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Wheelchair

Instruction & Safety Manual

Please read this manual before operation, for
maintenance instructions and safe usage



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Congratulations on your purchase of an ANSATM quality product. Before using your product, please read all instructions carefully. The warranty will not apply if the product is used incorrectly.

ALL wheelchairs are designed to combine comfort, safety and reliability. ANSATM are committed to the quality of our products and the satisfaction of our customers.

Note

It is essential to check that the SWL on your ANSATM product is applicable to your personal requirements.

Warranty

Product Warranty - This covers faulty workmanship or defective material for the original consumer purchase for 12 months from the purchase date. In the event of a defect covered by this warranty.

1. We will at our discretion repair or replace the product.
2. The item must be returned to an authorised ANSATM distributor or selling agent with proof of purchase.
3. Cost of freight is your responsibility.
4. Use and care instructions have been compiled with.
5. No unauthorised repairs or alterations have been made.

Warning

- Do not operate, maintain or adjust wheelchair without reading and understanding all instructions in the manual.
- Attendant should not assist wheelchair user if user and wheelchair weight exceeds attendant's strength capacity and therefore puts both parties at risk of injury.
- This wheelchair has not been approved as a seat surface to be used within a vehicle of any kind. Always transfer wheelchair user to an approved vehicle seat and use restraints available from the auto industry for this application.
- Do not operate this wheelchair on streets or roadways.
- Do not attempt inclines greater than 10° without assistance.
- Completely engage the wheel locks when entering and leaving wheelchair or using wheelchair in elevator or wheelchair lift.
- Wheelchair should be on a stable, level surface and wheel locks should be engaged before transferring user to or from the wheelchair.
- Do not adjust footrests any closer than 63.5mm (2.5") from the floor.
- When entering or leaving wheelchair, do not stand or put pressure on the footrest.
- Before leaning or reaching forward, rotate casters towards the front of the wheelchair and engage wheel locks to help prevent wheelchair from tipping over.
- Do not lean over the top of wheelchair back since this can cause the wheelchair to tip over. If trying to reach objects, reach back only as far as your arm will extend without altering your seating position.
- Do not use the wheel locks to slow your descent down an incline.
- Changing direction when going down an incline could cause instability.
- This wheelchair has a maximum carrying capacity. Please check the sticker on the wheelchair to see that it is suitable for your requirements.



Wheel Chair Terminology

Manual Wheelchair

Transit Wheelchair



- 1. Armrests
- 2. Seat/Back Upholstery
- 3. Wheel and Handrim
- 4. Wheel Locks

- 5. Castors
- 6. Footplates/Footrests
- 7. Legrests



Use and Safety

Wheel Locks - Engage wheel locks on both wheels before entering the chair, leaving the chair, leaning forward in the chair, or while being transported in an elevator or wheelchair lift. When adjusted correctly, wheel lock should be embedded into the tyre at least 3.2mm (1/8") when engaged in lock position. Wheel locks are activated by pushing the handle completely forward. To adjust locks, loosen nut on the carriage bolt. Slide clamp toward rear wheel until lock shoe is embedded at least 3.2mm (1/8") into tyre when handle is engaged in lock position. Tighten nut and bolt to secure position. Inspect locking action BEFORE actual use.

Tyres - Puncture proof tyres require minimal maintenance, but should occasionally be cleaned with damp cloth. Replace tyres if they become cracked or severely worn. For pneumatic tyres, check air pressure regularly and replace the tyres if they are worn.

Front Castors - castors should be inspected periodically and lubricated when necessary. To lubricate, remove fork and grease castor stem bearings. Remove the wheel from the fork and grease the wheel bearings. Reassemble wheel and fork by tightening nuts until play remains, but the wheel rolls freely. When adjusted correctly, the fork should also revolve freely. If the nut is too loose, the castor will flutter or shimmy, if it is too tight, the chair will be difficult to steer.



Removable Swing away Footrests/Legrest - Release the lock by pushing on the front rigging lever. Swing footrest and legrest outward and sideways. Lift up on the assembly to remove the footrest or legrest.

Adjusting Length of Footrest / Legrest - When adjusting the length of the footrest / legrest, the wheelchair user should be sitting in the wheelchair with feet on the footplates. Loosen bolt on the clamp around support assembly. Raise or lower footrest as needed to provide maximum support of thighs on seat upholstery. Front rigging should not be lowered to the point that causes pressure to thighs at front of seat upholstery. The footrest should not be closer than 63.5mm (2.5") from the ground to ensure proper clearance.

Adjusting / Elevating-Legrest - Lift up on the legrest assembly on footplate to desired height or position. Release legrest assembly and it will automatically lock in place. To lower, push out on legrest lever and slowly lower the footplate until desired position is reached.

Rear Wheels - The rear wheels should be checked at least once every month for correct tightness. If the wheel wobbles or is loose, release the lock nut and tighten the axle bolt slightly. To test for correct tightness, lean the chair to one side and spin the adjusted wheel.

Quick Release Rear Wheel - Ensure the quick release wheel axle pin is fully located in the axle receiver before using wheelchairs with this type wheel.

General Care - Wipe off chrome parts at least once a week using a clean, soft cloth. Clean all metal parts with auto wax or similar products. Dry the chair immediately if exposed to moisture. Do not use abrasive cleanser or materials that will scratch the finish of the chair.

To Open Chair - Open Wheelchair by tilting to one side and pushing downwards on seat rail until fully open. Stand at the rear of the chair and slide backrest upholstery tensioner into position. Push sleeve over push pin to lock securely.



To Close / Fold Chair - Fold footplates to the vertical position. Stand at the rear of the chair and release push pin of upholstery tensioner and slide tubing across to release. Take hold of seat upholstery with both hands at front and back edge and lift up. Or, tilt chair to one side and lift up on the seat rail.

Removable Arms - To remove arms, depress spring button and lift out of front and rear sockets.

Swing Back / Removable Arms - To swing back arms, depress the clip behind the front armrest socket and lift arm up from the front. To remove arms, swing back the arm, release rear pull pin and lift armrest out of rear socket.

CAUTION

Stability - The wheelchair is designed to be safe and stable as long as you maintain your centre of gravity while performing normal activities. Care must be taken when performing activities that shift your centre of gravity in the chair. Never reach for objects that require you to shift from the centre or bend over out of the chair. Whenever reaching for objects that require you to lean, make sure front castors are pointing in a forward position, which extends the wheel base and will help stabilise the chair.

Ramps - Know your own capabilities and limitations in terms of strength and endurance before attempting to go up a ramp. You and your attendant should first consult a qualified professional for correct techniques on ramp negotiation. Assistance is recommended when going up or down steep inclines greater than 10°. If it becomes necessary to stop on an incline, avoid sudden, abrupt forward movement when you resume propelling the chair. Because of the backward angle of the chair, sudden abrupt movement could cause instability. Attempting to use the wheel lock brakes could result in accidental locking, veering or tipping to one side, or suddenly stopping. Avoid changing direction when going down an incline, as this could cause instability.



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