



# Regent Range User Instructions

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## Introduction to the Regent Range of Chairs

### What is the Regent?

These elegant chairs provide a versatile solution for people requiring support.

They are ideal for use by ambulant and non-ambulant elderly people, especially those able to push up from their sitting position or those seated for long periods of time. Providing comfort and support with ease of mobility, the Regent chairs benefit users and carers alike.

Designed to provide a suitable seating solution for individual users offering excellent postural and lateral support through the option of either contoured, cushioned, waterfall or winged backrests.

The range's modularity lends itself to being easily refurbished and repaired enabling it to be a sustainable answer for many caring environments.

## Introduction to the Regent Range

### Why is there a need for these type of chairs?

The ability of a seated person to function efficiently and perform activities depends on their ability to adopt the appropriate posture. All activity is posture dependent. If a person cannot move or has problems adjusting their posture, it may be necessary to use seating to try to provide externally what is limited internally.

The Regent helps fulfil the need to maintain an individual's seated posture, assist with pressure management and help with rising from the chair by being able to press down firmly on the high broad armrests.

### Who should consider using the Regent?

Designed for those seated for long periods; ambulant users who require excellent postural and lateral support. The Regent can be used in a variety of different environments including nursing homes, domestic environments and hospices.

## Regent Product Information

### Features

- Four different Backrest styles
- Modular configuration
- Major and Minor sizes
- Reclining back version available
- Seat height and angle adjustment
- Seat length adjustment
- 75mm wheels (back two braked)
- Wide variety of fabrics and colour ways

### Accessories

- Transflo pressure relieving seat cushion (built in)
- Sliding footrest
- Push handles
- Fleecy liner
- Laminated tray with straps
- Loose covers for armrests and seat module
- Lap-Belt and D-rings
- Pelvic Positioner

## Questions and Concerns

Should you experience any difficulties or have any concerns regarding the initial purchase or subsequently adjusting the Regent chair or have any concerns regarding its use or operation then immediately contact either your Kirton representative, distributor or our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709** or **+44 (0) 1440 705352**, they will be delighted to help you.



## Guidelines for Best Practice

To ensure good practice when considering purchasing a Regent chair and effective use post purchase we advise that the following guidelines are considered:

1. Seek advice and input from a qualified therapist/professional and/or Kirton representative/distributor at the initial prescription of the chair.
2. If unsure when ordering the chair and any accessories contact either the therapist involved or your Kirton representative or distributor or our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709 or +44 (0) 1440 705352** to discuss further.
3. It is recommended that following receipt of the chair all staff members that will be supervising the user(s) should be trained in adjusting the chair to ensure it is adjusted safely and correct positioning is maintained for the benefit of the user. This is of particular importance where the chair is to be used by several different users.

Users of the Regent should be supervised and checked regularly to ensure their most appropriate position is maintained in the chair.

## The User Instructions

The purpose of the following user instructions is to provide a guide on how to utilise, adjust and maintain the Regent chair.

These instructions should be read by all those involved with the supervision of the user and/or the care of the chair before use.

The Regent **must** be adjusted for each individual using the chair to ensure safe and comfortable use.

## Setting Up and Adjusting the Regent

It is recommended that the Regent is adjusted to accommodate each user's specific requirements in terms of seat depth, seat angle and seat height adjustment.

### Seat Depth

It is important to set the seat depth correctly with the user's pelvis as far back in the seat as possible. There should be a 1" gap between the seat front and the back of the user's calf. Take the thigh length measurement from the user and use this as a guide to setting the seat depth.



- **Adjust** the seat depth when the chair is empty.
- Slacken the two white knobs under the seat by turning anti-clockwise until the seat moves freely. The seat may stick slightly but lifting the seat up should release this.
- Position the seat according to the seat depth measurement and re-tighten the knobs by turning clockwise.
- Check that the new setting meets the user's requirements and re-adjust if necessary.
- Ensure that the knobs are very tight so that the seat is secure.
- Position the seat according to the seat height/angle required by inserting the screw in one of the four holes located on either side of the chair.
- Care must be taken to ensure both screws are positioned at the same height on either side. Re-tighten the screws by turning clockwise.
- Check that the new setting meets the user's requirements and re-adjust if necessary.
- Ensure that the screws are very tight so that the seat is secure.



## Seat Angle and Height Adjustment

It is important to set the seat angle and seat height adjustment to meet each individual's requirements.

- **Adjust** the seat height and angle when the chair is empty.
- Using a Phillips screwdriver slacken the two screws on the inside of the arms under the front of the seat by turning anti-clockwise and remove the screw until the seat moves freely up and down. The seat may stick slightly but lifting the seat up should release this.

