

General safety notes and driving limits

The engineering and construction of this wheelchair has been designed to provide maximum safety. International safety standards currently in force have either been fulfilled or exceeded in parts. Nevertheless, users may put themselves at risk by improperly using their wheelchairs. For your own safety, the following rules must be strictly observed.

Unprofessional or erroneous changes or adjustments increase the risk of accident. As a wheelchair user, you are also part of the daily traffic on streets and pavements, just like anyone else. We would like to remind you that you are therefore also subject to any and all traffic laws.

Be careful during your first ride in this wheelchair. Get to know your wheelchair.

Before each use, the following should be checked:

- Quick-release clamp on the rear wheels
- Velcro on seats and backrests
- Tyres, tyre pressure and wheel locks.

Before changing any of the adjustments of this wheelchair, it is important to read the corresponding section of the user's manual. It is possible that potholes or uneven ground could cause this wheelchair to tip over, especially when riding uphill or downhill. When riding over a step or up an incline frontally, the body should be leaning forward.

DANGER!

- NEVER exceed the maximum load of 95 kg, for driver plus any items carried on the wheelchair. If you exceed the maximum load, this can lead to damage to the chair, or you may fall or tip over, lose control and may lead to serious injury of the user and other people.
- When it is dark, please wear light clothing or clothing with reflectors, so that you can be seen more easily. Make sure that the reflectors on the side and back of the wheelchair are clearly visible. We would also recommend that you fit an active light.. To avoid falls and dangerous situations, you should first practice using your new wheelchair on level ground with good visibility.
- When getting on or off the wheelchair, do not use the footrest. Always position yourself as close as possible to the place in which you wish to transfer to.
- Only use your wheelchair properly. For example, avoid travelling against an obstacle without braking (step, kerb edge) or dropping down gaps.
- The wheel locks are not intended to brake your wheelchair. They are only there to ensure that your wheelchair does not begin rolling unintentionally. When you stop on uneven ground, you should always use the wheel locks to prevent such rolling. Always apply both wheel locks; otherwise, your wheelchair could tip over.
- Explore the effects of changing the centre of gravity on the behaviour of the wheelchair, for example on inclines, slopes, all gradients, or when overcoming obstacles. Do this with the secure aid of a helper.
- With extreme settings (e.g. rear wheels in the most forward position) and less than perfect posture, the wheelchair may tip over even on a level surface.
- Lean your upper body further forward when going up slopes and steps.
- Lean your upper body further back when going down slopes and steps. Never try to climb and descend a slope diagonally.
- Avoid using an escalator which may lead to serious injury in the event of a fall.

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- Do not use the wheelchair on slopes > 10°. The Dynamic safe slope is dependant on the chair configuration, the users abilities and the style of riding. As the users abilities and style of riding cannot be pre-determined then the max safe slope cannot be determined. Therefore this must be determined by the user with the assistance of an attendant to prevent tipping. It is strongly recommended that inexperienced users have Ant-tips fitted.
- It is possible that potholes or uneven ground could cause this wheelchair to tip over, especially when riding uphill or downhill.
- Do not use your wheelchair on muddy or icy ground. Do not use your wheelchair where pedestrians are not allowed.
- To avoid hand injuries do not grab in between the spokes or between the rear wheel and wheel lock when driving the wheelchair.
- In particular when using lightweight metal hand rims with powder coated surface, fingers will easily become hot when braking from a high speed or on long inclines.
- Only attempt stairs with the help of an attendant. There is equipment available to help you, e.g. climbing ramps or lifts, please use them. If there is no such equipment available, then the wheelchair must be tipped and pushed, never carried, over the steps (2 helpers). We recommend that users over 90 kg in weight do not use this stairway manoeuvre!
- In general, any anti-tip tubes fitted must be set beforehand, so that they cannot touch the steps, as otherwise this could lead to a serious tumble. Afterwards the anti-tip tubes must be set back to their correct position.
- Make sure that the attendant only holds the wheelchair using securely mounted parts (e.g. not on the footrests or the sideguards). When using the lifting ramp make sure that the antitip tubes fitted are positioned outside the danger area.
- Secure your wheelchair on uneven ground or when transferring (e.g. into a car) by using the brakes.
- If and whenever possible, during a journey in a specially fitted vehicle for disabled people, vehicle occupants should use the seats in the vehicle and the appropriate restraint system. This is the only way to ensure that occupants will have the maximum protection if there is an accident. It is not allowed to use the Z-line wheelchair as a seat during transportation in a vehicle.
- Depending on the diameter and setting of the castors, as well as the centre of gravity setting of the wheelchair, the castors may begin to wobble at high speeds. This can lead to the castors being blocked and the wheelchair may tip over. Therefore, please make sure that the castors are adjusted (see under maintenance). In particular, do not travel on an incline without brakes, travel at a reduced speed. We recommend that novice users use anti-tip tubes.
- Anti-tip tubes should prevent the chair tipping over backwards unintentionally. Under no circumstances should they take the place of transit wheels, and be used to transport a person in a wheelchair with the rear wheels removed.
- When reaching for objects (which are in front of, to the side or behind the wheelchair) make sure that you do not lean too far out of the wheelchair, as if you change the centre of gravity there is a risk of tipping or rolling over. The hanging of additional load (back pack or similar items) onto your chair backposts can affect the rearward stability of your chair. This can cause the chair to tip backwards causing injury.
- For thigh amputees you must use anti-tip tubes.
- Before setting off, check that your tyre pressure is correct. For rear wheels it should be at least 3.5 bar (350 kPa). The max. pressure is indicated on the tyre. The knee-lever brakes will only work if there is sufficient tyre pressure and if the correct setting has been made (see the Chapter on "Brakes").
- If the seat and back sling are damaged, you must replace them immediately.
- Be careful with fire, in particular with burning cigarettes. Seat and back slings can be set alight.
- If the wheelchair is subject to direct sunlight for a long period of time, then parts of the wheelchair (e.g. frame, legrests, brakes and seat) may become hot (>41°C).
- Always make sure that the quick-release axles clamps on the rear wheels are set properly and lock in. If the clamp is not tighten enough the rear wheel could come loose and fall off.

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WARNING !

- The effect of the knee-lever brake as well as the general driving characteristics are dependant on tyre pressure. The wheelchair is significantly lighter and easier to manoeuvre when the rear wheels are pumped up correctly and both wheels have the same pressure.
- Make sure that your tyres have sufficient tread! Please note that you are subject to any and all traffic laws when driving in public traffic.
- Always be careful with your fingers when working or adjusting the wheelchair!
- Settings on the wheelchair should only be carried out by competent persons.

WARNING !

Choking Hazard – This mobility aid uses small parts which under certain circumstances may present a choking hazard to young children. The products shown and described in this manual may not be exactly the same in every detail as your own model. However, all instructions are still entirely relevant, irrespective of detail differences.

The manufacturer reserves the right to alter without notice any weights, measurements or other technical data shown in this manual. All figures, measurements and capacities shown in this manual are approximate and do not constitute specifications.

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