

USER MANUAL

AML Wheelchair Transit



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introduction

The Steel Transport Chair is intended to assist the transport of users with mobility difficulties. This wheelchair is designed for occasional or frequent use, and can be used indoors and outdoors, but should not be used on rough terrain. Over-loading the wheelchairs is the only known contraindication, although others may be specific to an individual or care environment.

The wheelchair can be manually moved forward and in reverse, and is propelled by an attendant using the wheelchair push handles. The steel frame can support users of up to 150kg.

parts description



preparing for use

These instructions should be read carefully before using the wheelchair.

This product does not have a service manual. The only parts for user assembly are the footrests.

A risk assessment must also be performed to assess suitability of the device for the user. This assessment should include, but not be limited to:

- Small adults (and children)
- Users (and attendants) who lack capacity
- Very active occupants
- Unauthorised access to the wheelchair

Independent users and attendants are responsible for determining that they are both mentally and physically capable of using the wheelchair with minimal risk of harm.



Maximum occupant mass

Exceeding the maximum occupant mass marked on your device can damage the product and put users at risk of harm.

Remove all packaging and stand the wheelchair on the ground. Separate the arm rests to open the wheelchair, then push down firmly. Once the seat is secure, the backrest is upright and the footrests are attached (see overleaf), the wheelchair is ready for use.



Warning

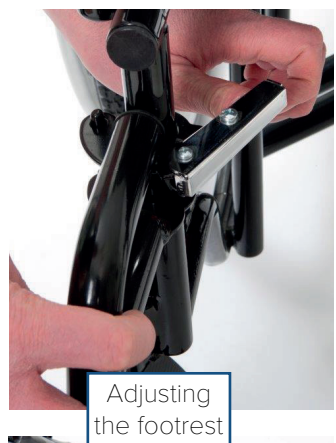
This wheelchair must not be used as a seat in a motor vehicle. Users should always transfer to the vehicle's seat and the wheelchair should be safely stowed away.



Using Parking Brakes

To apply the parking brakes, push the handle on the brake unit until locked in place. To release the brake, push the handle in the opposite direction. The brakes should always be applied when the wheelchair is stationary.

Note: The brake on your wheelchair model may be visually different from that shown.



Fitting and Altering the Footrests

To fit the footrests, place them on the two receiver posts on the frame. Swing them inwards until they lock in position.

To remove, press the chrome lever whilst swinging the footrest out (shown left).



It is important to attain the correct leg position for optimum comfort.

Press the brass buttons (left) and adjust to the desired height.

Release the buttons and keep adjusting the footrest until it locks in position with an audible click.



Common misuse

Do not stand on the footrests. Overloading can damage the product and cause harm to the occupant.

armrest removal



To remove the armrest, press the chrome button at the front of the armrest (arrowed) and pull up on the armrest.

To replace the armrest, push the armrest back into the receivers and it will automatically lock.

transfer and use



Before using the wheelchair, read the safety notices below;

- Do not exceed the 10° maximum gradient. Use slow speeds and do not reverse down a gradient.
- Do not use on escalators.
- The wheelchair is only suitable for single occupancy.
- Keep your feet on the footrests when moving. Do not stand on the footrests. Overloading can cause harm to the occupant.
- Ensure that fingers and objects do not get caught in the wheel spokes or any other moving parts during use and assembly.
- Maintain proper balance at all times. Users should not move their centre of gravity out of the seating area or reach further than their arm's length.
- Parking brakes should always be applied when transferring.
- Be aware of hazards in your environment, such as narrow doorways, steps, household appliances, children's toys, etc.
- A risk assessment must be performed by a competent person to ensure the wheelchair is suitable for the user. Consult a healthcare professional before using assistive medical devices.
- Keep away from heating and ignition sources which may raise surface temperatures or cause a fire.

Transfer: When transferring in and out of the seat, move the seats as close as possible to each other. Attendants should always engage parking brakes during transfer and fold away footrests. If required, attendants are responsible for being suitably trained and competent to lift occupants with minimal risk of harm. Good health and safety practice must always be used.

Propelling: Only attendants can propel this wheelchair. Push from behind using the handgrips, and following the safety advice above. To slow down, apply reverse pressure to the push handles.

