the unit to Infinite Biomedical Technologies or at an official electronics diposal site. Notes

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