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User Manual

Ultralight Rigid Wheelchair



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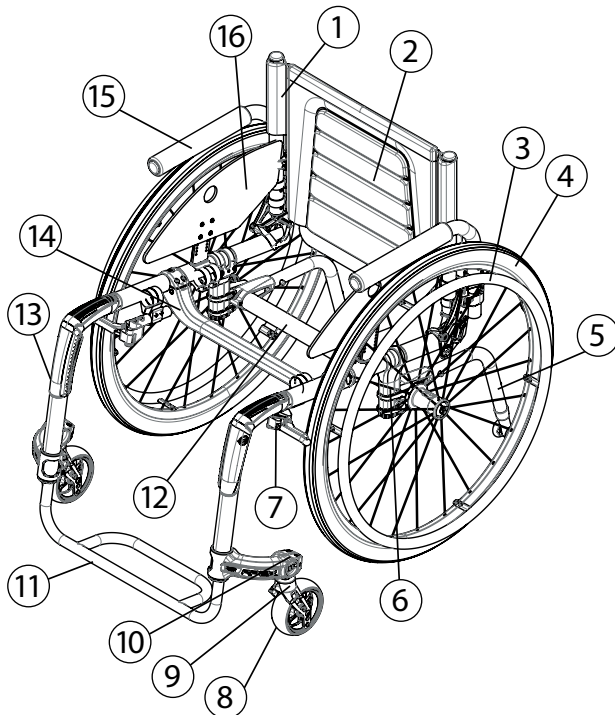
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3. Product Overview

Parts List

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- 2 Backrest
- 3 Handrim
- 4 Rear wheel
- 5 Anti tipper
- 6 Axle tube
- 7 Wheel lock
- 8 Caster
- 9 Fork
- 10 Caster mount
- 11 Footrest
- 12 Camber tube
- 13 Frame
- 14 Seat rigidizer
- 15 Armrest
- 16 Sideguard



WARNING - WHEELCHAIR SELECTION

Motion Composites manufactures different models of wheelchairs to meet the needs of the end users. However, Motion Composites is not a health care advisor, and we are not aware about the individual condition or needs of the wheelchair user. Therefore, the final selection of the particular model, how it is adjusted, the type of options and accessories, rest solely with the wheelchair user and the health care professional adviser. Choosing the best chair and setup for your safety depends on the following criteria:

1. Your disability, strength, balance and coordination;
2. The types of hazards you must overcome in daily use (where you live and work and other places you are likely to use your chair); and
3. Your need for options for your safety and comfort (such as anti-tippers, positioning belts or special seating systems). If you ignore this warning, you may endanger your health.



WARNING - TIE-DOWN RESTRAINTS

Motion Composites recommends that wheelchair users not be transported in vehicles of any kind while in wheelchairs.

Motion Composites recognise that the safest transit option for a wheelchair user is to transfer into an appropriate seat in the vehicle and use the restraints system made available by the auto industry. Motion Composites cannot, and does not, recommend any wheelchair transporting systems.



WARNING - SEATING RESTRAINTS

It is the obligation of your dealer and health care professionals who are advising you to determine if you require a seating restraint or positioning system in order to ensure that you can safely operate your wheelchair. Serious injury can occur in the event of a fall from a wheelchair.



The information contained in this document is subject to change without notice. The most recent documents, updates and the latest version of this Owner's Manual are available on www.motioncomposites.com.

4. Before use

4.1 General WARNING



Your APEX wheelchair has been designed by professionals with proper use high tech material in mind. **DO NOT TRY TO MODIFY THE FRAME BY ANY MEANS. THE FRAME MAY BE SEVERELY DAMAGED IN THE EVENT OF DRILLING AND GRINDING, THUS VOIDING THE WARRANTY.** Only use Motion Composites approved and designed clamps and accessories on your APEX wheelchair.

DO NOT use while under the influence of alcohol or medication or drugs. This may impair your ability to operate the wheelchair. Please consult your physician regarding the use of your medication. The wheelchair is not intended for visually impaired people. The user needs to be mentally and physically suitable to drive the wheelchair.



CAUTION
Extreme temperatures
Risk of hypothermia or burns on wheelchair parts. Some parts of the wheelchair can become extremely hot or cold due to extreme temperatures. Do not expose the product to any extreme temperatures (e.g. direct sunlight, sauna, extreme cold) in order to prevent injuries by contact with some parts of the wheelchair.

Environmental conditions
Do not expose the wheelchair to temperatures below -20°C or above 40°C.

4.1.1 Safety Inspections and Maintenance

It is important to keep your wheelchair in proper working condition.

1. **ALWAYS** inspect and maintain your Motion Composites wheelchair strictly in accordance with the instructions and charts in Chapter 10.4 General Maintenance and Chapter 13 Safety Inspection Checklist.
2. If you detect a problem in the course of your inspections or maintenance, **ALWAYS** have the chair serviced or repaired to correct the problem before using the chair.
3. **ALWAYS** have your wheelchair completely inspected and serviced by an authorized Motion Composite certified technician at least once a year.
4. **ALWAYS** perform your safety inspections and any maintenance or adjustments while the chair is unoccupied (unless this Manual expressly states otherwise).

4.1.2 Motor Vehicle Safety WARNING



WARNING: Identify whether your chair has been manufactured with the Transit Option installed.



If the wheelchair is **NOT** equipped with the Transit Option: The Motion Composites wheelchair is **NOT** designed to be used for seating in a motor vehicle, and the wheelchairs do **NOT** meet Federal Highway standards for motor vehicle seating.

NEVER sit in your chair while in any type of moving vehicle (bus, automobile, van, truck, boat, train, etc.). In an accident or sudden stop, you may be thrown from the chair. In an accident or sudden stop, a wheelchair seat belt will **NOT** prevent injuries and may, in fact, cause injuries.

ALWAYS transfer to an approved vehicle seat before the vehicle begins moving.

ALWAYS secure yourself in the approved vehicle seat using the proper seating restraints (in a motor vehicle, lap/shoulder belts; in a plane, lap belts, etc.).

NEVER transport your chair in the front seat of a vehicle. Movements of the vehicle may cause the chair to shift and interfere with the driver's ability to control the vehicle.

When transporting your chair in a moving vehicle, **ALWAYS** secure your chair so that it cannot roll or shift. In most cases, stowing it in the trunk is the safest alternative.

NEVER use any chair that has been involved in a motor vehicle accident. A wheelchair that has been involved in a motor vehicle accident may be damaged in ways that are not readily apparent and which could cause the chair to fail in use.

If you ignore these Warnings, you may fall, tip over or lose control of the wheelchair and seriously injure yourself or others or damage the wheelchair.



WARNING: The APEX wheelchair is available with a WC-19 Transit Tie-Down. This option is only offered as a factory-installed option. Please refer to the Transit Tie-Down Manual to operate the Transit Tie-Down Option safely.

4.1.3 Acclimating to your new wheelchair WARNING



Each wheelchair is a unique piece of medical equipment. Whether you are a new wheelchair user or have years of experience, you **MUST** take the time to acclimate to the wheelchair before you begin riding. Start slowly and take the time to learn the handling, maneuvering and ride characteristics of this chair.

4.1.4 Note to users:

The APEX wheelchair is a manually operated device intended to be used as a means of mobility for persons restricted to a sitting position. It is not indicated for the pediatric population. Carefully read the instructions in this manual before using or servicing your wheelchair. If you have any questions or difficulties understanding the following instructions, please contact a qualified technician; you may also wish to contact a Motion Composites technician by phone or email (see contact information on previous page).

4.1.5 Important Warning when using the stroller-handle and push handles.



The stroller-handle and push-handles are not designed to lift or pull the weight of user in the wheelchair. It's designed to push and guide the wheelchair user. Weight limit 265 lb - 120 kg. Lifting or pulling the weight of the user in the wheelchair could initiate the breakage of the push-handle and cause serious injuries.

