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### INTRODUCTION

**RACER EVO**® stroller is equipped with swivel front wheels, thanks to which parents do not have a problem with using this device. This change is really beneficial due to the fact the buggy does not have to be lifted in order to overcome uneven grounds.

Moreover, it is really good for the child because he feels comfortable and, more to the point, it does not disturb the child's perception. Young user has bigger chance to regain fitness and acquire new skills when nothing disturbs the child's perception in the stroller.

Furthermore, front wheels are equipped with fixed direction of movement which is handy regarding uneven surfaces. New footrest adjustment facilitates the use of this rehab stroller and modern design does not suggest that it is created for people who need special care.

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# THE PURPOSE OF USER MANUAL

The present user manual contains basic information which is essential for proper usage, preparation, maintenance, cleaning and guarantee conditions regarding **RACER EVO**<sup>®</sup> stroller.

User manual should be kept in easily accessible place. It is designed for people who look after disabled children, and for both doctors as well as physiotherapists who operate the device.



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# INDICATIONS FOR USE

It is recommended in the following cases:

- Cerebral palsy various types and forms.
- Brain and spinal cord injuries with lower limbs paralysis and weakness, balance and motor coordination disorders with different etiology.
- Demyelinating disease (e.g. multiple sclerosis SM).
- Meningocele.
- Muscles diseases with weakness and paralysis (dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, myositis).
- Genetic disorders.
- Degeneration and neurological diseases.
- Other condition connected with muscles weakness, paralysis and musculoskeletal disorders.
- After head and spinal cord injuries and spine trauma with paralysis and paresis.





# GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF STROLLER

### 3.1 Standard equipment

- 1. Push handle (For size 1 & 2 push handle has adjustments of angle. Size 3 & 4 is without the adjustments);
- 2. Reclining backrest;
- 3.U cut seat cushion:
- 4. Headrest:
- 5.4 points safety vest or pelvic belt;
- 6. Adjustable lateral supports;
- 7. Front rail
- 8. Abduction block:
- 9. Footrest with 2 points feet stabilizing belts;

- 10. Cover for folding mechanism;
- 11. Calf side supporting pannels;
- 12. Pump;
- 13. Wheels with glass fiber rear inflatable with 2 separate wheel brakes;
- 14.Wheels with glass fiber front PU swivel with direction blockade;
- 15.Waterproof upholstery **HYDRO™** / Breathable upholstery **ATMO™**.











## 3.2. Additional equipment

















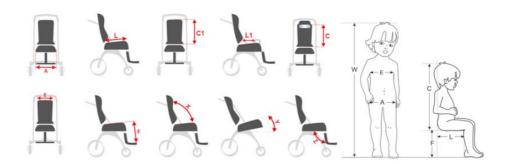








# **SIZE TABLE**



| Symbol | Measurement                        | Unit | Size 1  | Size 2  | Size 3  | Size 4  |
|--------|------------------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| w      | Indicative user height*            | [cm] | <120    | <150    | <180    | <180    |
| Α      | Seat width                         | [cm] | 33      | 36      | 39      | 45      |
| L      | Seat depth                         | [cm] | 33      | 43      | 47      | 47      |
| С      | Backrest height (with headrest)    | [cm] | 50-62   | 60-72   | 66-84   | 66-84   |
| E      | Backrest width                     | [cm] | 30      | 32      | 36      | 41      |
| F      | Footrests length                   | [cm] | 30-33   | 31-36   | 37-45   | 37-45   |
| C1     | Backrest height (without headrest) | [cm] | 62      | 72      | 84      | 84      |
| L1     | Seat depth to the abduction block  | [cm] | 15-18   | 23-26   | 28-32   | 28-32   |
|        | Footer length                      | [cm] | 20      | 20      | 22      | 22      |
|        | Push handle height**               | [cm] | 106     | 106     | 102     | 102     |
| х      | Seat tilt angle                    | [°]  | 90-140  | 90-135  | 90-140  | 90-140  |
| Υ      | Backrest tilt angle                | [°]  | 10      | 10      | 15      | 15      |
| Z      | Footplate tilt angle               | [°]  | 100-120 | 100-125 | 100-120 | 100-120 |
|        | Max. user weight                   | [kg] | 35      | 50      | 60      | 90      |

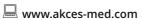
| Symbol Measurement   | Unit | Size 1 | Size 2 | Size 3 | Size 4 |
|----------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Width                | [cm] | 61     | 64     | 67     | 73     |
| Length               | [cm] | 107    | 128    | 145    | 145    |
| Height               | [cm] | 106    | 106    | 102    | 102    |
| After folding width  | [cm] | 61     | 64     | 67     | 73     |
| After folding length | [cm] | 105    | 113    | 125    | 125    |
| After folding height | [cm] | 50     | 52     | 58     | 58     |
| Weight               | [kg] | 24     | 27     | 30     | 31     |
| · ·                  | _    |        |        |        |        |

Note: Measurement tolerance range is +/- 1 cm / 1/2 in.

