#### **SEATING**

## **Replacing Cushions**

Cushions can be replaced to update the appearance of your Tropitone® furniture and beautify your outdoor living areas. Tropitone® offers replacement cushions to match all current and many discontinued frame styles. You may select cushion fabric from our extensive fabric offering, or we can use your own material. All our cushions feature quality polyester fill and/or foam. The fill is designed to dry quickly and retain its loft during use. Contact your local Tropitone® Residential Dealer or Commercial Sales Representative for cushion styles, fabric selection and pricing. To purchase, you will need to know the model numbers for the pieces on which you want to replace cushions. Refer to your original sales receipt for this information.

## **Replacing Slings**

Slings can be replaced to create a fresh look or to repair your Tropitone<sup>®</sup> furniture by following these simple directions. To order replacement slings from your local Tropitone<sup>®</sup> Residential Dealer or Commercial Sales Representative, you will need to know the model numbers for the pieces you want to re-sling. Refer to your original sales receipt for this information.

### Tools Needed:

Safety Glasses 3/16" Allen Wrench Pliers Sling Tool (optional) Cold Cream or Mallet

Utility Knife Biodegradable Liquid Soap

Flat Blade Screwdriver Cutting Pliers

Safety Warning! Use safety glasses to protect your eyes.

Hint: Observe washer or spacer placement as hardware is removed, so hardware can be reinstalled properly.

- 1. Use a utility knife to cut the entire length of the sling.
- Remove the nylon end caps from the top and bottom of both sling rail channels with a flat bladed screwdriver and a mallet. Retain the end caps.
- 3. Use a 3/16" Allen wrench to loosen the two socket head cap screws (bolts) on one sling rail until only a few threads are engaged. Some chairs have one welded sling rail loosen the bolted rail only.
- 4. Remove the spreader bar (some have a 90° bend on one end to "hook" into the sling rail) from the upper back of the chair.

- > Two hole style: Disconnect one sling rail to remove the spreader bar, then reinstall the sling rail by only putting bolts and washers/spacers until only a few threads are engaged.
- ➤ **Slot style:** This style spreader bar has a slot on one side lift up through the slot and remove.
- 5. Use pliers to slide the sling out from the sling rails, pulling the sling down and out to the front of the chair.
- 6. Apply a small amount of water soluble cold cream or liquid biodegradable soap at the sling insertion point (top) of each sling rail to ease installation.
- 7. For one piece slings, position the sling so the production tag and/or law label will be at the foot of the chair and the finished side of the sling is facing forward. Start at the top of the loosened sling rail and slowly slide the sling along the sling rail channel using pliers.
- 8. After sliding the first side of the sling onto the loosened sling rail, detach this sling rail from the chair frame.
- 9. Have a second person hold the disconnected sling rail on which you have installed the sling. Use pliers to firmly and slowly slide the remaining side of the sling into the other sling rail. Reminder: the bolts should already be loosened on this sling rail.
- 10. Pull the sling down a couple inches on the disconnected rail. Insert the spreader bar straight end (non-hook) in the attached sling rail hole.
  - Two hole style: Have a second person help by firmly stretching the sling rails apart and then slightly rotating the detached rail. Insert the hook end of spreader bar into the hole. This may take a few tries take your time with this step.
  - > **Slot style:** After inserting the spreader bar into the attached sling rail hole, lower the other end into the slot.
- 11. Pull the sling evenly up and down to the ends of both sling rails.
- 12. A sling tool can be helpful at this step (available for purchase from your local Tropitone® Residential Dealer or Commercial Sales Representative). Have a second person position the detached sling rail to be attached, aligning the bolt holes. Reinstall the bolt and washer/spacer in the front seat area, only tightening a few turns. Reinstall the bolt and washer/spacer in the back seat area. Fully tighten both bolts in this sling rail.
- 13. On the other sling rail, tighten each bolt several turns using the Allen wrench, alternating between each bolt to apply even tension. Continue until both bolts are fully tightened.