4.1.6 Note to dealers & qualified technicians

Read this manual before servicing, repairing, operating or adjusting the wheelchair. If you have any questions or difficulties understanding the following instructions, please contact a qualified technician; you may also wish to contact a Motion Composites technician by phone or email (see contact information on previous page).



4.2 Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout this manual. Please familiarize yourself with their meaning.



The warning sign indicates important information to prevent injuries and property damage.



Useful information for the user

Other Warnings and important information



Initial setup of your APEX wheelchair must be done by a qualified technician.



The latest version of this manual can be found on our website at motioncomposites.com



Regular maintenance of your APEX will extend the life of the wheelchair. Take your wheelchair to a qualified technician every year for inspection and servicing.



Do not use air or electric tool, tightening should be done manually.

5. Tutorial

To find the latest tutorial or information or contact team at: <http://www.motioncomposites.com/en/team/>

6. Technical Specifications

6.1 Back Upholstery

All Upholstery are made with waterproof material that can be cleaned.

Seams are not waterproof.

The adjustable tension back upholstery is made of waterproof material.

Active-Mesh or Syntech Suede, found on slip-on or semi-tension adjustable back upholstery, can absorb moisture.

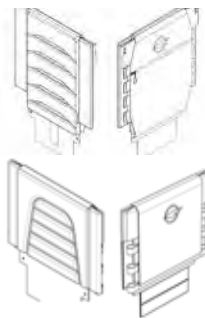
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Thickness: 10mm

Compression hardness: 0,231 - 0,258 kPa

Foam volume weight: 32,0 - 33,6 kg/m³

Cover material: Polyester and Nylon antimicrobial, antifungal, Cal-117 Flame resistant



6.1.1 Cushion

All cushions are made of waterproof material that can be cleaned.

Seams are not waterproof.

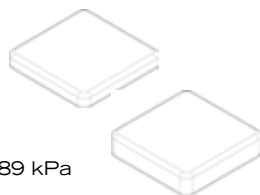
Padding: foam

Thickness: 2 "or 3" / 51 or 76mm

Compression hardness: 0.245 - 0.289 kPa

Foam density: 43.2 - 46.5 kg / m³

Cover Material: Antimicrobial and Antifungal Polyurethane, Fire Resistant Cal-117



6.1.2 Armrest pad

The armrest is made of waterproof material that can be cleaned.

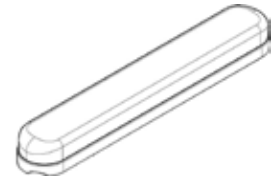
Padding: foam

Thickness: 26mm

Compression hardness: 0.95 - 0.510 kPa

Foam density: 69.2 - 71.5 kg / m³

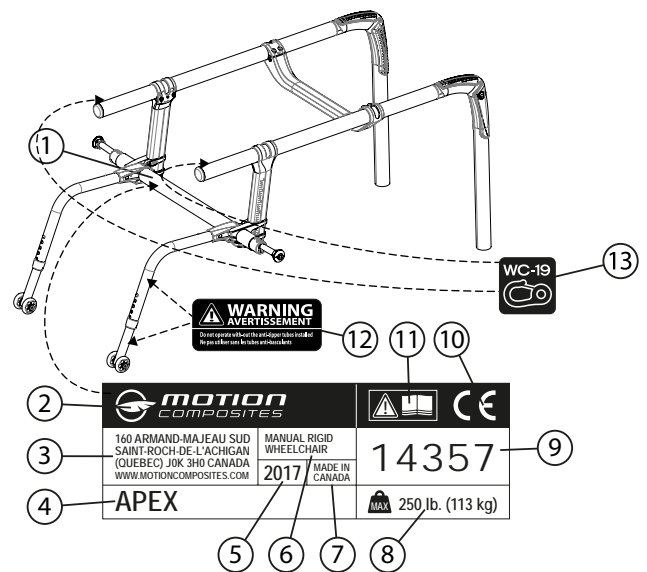
Cover Material: Vinyl



6.2 Label Locations

1. Location on the frame
2. Manufacturer Logo
3. Manufacturer name and address
4. Device name
5. Production year
6. Product description
7. Country of origin
8. Weight limit
9. Serial number and barcode
10. CE standard
11. Read the manual before use
12. Anit-tippers label
13. WC.19 label

Do not remove or alter any labels (Fig 1) on the wheelchair. If the label is damaged, replace it with a new one.



6.3 Structure

Model	Frame	Material	Transport Weight *	Lightest configuration **	STD Capacity	HD Capacity
APEX Carb	Molded Rigid	T 700 High-Modulus carbon fibre Urethane paint	9.7 lb - 4,4 kg	17.2 lb - 7,8 kg	265 lb - 120 kg	
Apex Alu	Triple butted tube Rigid	Aluminium - AluLite Anodized	10.6 lb - 4,8 kg	18.0 lb - 8,2 kg	265 lb - 120 kg	

* Without rear wheels, cushion, armrests, anti-tippers and wheel locks

** With Newton wheel locks, footplates, Newton Gravity rear wheels. Cushion, anti-tippers and armrests/side-guards not included. (17" 43 cm)

6.4 Dimension

Model	Width	Depth	Front seat-to-floor height	Rear seat-to-floor height
Apex Carbon/Alu	12 to 20" 30,5 to 50,8 cm	12 to 20" 30,5 to 50,8 cm	14" to 21" 35,6 cm to 53,3 cm	14" to 21" 35,6 cm to 53,3 cm

6.5 Adjustability

Model	Upholstery	Back height	Adjustable angle	Footrest	Camber
Apex	Tension adjustable, slide-on or bolt-on	9 to 21" 22,9 to 53,3 cm	80° to 101°	One piece	0°, 2°, 4°, 6°, 8°

7. Safety

7.1 Periodic Checklist

See related appendix (section 13).


7.2 Weight Limitation


The **APEX** wheelchair has a weight limit of 265 lb (120 kg). The specified weight capacity includes: both the rider and any luggage. A user with a 5kg backpack, for example, should not exceed a weight of 255 lb (115 kg). It is of utmost importance that the total weight is below the above specified capacity. The wheelchair is designed to support only one person. Please do not stand up on the footrests. Motion Composites is not responsible for any damages or injuries caused by the misuse of this wheelchair.


7.3 Weight Training and Sporting Activities

This wheelchair was not designed or tested as a weight training or stretching apparatus. Do not attempt to use this wheelchair for weight training or stretching exercises. The warranty shall be void if the wheelchair has been used for any weight training or stretching purposes.


This wheelchair is not intended to be used during sporting activities.


 **Should you make any adjustments, repairs or do any servicing, ensure that all fasteners are tightly secured before use.**

 **Exceeding the specified weight limit could damage the wheelchair and/or cause severe injuries.**

 **This wheelchair was designed to be tailored to the dimensions of its owner and as such should only be used by its owner unless a qualified specialist, approved by Motion Composites, has readjusted it.**

8. Riding your APEX

 Various adjustments of your wheelchair (seat height/ depth/system, back angle, rear & front wheels camber/ size/position, position of the front riggings) could affect the center of gravity. The adjustments should be performed by a professional and the wheelchair user should be aware that the stability could be affected by these adjustments.

 **DO NOT tilt the wheelchair or perform a wheelie without assistance.**
DO NOT stand on the wheelchair or part of the frame of the wheelchair.
DO NOT sit or transfer into the wheelchair unless it is fully open and the seat frame rails are fully seated into the receivers.
DO NOT use the footplate as a platform when getting in or out of the wheelchair or to reach for an object.

8.1.1 To reduce the risk of accident

We recommend that you review safe wheelchair use with your physician prior to using this equipment.

Take the time to read the instructions in this manual to ensure that you feel comfortable using the wheelchair without assistance.

Always be aware of hazards. Unless you are a skilled rider of this wheelchair and that you are sure you are not at risk to tip over, anti-tippers **SHOULD** be used with your wheelchair at all times.

Because anti-tippers are an option in some markets on this wheelchair, Motion Composites strongly recommends to order the anti-tippers as they are an important safeguard for the wheelchair user.