## Regent Specifications

### Seat Angles and Heights

	Seat Angle	Seat Height
Regent Major	70°	565mm
	75°	525mm
	80°	480mm
	87°	425mm
Regent Minor	70°	480mm
	75°	425mm
	80°	380mm
	87°	340mm

## Optional Features and Accessories

### Push Handles (not available on Reclining Back version)

When fitted, the push handles provide a good solution if the chair is frequently moved around.

**Do not use the push handles to tip the chair backwards when it is occupied.**

**The chair must not be pushed over rough or uneven ground when occupied.**

### Sliding Footrest (optional)

The sliding footrest is designed to support user's feet when moving the occupied chair. It is also useful for users where the seat height may be set too high.

- To **use**, pull the footrest forward fully.

**To retract:**

- **Push** the footrest back fully, before transferring to or from the chair.

**Do not stand or place undue weight on the footrest.**

### Tray (optional)

A large laminated tray, ideal for various activities, sits across the arms and is held securely in place by straps, fitted to the base of the chair.

- To **attach** the tray, position it with sufficient space between it and the user, ensuring movement is not restricted.
- When the desired, comfortable position is achieved, strap down the tray onto the chair base.

If the tray is attached onto the Regent Reclining Back, when it is reclined, it is important to check for sufficient clearance in front of the user to return the chair to upright.



## Pelvic Positioner (optional)

The Pelvic Positioner is used to help provide a safe and secure seated position and enable pelvic stability. Each end of the strap has a clip fastening which fits onto D-Rings located down both sides of the seat cushion. Clip the fastenings onto these D-Rings and undo the buckle joining the two halves of the strap. Place the straps over the arms or to the side of the seat before transferring the user into the chair.



**NOTE:** Please refer to Pelvic Positioner User Instructions enclosed for further information.

## Lap-Belt (optional)

The Lap-Belt helps to position the user in the back of the chair. Ideally the fixings for the Lap-Belt and the Lap-Belt itself will be fitted at time of manufacture however, can be fitted retrospectively by a trained representative.

**NOTE:** Please refer to Lap-Belt User Instructions enclosed for further information.



## Reclining Back (optional)

If fitted with the optional Reclining Back, the Regent's back can be angled to provide correct positioning for different activities, eg raised for meals or recreational activities and reclined for relaxation.

- Make sure there is enough space behind the chair to recline it.
- Keep hands away from moving parts when adjusting the back.
- To alter the angle of the back, place one hand firmly on the top of the chair.
- Move the thumb lever upwards at the back of the chair to activate the positioning mechanism that allows the back to move.
- Once the desired angle is achieved release the lever to secure the position.

## Care and Maintenance

For recommended care, cleaning and maintenance, please refer to the care and maintenance guidelines enclosed with your chair and the care label fixed to the chair.

### General Care

- Wash and clean as per the instructions supplied.
- Wipe down framework with soapy water and a soft cloth.
- Check castors regularly for build up of fluff and dirt particles.
- Cleaning with scouring pads is not advised.

### Brookland Vinyl – Cleaning Instructions

- Clean with a damp soapy cloth and rinse well with clean water. A soft brush can be used for heavy soiling.
- Do not use solvents, bleaches, abrasives, synthetic detergents, wax polishes or aerosol sprays.

### Panvelle Stretch – Cleaning Instructions

- Clean with a damp soapy cloth and rinse well with clean water. A soft brush can be used for heavy soiling.
- Do not use solvents, bleaches, abrasives, synthetic detergents, wax polishes or aerosol sprays.

### Loose Covers

- It is recommended the loose covers provided with the Regent are washed at 40° with a mild detergent.

Do not tumble dry.

## Potential Risks, Cautions & Warnings

- The user is at risk if the Regent is not properly specified and adjusted to their particular requirements.
- **Never** leave anyone with poor postural sitting ability in a fully upright position as they may tip forwards and out of the chair
- **Do not** stand on the sliding footrest (if applicable) as this may cause the chair to become unstable and tip forwards.
- **Always** retract the sliding footrest (if applicable) before allowing the user to stand up from the chair.
- **Do not** try moving the chair without first ensuring that all wheels are unlocked.
- **Do not** sit on the arms as this can cause damage to the covering and could make the stability of the chair unsafe.
- Users should be **regularly** checked and supervised when in the chair to mitigate the user moving or sliding into an inappropriate position.
- Care should be taken when adjusting the chair not to trap fingers or clothing in the framework.
- If using a lap-belt or pelvic positioner ensure the user is regularly supervised to avoid moving into an inappropriate position.
- Care should be taken not to over tighten the lap-belt or pelvic positioner in order to reduce harm to the user.

## Helpline

Should you have any concerns either pre or post purchase of the chair contact our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709** or from outside the UK **+44 (0) 1440 705352** to discuss further. Alternatively, if you purchased your chair from a Kirton distributor in the first instance please contact your point of reference there.

If your call concerns a specific seating product or item of furniture please have ready your sales order number before you telephone. This can be located on the base of each chair and helps us identify your details and deal with your enquiry efficiently.



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