Suggested Electrode Placement Chart

The sticky electrode pads need to be placed in the correct position for maximum pain relief. It is preferable to obtain assistance from either your birthing partner or medical adviser when positioning the pads. Please read the following instructions carefully:

Bra line

Navel line

Panty line

1. Ensure unit remains switched off. Carefully peel the pads from the plastic backing using your forefinger and thumb. Do not pull on the lead wires.

2. Position the top two pads (connected to the left socket CH1) approximately 4cm either side of the spine and 4-5cm above the imaginary navel line as seen in the diagram.

3. Position the bottom two pads (connected to the right socket CH2) approximately 4cm either side of the spine and 4-5cm below the imaginary navel line as seen in the diagram.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q When shall I start using my Elle TENS?
- A Use as early as you can after the onset of labour to allow time for your body's painkilling chemicals to rise.

Q Can I try the Elle TENS before going into labour?

A Yes, place 2 pads attached to one leadwire on your forearm to feel the different pulse sensations following the instructions on page 6.

Q Can I combine the Elle TENS with other medication?

A Yes, you can still use analgesics such as gas and air (entinox) or pethidine.

O Can the Elle TENS be used in hospital?

- A Yes. However, a midwife may ask you to switch it off temporarily.
- Q Can I use the Elle TENS if I am considering a water birth? A Yes, but not in the water itself.

Useful Information **Troubleshooting Questions**

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Reference: Cluett E. (1994) SRN

RM ADM PGCEA. Analgesia in

Labour: A review of the TENS

method. Professional Care of

Mother and Child. Mar;4 (2): 50-2.

Q Why does the stimulation not appear to be as strong after you have used the Elle TENS for a while? A Increase the intensity, you may

have become used to a lower setting.

- Q Why does the stimulation feel strong but ineffective?
- A You may need to reposition the electrode pads. Switch the unit off, and then try the unit again.
 - O Why does the stimulation not feel sufficiently strong
 - A The batteries may need
 - Q What do I do if there is no stimulation. intermittent
 - stimulation felt even with a new battery? A Check electrode contact. Check

0333 121 9737.

Using Your Elle TENS

- a) You are now ready to start using your Elle TENS. Switch the unit on by pressing the 🔘 on/off button. Ensure that the 'boost' button located at the top right of the unit is NOT pressed in. The Elle TENS will always start up in BURST 1 mode.
- b) Begin by pressing the 😗 CH1+ key. Each time you press this key, a small 'half-moon' shape will appear on the screen increasing in number and size as the intensity is increased. You will begin to feel a pulsating sensation which will burst in time with the small arrow flashing on the screen. Ensure that you increase the intensity slowly.
- c) Repeat the previous step with the 😰 CH2+ key. You will now feel a sensation in both sets of pads.

1. Continue stimulation for as

long as necessary, unless you

the electrodes, and apply a

small drop of water to them.

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switched off before you remove

all the leads and pads. Do not

pull the wires. ALWAYS remove

the jack plug from its socket

by holding the plug between

the forefinger and thumb and

5. The Elle TENS can also be used

as a standard TENS unit for

relief of numerous conditions,

including after pains and post

bearing this in mind if you have

Please seek medical advice first

operative pains. It is worth

a caesarean section

pulling gently.

4. Always ensure that the unit is

d) BURST 1 (use between

- contractions): This is the first mode that you will use. It feels like a bursting, tingling sensation i.e. the pulses are off and on periodically. This mode will help to promote those all-important natural pain-killing chemicals known as 'endorphins' and 'encephalins'.
- e) BOOST 1 (use during contractions): When experiencing a contraction, simply press the 'boost' button located at the top right of the unit. The Elle TENS will then switch automatically into the BOOST 1 mode for that extra surge of power required to combat the pain during

contractions. This will feel like

a continuous sensation.

f) Once the contraction has passed, simply release the 'boost' button. The Elle TENS will return to the original BURST 1 mode. Continue this cycle during your early stages of labour.

The Mode Button

primarily used for the earlier stages

Mode 2 (Burst 2 and Boost 2)

advances and your contractions

can be used when your labour

Press the 📟 Mode button to

switch between modes. You will

see from the User Display, that the

number in the small circle next to

the BURST or BOOST will change

interchangeable and can be used

according to your preference,

labour you are in. Mode 2 can

not necessarily for the stage of

be operated in the same way as

from 1 to 2 and vice-versa.

NB. Both modes are

mode 1.

become more frequent.

and Boost function.

of labour.

The Opti-max Key

There are two modes available on This provides extra versatility the Elle TENS, each with a Burst to your Elle TENS. Increasing or decreasing the Opti-max key will allow you to either heighten or Mode 1 (Burst 1 and Boost 1). lessen the level of pulse power which has been described above, is transmitted to the electrode pads.

> Pressing the OM key either + or - will increase or decrease Opti-max sensation, this is extremely useful for the final stages of labour when you need an extra surge of power.

