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## The Disappearing Workforce

Every working day 6 people in the UK leave their jobs, forever, due to a Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI). That's 30 a week. A medium sized firm. Every week. Gone. Nearly 1500 every year.

Add in the additional 5.4 million working days lost to RSI sick leave, and the cost of recruiting and retraining replacements, and you can see why the estimated cost to UK plc is between £5billion and £20billion annually.

You can also understand why employers, Unions and employees alike are looking for ways to address this hidden drain on the nation's resources.

Already popular in Australia, the US and Europe, the Thermoskin range comprises heat retaining pain relief supports for nearly every body joint, and is available in a variety of sizes to ensure correct fitting.

The Thermoskin Hand/Wrist Brace is particularly effective in the treatment of mouse or keyboard induced wrist pain, including Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and tendonitis (common forms of RSI). Unlike any other support available, it combines the use of the body's own heat and firm splint, with a unique internal lining material – Trioxon – to produce a support that promotes pain relief and remains comfortable, even after hours of wear.

Thermoskin UK Brand Manager, Brian Collier says: " tens of thousands of people in Britain regard RSI as simply an occupational hazard to be endured. The Thermoskin wrist hand brace can help them regain significant comfort and relief from pain in a natural and drug free way whilst enabling them to continue in their job. It provides a natural and safe alternative for people who think that work shouldn't always be a pain."

**Click here to see the full range.**

### Did You Know?

- 1 in 50 of all workers in the UK have reported an RSI condition (Source: TUC)
- One larger employer found that the average cost of retiring an employee on health grounds was £40,000 (Source: Employers forum on disability)
- 500,000 RSI sufferers were identified in a survey conducted in 1995. On average, each one took 13 days off work that year alone. (Source: HSE booklet – 'Aching arms in small businesses')
- 30 people a week leave work for ever due to an RSI condition (Source: TUC)

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