Note: Approximate values, depending on the product configuration.

Note: In extreme positions of the handle, it may collide with the backrest when changing its angle. In such cases, the handle should be raised while adjusting.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For size 1 & 2 push handle has adjustments of angle. Size 3 & 4 is without the adjustments.







<sup>\*</sup>This measurement cannot be the main parameter while choosing the product size.





# **DESCRIPTION HOW TO ASSEMBLE STROLLER**

Remember that stroller needs to be assembled. Manufacturer cannot assemble this stroller due to transportation issues. We will give you stroller which needs to be mounted.

In order to use the stroller please follow these steps:

STEP 1. Unfold stroller (look point 6.1, page 13);

STEP 2. Place side pelottes (look point 6.9, page 19), seat pillow, covers for folding mechanism (look point 6.15, page 21).

# DETAILED DESCRIPTION HOW TO USE STROLLER

#### 6.1. How to unfold stroller

Follow these steps so as to unfold stroller:

STEP 1. Release clip that regulates backrest's tilt angle (11) (fig.1), pull backrest (2) as backwards as possible (fig.2) and then block it with the aid of clip.









**STEP 2.** Pull handle (1) backwards until elements of folding mechanism are slammed (12) (fig.3). It is highly important to make sure that safety rail (13) is lifted before folding mechanism is slammed. Next, move safety rail down (fig.4) once folding mechanism is slammed.





**STEP 3.** Mount safety rail (7): place it on stroller frame and block it by pressing simultaneously buttons that are situated on both sides of rail (fig.5);







#### 6.2. How to fold stroller

Please follow these steps so as to fold the stroller:

**STEP 1.** Dismantle safety rail (7) by releasing buttons that are situated on both sides of rail. Next, pull out rail from stroller frame (fig.6);

STEP 2. Lift covers for folding mechanism (14) and then pull elements of folding mechanism (12) (fig.7);

STEP 3. Lift safety rail (13) and push simultaneously stroller handle (1) (fig.8,9))













**STEP 4.** Release clip from backrest's tilt angle (11) (fig.10) and push backrest (2) as forwards as possible (fig.11)





## 6.3. The adjustment of footplate length

Please follow these steps so as to adjust footplate length:

STEP 1. Remove quick couplings situated on both sides of footplate (fig. 12);

STEP 2. Adjust the height of footplate at your discretion (fig. 13)

**STEP 3**. Insert quick coupling into holes.









### 6.4. The adjustment of tilt angle

Please follow these steps so as to adjust backrest's tilt angle:

STEP 1. Loosen clip from the adjustment for backrest tilt angle (fig. 14);

**STEP 2.** Hold backrest and adjust it at your discretion:

STEP 3. Block clip



Lift slightly footplate so as to release footplate support from catches. Adjust tilt angle at your discretion and block footplate support in suitable catches (fig.15)

## 6.6. 2 points feet stabilizing belts

Feet stabilizing belts are equipped with Velcro tapes which make it easier to adjust them to patient's foot (fig. 16).

#### 6.7. Headrest

Headrest is equipped with special elastic belt which is fastened behind stroller's backrest (fig.18, fig. 19). It is possible to adjust headrest according to patient's ne.

















#### 6.8. Vest

Connect clamps from vest with clamps from adjustable belts that are fastened both at the bottom and top of backrest (4 pcs.) (fig.20). Next, adjust vest to patient's body with the aid of belts.

It is highly important to adjust properly vest due to the fact that it protects the patient from falling out of the stroller and, moreover, patient can move without freely.





**CAUTION!** Before using the vest, it is essential to familiarize yourself with the safety rules contained in the instruction. Information on how to safely use the VEST can be found on the page 45 of the instruction. Improper use and not obeying the safety rules may endanger the user's health and life.



**CAUTION!** Each time before using the vesty check whether:

- The buckles do not unclip under the pressing force;
- The buckles and belts do not move as a result of incorrect fastening.