When stationary, the brakes should always be applied.

using a wheelchair belt

Belts are often used to restrain wheelchair occupants during normal use. However, belts are not necessary parts of this device. Any belts used should be adjusted to suit each user. When fastened, they should be tight without causing discomfort or undue pressure. Belts may not be suitable for all users. Seek professional medical advice before using a wheelchair belt.

steep terrain, kerbs and steps

Steep terrain: These wheelchairs are not designed for use on gradients beyond 10°. When on a slope, avoid swerving or sudden changes in direction.

Over kerbs: Attendants push down on the stepper tube with a foot to raise the front castors (when mounting a kerb for example).



Common misuse

Do not lean or push down on the push handles, as this can damage the wheelchair.

To mount, approach the kerb head-on. The attendant uses the stepper tube to raise the front castors, and lower the front castors on the raised kerb. Then push the wheelchair forward, lifting it up slightly to mount the kerb if required. To go down, align the front castors with the kerb edge. Using the tube to keep the castors raised, tip the user slightly back and slowly lower the wheelchair.



Warning

When going down a kerb, the front castors must be raised to prevent the user from falling out. The above are only recommendations and may not be suitable for all events.

Multiple steps: The wheelchair is not designed to mount staircases, so may require carrying if no elevators or ramps are available. Attendants are responsible for being suitably trained and competent to lift the wheelchair with minimal risk of harm. Do not carry using the handles or any removable sections.

folding and storage

This wheelchair is easily foldable to minimise storage space required. The footrests may be either folded up and swung outwards, or removed by following the steps in **footrest adjustment**.

To fold the wheelchair, grab the centre of the front and rear edges of the seat sling. Pull upwards on the seat canvas and the wheelchair should naturally fold up. Adopt the latest health and safety recommendations when lifting.

Store in a dry environment, away from direct sunlight with parking brakes on.

Note: The wheelchair may be folded and stored in a motor vehicle.

care and maintenance

Do not use a damaged or badly worn wheelchair. Users should routinely check for any malfunctions or changes in performance. Contact Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare Ltd or your provider to replace damaged or worn parts.

- Brakes and tyres should be checked before each use, and at least once a month.
- The wheelchair should be kept dust free and cleaned at least once a week. Upholstery and tyres can be cleaned with a damp cloth and mild soap solution. Avoid neat bleach or abrasive surface cleaners. Leave to fully dry before reuse. Metal parts should also be polished once a month with an auto wax. Replace worn or torn upholstery promptly, as it may not support your body weight.
- Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare Ltd recommend that an approved service engineer maintains the wheelchair annually, and these items should be repaired, replaced, adjusted and/or lubricated if required:
 - Tyres and castors
 - Wheel bearings
 - Brakes
 - Footrest locking mechanism
 - Seat upholstery
 - Back upholstery
 - Arm pads
 - Wheelchair folding mechanism
 - Back posts
- When the product has reached the end of its useful life, follow local recycling and disposal policies.

powerpack installation



Powerpack
example

This wheelchair is suitable for some retrofit powerpacks, which allow the device to be controlled electronically. (See Powerpack example image.)

Powerpacks are not required to use the wheelchair. The mounting position will need adapting to be suitable for both the user and the powerpack used. Any installed powerpack must be used in line with the manufacturer's instructions for use.

For more information about powerpacks, contact Allied Medical.

warranty

Your Drive branded product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for one year from date of purchase. This device was built to exacting standards and carefully inspected prior to shipment. This warranty is an expression of our confidence in the materials and workmanship of our products and our assurance to the customer.

In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, we will at our option supply parts or replace the device. This warranty does not cover device failure due to owner misuse or negligence, or normal wear and tear. The warranty does not extend to non-durable components, such as rubber accessories, castors and grips, which are subject to normal wear and need periodic replacement. The wheelchair frame has a 5-year warranty.

If you have queries or require full warranty conditions, contact us.

accessories and spare parts

Allied Medical provides accessories and spare parts for the wheelchairs in this range. To order these parts, contact your provider.

specification

Seat Width	18"
Seat Depths	16"
Folding Frame	Yes
Tilt in space	No
Recline	No
Minimum Seat to Floor Height	19.5"
Standard legrest style	Swingaway
User Weight Limit	150 kg
Total Unit Weight	19.5 kg
Seating	Slung nylon upholstery
Armrests	Removable full length
Brakes	Push to lock
Rear Wheel Size	12½" PU mag wheels
Castor Size	8" x 1.25" PU