The Original
drinkup
Hands-free Drinking System ™

- An assessment is required prior to unsupervised use by children or adults.
- Caution! Drinkup20 must never be used without the bite valve being fitted correctly, as this may cause an uncontrolled flow of liquid from the drinking tube, unintentional siphon, choking or asphyxiation.
- Drinkup must never be used with very hot or cold drinks. Allow boiling drinks to cool-off. Always check that a drink's high or low temperature is safe for the User.

Positioning, Fitting & Moving

Always attach the Drinkup20 to a suitably strong and stable surface within comfortable distance for the User. Drinkup20 is easiest to use when it's set up at a similar height/level to the User's head, so the flexible arm, drinking tube and bite valve are as horizontal as possible. This arrangement will minimise the effect of gravity on the drink, making it much easier for the User to suck the drink along the drinking tube. However, if needed, gravity may be used to an advantage. Please see below 'Safe-Siphon' Mode and the 'Safe-Siphon' Mode information sheet for full details.

Drinkup20 is supplied with a 1Litre bottle and cap. Larger vessels must not be used. Smaller, alternative bottles or cups may fit into the Drinkup20 Body, but if using an alternative, please take care as to its stability when placed onto the Drinkup20 Body. As it may not be held as securely as the bottle supplied. It is therefore not recommended. It may be necessary to empty the drinking tube when refilling or replacing the drinks vessel or when changing the Consumables. To do this, ensure the flexible arm, drinking tube and bite valve are above the level of the bottle and manually squeeze the bite valve. This will allow air into the bite valve, draining the drink back into the bottle.

Drinkup20 is supplied with a multi-positioning clamp that can be used in 24 different configurations. The clamp will fix to any two-sided surface or tube with a maximum thickness of 3.5cm ($1^3/_8$"). The minimum diameter of tubing is 1cm ($^3/_8$") Any surface or tube must be sufficiently strong to bear a weight of at least 2.5kg (3lbs).

Always ensure that the locating ridges on the clamp are firmly locked in position. The securing screw should be tight enough to prevent any looseness or slack in the clamp. The securing screw should be checked regularly if the Drinkup20 is subjected to vibration eg attached to a wheelchair or powerchair.
The photos below show some suggested methods of attachment.

Thickened Fluids

It is possible and completely safe to use thickened fluids with the Drinkup20. Due to the nature of peoples' different abilities and requirements, it's a case of careful assessment to determine the best consistency and set-up. In general, thin custard or medium syrup consistencies work well for most people, whilst thicker mixes are slower moving along the drinking tube and are harder to suck. The set-up can be adjusted so gravity assists. The 'Safe-Siphon' Mode can also be used with thickened fluids.

'Safe-Siphon' Mode

Drinkup20 may also be used safely when it's positioned above the User's head height to allow a controlled siphon feed. This arrangement is helpful when the User has a particularly weak suck ability or is unable to suck. By aiming the flexible arm and drinking tube downwards, so the bite valve is lower than the base of the Drinkup20 Body, allows gravity to be used to an advantage. The User then only has to apply light pressure to the bite valve to control the flow. Please see the 'Safe-Siphon' Mode information sheet for full details. Extra care must be taken to assess the User's ability to control their 'on/off' bite action and therefore, the amount of drink dispensed into their mouth at any one time.

Flexible Arm Limitation

Although the Drinkup 2020 incorporates a flexible metal arm, this has inherent material limitations. Care should be taken to avoid bending the flexible arm within 50mm of each end. Also, the bending radius at any point along the flexible arm should be no lessthan 50mm. i.e. gentle bends are good, whereas tight bends will damage the structure of the arm.