

Instruction Manual

Esteem Eclipse Lightweight Transit Wheelchair (007/00716)



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Opening the wheelchair

Open the chair by tilting it to one side and pushing down on the seat rails.

Lift push handles to the upright position so the half-folding back mechanism locks into place.

Attach the footrests by aligning the holes on the footrest hanger with the pegs on the frame of the Wheelchair.

The length of the footrests can be adjusted by removing the bolt on the telescopic stem and pulling the stem to the desired length; the bolt is then re-inserted.

(The lowest part of the footrest should not be less than 2 1/2 inches from the ground to permit proper clearance)

Folding the wheelchair

Fold the wheelchair by gripping the front and rear edge of the seat upholstery in the middle and pull upwards so the wheelchair comes together.

Press the levers on the half-folding back mechanism simultaneously and carefully fold down the back support.

Remove the swing-away footrests by releasing the lock, swing them outwards and lift off the frame.

Armrests

The armrests can be lifted up by pushing the mechanism on the front of them and can also be removed by pulling the spring-loaded pull button at the rear of the armrest and lifting them off.

Rear wheels

The rear wheels are quick release; to remove push the centre axle button and while depressed pull the wheel away from frame.

Attendant brakes

The attendant brakes on the push handles are operated by the attendant to slow or stop the wheelchair. Simply squeeze the lever to slow the wheelchair and then click the black clip into place in one of the grooves under the lever to park the wheelchair.

To take the brakes off squeeze the lever towards the push handle and it will be released.

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.

Stepper tubes

An attendant can use the stepper tube to raise the front castor (when mounting a kerb for example).

To use, push down on the stepper tube with a foot. Do not raise the front castors by pushing down on the push handles as this could result in damage to the wheelchair.

To mount a kerb. Approach the kerb head on. Then the attendant uses the stepper tube to raise the front castors, and lowers the front castors on the raised kerb. Finally, the attendant should push the wheelchair forward, lifting it up slightly to mount the kerb if required.

To go down a kerb. Line up the front castor with the edge of the kerb. The attendant uses the stepper tube to raise the front castors and tip the user slightly back. Keeping the castors raised, slowly lower the wheelchair down the kerb.

Operation and propulsion

Before using the wheelchair read the safety notices below:

- Use slow speeds on gradients. Do not exceed the maximum gradient stated.
- The wheelchair is only suitable for single occupancy.
- Keep your feet on the footplates when moving. Do not stand on the footplates.
- Do not use escalators.
- Do not reverse down a gradient
- Maintain proper balance at all times. Users should not move their centre of gravity out of the seating area.
- Do not reach for items further than your arm will extend.
- Be aware of hazards in your environment, such as narrow doorways, steps, household appliances, children's toys etc.
- The parking brakes should always be applied when transferring.
- The transit wheelchair can only be propelled by an attendant. The attendant should push the wheelchair from behind using the handgrips, and following the safety advice above.

Lap Belt

A lap belt is to restrain the wheelchair occupant during normal use. The lap belt is not to be used as a seat belt in a motor vehicle. Under no circumstance should this wheelchair be used as a seat in a motor vehicle (e.g. cars, buses, trains, etc).

The lap belt should be adjusted to suit each user. The length of the belt can be adjusted by the tri-glides. The lap belt has a luggage style large locking clip to fasten and unfasten the lap belt. To fasten the lap belt, push the clip in to the receiver until it locks in the position (which can be heard by an audible click).

When fastened, the lap belt should be tight around the user's pelvis without causing discomfort or undue pressure. The will help keep the user's hips and pelvis towards the back of the wheelchair. Use the tri-glides (shown) to adjust the length of the lap belt. The length of the lap belt should be checked each time the belt is used.

There is a risk of suffocation from users "submarining" (where they slide down the chair until the lap belt is around the neck area). To reduce the risk of this, ensure that the lap belt if used under supervision and is used as instructed.

The lap belt may not be suitable for all users of wheelchairs.

Care and maintenance

- Before each use of the wheelchair, the brakes and tyres should be checked.
- The wheelchair should be stored in a dry environment, away from direct sunlight. When in storage the wheelchair can be folded up.
- The wheelchair should be kept clean and dust free. This can be done with a duster or damp cloth.
- The user should routinely check the following items. It is recommended that the wheelchair is serviced annually, where these items should be repaired, replaced and/or lubricated if required.
 - Tyres
 - Wheel bearings
 - Castors
 - Brakes (parking and attendant)
 - Leg rest locking mechanism
 - Seat upholstery
 - Back upholstery
 - Arm pads
 - Rear wheel quick release pin
 - Back rest post
 - Lap belt

Warranty

Your Ugo Esteem branded product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for one year from the date of purchase.

This product was built to exacting standards and carefully inspected prior to shipment.

The 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 product if a repair is not possible.

The 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/plastic accessories or castor wheels and hand grips, which are subject to normal wear and may require periodic replacement.