



# Dyna-Form<sup>®</sup> Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion

## User Manual



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The **Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion** is a **Very High Risk** dynamic replacement seating system, combined with the benefits of modern foam technology. Offering high levels of patient comfort, this unique system has the facility to “step up” to that of a dynamic cushion when clinically required. Similarly, the cushion’s function can be downgraded as the patient’s condition improves. A higher maximum weight capacity, up to 24 stone / 152kg, allows the product to meet the modern challenges of those heavier clients.

The outer cover comprising a high frequency welded, multi stretch and vapour permeable fabric satisfies the strictest infection control policies. Designed using the latest medical grade cell technology to create greater postural management and pressure relief, this product is specifically made for users considered to be at ‘Very High Risk’ of pressure ulcer development and those with minor postural issues.

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## 1. Introduction

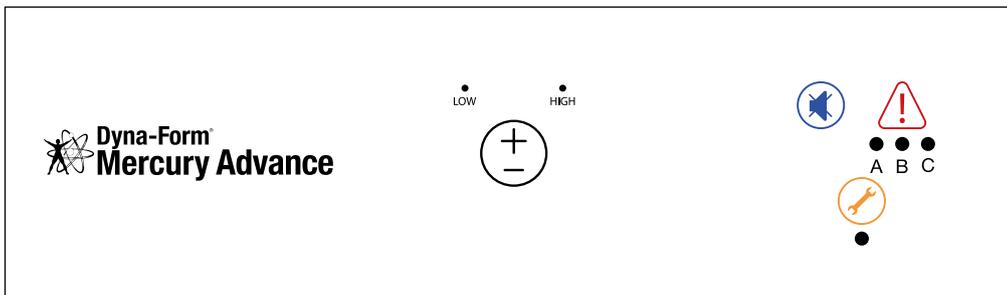
The cushion consists of a foam head cell and series of 4 transverse air cells, each containing a unique foam profiled insert, which are in turn held within a foam base, all protected by a vapour permeable waterproof cover. The transverse cells are arranged to alternate in a sequence to increase and decrease pressure over the thighs, coccyx and ischial areas.

The digitally controlled Power Unit controls a pump that allows air to flow into, or out of the air cells as required according to the operating mode selected. It also maintains the air pressure within the cushion at the required level and controls the action of the audible/visual Audible Warning system in the event of mains supply failure or over or under inflation pressure.



## 2. Quick Reference Guide (Frequently used functions)

This is a quick reference guide for the **Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion**  
**Product Code CUSH/ADV/ALT/46/46/10**



### Power Switch Audible Warning Reset

The power switch simply switches the mains power to the pump on and off.

When the pump detects an Audible Warning condition, this can be silenced as below and re-set by switching the pump off and then back on again.



### Pump Connector

Please ensure that the Pump connector is always placed fully home, prior to inflating the cushion. NB: The cushion will NOT inflate properly should this not be the case.



## LED Mode Settings

This symbol when illuminated (The green indicator light) is not used to indicate that the equipment is on or ready for use.

When a patient requires a true dynamic function or indeed more pressure in the cells, as they may be uncomfortable or feel as though the support surface is too soft or unstable, then please select a “High” setting (pressure 26mmHg). This must only be used by a trained clinician as often too high pressures can further agitate certain patient conditions.

When a patient requires less pressure in the cells, as they may be uncomfortable or indeed hyper sensitive to cell movement or indeed if the patient is still reddening further, then please select a “Low” setting (pressure 18mmHg). This must only be used by a trained clinician.

This function is used to silence the Audible Warning. The LED will remain lit if the Audible Warning has been silenced previously, however a fault is still detected. Refer to the power switch in order to re-set fully. If the Audible Warning continues to sound repeatedly, along with an illuminated light, then an engineer must be called.

This symbol indicates an “Audible Warning Failure”. Please see troubleshooting guide below for how to re-set.

This symbol when illuminated indicates a Service is required. DHS recommends a service every 8760 hours of operation (one continuous year running).

