

Correct Use of book supports



Foam Book Supports

A book opened at the middle requires an angled foam wedge either side to provide proper support.



A book opened at the front or back requires an angled foam wedge either side and a flat foam sheet to provide proper support. The flat foam sheet should be positioned behind the front board for front openings, and behind the back board for back openings.



Improper use of book supports can lead to damage to bindings and sewing structures.



Cushions

Cushions should be moulded into shape with a channel created for the spine of the book to fit snugly into. Use more than one cushion if required.



A flat cushion provides very little support for a book.

To help us look after the collections please use the book supports and snake weights provided. Never force books open more than they will naturally go as this will break the spine. More advice on how bindings should be supported is available on request.

Collection care