9. How to use your APEX

9.1 Folding & Unfolding

9.1.1 Folding the backrest

- Remove any sideguards, mudguards or armrest (if equipped)
- Pull the backrest release cable located behind the seat to unlock the backrest
- Fold the backrest until it locks in place in the closed position

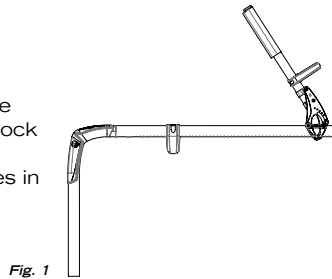


Fig. 1

9.1.2 Unfolding the backrest



When unfolding the wheelchair, be careful not to put your fingers between the pivot links. Make sure the wheelchair is fully opened before transferring or sitting.

- Pull the backrest release cable located behind the seat to unlock the backrest
- Unfold the backrest until locked in the open position

9.2 Wheel Locks



Never use wheel locks to stop wheelchair movement. **WHEEL LOCKS ARE NOT BRAKES.** Make sure the surface is not slippery as the wheelchair could move even though the wheel locks are engaged.



Ensure that the stem locks imbed at least 1/8" into the tire rubber when chair is in locked position. Tire must be inflated properly.



Ensure the wheelchair is stable and locked with wheel locks.

- To engage the locks, push wheel lock handle (Fig.2) forward (for push-to-lock type) or pull wheel lock backward (for pull-to-lock type) until the lock is fully engaged.
- To release the locks, pull wheel lock handle backward (for push-to-lock type) or push wheel lock handle forward (for pull-to-lock type) until the lock is fully disengaged.

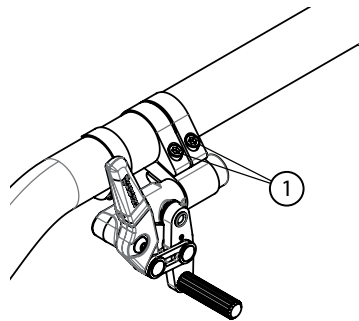


Fig. 2

9.3 Footrest

9.3.1 Adjusting the footrest height

- The Apex is equipped with a single footrest plate
- Make sure to remove any load on the footplate
- Loosen the bottom right and left stem-to-frame bolts
- Adjust the height of the footplate in the limits of + or - 1" range
- Tighten the screws to the specified torque
- Make sure the footplate is secure

9.4 Footplate or open loop

- When transferring, avoid putting weight on the footrest or open loop and be careful not to stand behind the footrest.
- Never use footplates or open loop to lift the wheelchair when occupied.
- Only use non-detachable parts to lift the wheelchair.

9.5 Armrests



Ensure that armrests are securely locked into arm sockets and armrest release buttons are locked into place prior to using the wheelchair.

- Never lift the wheelchair by holding the armrests.
- Use only non-detachable parts for lifting.

9.5.1 Flip-back armrest

The flip-back armrest is not available on the Apex use only the T-armrest on the Apex

9.5.2 Removable T armrests

- To remove the armrests:
- Pull lever (1) (Fig. 3) upwards to release the system.
 - Pull the armrest all the way up.

To reinstall the armrests:

- Bring the armrests downward until the slide (3) enters in the armrest receiver (4) and snaps into place.
- Make sure locking lever (2) is engaged to avoid any movement.

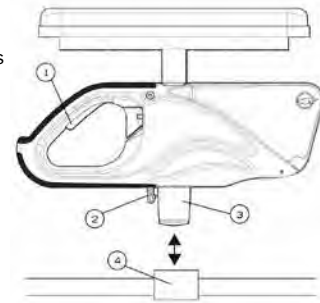


Fig. 3

9.5.3 Swing-Away Armrests

To remove the armrests from the wheelchair (Fig. 4):

- Lift them straight up to release the armrest.
- To reinstall the armrests, insert then back in the armrest receiver (1) until they set into place.

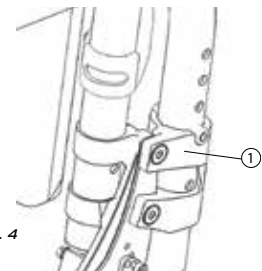


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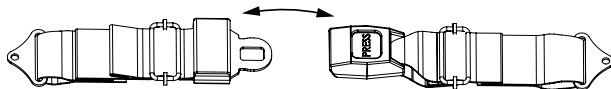


9.6 Seat belts

! Use positioning belts **ONLY** to help support the rider's posture. Improper use of these belts may cause severe injuries to the rider.

! Make sure the rider does not slide down in the wheelchair seat. If this occurs, the rider may suffer chest compression or suffocate due to pressure from the belts.

! Never use belts as a motor vehicle restraint.



- The seatbelt should be used at all times in accordance with instructions.
- There should be approximately one hand width of space between the seat belt and thigh; do not exceed this amount of space.
- Ensure that the seat belt is properly fastened as to avoid serious injuries.
- In case of emergency, ensure that seat belt can be easily unfastened.

9.6.1 Auto buckle and aircraft buckle seatbelts

- To fasten your seatbelt, insert the clip into the buckle until it snaps.
- Make sure the belt is securely fastened.
- To unfasten your seat belt, lift the flap on the aircraft buckle seatbelt or push the button on the auto buckle seatbelt.
- To adjust your seat belt, pull each strap towards the opposite side until you get the desired tension and keep the buckle centered.

9.6.2 Velcro Belt

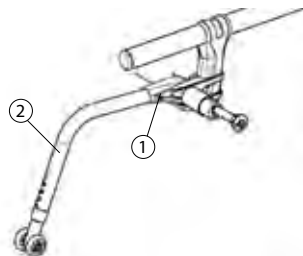
- To fasten your seatbelt, insert the long side of the seatbelt into the buckle on the other side.
- Apply pressure on the belt for a firm grip of the velcro.

9.7 Anti-Tippers

! **WARNING** Motion Composites strongly recommends the use of anti-tippers.

Anti-tippers (Fig. 5) were designed to prevent falls from the wheelchair.

Fig. 5



- To remove or rotate the anti-tippers up, push the release button (1) and pull out or rotate the anti-tippers (2).
- To replace the anti-tippers, press the release button and insert them into the frame until they snap into position.
- Highest Curb Clearance: 1 1/2" to 2", depending on configuration.
- Anti-tippers should not be used as a tipping-aid
- Always install both anti-tippers

9.8 Rear Wheels Axles

9.8.1 Quick-release axles

! **WARNING** Stainless quick-release axles are a standard wheelchair component. Other axle types are optional equipment. All quick-release axles are designed to make your rear wheels easy to remove quickly. However, if not used properly, they can be dangerous.

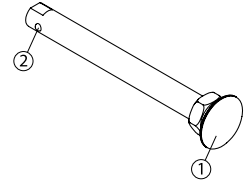


Fig. 6

! **NEVER** use your chair **UNLESS** you are sure that both rear axles are locked into place in the axle receiver. If an axle is not fully locked into place, the rear wheel may come off during use of the chair and cause you to fall. You can notice when the axle is locked into place because the quick-release button in the center of the axle will pop out fully. It is also a good idea to pull on the wheel to double-check that the axle is securely locked as a final precaution.

- To remove the rear wheels, push the button in the center of the wheel's hub (Fig. 6) and pull the wheels off (1).
- To reinstall the rear wheels on the wheelchair, push the button of the quick-release axles, insert the axle into the wheelchair axle bushing and release the button
- Always make sure that the quick release detent balls (2) extend beyond the axle bushing for a secure lock.

9.8.2 Fixed axles

- To remove the rear wheels: unscrew the bolt (1) (Fig. 7) located inside the wheelchair axle bushing and pull out the wheel.
- To reinstall the rear wheels on the wheelchair: insert the threaded axles (2) in the axle bushing.
- Tighten the bolt (1) and make sure that the wheel is still turning without any restrictions.