### 6.9. Side pelottes

Side pelottes (2 pcs.) are fastened to backrest with the aid of Velcro tapes. It is possible to adjust side pelottes (fig.22).



#### 6.10. Abduction block

It is possible to adjust abduction block: loosen knobs situated under the seat (fig. 23), place abduction block either along or across seat and tighten knob (fig. 24).





### 6.11. Wheel

**RACER EVO**® special stroller is equipped with rear inflatable wheels and front PU swivel with direction blockade which are blocked with the aid of catch. It is possible to order PU rear wheels. In case of transportation, rear wheels can be dismantled: undo nuts (17) and remove wheels from axle. Recommended pressure in tyres: 230 KPa (0,23 MPa)







**CAUTION!** Remember to comply with the guidelines concerning air pressure. If air pressure is not proper, it results in damages or even accident.



**CAUTION!** Do not lubricate the wheel bearings.

### 6.12. Hand brake

### Stroller is equipped with two independent brakes for rear wheels

Press brake's lever (fig.25) so as to block rear wheels. Raise lever in order to unblock wheels.



### 6.13. Safety rail

Chapters 'How to fold stroller' and ' How to unfold stroller' describe both assembly and disassembly of safety rail (point 6.1, STEP 3, page 14; point 6.2, STEP 1, page 15).







### 6.14. Adjustable handle

Handle can regulated by pressing the buttons situated on both sides of handle (fig.27). Release these buttons so as to block handle at chosen height.

NOTE: For size 1 & 2 push handle has adjustments of angle. Size 3 & 4 is without the adjustments.



### 6.15. Covers for folding mechanism

Covers should be fastened with the aid of zipper situated on stroller frame. Next, put covers on folding mechanism so as to cover it (fig.29,30).













# **ASSEMBLY OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT**

## 7.1. REF RCE\_101 Thigh abduction belts

Follow these steps in order to mount thigh abduction belts:

**STEP 1.** Place belts on seat and insert fastening belts into hole which is situated on the corner of seat (fig.31).

STEP 2. Reeve fastening belts around backrest's side tubes and insert belts into hole at the side of seat (fig.32).

STEP 3. Interlace fastening belt through regulator which is situated on the belt (fig.33).

STEP 4. Interlace fastening belt through snap fastener (fig. 34).











### 7.2. REF RCE\_402 Sun umbrella



In order to mount sunshade it is necessary to loosen clip and place it on handle's frame (fig.35). Next, adjust its position at your discretion and unscrew knob (fig.36). If handle pannels are applied, it is possible to fasten sunshade in any place on stroller's frame.



7.3. **REF** RCE\_403 Tray

In order to mount table it is necessary to:

STEP 1. Dismantle safety rail (7) (→ point 6.2, STEP 1, page 14);

**STEP 2.** Press simultaneously locks which are placed on the exterior side of table's grip and then insert table into place where safety rail was placed (fig.37).









## 7.4. REF RCE\_405 Canopy

In order to mount canopy it is necessary to:

**STEP 1.** Press catches which are situated on both sides of canopy and then place canopy's catches on stroller's side frame (fig.39);

STEP 2. Unfold canopy (fig.40);

**STEP 3.** Lock stretchers which are situated on both sides of canopy (fig.41).





7.5. REF RCE\_404 Canopy with cover

Mount canopy in accordance with rules described in 8.4 point and only then cover can be mounted. Next, front side of cover should be fastened at the front of canopy with the aid of zip (fig.42, fig.43).







Back side of cover should be fastened to the back of canopy. Next, fasten back side of cover to the side of cover (fig.44, fig.45).





# 7.6. REF RCR\_501 Bag

Bag is out on stroller's handle with the aid of tapes with clasps (fot.46).





## 7.7. REF RCE\_107 Pelvic belt

Pelvic belt is used instead of vest. It is fastened with the aid of belts which are placed at the bottom of stroller's support.







### 7.8. REF RCE\_121 Head-neck support

The headrest (fig.49) is mounted on the backrest by use of Velcro straps. The straps should be fastened behind the backrest at the desired height.



## 7.9. REF RCE\_410 Cover for headrest

Cover is made of cotton and it should be put on headrest (fig.51). Regarding material, it has some bands thanks to which material does not slip down.





