



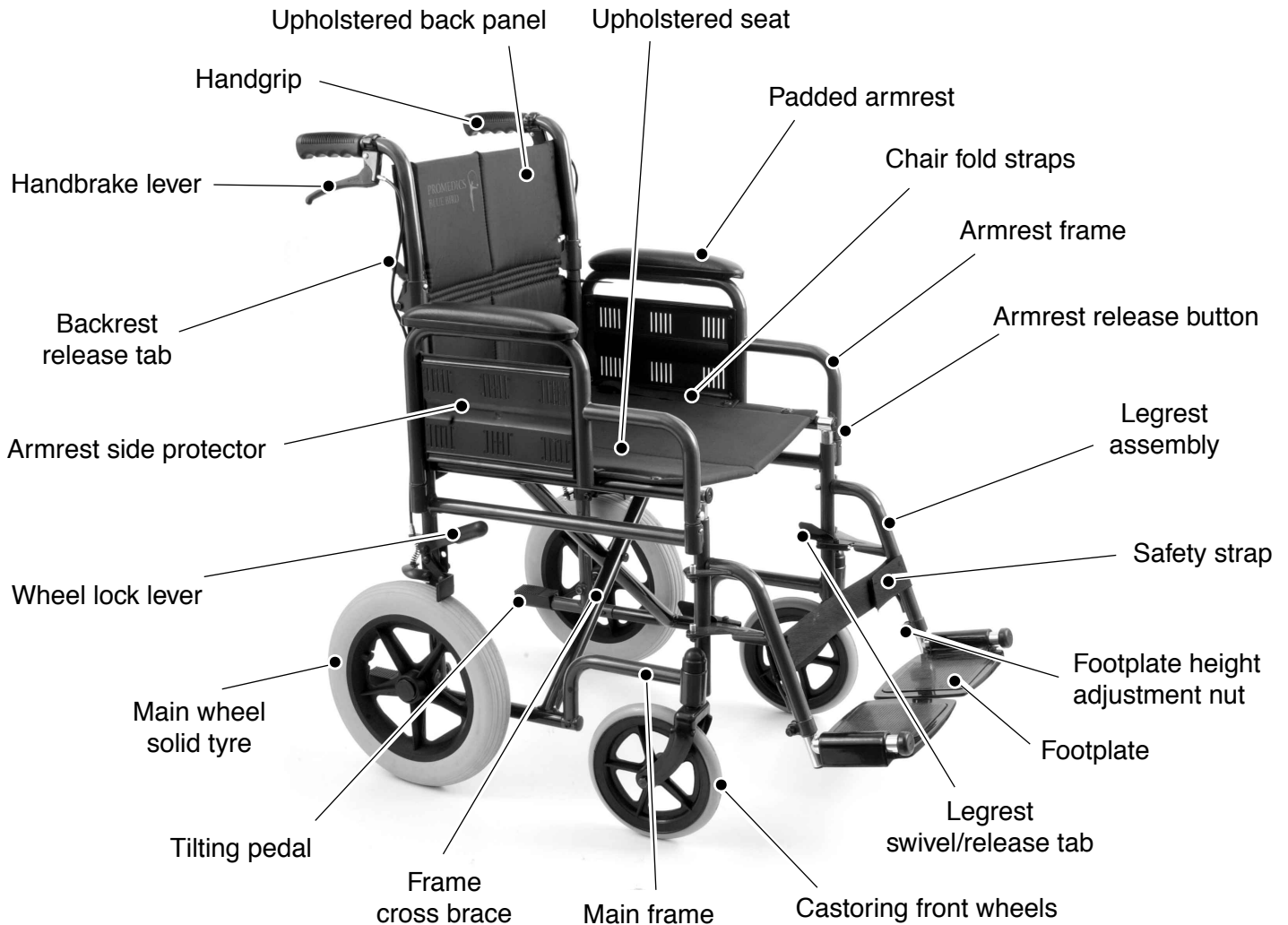
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Bluebird Transit Chair Instructions

Features



Safety

The Bluebird transit chair has been designed to provide safe, reliable transportation and complies with international safety standards. However, users can put themselves at risk by improper use. The following rules must be observed.

Always follow the instructions during adjustments of the chair and never carry out any incorrect or unprofessional adaptations. If in doubt always consult a qualified engineer.

Always take time to become used to the chair and its operations when using it for the first time. Light or reflective clothing is preferred when using the chair outdoors to increase visibility.

IMPORTANT:

The wheel locks are provided to ensure the chair can be safely parked without risk of rolling unintentionally - they should NOT be used when the chair is moving.

ALWAYS lock the wheels when getting in and out of the

chair and when parking - especially on uneven ground.

To slow the chair when it is moving use the handbrake levers on the handgrips.

The chair may be lifted by two attendants using its secure parts. It should NEVER be lifted with a person seated in it.

The chair should only be used for one person at a time up to its maximum user weight of 100 kilogrammes (16 stone).

DO NOT sit in the chair whilst it is being transported in a vehicle and always ensure that it is secured safely to prevent movement.

ALWAYS ensure that the legrests are positioned so that they will not interfere with movement when sitting or getting out of the chair.

Always check the tyres, main wheel attachment and wheel locks before use.

Wheel locks:

To temporarily lock one or both rear wheels such as when turning sharply or waiting at a kerb use the levers on the handgrips.

To permanently lock the rear wheels when parking or transporting the chair in a vehicle use the locking levers positioned above the wheels.

NEVER use the wheel locking levers to slow the chair.