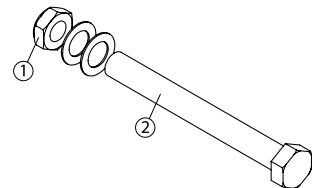


Fig. 7

9.9 Seat slings

- Seat slings are not intended to be used as a seating surface. Always use a cushion.
- Ensure that the sling is in good condition (e.g. no fraying, no wear and no tears).

9.10 Push Handles

Push handles are optional equipment on some Motion Composites wheelchairs. Push handles provide secure points for an attendant or assistant to hold the rear of the wheelchair to prevent a fall or tip-over. If you have an attendant or assistant, you should have push handles installed on your wheelchair by Motion Composites or a certified Motion Composites dealer.

Motion Composites offers push handles that are integrated to the back canes or bolt-on push handles. Motion Composites recommends that you **DO NOT** use non-Motion Composites bolt-on push handles because they could damage the backrest or the back canes of the Motion Composites wheelchair. Your attendant or assistant should regularly check the push handle grips to make sure they fit securely and will not rotate or slip off.

Push handles should **NEVER** be used to lift the wheelchair or pull the chair, especially when it is occupied, as they may detach.

ALWAYS lift or pull the wheelchair by grasping a non-detachable part of the frame (not the detachable handles, backrest, armrest or footrest).

If you fail to observe these warnings damage to the chair, a fall, tip-over or loss of control may occur and cause severe injury to the wheelchair user, the assistant or others people.

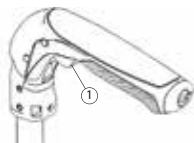
9.10.1 Fold-down push handles

Folding instructions

To fold or open push handle press on button (1) to engage the folding mechanism. (Fig 10.2)

NEVER use the fold-down push handles to lift the wheelchair or pull the chair, especially when it is occupied, as they may detach.

Weight limit 265 lb / 120 kg



9.10.2 Adjustable height push handles

Adjustment instructions

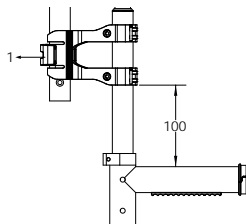
To adjust the height of the push handles pull on the lever (1) to open the clamp (Fig. 10.3).

Set the height and push the lever (1) to close the clamp.

NEVER use the adjustable height push handles to lift the wheelchair or pull the chair, especially when it is occupied, as they may detach.

Note: The position of the clamp on the back canes should not be changed. The distance between the clamp of the adjustable push handle and the clamp of the back canes should not exceed 100mm.

Weight limit 265 lb / 120 kg



10. Adjustments and maintenance of your APEX

10.1 Service

Refer to your dealer for service. A complete and updated list of service providers can be found on our website.

10.2 Replacement Parts

Ordering information:

Consult our website to download the parts manual and view ordering information.

Please contact us at:

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Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Quebec

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Phone: 1-866-650-6555

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support@motioncomposites.com

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10.3 Tools needed



The APEX was designed to be serviced with regular tools. All screws and bolts are standard and can be adjusted with a wrench, socket wrench, or Allen key. Do not use air or electric tool, tightening should be done manually.

The list of tools is at the end of this manual.

Some adjustments on the APEX are not possible due to the use of security screws. These adjustments can only be performed by Motion Composites.

10.4 General maintenance

10.4.1 Tire pressure

- Check tire pressure with a tire gauge.
- Verify recommended tire pressure, which is indicated on the tire.
- Inflate if pressure is below recommended amount as labelled on the sidewall.
- Do not inflate tire over recommended pressure, as stated on the tire.
- Over inflation could result in tire failure and injury.
- Under inflation could result in a flat tire.

Max pressure

		Max pressure
Pneumatic	1 3/8"	65 psi
Pneumatic High pressure	1 1/4 and 1 3/8"	110 psi
Pneumatic High pressure	1"	145 psi

10.4.1.1 Puncture

In the event of a puncture, consult an appropriate workshop (either a bike repair center or wheelchair repair center) to repair or replace the tube by a qualified person.



10.4.2 Cleaning your wheelchair

- Use a soft clean cloth with soap and water to clean your wheelchair.
- Rinse and dry the wheelchair adequately.
- **DO NOT** use solvent cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use a pressure cleaner.

Paint Finish and frame

- Clean the painted surfaces with mild soap at least once a month.
- Protect the paint with a coat of non-abrasive auto wax every three months.

Axles and Moving Parts

- Clean around axles and moving parts WEEKLY with a slightly damp cloth.
- Wipe off dust or dirt on axles or moving parts.

Upholstery:

- Hand-wash only (machine washing may damage fabric).
- Hang to dry only. **DO NOT** machine dry as heat will damage fabric.

10.4.3 Storing and shipping your wheelchair

When not in use, keep your chair in a clean, dry area. Failure to do so may result in your chair rusting and/or corroding. If your chair has been in storage for more than a few weeks you should make sure it is working properly. You should inspect and service, if necessary, all items in section 13 Safety Inspection Checklist.

If your chair has been in storage for more than two months, it should be inspected by a qualified technician.

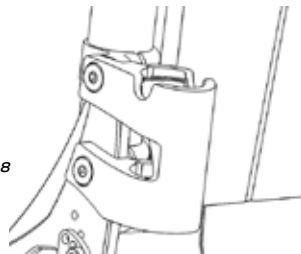
When shipping your wheelchair use a strong cardboard box to protect the wheelchair from any impact. Inspect the wheelchair once it's received.

10.5 Backrest

10.5.1 Removing/Installing the Back Canes

- The backrest rigidizer and the back canes should only be adjusted or modified by Motion Composite or authorized party.

Fig. 8



10.5.2 Adjusting the Back Angle

- Loosen screw (1) (Fig. 9) and remove screw (2) from the levelling device.
- Adjust to desired angle by sliding the mechanism.
- Reinstall screw (2) and tighten both screws to fit snugly.
- Settings: 3° increments from 80 to 101°

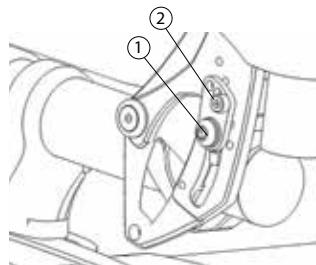


Fig. 9

10.5.3 Removing/Installing the seat belt

- Remove Screw (1) in order to remove the seat belt clamp (2) that is attached to the belt. (Fig. 10)
- Reinstall screw (1) directly on the frame clamp (3) (Fig. 11)
- Tighten screw (1) until it is properly tightened.
- Repeat the same steps on the other side

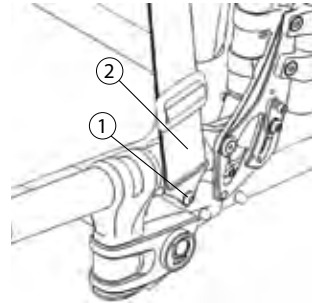


Fig. 10

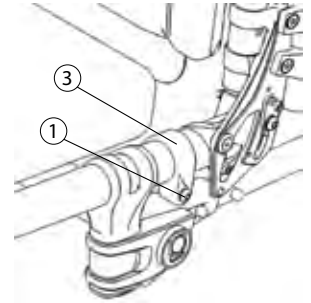
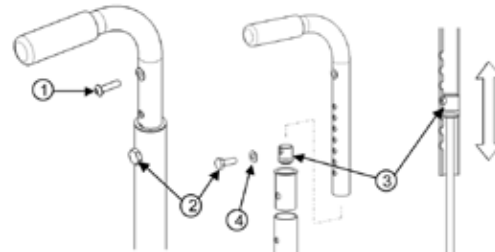


Fig. 11

10.5.4 Adjusting the Backrest Height

- Loosen the screw (1) (Fig. 12) that holds the back upholstery.
- Pull backrest upholstery down several centimeters in order to access screw (2) that holds the push handle.
- Remove screw (2) and the backrest handle.
- To adjust the backrest height, with the help of a threaded rod (1/4"-20), move the dowel nut (3), which is located inside the handle.
- Once this step is completed, use screw (2) to hold the dowel nut (3) while removing the threaded rod.
- Remove screw (2) and reinstall backrest handle.
- Align screw (2) with the mounting hole.
- Reinstall and tighten screw (2) and the washer.
- Repeat the same steps on the other side.
- Reinstall the backrest upholstery with screw (1) and tighten to fit snugly.