7.10. REF RCE\_411 Cup holder

In order to mount cup holder it is necessary to follow these steps:

**STEP 1.** Loosen clip and place cup holder on stroller's frame (fig.52);

STEP 2. Adjust position of cup holder and tighten knob (fig.53);

STEP 3. You can adjust cup holder with the aid of button. (fig.54)

















**Cup holder is perfect for small** and handy bottles with water (fig.56).

# 7.11. REF RCE\_412 Elastico cusion seat

ELASTICO anti bed sore cushion is made of thermo-active foam. Moreover, it is placed in cover which is made of airy material, namely ACTIV Space. Cushion should be put on stroller's seat in a place that is created for cushion from standard equipment.







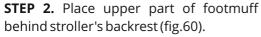


### 7.12 REF RCE\_417 Winter footmuff

In order to mount winter footmuff it is necessary to:

STEP 1. Place winter footmuff on lower part of footrest plate and the fasten it with the aid of Velcro tapes (fig.58,59).





STEP 3. Footmuff is equipped with special hole for abduction block and for belts with buckles. It is important to fasten vest to these belts (fig. 61,62).













STEP 4. Footmuff is equipped with fasteners with Velcro tapes. These Velcro tapes should be fastened on stroller's frame in a place that is created for rail. (fig.63)





**STEP 5.** Upper part of footmuff should be secured by means of fastener (fig.65)

### 7.13 REF RCE 418 Hood for winter footmuff

In order to mount hood for winter footmuff it is necessary to:

STEP 1. Fasten winter footmuff (look point 7.12, Step 1-5, page 28-29).

STEP 2. Put hood on stroller's frame and then take out belts with buckles through two holes in hood. Next, fasten vest (fig. 65,66)











### 7.14 REF RCE\_004 Low side cover for head

In order to put low side cover for head on stroller it is necessary to place it on frame so as that middle part of cover is situated behind backrest and its endings with Velcro tapes cover side frame (fig.70).



### 7.15 REF RCE\_005 High side cover for head

In order to put high side cover for head it is necessary to place it on frame so as that middle part of cover is situated behind backrest and its endings with Velcro tapes cover side frame as well as adjustable stroller handle (fig.71).



## 7.16 REF RCE\_124 Loins support

In order to mount the loins support, you should fasten the Velcro straps at the desired height of the backrest. (fig.72).









### 7.17 REF RCE\_420 Canopy with side covers

In order to mount canopy with side covers it is necessary to follow these steps:

STEP 1. Place its catches on side frame and then press them (fig.72);

STEP 2. Unfold canopy and simultaneously block stretchers which are situated on both sides of canopy (fig.73);

**STEP 3.** Side covers should be fastened to canopy with the aid of zipper and











### 7.18 REF RCE\_126 Trunk belt

Trunk belt (fig.76) is assembled with the aid of Velcro tapes situated behind stroller (fig.77, 78). Trunk belt can be used only when patient is wearing vest!







7.19 REF RCE 137 Narrowing pads 10 cm

Narrowing pads 10 cm (fig.81) are really beneficial because they make it possible to adjust the width of seat to patient's measurements. Use Velcro tapes situated on stroller's upholstery so as to assemble them on seat. (fig.82).









### 7.20 REF RCE\_134 Narrowing pads 6 cm

Narrowing pads 6 cm (fig. 83) are really beneficial because they make it possible to adjust the width of seat to patient's measurements. Use Velcro tapes situated on stroller's upholstery so as to assemble them on seat (fig. 84).





## 7.21 REF RCE\_414 Plexiglas tray

Please look at point 7.3. so as to find out how to mount Plexiglas table (look point 7.3, RCR 403 Tray, page 23).









### 7.22 REF RCE\_115 Calf belt

### Calf belt is assembled on footplate

Please follow these steps so as to assemble belt:



STEP 1. Remove side calf covers which are added to stroller's standard equipment and lay calf belt covers there. Make sure that wider part of cover is placed towards the inside of stroller (fig. 88, fig. 89);





STEP 2. Thread calf belt through the frames of covers in a way that belt's fastening is placed towards the inside of stroller (fig.90, fig.91)







**STEP 3.** Fasten belt with the aid of Velcro tapes: thread belt through one of two fasteners from calf belt (fig.94). You can choose either first (fig.92) or second fastener (fig.93) - it depends which adjustment is the most comfortable. This activity should be repeated for the second side.







## 7.23 REF RCE\_114 H harenss

Please look at point 7.8 so as to find out how to assembly vest (look point 6.8, page 18). Initially, patient should not adjust vest tightly. Once vest is put on, it should be fastened with the aid of belts with plastic straps. Vest can be quickly unfastened (fig.95).





