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**10 Things to know about your Sandhopper!**

1. **Thank you for your purchase!** These tips will help you get the most from your Sandhopper! **They are not a substitute for reading the owner’s manual**. It is extremely important that you familiarize yourself with the functions of the Sandhopper as explained in the owner’s manual. (check under owner resources on the web site www.mysandhopper.com)
2. **Keys:** Your Sandhopper comes with two keys. Remove one and place it in a safe place. Never leave the key in the Sandhopper ignition, someone might try to operate the wagon without proper knowledge of its functions.
3. **Throttle control:** On the control handle, there is a thumb control and a “reverse / forward” switch. Think of the thumb control like the accelerator pedal in a car. Pick an open area and select reverse. Turn the key on. **Gently** push the thumb control far enough to make the Sandhopper begin to move. There is no need to use full acceleration, especially in tight areas. Once you get the hang of backing up, switch the direction switch to forward. **Now, turn away from the wagon and face the forward direction you intend to go.** You are now prepared to walk forward in the same direction as the wagon. There is a “high / low” switch on the control panel. (The control panel is the area in the front of the wagon where the key slot is located, the battery meter and the battery charger connector is located.) Always select “low”. Use the high function only when carrying very heavy loads and you are ascending an incline.
4. **Autobrake/Autopark:** Your Sandhopperuses the motor for braking. It will brake automatically upon releasing pressure on the thumb control. There is a lever on the rear drive motor and in order to activate the **Autobrake/Autopark** feature, simply lift up on the lever. Always keep the lever in the up position. If you need to move the wagon without using the motor you may set the wagon in “free wheel” mode by pressing down on the lever. The key switch must also be in the **OFF** position. Once you have moved the wagon, place the lever back in the original up position.  **Caution:** Leaving the lever in the free wheel position may allow the wagon to roll freely if the surface it is parked on is not perfectly flat.
5. **Battery Care:** Always recharge the battery after each use. You can’t harm the battery by charging it even when the need for charging is small. The battery meter located on the control panel lets you know the battery condition. Please follow these steps. First, plug the three-prong connector into the control panel of the Sandhopper, then plug the charger into a wall outlet. You will notice a red light that indicates battery charging and a green light that indicates charging is complete. To disconnect the charger, first unplug the charger from the wall outlet and then unplug the three-prong connector from the wagon control panel. There is no harm in recharging the battery frequently or in leaving the battery charger plugged in overnight. Do not leave the charger plugged into the wagon beyond 24 hours. ALWAYS CLOSE THE COVER TO THE BATTERY CHARGING PORT.
6. **Wheeleez® Tires:** These tires are special “low pressure” tires designed for sand. They hold a maximum of 3 to 4 pounds of air. Do not over-inflate these tires, you will void the manufacturer’s warranty. Amazon sells a low-pressure tire gauge and low-pressure tire pump should you ever need to add air.
7. **Water and rain:** Take care not to leave your Sandhopper out in the rain or drive it through deep puddles. Though all wiring connectors are sealed they are not waterproof as is the case with the controller located inside the control panel. We encourage you to spray off the entire wagon after each use, just use a light spray rather than a jet stream of water and be especially careful to avoid spraying water into the control panel area.
8. **Railing system:** When installing these railings, always install the front & rear railings first. Then install the two side railings. You will notice a spring-loaded button at the base of the side railing posts. Depress the spring button so that the railing post partially inserts into the deck slot, while at the same time aligning the corners of the side railings with the front and rear railings**. It is important that the side rail corners properly mate with the front and rear railing corners, and that the side railing posts are inserted deeply enough into the deck openings so that the spring button pops out.** If you don’t see the spring button, something isn’t right.
9. **Descending ramps or hills:** It is not recommended that you use any ramp that is a steeper grade than an approved handicap ramp. Or, a ramp that has a surface that is slick or smooth. On smooth / slick surfaces, it is likely that the rear balloon tires will slide when the brakes are applied thereby providing little actual braking benefit. Always avoid steep ramps. In the event you use a ramp steeper than an approved handicap grade, turn the wagon around and back it down the ramp. This will give you better control in that you can pull back against the control handle and thereby slow the decent of the wagon using your own body weight.
10. **Loss of traction ascending hills or ramps:** The balloon tires are fantastic at floating over loose sand, however, gaining traction in the sand is directly related to the amount of weight over the rear drive wheels. There is plenty of power available from the Sandhopper battery and when that power is over applied the rear wheels may spin. If you notice the rear wheels spinning in the sand, lowering your speed (the applied pressure to the thumb throttle) will help the wagon regain traction. Be aware that the wagon can quickly dig a small hole in the sand when the wheels have been allowed to spin. If this happens, simply give a tug while gently applying the throttle to move the wagon out of the hole. The wagon should once again gain traction and momentum. If you plan to traverse small sand dunes (or any type incline) going to or from your beach regularly, and if you typically don’t carry any significant cargo (items weighing about 25 pounds or more), consider adding some weight to the rear of the wagon. Something equivalent to about 25 pounds located over the rear drive wheel, such as a dumbbell, will greatly enhance rear wheel traction without having any impact on wagon speed, cargo capacity or battery life. Remember, your wagon is made to carry things, so just add some weight!