Fig. 12



10.5.5 Installing/Removing Standard Back Upholstery

- Remove screw (1) (Fig. 13) that holds the back upholstery.
- Pull backrest upholstery down several centimeters to gain access to screw (2), which holds the push handle.
- Remove screw (2) and then remove the backrest handle.
- Remove or install back upholstery.
- Once, the new back upholstery is installed, reinstall the handles by aligning them with the mounting holes.
- Reinstall and tighten screw (2) firmly.
- Install back upholstery at and fix it firmly with screw (1) on each back cane.

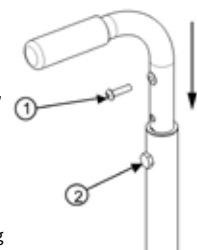


Fig. 13

10.5.6 Installing/Removing Adjustable Tension Back Upholstery

- To remove the adjustable Tension Back Upholstery, use the same steps as the standard back upholstery. Lift the back cover to have access to the 2 bolts to remove the upholstery.
- To adjust the tension, first lift the back-cover flap to expose the horizontal straps (a). Release the Velcro straps, then adjust each strap individually using the Velcro or the buckle tension adjustment system to the desired tension.

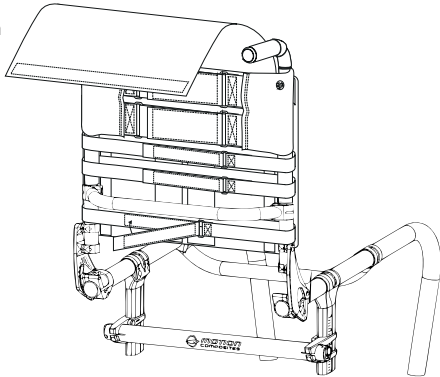


Fig. 14

! ATTENTION - AVOID over-tightening of the strap assembly as this may cause damage to the integrity of the back canes. Lastly, fold down the back-cover flap over the horizontal adjustment straps to complete your adjustment.

10.6 Armrest

10.6.1 Installing Flip-back Armrests

- The flip-back arm rest is not compatible on the Apex

10.6.2 Adjusting the height of the T armrests

- Flip lever (1) left or right to unlock the armrest (Fig. 15).
- To adjust height, slide the upper part of the armrest into the lower part.
- Adjust the structure (2) at the desired height.
- Flip the lever back to the closed position.
- Make sure the armrest clicks in place for complete securement.

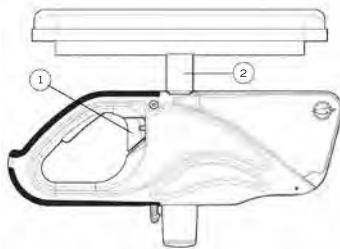


Fig. 15

10.6.3 Installing removable T-armrests and rigid sideguard

- Install armrest receiver (1) (Fig. 16) on the upper tube of the frame at a distance of 160mm (6 1/4") from the rear tube of the frame.
- Slightly tighten screws (2) to allow the clamp to rotate.
- Insert armrest or sideguard into receiver (1).
- Rotate receiver (1) until the sideguard is perpendicular to the seat.
- Tighten screws (2) firmly.

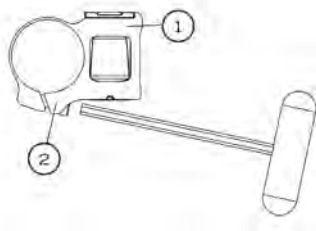
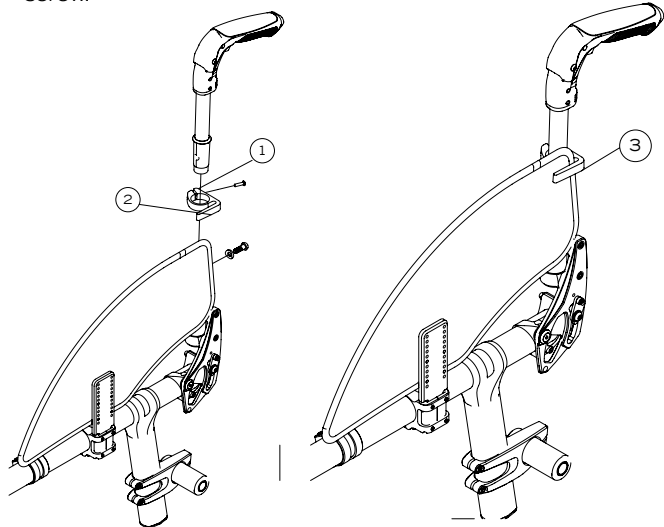


Fig. 16

10.6.3.1 Installing the sideguard clamps

- Open the clamp (1) to install it around the back cane so that the finger (2) is parallel to the rear wheels.
- Be sure to place the clamp as high as possible without exceeding the clothes guard (3), making sure that it is inserted as far into the finger as possible.
- Once in place, secure the clamp by firmly tightening the screw.



10.6.4 Replacing Armrest Pad

- Remove screws (1) (Fig. 17) located under pad (through the tube).
- Replace with new armrest pad.
- Reinstall screws (1) and tighten firmly.

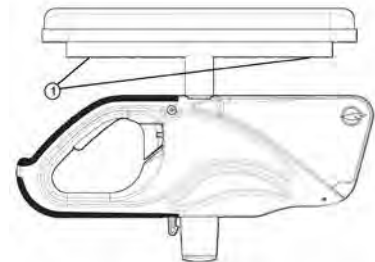


Fig. 17

10.6.5 Installing the Swing-away Armrest receiver

- Remove the two bolts (fig 18)
- Align the armrest receiver with the mounting holes of the frame
- Install the new shoulder bolts in replacement of the existing bolts and tighten firmly

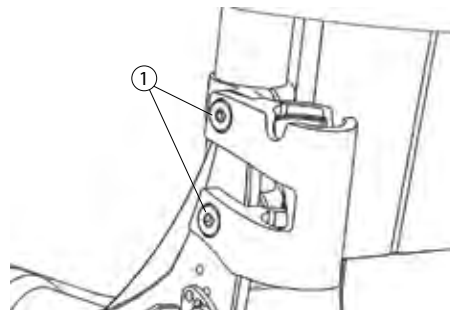


Fig. 18



10.6.6 Adjusting Swing-away Armrest height

- Pull the armrest out of the receiver (1) (Fig. 19a).
- Remove screws (2) (Fig. 19b).
- Inside the armrest tube, slide the dowel nut with a long flat screwdriver at the desired height (3)
- Reinstall screws (2).
- Reinsert armrest in receiver.

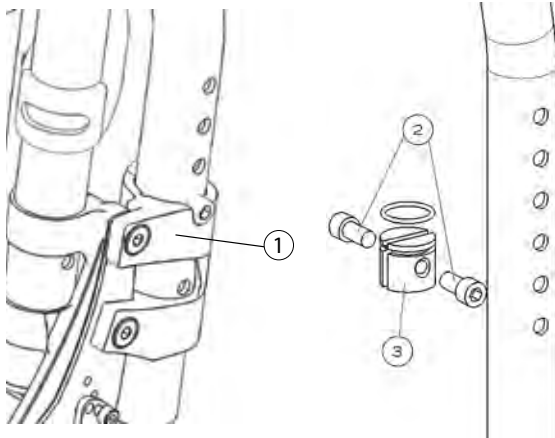


Fig. 19a

Fig. 19b

10.7 Footrest length / Footplate angle

10.7.1 Adjusting Footrest length

- Loosen bottom 5mm Hex screws (1) on the right and left caster mount clamps (Fig. 19c)
- Slide the extension tube inside the front rigging at the desired length, within the limits
- Tighten the screws (1) firmly.