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## 7.24 REF RCE\_125 6 points harness

In order to mount 6 points vest it is necessary to:

STEP 1. 6 points vest should be put on and then it is important to fasten zipper and buckle at the front of vest (fig.98-101):











STEP 2. Adjust vest with the aid of Velcro tapes situated at the back of vest (fig.102, 103).

**STEP 3.** Fasten vest to stroller's frame by means of four buckles. It should be fastened in a place that is created for standard vest (fig. 104). So as to fasten it, use not only buckles but also fastening belt that should be threaded behind stroller's backrest and fastened at the front of vest (fig. 105)















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#### 7.25. REF RCE 503 Lady's bag REF RCE 504 Men's bag REF RCE 502 **DeLux** bag

Bags are very capacious and have a lot of useful pockets. There is possibility to attach them to the stroller or worn them on the arm thanks to the long adjustable belt.











## 7.26 REF RCE\_507 Oxygen tank holder

In order to mount oxygen tank holder it is necessary to:

STEP 1. Take out two belts from buckles that are situated at cover.

STEP 2. Take out adjuster no.2 and buckle from belt. It is important to leave adjuster no.1 on the belt (fig 109,110)





## fig.110



**STEP 3.** Thread one of the belts through stroller's handle (fig.111) and then thread the end of belt through adjuster no. 1.



STEP 4. Thread belt through adjuster no.2 (fig.112).

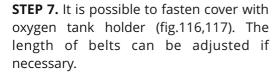




STEP 5. Put buckle on belt and thread belt through buckle as it is presented in the picture below (fig.113, 114). The end of belt should be inserted into adjuster no. 2.



STEP 6. Second belt should be fastened on stroller's side frame as it is described in stages 2-5. The picture below shows how belts should be fastened (fig. 115).















## 7.27 REF RCE\_408 Rain cover

Rain cover can be put on stroller only if canopy is mounted (it concerns folding canopy with covers RCR\_404, Foldin canopy RCR\_405 or Folding canopy with side covers **RCR\_420**).

Follow these steps so as to mount rain cover:

STEP 1. Holes in cover should overlay with handle (fig.119, 120) and stretch cover so that it covers canopy and stroller.





STEP 2. Mount cover on stroller's frame (fig.121)









## 7.28 REF RCE\_006 Side pannels

Please follow these steps so as to mount side pannels on the stroller:

### **STEP 1.** Fix pannels to stroller's frame in appropriate places.

Pannels should be fixed on stroller's frame in three places (fig.122):

- 1) in upper part of the stroller, next to handle for pushing,
- 2) under folding mechanism,
- 3) next to safety rail.

As far as points 1 and 3 are concerned, side pannels are mounted on rail with the aid of belts with fasteners (fig. 123-126).





Regarding point 2, pannels are mounted on rail by means of belt with Velcro tape (fig.127).













## 7.29 REF RCE\_413 Elastico backrest cushion

In order to attach the Elastico backrest cushion to the stroller backrest it is necessary to follow these steps:

**STEP 1**. Detach the standard 4 point vest.

**STEP 2**. Attach the cushion to the backrest by use of Velcro straps.

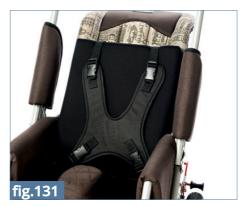
NOTE! The cushion should be attached in such a way that rounded part of the cushion acts as a lower back support! (fig. 129).





STEP3. Fasten the standard 4 point vest (fig. 130, 131).









## THE USE OF STROLLER



**CAUTION!** RACER EVO<sup>®</sup> stroller has to be used with compliance to guidelines included in this user manual. Remember to use the product only with someone who is trained and knowledgeable. Do not forget to prepare both product as well as patient before using **RACER EVO**® stroller!

## 8.1. Preparation of the patient

Before using the product, it is essential to make sure that:

- · patient's outfit is light and comfortable sporty clothes are advisable;
- · shoes should be comfortable and, moreover, they should stabilize ankle;
- · due to hygienic reason and to avoid abrasion it is advisable for the patient to always wear clothes when using the device, skin must not be naked especially in places of regular contact with upholstery;
- · drains, bags, catheters etc. if applied, have to be secured to function properly and not to disturb during using the product;
- · if it is necessary for a patient to wear orthopedic supply (collar, corset, orthesis, shoes) if it is recommended by doctor.



