

High & Mighty Seating

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BODYBILT GOT CONTOUR - THEN AGAIN...

In this section, we will deal with two seat pans that have the least amount of contour – the 6 and the 8.

The #6 seat pan, typically termed the petite, is the smallest of the BodyBilt repertoire, but can hardly be called the runt of the litter. The #6 seat pan features the passive ergonomic feature of the water-fall front edge, and provides exceptional support through multi-density layering of foam.



The #6 has found its niche in other places beside the obvious, that being for individuals of smaller stature. This seat pan has been successfully used to fit individuals well under five feet in height, but has also found a great position for use as a laboratory seat and as a scooter (sit/stand application). The J206-F1 has become the chair of choice in many research laboratories (the University of Michigan, for example), and has been the center of attention at several conferences. The right sized seat pan makes it a favorite in tighter places, such as dental and medical office exam rooms.

The #6 seat pan does not have the ish dish spacing under the foam as the #7 and #2 seats, but as mentioned the multi-density layered foam provides good support without creating pressure points.

Items to remember about the #6 seat – at the writing of this Technical Side, the #6 seat pan cannot be used on the J mechanism with the seat slider, nor can it be used on the K or R mechanisms.

You may wish to advise customers using the #6 seat to loosen the tilt tension on the mechanism. The tilt tends to be rather emphatic when releasing the tilt paddle, so it would be prudent to warn lighter weight people.

Another minimally contoured seat pan in the BodyBilt line is the #8. The #8 seat pan is the same size front to back and side to side as the #7 seat, but the #8 seat has a larger effective seating area because it does not have the bolsters on the side to limit seating area. The #8 seat does not have the ish dish spacing under the foam like the #7 and #2, but as with the #6 seat the #8 seat provides good comfort and support because of the multi-density layered foam. It is highly suggested to get s'port foam in the #8 seat for additional comfort.

The #8 seat is available with the J mechanism and the K mechanism, but not the R. It is a good seat for someone who doesn't want contour, or is coming from using a chair with a flat seat and the contour is a little too intimidating for them. Having said that, the 8 seat in general is not as comfortable as the 7 or 2, so you really should not lead with a #8, nor would I advise getting more than one or two #8 seats as demo chairs.



There you have it – BodyBilt's got contour, and then again it doesn't. Just as we have an incredible variety of sizes and shapes of people, so we need a variety of sizes and shapes of seat pans. One size does not fit all – and for that, we have BodyBilt and the modularity factor. Stay tuned for part 3 for more seat pans – in the interim, happy selling!

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