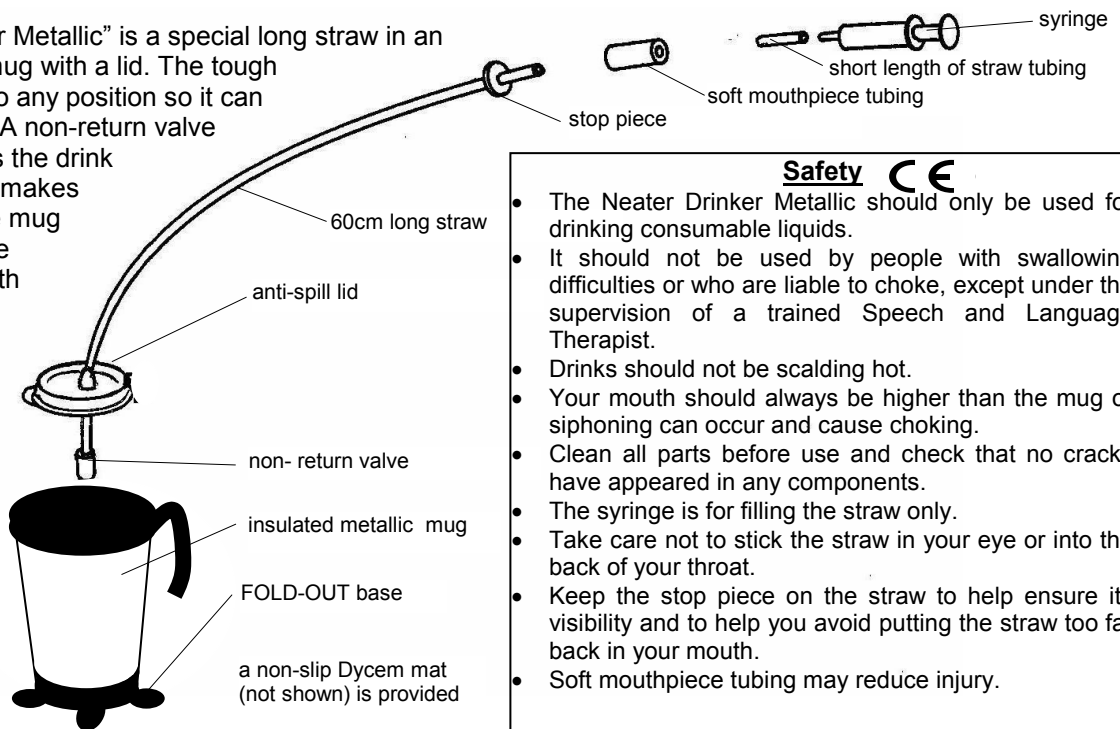


NEATER DRINKER METALLIC - INSTRUCTIONS

The "Neater Drinker Metallic" is a special long straw in an insulated metallic mug with a lid. The tough straw can be bent to any position so it can be reached easily. A non-return valve at the bottom keeps the drink in the straw and so makes sucking easier. The mug has a fold-out stable base and comes with a non-slip Dycem mat. A lid holds the straw in place and keeps hot drinks warm.

A cup holder for wheelchairs etc and other straws are available separately.



Safety

- The Neater Drinker Metallic should only be used for drinking consumable liquids.
- It should not be used by people with swallowing difficulties or who are liable to choke, except under the supervision of a trained Speech and Language Therapist.
- Drinks should not be scalding hot.
- Your mouth should always be higher than the mug or siphoning can occur and cause choking.
- Clean all parts before use and check that no cracks have appeared in any components.
- The syringe is for filling the straw only.
- Take care not to stick the straw in your eye or into the back of your throat.
- Keep the stop piece on the straw to help ensure its visibility and to help you avoid putting the straw too far back in your mouth.
- Soft mouthpiece tubing may reduce injury.

To fill the Neater Drinker Metallic:

- Pull off the lid.
- Do not overfill the mug.
- Ensure the straw is pulled out sufficiently to reach drink at the bottom of the mug
- Replace lid.

Position the straw near your mouth.

The straw can be bent to position - avoid putting a kink in it by bending it around a curved object (such as another mug) or running your thumb along its length while gradually bending it. Warming the straw with a warm drink inside it can ease bending. Ensure that the very highest point of the straw is at the mouth end.

(The lid's angled top enables fine adjustment of straw height by turning the lid relative to the straw.)

The straw can be cut shorter if you wish using a sharp knife - please be careful! Slide the Stop Piece down past where you want to cut the straw first. (Do not cut off the bottom end of the straw as it is specially shaped to work with the valve). Remove any sharp edges.

Longer straws can also be supplied to your requirements.

You only need to suck gently to use the Neater Drinker Metallic.

The non-return valve at the bottom of the straw prevents the drink flowing back into the mug.

If your suck is very gentle, then it will take several sucks to fill the straw. Once it is full though, every suck will give you some drink. If your suck is very weak, you could try shortening the straw and placing the mug in a higher position (though never above the level of your mouth).

To help with the first suck - the straw can be pre-filled using a syringe.

With the plunger of the syringe pushed in, insert the syringe nozzle into the top end of the straw and gradually pull out the plunger to suck the drink up the straw.

If the straw has an additional mouth piece on the end, the extra short length of straw tubing should be fitted onto the nozzle of the syringe to ensure a good fit in the mouthpiece when filling the main straw.

Soft plastic tubing piece can be fitted over the end of the straw as a mouthpiece.

Used by people with a strong bite or to protect gums or eyes, particularly with head tremor.

Some people prefer to use the Neater Drinker Metallic without the valve (it can be pulled off). This stops fizzy drinks rising up the straw or hot drinks becoming cold whilst in the straw for a long time.

Cleaning

We recommend hand washing and use of sterilising solution. Removal of valve is unnecessary. Dishwashers should not be used as they will reduce the life of the Neater Drinker Metallic significantly as will all sterilising systems.

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