Note: Please ensure (when available) that all securing straps on the base of the cushion are secured onto the NON MOVING PARTS of the chair.

For shut down procedure, see 4.2 Power Unit (Pump) section.

● LOW      ● HIGH



Power On / Off  
True Dynamic / Firmer Setting

● LOW      ● HIGH



Low / Comfort Pressure Setting



Silence Audible Warning



● ● ●  
A B C

Audible Warning Failure



Service Indicator

### 3. Troubleshooting

Warning / Fault	Cause	Solution
<b>Control Unit does not operate; no display lights illuminate</b>	The Control Unit may not be attached to a power source or a fuse may need replacing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the Control Unit is connected to mains power outlet with the correct voltage.</li> <li>2. Check the Control Unit is switched on. Switch off and unplug the unit before restarting.</li> <li>3. Check the mains plug fuse (5 AMP) then check both Control Unit fuses (1 AMP) – fuses can be released using a screwdriver to push and turn.</li> </ol> <p>⚠ Do not try to open the Control Unit. Opening the unit could cause personal injury or equipment damage.</p> <p>⚠ Ensure the replacement of fuses is carried out accordance with local legislation.</p>
<b>Warning LED C + audible warning</b> 	Mains failure / Other See above, plus:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reset the audible warning – turn off power and press the audible warning mute button.</li> <li>2. Check the handle is intact, ensuring all four sealing connectors are firmly fitted to the control unit and the air hoses. Check the CPR tag is attached and all sealing connectors are firmly secure.</li> <li>3. Check all air hoses along the inside of the cushion – each should be firmly connected. Check each air cell is securely attached to its connecting air pipe.</li> <li>4. Check all cells, pipes and hoses for any air leakage.</li> <li>5. Switch on power.</li> </ol>
<b>Warning LED B + audible warning</b> 	Pressure too low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reset the warning – turn off power and press the audible warning mute button.</li> <li>2. Check the handle is intact, ensuring all four sealing connectors are firmly fitted to the control unit and the air hoses. Check the CPR tag is attached and all sealing connectors are firmly secure.</li> <li>3. Check all air hoses along the inside of the cushion – each should be firmly connected. Check each air cell is securely attached to its connecting air pipe.</li> <li>4. Check all cells, pipes and hoses for any air leakage.</li> <li>5. Check that the air filter cover is correctly secured and the air filter is clean.</li> <li>6. Switch on power.</li> </ol>
<b>Warning LED B+C + audible warning</b> 	Pressure too low / Air pipe kinked	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check all air hoses along the inside of the cushion – each should be firmly connected. Check each air cell is securely attached to its connecting air pipe.</li> </ol>
<b>Warning LED A + audible warning</b> 	Pressure too high	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reset the warning – turn off power and press the audible warning button.</li> <li>2. Disconnect the air hoses to reduce pressure, reconnect when pressure has decreased.</li> <li>3. Check for twists in the air hoses between Cushion and Control Unit.</li> <li>4. Switch on power.</li> </ol>
<b>Warning LED A+B + audible warning</b> 	Alternating Mode Failure (no alternation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reset the warning – turn off Power and press the audible warning mute button.</li> <li>2. Disconnect the air hoses to reduce pressure – reconnect when pressure has decreased.</li> </ol>
<b>Warning LED A,B+C + audible warning</b> 	Initialising Failure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the audible warning mute button to silence the audible warning.</li> <li>2. Check the power cable is firmly plugged into the mains outlet and the Control Unit; and check the mains power is switched on.</li> <li>3. Check the Control Unit fuse (1 AMP) – fuses can be released using a screwdriver to push and turn.</li> </ol>

## 4. Installation

### 4.1 Cushion (This is the applied part type BF)

Place the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion directly on to the chair ensuring that the Blue multi-stretch waterproof cover is on top and that the umbilical hose is located at the left hand front corner of the chair. Note: Do not place any other cover on top of the cushion as this will reduce the cushion's pressure reducing characteristics.