Removal/replacement of the legrest assembly:

Press and hold the legrest removal tab whilst rotating and lifting the assembly. Replacing the assembly is a reversal of the above. Note that the upper part of the assembly will lock into place when fitted correctly.



Opening and Folding

To open

Rest both hands on each of the seat upholstery support rails and press down until the seat and back panels become tight. Attach the legrests and lower the footplates into the flat position.

DO NOT place your fingers under the seat tubes when opening or folding the chair.



Folding the backrest handles:

Press the arm locking tabs down to release the handles and allow them to swivel down behind the lower section of the backrest. To secure them in their upright position lift them upwards till the locking tabs click back into place.



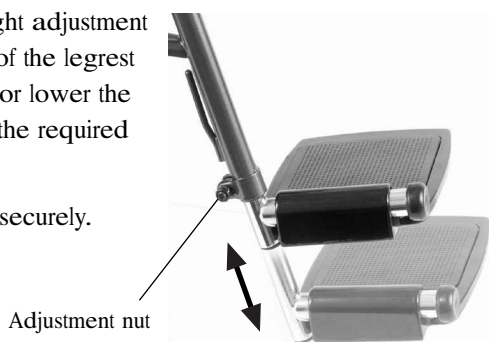
To fold

Raise the footplates and/or remove the legrests. Grip the two straps on the upper sides of the seat and lift the seat upwards. The chair will fold as you do so.

Footplate height adjustment:

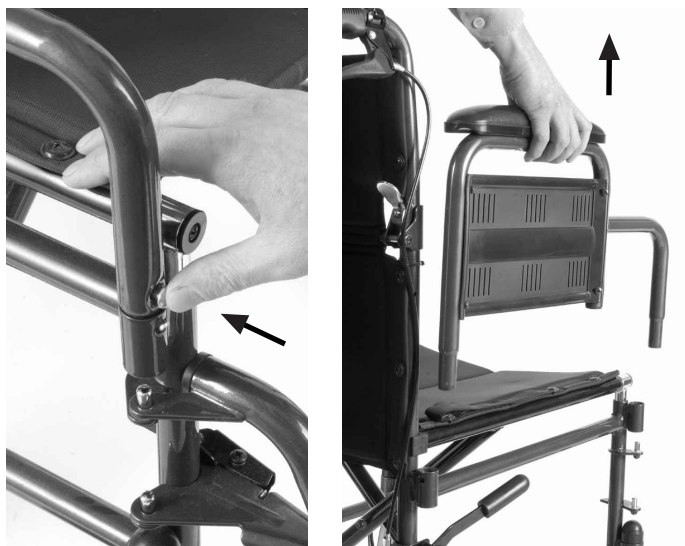
Slacken the height adjustment nuts at the side of the legrest tubes and raise or lower the tube to provide the required footplate height.

Tighten the nuts securely.



Removing the armrest assemblies:

Grip the padded armrest and press the pushbutton release on the front upright of the armrest assembly and lift it clear. Replacement is a reversal of the above procedure. Ensure that the pushbutton clicks back into place.



Tilting the chair:

The lower frame is fitted with twin extensions at the rear to facilitate tilting the chair backwards when negotiating pavements or other small obstacles.



Maintenance:

The frame and upholstery should be cleaned and inspected for damage on a regular basis.

Use a sponge and a small amount of mild detergent in water to clean the upholstery. Rinse off with clean water and allow to dry before use. For ingrained dirt use a soft brush to gently scrub the surface. **DO NOT** put the upholstery items in a washing machine or tumble drier.

Clean the frame with a mild cleaner and polish with an automotive wax. **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners or waxes.

Check list:

Regular maintenance checks of the wheelchair will help it to run efficiently and prolong its life.

Weekly and before use:

Check all tyres for wear.

Check that the cross brace's central screw is tight and in good condition.

Ensure all nuts and bolts are firmly attached.

Clean the upholstery as indicated above.

Wipe the metallic parts of the chair with a dry cloth or chrome/painted surface cleaners.

Yearly:

We recommend inspection by a qualified wheelchair engineer once a year. This inspection to cover:

- Seat and backrest for wear
- Arm pads
- Side panels
- Solid wheels and castors for excessive wear
- Tightness of front castor assembly (7nm - 5ft/lbs)
- Front bearing axle assembly (30nm - 22ft/lbs)
- Rear bearing assembly
- Rear bearing assembly bolt (30nm - 22ft/lbs)
- Handle folding mechanism (7nm - 5ft/lbs)
- Footrest locking position
- Wear on foot mats
- Parking and hand brake assembly
- Tip and brake lever rubbers
- Handgrips
- Cross member nylon washers and bolt (30nm - 22ft/lbs)

Specifications

Frame: Steel crossmembered frame.

Footrests: Swing-away, detachable with height adjustment.

Armrests: Removable.

Push handles: Fold-back type.

Front castors: 21 cms. (8.25 inches) solid tyre.

Main wheels: 30 cms. (12 inches) solid tyre

Spare parts are available from Promedics on request.

Accessories: Seat cushions.

Foam cushion

Order code: PR35157

Gel cushion

Order code: PR35000



Guarantee:

All components are guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship for one year from date of purchase.

Promedics will repair or replace parts as required, provided that an authorisation for such return has been supplied by a Promedics supplier and that the part or parts in question are returned within the period of guarantee.

Items not covered by the guarantee: General wear and tear, labour and carriage charges, misuse, accidental damage or improper servicing.

Promedics reserves the right to alter specifications without prior notice.

Note: All figures, measurements, and capacities are approximate.



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