

The wheelchair will last longer if it is regularly maintained. If users are unable to maintain the wheelchair themselves it should be taken to a mechanic or the service centre which provided the wheelchair.

General reminders

- § Never position the wheelchair near fire
- § Be careful when smoking in or near the wheelchair
- § Do not shower, enter the sea or river in the wheelchair
- § Do not leave the product outside during heavy rain or saturate during cleaning
- § Following contact with salt water the product should first be cleaned with fresh water and then fully dried
- § Keeping the wheelchair clean will increase the life of the wheelchair
- § If the paint on the frame becomes scratched, paint the affected area immediately to ensure that it does not corrode
- § **Check nuts and bolts at least once a month**

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**rough terrain and active folding
wheelchairs**

care and maintenance guide

care and maintenance instructions



cushion and upholstery

- **Check condition at least once a month**
- Look for ripped fabric or seams and worn out foam
- Return wheelchair to service centre if user has problems or concerns with their cushion
- Keep the cover upholstery tight at all times
- Wash cushion cover whenever it is un-clean, or comes in contact with urine
- Dry the cushion fully before re-fitting to the wheelchair
- Never expose the cushion to direct sunlight, even when drying

armrests

- Demonstrate how to remove and correctly fit the armrests

wheels

- If wheels do not run smoothly, the bearings may need changing
- Check tyres are hard, at least once a month
- Fix any punctures immediately
- Check spokes are tight, at least once a month

rear wheel quick-release

- Check the rear wheel lock bolts are secure, at least once a month

brakes

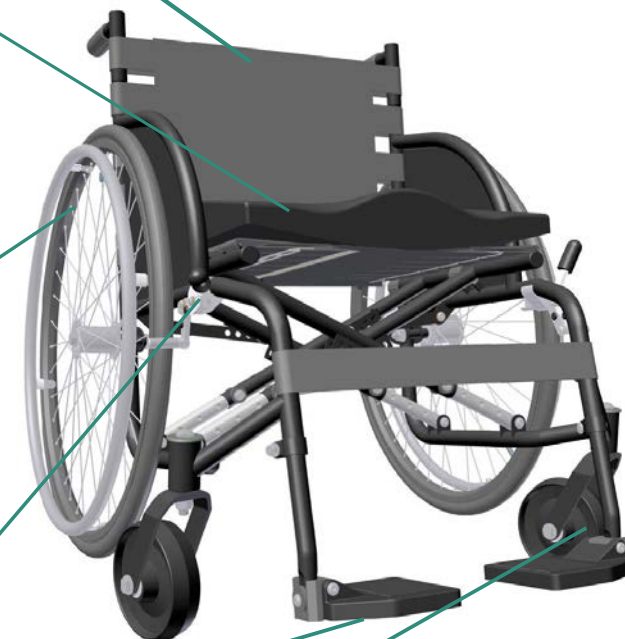
- Never put hand on the brakes during transfers

footrest

- Never put hand on the footrest during transfers
- Never stand or carry loads on the footrest
- Check toe-straps regularly for damage and do not leave them to hang down below footrest

castor wheel

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Transporting Wheelchair

- Remove the cushion
- Remove the armrests
- Press down on the locking strip to fold down the backrest
- Undo the wheel lock bolts
- Remove the wheels
- Don't pick wheelchair up by the armrests

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- Remove the cushion
- Flip-up the footrests
- Pull seat upwards to fold sideframes together
- Don't pick wheelchair up by the armrests