#### Static Cushion Use

The Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion can be used as a pressure reducing cushion for patients at risk of pressure ulcer damage without the need to attach the pump.

#### Alternating Cushion Use

If / When required, the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion can be used as an alternating cushion by attaching the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion pump system. **No other system should be attached to the cushion as the design settings and internal air pressure properties of the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion pump are specific to this cushion only.**

The startup time from static to dynamic mode is immediate.

### 4.2 Power Unit (Pump)

Hang the Power Unit (Pump) on the chair or place safely on the floor. The mounting hooks swivel to suit the thickness of the footboard or rail. Connecting the Umbilical Hose to the Power Unit (Pump), place the 3-pin electrical plug into the wall outlet and switch on:

- Open the zip located at the bottom left hand side of the cushion and pull out the Blue Umbilical hose.
- Attach the Blue Umbilical Hose to the Power Unit (Pump) by connecting the air connector at the end of the Umbilical Hose to the air inlet connector at the bottom left hand side of the pump. Ensure that the Red CPR Release button is located on top of the Air Inlet connector after connection is complete.
- Re-close the zip as far as possible without clamping the Blue Umbilical Hose to ensure the cushion and air cells are sealed within the cover.
- Shut down is the reverse of items a, b & c above.



## 5. Operation

Attach the mains cable to the pump by inserting the "kettle" type connector into the recess located on the left hand side of the pump. The mains cable has been designed specifically as a removable part to aid in easy replacement should it become damaged in use.

The mains plug should be turned off and removed from wall socket as a means of isolation.

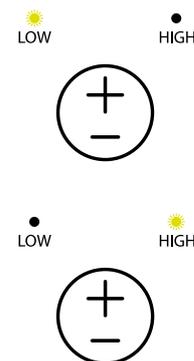
Plug the mains cable into a suitable 230v mains socket and switch on the Power Unit using the on/off switch.

After the pump has been turned on both the "High" and the "Low" lights will flash together intermittently until the pump has attained its initial operating pressure. Once the pump has attained its initial operating pressure the "Low" light will stay on constantly and the cushion is ready for use.

## 5.1 Low / High Settings

The Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion, in Alternating Mode, has two pressure settings. The initial setting that the pump will revert to upon set up is “Low”. The “Low” comfort setting is ideal for the lighter patient or those who feel discomfort when on a normal alternating air type cushion system. However, for patients with existing pressure damage or those at Very High Risk, it is recommended that dependant on the clinical judgement of the clinician, the “High” setting is activated by pressing the +/- button once, which is located on top of the pump.

In “High” Mode the pump attains more of the characteristics of an alternating air cushion system whilst still utilising the advantages of the static foam inserts. Repeatedly pressing the ‘mode’ button enables the Low & High modes to be selected in turn.



## 5.2 CPR Deflation

The CPR system consists of a manually operated button located on the Air Inlet connector attached to the pump. By pressing the Red Button, which will release the connector locking system, the user can remove the connector unit which will deflate the cushion air system back to that of a static foam cushion.

Note: After a short period as the cushion deflates the ‘Low Pressure’ Audible Warning is activated and can be cancelled by switching the Power Unit off.



## 5.3 Troubleshooting

For assistance (if needed) in setting up, using or maintaining the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion System, or to report unexpected operation or events, please contact Direct Healthcare Services on the contact details on the reverse of this manual.

## 6. Transportation

To change the location of the cushion, remove the Umbilical Cord and allow the cushion to return to its Static Cushion form. Switch off the Power Unit (Pump) using the on/off switch and disconnect the electrical supply cable from the mains socket. The cushion can now be moved to a new location where it must immediately be reconnected to the mains electrical supply and the Power Unit (Pump) switched back on. Once the Cushion has been refilled, the ‘Alternating’ mode will automatically revert back to the Low setting and should be reselected to High should this be desired by the clinician.

