



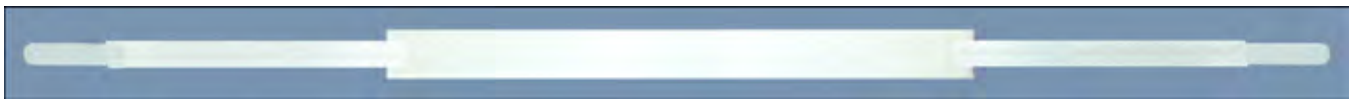
Marpac's Tracheostomy Collar Selection Guide

Overview

Marpac offers a wide variety of trach collars because each patient and each care giver's situation can be different. Marpac's trach collars are designed to provide the best solution for both the patient and the care provider. That is why we provide a complete product line from neonatal to bariatric sizes, each in a number of varieties.

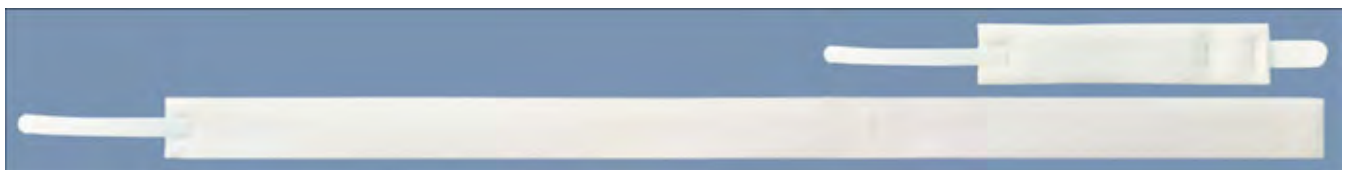
Why a One-Piece Collar?

The benefit of a one-piece collar is that there is no seam and no Velcro™ attachment in the back or side of the neck. With no seam, the collar has one less piece that can come undone, so some people find them more secure. Also, with no Velcro™ attachment in the back or side of the neck, there is reduced chance of it rubbing and causing skin irritation. People caring for a single patient often prefer the one-piece collars because they can order the exact size for their patient. Marpac's 100 series of trach collars (100, 101, 102, 103, 105) are all one-piece.



Why a Two-Piece Collar?

The benefit of a two-piece collar is that it is cut to size, so it fits a wide variety of patient sizes. People caring for a wide variety of patients such as an ICU or PICU often prefer two-piece collars because they can order just one item and it will work for almost all of their patients. Another advantage of a two-piece collar is that during trach changes you can thread the trach tube flange with the trach collar before inserting the tube into the patient's neck. Some care providers find this method easier to perform. Marpac's 200 series of trach collars (201, 203, 204, 206) are all two-piece.



Why With Twill?

Once a stoma is established and no longer needs the pad behind the tube, twill provides two benefits. Twill allows the trach tube to sit closer to the skin as it is thinner than the foam strip. This is generally more comfortable for the patient. Also, trach ties with twill allow the area around the stoma to remain dryer which may help reduce skin breakdown. Marpac's trach collars with twill include 100, 101, 102, 103, 201, and 206.



Why Without Twill?

When a stoma is new and still weeping, it will have a gauze or sponge pad behind the tube. Trach collars without twill will have the foam up against the trach tube flange and therefore the stoma. The foam can act as an extra absorbent for any fluid that passes beyond the pad. Marpac’s trach collars without twill include 105, 203, and 204.



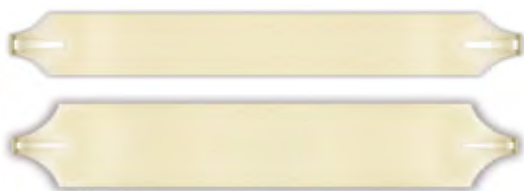
Why White?

White is the preferred color in most medical centers because it allows easy visibility of a variety of secretions.

Why Colors?

Colors for trach collars serve two purposes:

1. Children, parents, and adults that have a trach tube for an extended period of time can get bored of wearing a white collar every day. Colors can add variety and brighten their day.
2. When parents or people new to trach care are being trained, colors make it easier to be sure that the trach tie is not inside-out. A trach collar with two white sides can easily be placed inside out resulting in less Velcro™ hold and possible skin irritation.



Why Bariatric Collars?

When you are caring for a bariatric patient with a tracheostomy, there is a good chance you will need a wider or longer collar. If you use too short or too thin of a collar, the collar can break down the patients skin and cause wounds.

Marpac’s longer collars include 204 + 4 and 102 + 4. Marpac’s 2” wide collars include 120S and 220S. Marpac’s 3” wide collars include 120 and 220. Marpac is the only manufacturer that makes a 2” and 3” wide collar.

Why Custom Collars?

Marpac receives many requests for custom collars. These include:

1. A threaded collar that allow all adjustments to be made from the outside of the collar
2. “Egg-shaped” trach collars to provide more protection on the back of the neck for handicapped patients that rock back and forth
3. The addition of an elastic section to allow more flexibility in the length of the collar
4. A no-Velcro™ tie for neonatal patients that can’t have any hard plastic close to them
5. Narrow Velcro™ tabs that allow the tabs to be easily threaded through small trach flanges (such as the peds Bivona)

If you have a special needs patient, Marpac can provide the best collar for them. Marpac is the only trach tie manufacturer that will custom make trach collars and have them ready for shipment in 1 business day.

Marpac Product Matrix

	No Twill	Twill	Bariatric
1- Piece	105 - Pediatric	100 - Pediatric 101 - Adult Medium 102 - Adult Large	120 - 3” Wide 120S - 2” Wide
2-Piece	204 - Adult 203 - Pediatric	201 - Adult 206 - Pediatric	220 - 3” Wide 220S - 2” Wide