

## Directions for use: General customer information

### How Flutees protective sleeves for ear studs came to be developed:

Rome Airport, early summer 2011. As usual, my husband had insisted on getting to the airport at least three hours before the departure of our return flight to Cologne. To be honest, this habit of his has always been an ordeal for me because I'm the exact opposite type of person: one who races towards the gate with her coattails flying because she has left the house far too late once again and is now scared to miss her flight.

We are still working on finding a happy medium. However, he definitely won that day and so there we were, three hours early. A stroll through the shopping mall in the departures hall seemed the perfect way to pass the time. And that's when we discovered a lovely pair of fashion jewellery ear studs. Even though I really liked them, I was sceptical whether I'd be able to wear them. Since my youth, fashion jewellery and silver earrings has caused the holes in my earlobes to itch unpleasantly and then start weeping. To make matters worse, these symptoms tend to persist for many days, during which I am reduced to walking around with red and swollen earlobes. Every time this happens, I swear to myself that I will never wear fashion jewellery or silver earrings ever again. Magically drawn to her beautiful trinkets, I nevertheless found myself talking to the lovely lady who ran the shop. When I explained my problem, she assured me that they were made from allergy-free material and would not cause me any problems. So my husband bought this lovely pair of ear studs for me. Unfortunately my earlobes were not impressed by my enthusiasm – even this allergy-free product caused them to itch and weep. Quite frankly, this annoyed me a great deal. In fact, my annoyance was so strong that it entered my dreams. In my dream, I constructed a sleeve that simply slid onto the post of the ear stud and would thereby prevent a sensitive reaction by keeping the post of the ear stud away from my skin. Unusually for me, I still remembered my dream clearly when I woke up the next morning – and now this dream has a name: Flutees.

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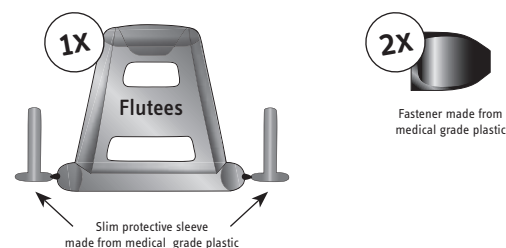
### These directions for use cover the following topics:

- How do Flutees protective sleeves work?
- What are Flutees protective sleeve made of?
- How to use Flutees protective sleeves
- Important advice on using Flutees protective sleeves
- Restrictions on using Flutees protective sleeves

### How do Flutees protective sleeves work?

Flutees protective sleeves for ear studs slide onto the post of the ear stud to keep the metal from touching the earlobe, thus protecting sensitive skin and preventing discoloration.

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### How to use Flutees protective sleeves:

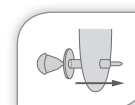
#### Step 1

Insert pin of ear stud in protective sleeve and twist sleeve off.



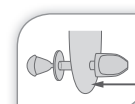
#### Step 2

Insert ear stud covered by protective sleeve in earhole.

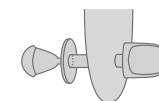


#### Step 3

Secure ear stud with protective sleeve by sliding on the fastener.

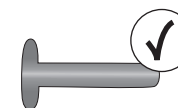


The fastener is designed to firmly close around the sleeve while securing the back part of the post. The fastener may take some getting used to as it locks smoothly without snapping into place. As with conventional fasteners, make sure not to push the fastener too close to your earlobe so that your skin is able to breathe. Pull on the decorative part of the stud to ensure that the ear stud is securely fastened. Please note that longer posts may protrude from the fastener.



### Please note:

Flutees protective sleeves for ear studs should only be used in combination with ear studs. Please do not bend the sleeve and do not use it on earring hooks.



For hygienic reasons, we recommend using Flutees protective sleeves no more than once. The grip of the fastener is reduced through humidity and grease. This will occur when the fastener is used a number of times. Ear studs with heavy or drop-down jewels should only be worn with freshly opened Flutees, otherwise there is the risk that the fastener will not hold the ear stud effectively.