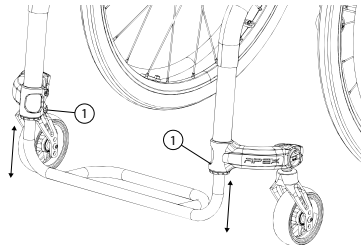


Fig. 19c

10.7.2 Adjusting Footplate angle

- Loosen screws (1) (Fig. 19d).
- Rotate the footplate at the desired angle.
- Tighten screws (1) firmly

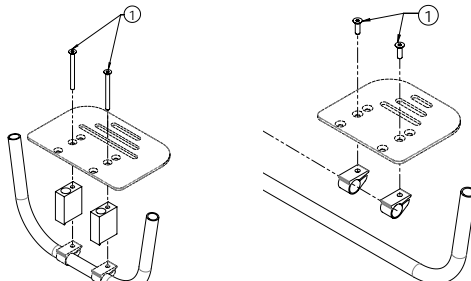
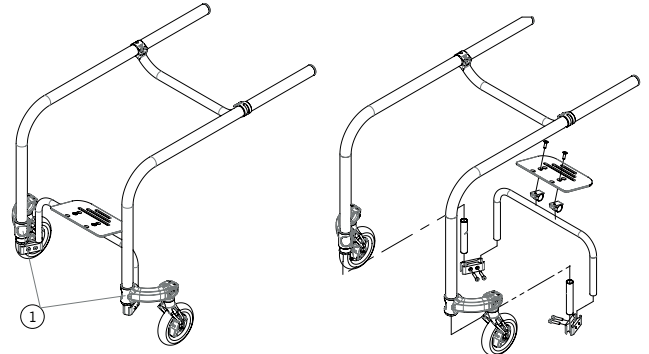


Fig. 19d

10.7.3 Setting the high mount footrest

- To raise or lower the high mount footrest
- Loosen the bottom screws (1) on the stem (NEVER LOOSEN THE UPPER SCREWS, WHICH ARE SECURED SCREWS)
- Raise or lower the footrest rods to the desired position. Note that you have 25 mm of potential adjustment, up or down. Do not exceed the 25 mm to retain minimal insertion.
- Firmly tighten the screws at 12 Nm of torque on the stem



10.8 Seat

10.8.1 Replacing Seat Upholstery

- Remove current upholstery (Velcro)
- Install new upholstery
- Adjust tension with Velcro Straps

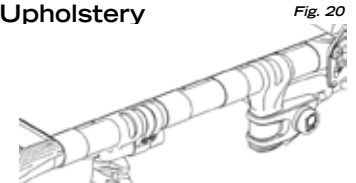


Fig. 20

10.9 Seat-to-floor height

Any modification to the seat-to-floor height involves adjustment of anti-tippers, front caster angle, and rear wheel toe-in/toe-out if equipped with 2°, 4°, 6° or 8° camber. It is important to do these adjustments before using the wheelchair as to reduce risk of injuries.

10.9.1 Changing the Front Seat-to-Floor Height

To change the front seat-to-floor height, you can do one of the following:

- Install the front caster in a different hole on the fork
- Install different caster size.
- Install different stem bolt (+0", +1", +2")

10.9.2 Changing Rear Seat-to-Floor Height

To change the rear seat-to-floor height, you do one of the following:

- Adjust the height of the rear camber tube clamps (both)
- Install different sized rear wheels.

10.9.3 Changing Front & Rear Seat-to-Floor Height

To change the front and rear seat-to-floor height simultaneously, you can:

- Use another seat cushion with a different thickness.

10.10 Front casters, forks and fork stem support assemblies

10.10.1 Removing / Installing / Repositioning the front wheel

- Loosen and unscrew (1) (Fig.21).
- Slide out the fork wheel axle
- Remove, install or reposition the front caster.
- Tighten screw (1) firmly.

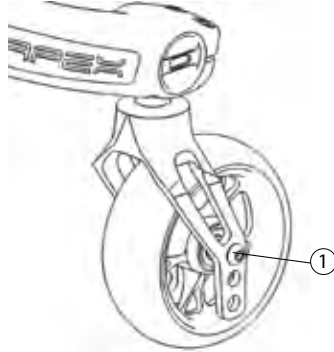


Fig. 21

10.10.2 Removing/Installing the caster mount

- **DO NOT** remove security screws.
- The caster mount is only installed and adjusted at Motion Composites.

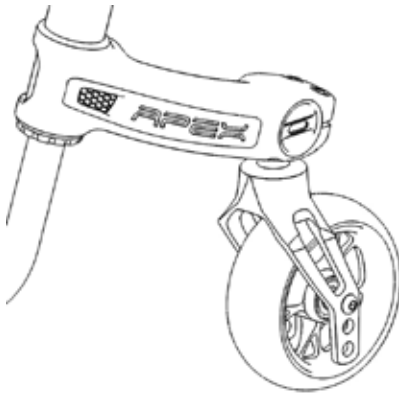


Fig. 22

10.10.3 Adjusting the caster housing angle

- All four wheels should be touching the floor.
- Use the integrated level on the fork housing.
- If the caster housing is not level, loosen the screws (1) (Fig 22a)
- Rotate the caster housing to adjust the angle until the bubble is centered in the level.
- Tighten screws (1). This will hold the caster housing position.
- Check again the integrated level to make sure that the caster housing is perpendicular to the ground.

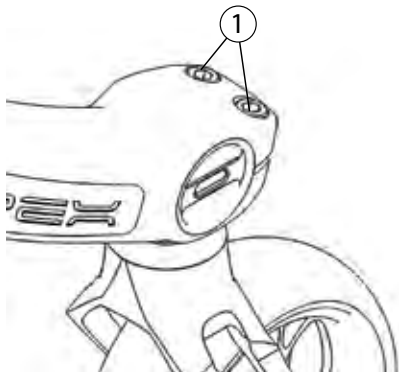


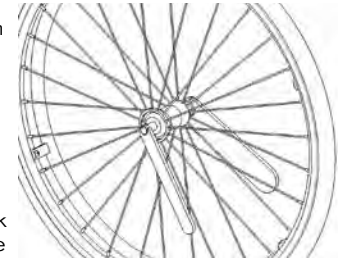
Fig. 22a

10.11 Rear wheels

10.11.1 Adjusting Quick-Release Axles

Fig. 23

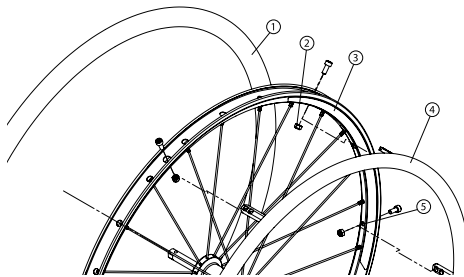
- Remove the rear wheel from the wheelchair.
- Behind the quick release button, there is a nut that adjust the length of the axle.
- Hold the axle with a wrench at the other end (near the detent balls) (Fig. 23) and turn the nut behind the quick release button to change the length of the axle.
- Reinstall the quick release into the axle bushing on the wheelchair
- Quick release detent balls should extend beyond the axle bushing for a secure lock.



10.11.2 Replacing/Adjusting hand rims

- Use a plastic tire removal tool to take off the tire (1) (Fig. 24).
- Remove all nuts (2) inside the rim (3).
- Replace the handrim (4) with a new one and align the mounting holes (5).
- Reinstall and tighten the nuts firmly.
- Reinstall the tire on the rim.