Warning: The Cushion will not ‘alternate’ when disconnected from the Power Unit (Pump) and/or the mains electrical. Also refer to environmental conditions section at rear of this manual.

## 7. Warnings

Warning conditions are indicated by a flashing red display accompanied by an audible warning. In each case the user should respond by turning the Power Unit’s switch off and investigating the cause.

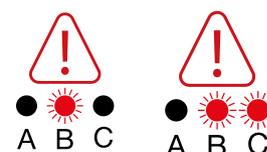
### 7.1 High Pressure Warning

This condition could be caused, for example by a kinked Umbilical Hose or visitors, and others, sitting suddenly on the Cushion.



### 7.2 Low Pressure Warning

This condition could be caused, for example, by incorrect fitting of the air inlet connector, opening of the CPR Valve or a leak in the Cushion due to a cut or puncture.



### 7.3 Mains Failure Warning

This condition may be caused, for example if Mains power is lost.



### 7.4 Alternating Mode Failure (no alternation)

This will be indicated by a warning LED on A and B and an audible warning.

1. Reset the warning – turn off Power and press the audible warning mute button.
2. Disconnect the air hoses to reduce pressure – reconnect when pressure has decreased.



### 7.5 Initialising Failure

This will be indicated by a warning LED on A, B and C and an audible warning.

1. Press the audible warning mute button to silence the audible warning.
2. Check the power cable is firmly plugged into the mains outlet and the Control Unit; and check the mains power is switched on.
3. Check the Control Unit fuse (1 AMP) – fuses can be released using a screwdriver to push and turn.



## 8. Maintenance Procedures

### 8.1 Safety Warning

Only qualified technicians trained or formally approved by Direct Healthcare Services Ltd. in the operation and maintenance of Direct Healthcare Services products may carry out maintenance, modification or repair work on the equipment. Unqualified personnel attempting to work on Direct Healthcare Services Power Units risk serious injury to themselves and others and possibly death by electrocution. Inlet fuse NOT to be replaced by operator or patient, to be replaced by service personnel only.

**Warning – Do not modify this equipment without authorisation of Direct Healthcare Services.**

#### 8.1.1 Servicing

A service light will illuminate when a service is due. Direct Healthcare Services (DHS) recommend that the Power Unit (Pump) should be serviced every 8760 hours of operation (one continuous year running). The unit contains no user serviceable parts and should only be carried out by persons as described in section 8.1. DHS will make available on request service manuals, component parts lists and other information necessary for any suitably qualified person (As in 8.1) to carry out repair or service the system. For Service, maintenance and any questions regarding this please contact DHS.

### 8.2 Cleaning Procedures

**Warning: Before cleaning the System make sure that the Power Unit (Pump) is disconnected from the mains electricity supply.**

**Do not** immerse the Power Unit (Pump) in water or other fluids.

**Do not** autoclave, nor use phenol for cleaning.

Do wash hands before commencing the cleaning process.

Wear appropriate protective clothing such as gloves, apron and a mask.

Ensure all work surfaces are cleaned before and after contact with the Cushion.

### 8.3. Warning – Cleaning the Cushion

1. Cleaning should take place after use or between patients.
2. With cover left on the cushion disconnect the cushion from the Power Unit (Pump).
3. Clean the surface of the wash down table with Hypochlorite solution or equivalent disinfectant.
4. Wash cushion top using hot water (60 degrees C) containing detergent – dry with a paper towel.
5. For heavy contamination use a Hypochlorite solution 1,000 parts per million available chlorine.
6. Using suitable brush, hot water, detergent or Hypochlorite solution, clean Umbilical Hose and CPR Valve. Dry with paper towel.
7. If required, the cushion Cover may be removed and machine-washed at a temperature of 80 degrees C, for not less than 10 minutes. The individual Air Cells can be wiped down with established disinfectants.
8. To avoid shrinkage of the cover line dry in an indoor clean environment or tumble dry on a low heat setting not exceeding 40 degrees C and not for longer than 10 minutes. Covers must be thoroughly dried before re-fitting to the cushion.