### Important advice on using Flutees protective sleeves:

- Use only undamaged sleeves from an intact medical foil packaging.
- Do not deform the product i.e. by twisting it. The protective sleeves could tear and would no longer be able to protect your skin.
- Do not trim the protective sleeves i.e. with a pair of scissors. This could cause sharp edges that present a risk of injury.
- Make sure that the sleeves are undamaged. Only then will the post of the ear stud be effectively blocked from the ear hole.
- If you have thicker earlobes, feel behind your earlobe to check that a portion of the sleeve can be felt after insertion of the protective sleeve. In case the protective sleeve is too short for you and cannot be felt behind your earlobe the fastener of the sleeve will not be able to grip

the protective sleeve firmly. This can lead to skin contact between your ear hole and the post of the ear stud and can cause a reaction to the metal of the ear stud.

- Please refrain from using Flutees if it is not possible or very difficult to insert them in your earholes.
- In case Flutees does not fit well or not at all over your ear stud, please stop using Flutees on this particular ear stud. Otherwise the sleeve might break and hence the protective function of Flutees is not guaranteed anymore.
- For very sensitive people, the decorative part of the earring should not protrude over the shielding plate of the sleeve. Otherwise, the part of the earlobe exposed to the decorative part of the ear stud may react sensitively.



- When removing the ear stud, always make sure to also remove the protective sleeve from your earhole.
- Remove ear studs and protective sleeves before going to bed.
- Keep the product away from children.

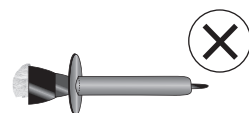
#### Restrictions on using Flutees protective sleeves:

Ear studs are not standardised. Hardly ever will you find two ear studs that are exactly alike. Sometimes ear stud posts are longer, sometimes shorter, they can be thicker or even cone-shaped. Some ear studs have furrows located on the outer post ends and some ear studs have thicker material between the decorative part and the post. It would be possible to adjust the length and diameter of the Flutees sleeves to the individual proportions of the ear stud and offer the protective sleeves in different sizes. However, we feel that the differences between the sizes of various ear studs are usually almost invisible to the naked eye. In order to spare our clients this "custom work", we decided to strike a balance during product development by creating a sleeve size that fits most ear stud posts. We deliberately took care to keep the outside diameter of the Flutees sleeves as small as possible while designing the fastener con-

struction in such a way that the protective sleeve application clasps locks reliably on a wide variety of earlobes. This allows many women and men the freedom to wear ear studs that would normally cause a reaction.

In order to find out whether Flutees protective sleeves are the right choice for you, please read the following restrictions carefully:

- If you think your ear lobes are either unusually thin or unusually sturdy, the Flutees protective sleeve application may not be able to close, in which case you will not be able to use the product.
- Flutees protective sleeves are unsuitable for ear stud posts with a diameter of 0.9 mm or more.
- Flutees protective sleeves are unsuitable for ear studs with a bulge between decorative part and post.



Since the sleeve is inflexible, it will not be possible to slide it up to the jewellery part, which means the ear stud will stick out from the earlobe in a way that is not very attractive.

- The outside diameter of the Flutees is very small. However, even a diameter as small as this can be too big for certain ear holes. Please do not apply pressure to insert the Flutees into your ear hole – if you can feel resistance when inserting the Flutees, do not use them.
- In many cases, this resistance is not felt when inserting the Flutees into the ear hole but when trying to push it out on the other side. If the Flutees fits, you will be able to insert it and push it through all the way without any problems. If you can feel a resistance at this point, do not use the Flutees.
- If you feel that, inspite of the protective cap, your earhole is burning, itching or showing any other kind of reaction, please remove the product immediately and do not use it again.

Please find further information and contact details under [www.flutees.com](http://www.flutees.com)

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#### Explanation of the symbols on the packaging:



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