

Standard Steel Self Propel Wheelchair

Assembly and Adjustment Manual

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ASSEMBLY OR USE OF THIS WHEELCHAIR. BEFORE USING THE WHEELCHAIR PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR WEIGHT IS WITHIN THE WEIGHT CAPACITY OF THE UNIT.

INTRODUCTION

The Standard Manual Wheelchair is quality checked and tested before leaving the factory. However it is important you check that all parts are included in the package, and that no damage has occurred to the wheelchair whilst in transit. Check that all nuts and screws are correctly fastened before use. The package contains:

- Standard Wheelchair
- RH Footrest
- LH Footrest
- Footrest Restraining Strap
- Spanner & Hex Key

Remove all packaging from the chair, and dispose of it in accordance with local waste regulations.

ASSEMBLY

Open the chair by pulling the armrests apart until the seat section is horizontal and fully extended. In this position, and with all wheels in contact with the ground, fit the RH and LH footrests. As fig. 1 line the footrest bracket up with the pins on the wheelchair leg bracket, place footrest bracket over the pins using the holes in the bracket. The footrest will now swivel on the pins, see fig. 2, swivel it towards the back of the wheelchair until it locks in to place, see fig. 2. Whilst locating the footrest take care to keep your fingers clear of the wire spring, which holds the lock bracket in place.

Fold the footplates down until they are horizontal to the ground. You can adjust the position of the footrests by loosening the lock nut and sliding the footrest towards the ground, or setting it at an angle. It is important to allow enough clearance between the footrest and the ground to avoid colliding with obstructions, kerbs, etc.

Fig 1.



Fig 2.



Fig 3.



Fig 4.



Fig 5.



Fit the foot rest strap as shown in fig. 4, by unfastening the hook/loop then placing the band around the footrest vertical leg tube and refastening the hook/loop fastener. This strap stops the wheelchair user's feet from going underneath the chair seat when in use, and it is important that the wheelchair is not used without the strap being in place, see fig. 4.

The Standard Manual Wheelchair is now ready for use.

USE OF THE WHEELCHAIR

The occupant of the wheelchair can use the hand rails fitted to the wheels to propel the chair forwards or backwards, using either wheel to steer in the desired direction. It is important that only the hand rails are used to propel the chair, using the wheel rims to propel or steer the chair could result in injury to the user.

Alternatively the handles on the backrest of the chair can be used to push the chair along. In the backrest there is a pocket for medical or other documents that may accompany the occupant. There are stepper tubes, with foot grips to allow the person pushing the chair to raise the front of the chair to negotiate kerbs etc.

If the wheelchair is stationary the wheelchair parking brakes can be applied to stop the wheels moving. To apply the brake, move the lever towards the front of the wheelchair until it locks into place against the wheel. Repeat on the other side of the wheelchair so both wheels are braked. Release the parking brakes on both wheels before attempting to move the chair forward or backwards. They can be released by pulling the brake lever towards the rear of the wheelchair, see fig. 5.

The brake movement or pressure, can be adjusted by loosening the lock nut fixing the brake to the wheelchair frame, then moving it to the required position. It is important to check the effectiveness of the brake whilst the wheelchair is unoccupied and before it is used again.

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USER GUIDE

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Wheelchair users, both occupants and attendants, should be instructed in the safe use of the product before using.

We recommend that the parking brakes be applied before the occupant sits in the chair; this will prevent chair movement.

The footrests should be in the upright position when the chair is empty and whilst the occupant is getting in or out of the chair. This will make it easier for the occupant to have a stable foothold on the ground before transferring their weight forwards.

It may be a dangerous to attempt to pick things up from the ground when occupying the wheelchair; users should always ask for assistance or use a proprietary tool or handling device.

When manoeuvring the wheelchair up or down slopes, care must be taken to assess the steepness evaluate whether the wheelchair will become difficult to control when moving.

Care must be taken when a "pusher" tips the wheelchair to negotiate a kerb or step, the chair must not be tipped back beyond its point of balance, as this will mean the "pusher" having to bear the weight of the wheelchair and its occupant.

Always make sure that the occupant or "pusher" has sufficient strength to control and operate the wheelchair.

Never use the parking brake to reduce or control, the rolling speed of the wheelchair; this will endanger the occupant.

Never use the wheelchair unless the footrests are in the correct position, which is in the folded down position to support the occupant's feet whilst the chair is in motion or use.

The maximum user weight or mass for the Standard Self Propel Wheelchair is 120Kg (18 ³/₄ Stone). Do not exceed this limit!

WHEELCHAIR

CARE OF THE WHEELCHAIR

Always ensure that the wheelchair is dried after use to prevent corrosion.

The wheelchair should be regularly washed using warm water and a mild detergent, dry thoroughly after washing.

Before use always inspect the wheelchair to ensure:

- There is no evidence of cracks/ damage to the wheels
- There are no splits in the seat /back support material
- There are no loose fixings, screws or nuts.

The wheel nuts must be regularly checked to make sure they are correctly fastened, a spanner and hexagon key are provided for this purpose.

Between use the wheelchair can be folded for storage, by pushing upwards with the hand under the seat panel, and applying pressure to the arms or wheels, the chair will fold to approximately half its width. Make sure the footrests are in the upright position before attempting to fold the wheelchair.

A seat belt can be fitted to the wheelchair if required (not supplied).

The Standard Manual Wheelchair has been tested and certified in accordance with CE requirements

