



How to Install Slings in a Woodard Chaise

1. Remove the old sling.

- Remove the sling rail caps and cut the back and seat slings down the middle.
- For the chaise back, pull up both halves of the sling, removing them through the top of the sling rails. For the seat, stand in front, and pull both halves of the sling through the front of the sling rails.
- Remove any support bar that is wedged between the two sling rails. Not all models have support bars.

2. Install the sling in the sling rails for the seat.

- Install the sling spline (rod) into the sling pockets leaving an extra inch or two on both ends.
- Sling rails should be attached to the frame. Stand to the side of the chaise to install one side of the sling on the chaise seat. Start at the front and work the sling through one sling rail towards the chaise back. Support the sling so it doesn't tear on the end of the sling rail while going through the rail.
- Remove wrinkles. Before the sling reaches the chaise back, hold it tight against the sling rail at the bottom and pull on the top end of the sling to pull out any wrinkles.
- Remove this sling rail before installing the sling on the other side.
- With the second sling rail still attached, stand to the side and repeat to install the second side of the sling. This sling rail should be attached so the chaise can hold the sling rail as you work.

3. Re-attach the sling rail.

- Now the sling is installed in both sling rails of the chaise seat, and only one sling rail is attached.
- Using a blanket to protect the finish, lay the chaise on its side so the sling rail is hanging.
 - Place the bolts into the loose sling rail.
 - Using a drill with a bolt head attachment, press down on the bolt until it reaches the frame. The bolt should barely reach the frame.

d. When the bolt reaches the frame, pull the drill's trigger. Only tighten the bolt half way. Depending on the fabric, it may be necessary to loosen the bolt on the opposite sling rail so the bolt can reach.

e. Repeat with the remaining bolts and tighten all bolts completely. The sling is now installed in the seat.

4. Install the sling in the sling rails for the back.

Do not remove the back from the chaise frame!

- Remove one bolt at the bottom of the chaise back and leave the facing bolt attached.
- Position a bar clamp on the back of the chaise and squeeze the chaise back just enough to install the sling in both rails at the same time. Do not over-squeeze or you may change the back's shape or damage the frame. Start at the top and work the sling down to the bottom.
- Adjust the clamp as you slide the sling through the rails so that you squeeze no more than is necessary.
- Once installed, remove the bar clamp and replace and tighten the bolt.
- The sling rails of some Woodard models are bolted inside the frame and the assembly of the back is the same as the seat (see Steps 2-3.)

NOTE: *The Dual Stretcher Bar Tool is available for rent on patiofurnituresupplies.com and comes with instructions and photos. Used with a socket and ratchet, this tool easily stretches or squeezes sling rails. Tool rental is \$25.00 plus \$75.00 deposit; deposit is refunded when tool is returned to Patio Furniture Supplies within 30 days of customer's receipt of tool.*

5. Finish.

- Turn the chaise upright and cut the excess sling spline.
- Replace the sling rail caps.