**CAUTION!** Outfit should protect patient's skin from direct contact with upholstery as well as other parts of equipment.

CAUTION! Only doctor can make a decision concerning using any kind of orthopedic supply!







#### 8.2. How to use stroller

- 1. Before use it is necessary to:
  - Unfold the device:
  - Place the device on even ground;
  - Make sure that all parts are serviceable, correctly mounted and stable;
  - Block brakes:
  - Adjust the device to patient's measurements;
  - Undo vest, trunk belts etc so as to place easily the patient is the device;
  - Place patient in the device;
  - Fasten all elements which stabilize patient e.g. vest, trunk belts, feet stabilizing belts etc.;
  - Mount additional equipment e.g. tray.
- 2. In case of patients who have problem with bladder, it is necessary to put special cloth on seat. This cloth can be purchased in pharmacy or medical shops.
- 3. It is essential to hold stroller with the aid of handle during using it otherwise stroller can roll.
- 4. Remember to place stroller forwards
- 5. In case of any obstacles such as step or curb, it is necessary to raise front wheels by pressing the handle down. Next, place front wheels on step and then raise back part of stroller with the aid of handle.



**CAUTION!** Before the product is used, it is highly necessary to make sure that all belts as well as safety equipment are correctly fastened as well as adjusted. What is more, check if they do not become undone due to the pressure and, moreover, make sure that clampings from adjustable elements are firmly tightened!

Equipment works correctly only when the device is adjusted according to patient's height as well as weight. Remember to take all these measurements into account while purchasing the product. Correct adjustment is the most important due to the fact that only then the product is safe. It is forbidden to force child to keep specific position because he/she will feel uncomfortable and it may lead to wrong posture.





#### 8.3 How to use vest



The vest provides posture support for wheelchair users as well as patients sitting in positioning chairs or other rehabilitation seats. When properly used, the vest allows the patient to adopt the correct sitting position for a longer period of time. The design and shape of the vest make it possible for the patient to be free to move their upper limbs within the constraints of the patient. If the vest is not used properly, it can pose a serious threat to the health and life of the patient!

#### Possible threats incident to the use of the vest:

- 1) If the lower vest straps are fastened too loosely, there is a risk that the vest will move upwards to the patient's neck, making it difficult to breathe – always check the tension of the straps and set them in such a way that the lower edge of the vest is located near the lower abdomen of the patient.
- 2) In a situation when the patient slips off the seat, the upper edge of the vest cover's the patient's neck and blocks the trachea, making it difficult to breathe - it is therefore necessary to ALWAYS use the accessories stabilizing the patient's pelvis, such as a pelvic belt, thigh abduction belts or an abduction block.
- 3) There is a risk that the upper straps of the vest will press the patient's neck, blocking the trachea and making it difficult to breathe. This might happen if the patient's body is improperly secured in the seat or stroller – it is then necessary to use the optional accessories of these devices and stabilize the patient's body using the lateral supports. If there is no possibility to use such accessories with the device and the patient's body cannot be properly stabilized, the device should be replaced with the one having such an option.
- 4) The vest is fastened too tightly to the backrest and as a result the patient cannot breathe easily - in this case the vest should be loosened in such a way that it is possible for the caregiver to insert a straightened hand between the vest and the patient's body. If, however, we want to stabilize the patient's body properly, we should use a dynamic orthopedic vest, e.g. a Flex-point vest, which does not cause the breathing difficulty for the patient.







#### Instructions for the proper use of the vest:

- 1) Make sure that the patient is sitting in the best possible position:
  - in the middle of the seat,
  - deeply in the seat in such a way that the patient's lumbar spine rests against the backrest.
- 2) Secure the patient's pelvis with, for example, a pelvic belt, thigh abduction belts or an abduction block.
- 3) Make sure that the side supports of the device, if used, are set in the correct position. It is required that the patients with the poor trunk control use the side supports. The side supports limit the lateral movements of the patient's body, which could lead to the compression of the vest straps on the neck of the patient.

#### 4) Secure the vest:

- fasten and adjust the lower straps of the vest, so that the lower edge of the vest is located near the lower abdomen of the patient,
- fasten the horizontal strap of the vest (if present),
- fasten the shoulder straps of the vest,
- check if the buckles of the vest do not open under pressure.

#### 5) Check the patient's position:

- make sure that the vest cannot move by itself towards the patient's neck,
- make sure that you can insert a straightened hand between the vest and the patient's body.