- 14. Trim excess vinyl spline (plastic rod) from the top and bottom of both sling rails using the cutting pliers.
- 15. Reinsert the end caps. Tap gently with the mallet until fully inserted.

## **Replacing Chaise Lounge Slings**

Tools Needed:

Safety Glasses 3/16" Allen Wrench Pliers Sling Tool (optional) Cold Cream or Mallet

Utility Knife Biodegradable Liquid Soap

Flat Blade Screwdriver Cutting Pliers

Safety Warning! Use safety glasses to protect your eyes.

Hint: Observe washer or spacer placement as hardware is removed, so hardware can be reinstalled properly.

Chaise Lounge Seat

- 1. Remove the nylon end caps from the foot of each sling rail channel with a flat bladed screwdriver and a mallet. Retain the end caps. Some chaises don't have end caps at the foot tilt the headrest fully forward and remove the end caps from the other end of the sling rails.
- 2. On one sling rail, use a 3/16" Allen wrench to remove the two socket head cap screws (bolts) towards the foot of the sling rail so it can be slightly angled towards the attached sling rail. On the other sling rail, loosen two bolts from the foot end of the sling rail until only a few threads remain engaged. Some chaises have one welded sling rail remove the bolted rail only.
- 3. Use pliers to slide the sling out from the sling rails. You will need to alternate pulling between each side several inches at a time.
- 4. Apply a <u>small</u> amount of water soluble cold cream or biodegradable liquid soap at the sling insertion point of each sling rail to ease installation.
- 5. Position the new seat sling so the production tag and/or law labels will be at the foot of the chaise and the finished side of the sling is facing forward. Slide the vinyl splines (plastic rods) within the fabric to be even with the end of the fabric where it will touch the two remaining end caps.
- 6. Slowly slide both sides of the sling into the sling rail channel using pliers until the sling reaches both end caps. You will need to alternate pulling on each side.
- 7. Have a second person position the detached sling rail to be reattached. Reinstall the bolt and washer/spacer in the <u>foot</u> area, only tightening a few turns. Reinstall the bolt and washer/spacer in the <u>back</u> seat area. Fully tighten both bolts in this sling rail.

- 8. On the other sling rail, tighten each bolt several turns using the Allen wrench, alternating between each bolt to apply even tension. Continue until all bolts are fully tightened.
- 9. Trim excess vinyl spline from both sling rails.
- Reinsert the end caps. Tap gently with the mallet until fully inserted.

Chaise Lounge Headrest

# Hint: Place the headrest sling in the sun to warm the fabric which will allow the material stretch during installation.

- 1. With the headrest in a down position, use a utility knife to cut the entire length of the headrest sling.
- 2. Remove the nylon end caps from the top of each sling rail channel with a flat bladed screwdriver and a mallet. Retain the end caps.
- 3. With the headrest in a down position, use pliers to pull the sling out from the sling rails.
- 4. Remove one socket head cap screw (bolt) in the support bar. Loosen the other bolt in the support bar (some are welded on one side – detach other side only). Gently angle the detached side of the support bar below the sling rail; you may need to use a large screwdriver to pry the bar out of its position. This will allow the sling rails to be slightly angled together.
- 5. Apply a <u>small</u> amount of water soluble cold cream or biodegradable liquid soap at the sling insertion point of each sling rail to ease installation.
- 6. Position the new headrest sling so the finished side of the sling is facing forward. For padded headrest slings, check for an additional finishing sew line at one end of the sling —orient this end of the sling to the top of the chaise. Slide the vinyl splines (plastic rods) within the fabric to be even with the end of the fabric where it will touch the two remaining end caps.
- 7. Slowly slide both sides of the sling into the sling rail channel using pliers until the sling reaches both end caps. You will need to alternate pulling on each side.
- 8. A sling tool can be helpful at this step (available for purchase from your local Tropitone® Residential Dealer or Commercial Sales Representative). Using two persons, reposition the headrest support bar which will pull the sling tight. Pry between slide rail and the support bar while the to second person moves the support bar inside the sling rails. Align the hole in the support bar with the hole