There are 5 Opti-max levels indicated by 5 dots, enlarging in size as the Opti-max power is increased. The unit will always start up at Opti-max 3, which is exactly half way between the highest and lowest setting.

NB. The Opti-max key can be used according to your preference and not necessarily for the stage of labour you are in.

Description

1 Burst/sec and 8

pulses per burst

2 Burst/sec and 8

pulses per burst

Constant

Constant

Classification This unit is fully compliant

with EEC Directive 93/42/EEC, classified

as internally powered equipment type BF.

It is intended for continuous operation.

for use Instructions

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Guarantee

Your ElleTENS machine is guaranteed for a period of 2 years against manufacturer's defects. Please record purchase details in the space provided below for your record purposes. The guarantee does not include leads, electrodes or battery. Applies to purchases only.





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modes: 50, 100, 150, 200, 250.

Boost 1

Boost 2

of electrodes	
plied with this	Burst 1
ne colour - the	Burst 2









experience discomfort. 2. If you stimulate for a number of hours ensure the pads do not become dry. If this occurs, switch off the unit, disconnect

- - 3. The pads can be used several times. Replace the pads when they stop sticking to the skin. Replacement pads are available
- even on a high setting?
- replacing.
- stimulation. or weak
- leads. Check batteries. Phone

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= first pair of electrodes

KEY:

 \square = second pair of electrodes N.B. Electrodes sup unit are all the sam black and white squares show

suggested electrode placement only







Display TN type LCD 4 treatment modes: Burst 1, Burst 2, Boost 1, Boost 2 Operation Mode Pulse (Hz) Pulse Width (µs) Frequency

16

32

80

100

150*

150*

150*

150*

Output Voltage: 0 – 55V zero to peak at 500Ω load

Output Waveform: Symmetrical biphasic rectangular

Elle TENS Technical Data

Elle TENS

Ouick Reference Guide

If you are in labour, please use the quick reference guide set out below. It is however recommended that you read the section entitled "Setting Up Your Elle TENS" found on page 5 to obtain the best performance from your unit.

Before using the Elle TENS, please read the contraindications and warnings on pages 1 and 2.

- 1. Ensure the Elle TENS unit is switched off.
- 2. Insert 2 x AA batteries in the compartment at the back of the unit (see figs 1 and 2, page 6).
- 3. Insert the leadwire plugs into the top of the unit (see fig 3, page 6).
- 4. Insert the pins at the other end of the leadwires into the sockets attached to the electrode pads. Do not remove the electrodes from their backing at this stage (see fig 4, page 6).

Controls For The Elle TENS

The Elle TENS is very simple to use. However, it is advisable to read these instructions to obtain the most out of the unit. Please ensure that all of the precautions have been read thoroughly. See page 2.



5. Position the electrode pads on

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Explanation of Symbols on Unit

Equipment providing

a particular degree of

applied part.

protection against electric

shock particularly regarding

allowable leakage currents

having an F type (floating)

Warning - refer to pages 1-2

of these instructions.

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the body as indicated on page. A pair of electrodes must be connected to each lead wire in order for you to feel any sensation. The electrode pads must be peeled away from their backing and placed directly on your body for you to feel any sensation.

- 6. Make sure that the 'boost' button at the side of the unit is NOT pressed in. This ensures that the unit will start in the BURST 1 mode (see page 3).
- 7. Press the (0) (on/off) to turn the unit on.
- 8. Now push the 😲 (CH1 +) key until you feel a pulsating sensation
- 9. Repeat the same with the (CH2+) key.
- 10. At the onset of a contraction press the 🗲 'boost' button for the additional surge of power needed to combat the pain.

11. Release the 'boost' button once the contraction has passed and continue in the BURST 1 mode as before.

Display Symbols And Their Meanings



Power Bar: This shows the output from 0 to 15 for both left and right channels. Each segment represents approximately 7% of the total output.

-BOOST @: Pressing the 'Boost' button at the top right of the unit activates the Boost mode. This function is used during contractions. The small arrow to the left of the word Boost will remain on, indicating the unit is in a continuous mode. There are two Boost modes available indicated by a 1 or 2 in a small circle next to the word BOOST. You can switch between them by pressing the Mode key.



Please keep device away from sprays of water or rain.

IP22 The first number 2: Protected against access to hazardous parts with a finger, and the jointed test finger of 12 mm¢, 80 mm length, shall have adequate clearance from hazardous parts, and protected against solid foreign objects of 12.5 mmΦ and greater.

The second number 2: Protected against vertically falling water drops when enclosure tilted up to 15°. Vertically falling drops shall have no harmful effects when the enclosure is tilted at any angle up to 15° on either side of the vertical

Denotes a product which must be disposed of safely.

This symbol indicates the SN serial number of the device and includes the year of manufacture. The serial number can be found in the battery compartment of this device.

This unit needs special precautions regarding EMC and needs to be installed and put into service according to the EMC information provided in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT.