## To prevent injuries and to minimize the risks associated with the use of the vest, the following rules should be followed:

- 1) The position of the vest MUST be checked each time after putting the patient in the seat.
- 2) Special attention should be paid to protecting the patient from falling forward, slipping off the seat or lifting the pelvis. The vest MUST be used with the accessories which will secure the patient's pelvis at all times (e.g. the pelvic belt, thigh abduction belts or the abduction block). The use of the vest cannot be considered separately but as a part of a general posture support system including supports such as pelvic belts, foot support, torso stabilization, thigh abduction belts, tilt-in-space position and reclining backrest.
- 3) Special attention should be paid to ensuring that the entire foot of the patient has stable support. If the device is not equipped with a foot support, the patient's feet must rest firmly against the ground.





#### How to care for the vest:

The vest works effectively only if kept clean and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Before each use of the vest, check whether:

- 1) The vest straps are not frayed or worn. If so, have them exchanged for new ones,
- 2) The vest straps are not attached to the wheels of the device,
- 3) The buckles are not damaged. If so, have them exchanged for new ones,
- 4) The Velcro fastening holds firmly. If not, remove any dirt or hair from the Velcro, or have it replaced with a new one,
- 5) There have been no changes in the patient's height or weight from the moment the vest was adjusted to the patient,
- 6) The shoulder straps of the vest are adjusted so that they are not too loose or too tight,
- 7) The vest should be cleaned regularly with the use of warm soapy water and dried out of the direct sunlight and other sources of heat. The vest must always be dry before usage.

If you have any doubts or questions about the use of the vest, please contact your doctor or physiotherapist.







# **SAFETY RULES**



CAUTION! RACER EVO® stroller has to be used in compliance with guidelines in this user manual.

It is highly important to consult either doctor or physiotherapist in order to make right decision concerning the choice of stroller and its size. It is also essential to familiarize with the guidelines described in user manual before using the device.

## 1. Before use it is necessary to:

- · make sure that there are no damages or different faults which could endanger patient's life; check if all parts are working and are correctly mounted and, moreover, check if they are not broken;
- · check if all screws, knobs and all glued, sewed or tapped parts are tightened;
- · check if brakes are operating correctly;
- · check if buckles are operating correctly;
- · always use safety belts, Velcro tapes should overlap min. 8cm;
- · adjust the device according to patient's measurements and needs e.g. the adjustment of pelottes, footplate etc.;
- · make sure that all movable parts and knobs for adjustments are stable and locked:
- · secure patient with the aid of elements such as vest, foot stabilizing belts, pelottes, abduction block, headrest. It is highly important to secure patient because it safeguards him/her from falling out. If abduction contracture occurs, it is recommended to use abduction block in order to prevent ulcers between knees.





- 2. It is forbidden to use stroller for different purposes that it is intended to.
- 3. It is forbidden to use stroller when it is damaged or any part is missing.
- 4. It is forbidden to leave the patient unattended.
- 5. Stroller should be used only when there is someone who is trained and knowledgeable.
- 6. It is forbidden to leave stroller and the patient on unstable ground unattended, even if the brake is engaged.
- 7. It is forbidden to either go up or down the stairs; it doesn't matter if the patient is placed in the device or not.
- 8. It is important to engage brake during getting into and getting out the stroller.
- 9. Make sure that all limbs are not close to spokes or other adjustable elements.
- 10. Although the device and the upholstery are made of fire-resistant materials, please pay your attention when approaching to sources of fire or sources of high temperature during using the device. Moreover, stroller shouldn't be stored in rooms with high humidity.
- 11. Secure stroller during transportation in order to avoid any possible damages. Manufacturer doesn't take responsibility for damages which appeared due to improper preparation of the device during transportation.









**CAUTION!** It is forbidden to place the patient in the device while being in car, bus or train.

**CAUTION!** The product contains small parts which children may swallow.

**CAUTION!** It is forbidden to make any changes concerning stroller's structure due to the fact that it is dangerous and it results in loosing warranty.

**CAUTION!** The weight of user should not be bigger than maximal weight described on page 12 where you will find information regarding this issue.