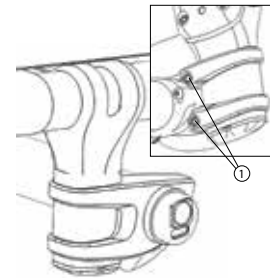
Fig. 24



10.11.3 Adjusting the rear axle height

Fig. 25

- Loosen the screws (1) on both rear camber tube clamp (left and right)
- Move the rear camber tube along the rear camber tube support
- Tighten the screws on both rear camber tube clamp (left and right)



The seat height, seat depth, back angle, seating system/ upholstery, size/position of the rear wheels, size/position of the front casters, as well as the user condition directly relate to the stability of the wheelchair. Any change to one or any combination of the nine may cause the wheelchair to decrease in stability. These adjustments must be performed by a qualified technician. Seat-to-floor heights have specific positions depending on rear wheel size, rear wheel position, front caster size/ position and seat-to-floor angle. These adjustments **MUST** be performed by a qualified technician



10.11.4 Adjusting rear wheel spacing

- Loosen the screws (1) on below the rear camber tube clamp (left and right)
- Move axle bushing in or out of the rear camber tube. Never move the bushing further then indicated on top of the bushing.
- Tighten the screws on both rear camber tube clamp (left and right)

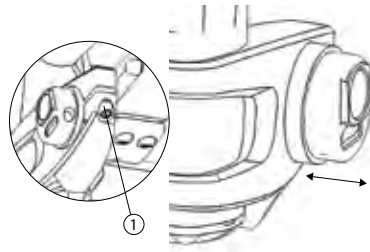


Fig. 26

10.11.4.1 Changing rear camber

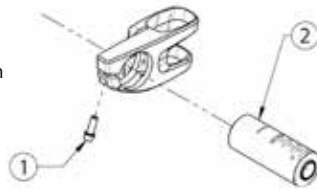
Loosen the screw (1) fig 26.1 below the rear camber tube clamp (left and right)

Change or replace both axle bushings (2) fig 26.1 (0, 2, 4 or 6° angle)

Never install the bushing further then indicated on top of the bushing.

Adjust the toe-in toe-out of the rear wheels (see section 10.11.5)

Tighten the screws on both rear camber tube clamp (left and right)



10.11.5 Adjusting the toe-in/toe-out with rear wheel camber.

- Remove the rear wheel.
- Maintain the wheelchair on a horizontal plane with the support of the three other wheels.
- Loosen screw of the rear camber tube clamp (1) (Fig. 27) while keeping a bit of tension.
- Rotate the axle bushing (3) so that the flat spot is perpendicular to the ground.
- Tighten the screw of the rear camber tube clamp (1).

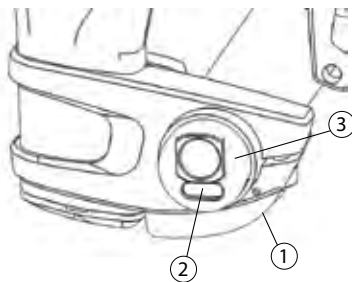


Fig. 27

10.11.6 Adjusting the centre of Gravity

Remove the rear wheel.

Loosen the 2 bolts (1) of the wheel mounting tube on each side of the wheelchair

Move the wheel mounting tube to the desired position

Tighten the 2 bolts (1) alternatively up to 10-12 Nm



10.12 Wheel Locks

10.12.1 Replacing/Adjusting the Wheel Lock

- Loosen screws (1) (Fig. 28).
- Slide the lock to the desired position.
- Tighten screws (1) to a snug fit. Final tightening should be done manually.
- Once engaged, the lock should embed 3 mm into the tire.

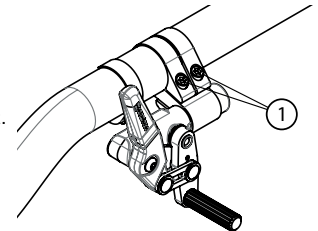


Fig. 28

10.13 Lock Extensions

10.13.1 Replacing/Adjusting the wheel lock extensions

- Loosen screw (1) (Fig. 28.1).
- Align eyelet with the mounting hole.
- Re-tighten screw (1) on the lock lever.

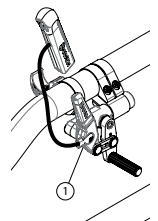


Fig. 28.1

10.14 Anti-tippers

10.14.1 Adjusting the Height of the Anti-tippers

Anti-tippers MUST be used with your wheelchair at all times. Because anti-tippers are an option in some markets on this wheelchair, Motion Composites strongly recommends to order the anti-tippers as they are an important safeguard for the wheelchair user. Always use anti-tippers.

The anti-tippers should be between 1½ and 2¾ inches (40 to 70 mm) off the ground. Improper spacing may result in wheelchair hang ups over obstacles or not preventing the wheelchair from tipping.

- Press the push-button (1) (Fig. 29) and slide anti-tippers extensions to desired length.
- Ensure the button snaps back into place.

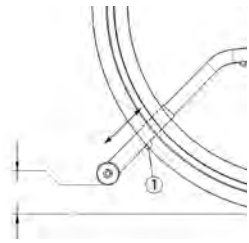


Fig. 29a

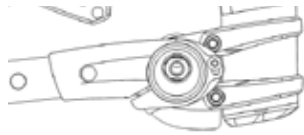


Fig. 29b

i If you are unable to adjust the anti-tippers to the proper height, contact your Motion Composites dealer to replace your anti-tipper for another size.

10.15. Headrest Kit and Headrest Support

10.15.1 Installing a headrest support

- Cut the end of the push-handle with a knife in order to be able to see the inside of the push handle.
- Insert a 1/4"-20 grip nut (1) (Fig. 30) with the grip nut insertion tool (2) inside the handle (40 mm).
- Install fastening device of the headrest support by tightening it in the 1/4"-20 roll pin.

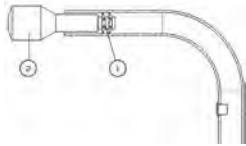


Fig. 30

10.15.2 Installing Headrest Kit

- Once the headrest support is installed, insert the adjustable headrest into the horizontal receiver.
- Install headrest on the ball pivot and tighten the three screws (1) (Fig. 31).
- Once the adjustment is completed, firmly tighten all parts.

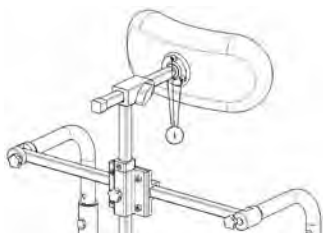


Fig. 31

10.16 Amputee Axle Plate

10.16.1 Installing an amputee axle plate

- Amputee axle plate is not compatible on the Apex

10.17 Using a paratransit service



To reduce risk of injuries, Motion Composites recommend that wheelchair users should not be transported in any kind of vehicles while sitting in a wheelchair.

Motion Composites recognize that the safest transit option for a wheelchair user is to transfer into an appropriate seat in the vehicle and use the seat belts made available by the auto industry. Motion Composites cannot, and does not, recommend any wheelchair transporting systems.

The standard wheelchair seatbelt should never be used as a safety seat belt when sitting in a paratransit vehicle.

Transit regulation may vary in different legislation, states, provinces and countries. Only use a transit tie-down system that is approved in your legislation.

To avoid risk of injuries, remove all objects or accessories from the wheelchair and store them securely in the paratransit vehicle.



WARNING:
Identify whether your chair has been manufactured with the Transit Option installed.

If your chair is NOT equipped with the Transit Option:

1. **NEVER** let anyone sit in this chair while in a moving vehicle.
 - a. **ALWAYS** move the user to an approved vehicle seat.
 - b. **ALWAYS** secure the user with proper motor vehicle restraints.
2. In an accident or sudden stop the user may be thrown from the chair. Wheelchair seat belts will not prevent this, and further injury may result from the belts or straps.
3. **NEVER** transport this wheelchair in the front seat of a vehicle. It may shift and interfere with the driver.
4. **ALWAYS** secure this chair so that it cannot roll or shift.
5. **DO NOT** use any chair that has been involved in a motor vehicle accident.

If you fail to heed these warnings damage to your chair, a fall, tip-over or loss of control may occur and cause severe injury to the rider or others



WARNING:
If the wheelchair is equipped with Motion Composites WC-19 Transit Tie-Downs, you must read the Transit Tie-Downs user guide at the end of this manual.

Tools

Allen key:

2 mm
2,5 mm
3 mm
4 mm
5 mm

Keys:

10 mm
11 mm
1/2" (13 mm)

For Quick Release:

7/16" (11 mm)
3/4" (19 mm)
Adjustable wrench

Other:

Wrench
Phillips screwdriver

13. Safety Inspection Checklist

At every use

Make sure wheelchair rolls easily and straight.