### 8.4 Warning – Cleaning the Power Unit (Pump)

The Power Unit can be cleaned by wiping with a cloth dampened with a detergent solution or Hypochlorite solution.

Also refer to symbol chart.

#### 8.4.1 Warning

Ensure the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion System is not exposed to:

1. Excessive heat sources e.g. fires, radiators etc.
2. Water, particularly immersion of the pump.

## 9. Technical Data

### 9.1 Power Unit (Pump)

Serial Number .....	As per label on rear of pump
Electrical Supply .....	220 – 240 volt, 50 Hz
Power Consumption .....	10 watts
Fuses .....	TA1H 250V
Protection against shock .....	Class 2
Noise Level .....	Approx. 30 dB (A)
Dimensions .....	245 x 160 x 95 mm
Weight.....	1.7 kg
Service Interval .....	12 months / 8760 hours
Expected life .....	5 years
Shelf life of parts .....	5 years

### 9.2 Cushion

Serial Number .....	Label on inside of cushion cover
Number of Air Cells.....	5 Air Cells / 1 Static Foam Cell
Dimensions .....	460 x 460 x 100mm (Nominal)
Weight.....	3 kg
Expected life of cushion.....	5 years
Shelf life of cushion parts .....	5 years

## 10. Optimum Conditions

(Applies to Cushion and Pump)

### 10.1 Environment Conditions for Use

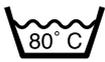
Transport.....	-25°C – +70°C
Storage .....	-25°C – +70°C
Usage .....	+5°C – +40°C
Humidity.....	10% – 93%
Atmospheric Pressure .....	700hPa – 1060hPa
Operational Altitude .....	≤ 2000m

### 10.2 Exposure

Exposure to direct sunlight, dust, lint and general debris is not considered to be an issue with the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion System.

## 11. Symbols Guide

### Cushion Symbols

 WASH AT 80°	 TUMBLE DRY ON LOW	 DO NOT DRY CLEAN
 REFER TO USER MANUAL	 0843	 TYPE BF APPLIED PART
 DO NOT BLEACH	 DO NOT IRON	 NO SMOKING
 MAXIMUM USER WEIGHT LIMIT 254 KG / 40 STONES	 DO NOT USE SHARP INSTRUMENTS	 DO NOT USE PHENOL

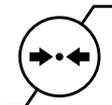
#### WARNING

THIS IS A STATEMENT THAT ALERTS THE USER TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS INJURY OR OTHERWISE ADVERSE REACTIONS WITH THE USE OR MISUSE OF THE DEVICE

#### CAUTION

THIS IS A STATEMENT THAT ALERTS THE USER TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A PROBLEM WITH THE SYSTEM ASSOCIATED WITH ITS USE OR MISUSE

### General Symbols

 CAUTION	 PROTECT FROM HEAT AND RADIOACTIVE SOURCES	 TEMPERATURE LIMITATION
 HUMIDITY LIMITATION	 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE LIMITATION	

### Pump (Unit) Symbols

 SERVICE REQUIRED	 REFER TO USER MANUAL	 DO NOT DISPOSE OF WITH HOUSEHOLD WASTE. PLEASE REFER TO DHS WEBSITE
 DOUBLE INSULATED CLASS II	 0843	

## IP21

IP: INGRESS PROTECTION  
2: PROTECTION AGAINST FINGERS OR OTHER OBJECT NOT GREATER THAN 80MM IN LENGTH AND 12MM IN DIAMETER  
1: PROTECTION FROM VERTICALLY DRIPPING WATER

**Contraindications For Use (Warning)**

The Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion System should not be used for patients with unstable fractures, gross oedema, burns, or intolerance to motion.