- 1) AKCES-MED Sp. z. o. o sells products free from manufacturing defects or faults.
- 2) Manufacturer gives the purchaser 24-month guarantee from the date of purchase. All defects revealed during warranty period will be repaired free of charge.
- 3) All defects which appear after warranty period can be repaired only when the user will pay for it. This rule doesn't apply to refunded products - user can ask National Health Refund for refund.
- 3a) The stroller is covered by a 36-month warranty on the territory of Canada the details of the rights resulting from the extended warranty are regulated by the warranty card.
- 4) Manufacturer claims that the product can be used for 48 months. User can use this product after this period only when he/she will send the device to manufacturer so as to service it. Next, manufacturer determines again how long the product can be used and, moreover, the date of the next service will be determined.
- 5) If product is damaged, please contact our dealer or AKCES-MED customer service (ph. 17/864 04 70)





## **10 MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING**

Stroller should be kept clean and used in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The device should be kept in clean, dry and ventilated room. Maintenance as well as cleaning have to be performed at least once a month. Regular cleaning and maintenance of stroller are indispensable to maintain its correct functionality as well as safety.

It is highly advisable to remember about proper maintenance in order to extend product's aesthetics. So as to do that, it is essential to comply with these guidelines:

- It is recommended to clean upholstery with the aid of cleaning product, soft sponge and warm water. If you use sponge which is too wet, stain may get bigger, upholstery may be destroyed. It is necessary to remember that the excess of dampness should be removed from fabric before next cleaning. Please rinse upholstery with warm water and clean white cloth once stain is removed.
- 2. It is forbidden to soak upholstery!
- 3. It is forbidden to clean upholstery with the aid of hard brushes.
- 4. It is forbidden to clean upholstery with strong chemical agents such as solvent or caustic chemicals.



**CAUTION!** Akces-MED. Sp z o. o takes no responsibility for damages caused by use of wrong clearing agent.

- 5. It is forbidden to soak upholstery during cleaning. Remember that upholstery has to be always dry before using.
- 6. It is forbidden to clean, make any changes and maintain wheelchair during using it.
- 7. All metal as well as plastic elements should be cleaned by hand with the aid of general cleaning products. Remember to familiarize yourself with cleaning product's leaflet.







**CAUTION!** Remember that upholstery has to be always dry before using!

Before using it is necessary to:

- clean wheels:
- check if base as well as wheels are correctly mounted; check if brake stops turning wheel;
- make sure that all wooden parts e.g. tray don't have splinters;
- check if wheelchair construction is free of breaks or any kinds of deformities:
- check if all movable parts are working and all screws, nuts, knobs etc. are correctly tightened;
- check if belts, vests, trunk belts, feet stabilizing belts etc are not frayed; check if buckles and clamps work correctly.



Manufacturer takes responsibility only for hidden faults or damages which appeared despite the fact that user complied with the guidelines.

**CAUTION!** In case of any damages, it is essential to contact the person who sold you the product.

















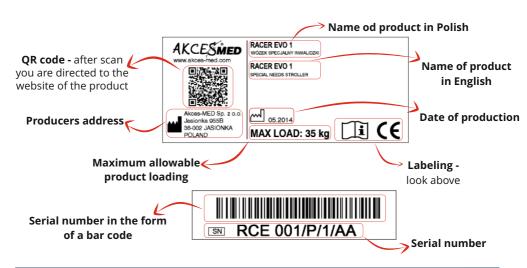


# 11 LABELLING

### 11.1. Symbols

| $C \in$  | Declaration that the product                   | <b>※</b> ≤  | Protect from sunlight  |  |
|----------|--|-------------|--|--|
|          | meets the essential requirements               | <b>☆</b> \  | Trotott from sumigni   |  |
| REF      | Catalog number                                 | 350         | Storage temperature limitation   |  |
| SN       | Serial number                                  | 45%         | Relative humidity storage  |  |
| []i      | Please read the manual instructions before use |             | Dry vertically   |  |
| <u>^</u> | Attention!                                     |             | Do not chlorinate  |  |
| ***      | Producer                                       | $\bowtie$   | Do not iron  |  |
|          | Production date                                | $\boxtimes$ | Do not dry in a drum dryer   |  |
| LATEX    | The product does not contain                   | ×           | Do not bleach  |  |
| 7        | Store in a dry place                           | Ī           | Careful! delicate content  |  |
| (4)      | Prohibition of use without                     |             | Prohibition to leave the patient without   |  |
|          | fastened safety belts                          |             | care during use of the product   |  |
|          |  |             | It is forbidden to either go up or down the stairs; it doesn't matter if the patient is placed in the device or not. |  |

### 11.2. Example of identification plate





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