> BURST 2: This function is used at the onset of labour and in-between contractions. The small arrow to the left of the word Burst will flash in time with the bursting rhythm you feel from the Elle TENS. There are two Burst modes available indicated by a 1 or 2 in a small circle next to the word BLIRST You can switch between

Reference to the second will start flashing when the batteries are running low. If this is the case, change both batteries. Please refer to page 5 for instructions.

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Opti-max: Indicates the Opti-max output. Each segment represents 20% of total Opti-max power. Please refer to page 8 for more details.



TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation) works by passing mild electrical impulses through the skin, via electrode pads, into the nerve fibres which lie below. The TENS impulses

help your body produce its own pain killing chemicals, such as 'endorphins' and 'encephalins'. The level of pain relief obtained varies from person to person. Some find that the Elle TENS provides all the pain relief required during the whole of labour, whereas others find that other analgesics are also needed during the later stages

Introduction To The Elle TENS

of labour.

The Elle TENS uses a state-ofthe-art, efficient method of drug-free pain relief with no known side effects. In order to obtain maximum benefit, it is advised that you seek guidance from your medical adviser as well as reading this instruction guide.

Setting Up Your Elle TENS

Check the following contents: 1 x Elle TENS unit

1 x Pack of 4 self adhesive

- electrodes (40mm x 100mm) 2 x Leadwires
- 2 x AA batteries
- 1 x Carrying pouch
 - 1 x Easy-release neck cord

- a) Press and rotate the belt clip at the back of the Elle TENS in either direction to reveal the battery compartment (see fig
- b) Release the battery compartment cover and insert 2 x AA batteries (see fig 2, page 6), ensuring the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals are correctly positioned as marked in the battery compartment. Replace the cover. Ensure the unit is switched off.
- c) Take two of the purple leadwires and insert each of

Precautions and Contraindications

- 1. TENS must NOT be used before the 37th week of pregnancy.
- 2. If you are pregnant, do NOT place the electrodes over your abdomen.
- 3. Do <u>NOT</u> use if you have a pacemaker or any other implanted electrical device.
- 4. Check with your healthcare professional before using if you suffer from a heart condition. epilepsy, undiagnosed pain, have any metal implants, or any doubts whatsoever.
- 5. Do NOT use if you experience an allergic reaction to the electrodes.
- 6. Never use TENS to mask undiagnosed pain since this could require urgent treatment.

the black jack plugs (at one

end of each leadwire) into the

sockets at the top of the Elle

TENS unit (see fig 3, page 6).

other end of the leadwires) into

sticky electrodes. Each leadwire

has two pins, ensure each pin

Do not remove the electrodes

from the backing at this stage

is attached to an electrode.

NB. Each leadwire has a

red and black pin. It makes

NO difference whatsoever

which electrode they are

easy-release neck cord which

enables you to hang the Elle

TENS from your neck whilst

in labour (see fig 5, page 6).

Now place your electrodes

NB. The unit should be wiped

bacterial wipes or a very slightly

dampened cloth. A mild soap

may be used but DO NOT apply

clean periodically using

medically approved anti-

(see fig 4, page 6).

attached to!

(see page 7).

solvents

e) If you wish, attach the

the sockets attached to the

d) Now insert the pins (at the

General Precautions

10. Keep out of the reach of children.

1. Do NOT use this unit without first reading these instructions. 11. Do NOT place electrodes on or near the eyes, in the mouth, over the front or sides of the 2. Do NOT immerse the Elle TENS neck or across the head or in any liquid. Do not use in the the heart

supervision.

on varicose veins or recent

scarring or on any area of

broken, inflamed, infected

or numb skin. Electrodes

should generally only be

13. Do NOT use in the presence

of tuberculosis malignant

tumours, very high or very

fever or acute inflammatory

low blood pressure, high

applied to skin with normal

sensation unless under medical

- 12. Do NOT place the electrodes 3. Do NOT place it close to any source of excessive heat or operate it in the presence of flammable gas.
- 4. Do NOT drop this unit onto a hard surface.

bath or the shower.

- 5. Do NOT attempt to dismantle the Elle TENS.
- 6. Only use specified batteries and electrodes
- 7. If damaged, do not use. Return to supplier.
- 8. Remove the batteries when not in use
- 9. Do NOT use while driving or operating potentially dangerous machinery or while using a microwave.

disease unless under medical supervision. 14. A mild shock may be caused if one electrode is accidentally removed. In the event of this happening the unit should be turned off immediately.

Useful Diagrams







Inserting the battery Press and rotate the belt clip to reveal the battery compartment.

Connecting the

Electrode Pads

Insert a red and black

pin (at the end of each

lead wire) into each

pair of electrodes.

Release the battery Connecting the leads compartment and Insert both black iack insert the batteries. plugs into the sockets.



Using the Neck Cord for mobility during labour

Thread the loop of the neck cord through the space at the base of the unit. Slip the other end of the neck cord through the loop and pull into position.

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- 1, page 6).

them by pressing the Mode Key.