**General Information (Caution) (Warning)**

- There are no special skills required to operate the system.
- The Medical Professional is responsible for applying his/her best medical judgment when using the system.
- The electricity supply is of the type indicated on the Power Unit (pump).
- Check the mains lead is free from damage and is positioned so as not to cause an obstruction, or injury. E.g. Strangulation of a child or trip hazard.
- Ensure the mains lead cannot become trapped or crushed, e.g. within the mechanism of the chair, footstool or another object.
- The power unit (pump) must only be used with a suitably approved power cord and plug set as supplied by DHS.
- The system is not to be used in the presence of flammable anaesthetics.
- Suitable for continuous use.
- Not suitable for sterilisation.
- Do not position the power unit to make it difficult to disconnect the power supply or plug.
- Do not place the System on or close to a source of heat.
- Do not use with hot water bottles or electric blankets.
- DHS strongly advise against smoking whilst the Power Unit (pump) is in use. This is to prevent accidental secondary ignition of items which may be flammable e.g. bed linen. The materials used in the manufacture of the Dyna-Form® Mercury Advance Alternating Cushion System comply with the required fire safety regulations.
- Do not use sharp objects on or near the cushion system as this will cause damage.
- Do not store in damp conditions.
- Do not use in an oxygen enriched environment.
- Not suitable for use in an Outdoor Environment.
- Intended for both Home Healthcare and Professional Healthcare environments.

- Do not connect to any other medical device or equipment.
- Correct fuse rating **MUST** be used. Failure to do so could result in the risk of a fire.
- The System should be cleaned after use or between patients. Refer to Cleaning section.
- All internal and external hoses must be free of twists, kinks. The external hose should also be properly connected and positioned so that the risk of obstruction or injury is eliminated.
- Do not use bleach, phenols. Chlorine based products which exceed 1000ppm. Solvents or alcohol based cleaners.
- All the above warnings and cautions together with safety considerations should be observed at ALL times during its use.
- Select correct setting 'Hi' or 'Low' as required. Care should be taken not to accidentally change settings once set. This may affect the desired requirement of the therapy. This could also be caused by pets, pests or children.
- This device does not emit radiation.

**12. Detachable/Removable Parts**

1. Cushion (Detached from the pump by removing the CPR connector). Part No. CUSH/ADV/ALT/46/46/10 (or variants of for the size)
2. Electric power cable. (Removed from the pump by pulling the cable away from the mains inlet on the side of the pump). Part No. DHS/ADV/MLEAD

N.B. The battery is an integral part of the PCB and is not removable or changeable.

**Caution**

**Use of detachable parts not listed is not recommended by Direct Healthcare Services.**

**13. Disposal**

Please refer to DHS website for recommendations and responsibilities for disposal within the UK WEEE guidelines.

## EMI/EMC Statement and Manufacturer's Declaration

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits of EN 60601-1-2:2007.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in both a medical and residential environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception or other equipment, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver or equipment was connected.

The equipment having been tested to operate within the limits of electromagnetic compatibility. (Immunity to interference from nearby sources radiating radio frequency energy). Sources exceeding these limits may give rise to operation faults. Where possible the system will sense the interference and if it is of short duration transparently take countermeasures whilst operating near normally, or failing this will issue a warning and take measures for the continued safety of the user. Further increased levels of energy may cause the system to stop operating, continuously generate random faults or continuous resets.

Try to ascertain the source of the interference by turning nearby or suspect equipment off, and see if the interference effects stop. In any such event the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Have the interfering equipment repaired or replaced.
- Reorient or relocate the interfering equipment.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the possible source of the interference.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the interfering equipment was connected.

Information regarding Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) according to IEC60601-1-2:2007, clause 6.8

With the increased number of electronic devices such as PC's and mobile telephones, medical devices in use may be susceptible to electromagnetic interference from other devices.

The EMC (Electro Magnetic Compatibility) standard IEC60601-1-2 defines the levels of immunity to these electromagnetic interferences. From the other hand, medical devices must not interfere with other devices. IEC60601-1-2 also defines the maximum levels of emissions for these medical devices.



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