Check for vibrations, noise or any deviation from normal functioning.

Ensure wheel locks are working properly.

Ensure that front stem is perpendicular to floor.

Ensure wheel quick release are engaged and locked properly.

Visually inspect tires (front & rear) for debris, low pressure, flat spots or wear.

Make sure anti-tipper tubes are locked in place (if equipped).

Visually inspect fabric for protruding metal, rips or tears.

Ensure that hand grips are not loose (if equipped).

Check hand rims for rough edges and make sure they are free from grease or other contaminants.

Checks for component interference.

Check for irregular noise and rattles.

Weekly

Check tire pressure with a tire gauge

Check seat upholstery tension - It should be straight when the wheelchair is open and set in position.

Monthly

Check wheel alignment.

Check for free running of fork bearings.

Inspect bolts and screws and tighten if necessary

Yearly

Have a complete inspection performed by a qualified technician.



Tire pressure could be adjusted by the owner or an assistant with the proper tools. If any part appears not to work properly after inspection, the wheelchair should be immediately sent for repair to a qualified technician.



Disposal and Recycling the wheelchair
In the case of disposal, return the device to your dealer or rehabilitation center.
All components of the product should be disposed and recycled in accordance with national environmental laws and standards

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Name and Address of Product Owner

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Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Quebec
J0K 3H0 Canada
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support@motioncomposites.com
www.motioncomposites.com

Authorized representative

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Tower Business Centre, 2nd Flr.
Tower Street, Swatar, BKR 4013, Malta

We hereby declare that the below mentioned devices have been classified according to the classification rules and conform to the Essential Principles of Safety and Performance as laid out in the Health Products (Medical Devices) Regulations 93/42/CEE.

Medical Device(s):

APEX manual wheelchair

Manufacturing site:

Motion Composites Inc.
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Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Quebec
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Risk classification:

Class 1 Medical Device (per 93/42/CEE).

Standards applied:

- **NF EN ISO 7176-1:**
Wheelchairs, part 1: Determination of static ability.
- **NF EN ISO 7176-5:**
Wheelchairs, part 5: Determination of dimensions, mass and maneuvering space.
- **NF EN ISO 7176-8:**
Wheelchairs, part 8: Requirements and test methods for static, impact and fatigue strengths.
- **NF EN ISO 7176-11:**
Wheelchairs, part 11: Test Dummies.
- **NF EN ISO 7176-15:**
Wheelchairs, part 15: Requirements for information disclosure, documentation and labeling.

This declaration of conformity is valid from 2015/10/28.



WC-19 Transit Tie-Downs



WARNING

Read all these pages before using the Motion Composites wheelchair Transit Tie-Downs

- Use proper equipment/use only as instructed
- Use only Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) seating and restraint systems
- Use appropriate tie down systems and use them properly
- Avoid using improper equipment/secure other equipment

The following information relates to the Motion Composites wheelchairs equipped with a factory installed WC-19 transit tie downs. Read this information completely before use in a motor vehicle. If you have any questions about this information or about using your wheelchair as a seat in a motor vehicle, contact your authorized Motion Composites rehab specialist.

AVOID USING IMPROPER EQUIPMENT/SECURE OTHER EQUIPMENT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Motion composites wheelchairs are available with a WC-19 Transit Tie-Down. This option is only offered as a factory-installed option.

The Transit Tie-Down option has been crash-tested in accordance and complies with RESNA WC-4:2012, Section 19 ("WC19") and ISO 7176-19:2008 ("ISO 7176-19"), for frontal impact Test, with a 169.4-lb. (77 kg) surrogate occupant corresponding to a user weight range of 115-210 lb (52.16-95.25 kg). The Motion Composites Transit Tie-Down Package conforms to these standards for the purpose of enabling wheelchairs to be secured in certain types of motor vehicles. The WC-19 Transit Tie-Down option consists of four factory-installed Tie-Down Brackets, a factory-installed Pelvic Belt with 2 Mounting Brackets on a standard frame. It is approved for OCCUPIED transit use.

Therefore, there are several important considerations that users of Motion Composites Transit Option must keep in mind. First, ISO 7176-19 only tests for wheelchair performance where the wheelchair, secured in the forward-facing position, is involved in a frontal impact collision at 30 mph (48 kph). It does not test for wheelchair performance in any other type of collision, including, without limitation, side impacts, rear impacts, rollovers or higher speed frontal impacts. Second, compliance with ISO 7176-19 does not guarantee that the occupant will not be injured, even in a frontal impact collision at 30 mph (48 kph) or less. In such an impact, the forces experienced are very severe and injuries can be sustained even if the wheelchair performs exactly as required by the standard.

Accordingly, ISO 7176-19 and ANSI/ RESNA WC/19 include numerous warnings to the effect that "wheelchair users should transfer to the vehicle seat and use the vehicle-installed restraint system whenever it is feasible."

A Motion Composites wheelchair transport option, for an UNOCCUPIED wheelchair, is also available as an aftermarket, field installation option for the Helio C2, HELIO A7, Helio XC2, Helio Kids, Veloce, and Move. This Wheelchair UNOCCUPIED Transport Option has NOT been crash-tested in accordance with either WC19 or ISO 7176-19. The Wheelchair Transport Option only includes four Tie-Down Brackets. It is only approved for transportation of an UNOCCUPIED wheelchair.

To determine whether your Motion Composites wheelchair is equipped with the WC-19 Transit Tie-Down Option or the Wheelchair Transport Option, see Fig. 1 (page 7).

You should contact Motion Composites Customer Service, with any questions you may have about using this wheelchair for seating in a motor vehicle, at 1-866-650-6555.

DO NOT modify your wheelchair in any way by a non-authorized Motion Composites center. DO NOT make alterations or substitutions to the wheelchair structural parts or frame components without consulting Motion Composites.

2. LABELING

Read label



READ

Read and follow the information in the owner's manual and all supplemental information provided with the wheelchair before initial operation.

WC-19 Label



WC-19

Indicates that tested and approved wheelchair, with similarly labeled tested and approved seating system, conforms to ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 4, Section 19/ISO 7176-19 for transport of an occupied wheelchair in a motor vehicle.

Securement Label



SECUREMENT

Indicates wheelchair securement points which conform to ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 4, Section 19/ISO 7176-19.

Warning Label



WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous condition/situation. Failure to follow designated procedures can cause either personal injury, component damage, or malfunction. On the product, this icon is represented as a black symbol on a yellow triangle with a black border.

Mandatory Label



MANDATORY

These actions should be performed as specified. Failure to perform mandatory actions can cause personal injury and/or equipment damage. On the product, this icon is represented as a white symbol on a blue dot with a white border.

Prohibited Label



PROHIBITED

These actions are prohibited. These actions should not be performed at any time or in any circumstances. Performing a prohibited action can cause personal injury and/or equipment damage. On the product, this icon is represented as a black symbol with a red circle and red slash.

Important Label



IMPORTANT

Indicates important information to remember when using this product.

3. DEFINITION

ANSI/RESNA: American National Standards Institute/ Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America

ISO: International Standards Organization

Transit Tie-Downs Package: Equipment installed on the wheelchair which allows the wheelchair to be anchored in a motor vehicle. The Motion Composites transit tie-down equipment consists of tie-down anchor points and a pelvic belt.

Wheelchair Tie-down and Occupant Restraint System (WTORS): Equipment installed in a motor vehicle which allows a wheelchair and/or a wheelchair-seated occupant to be anchored in the motor vehicle for limiting occupant movement in a motor vehicle crash. The equipment consists of a system or device for securing the wheelchair and a belt-type restraint system.

Securement Points: Specific structural points on the wheelchair base or seat frame that are designed for attachment of a WTORS. These securement points are indicated by anchor symbols.

4. PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

The wheelchair user should transfer into the vehicle seat and use the vehicle installed restraint system if and whenever feasible. The wheelchair should then be stored and secured in the vehicle.

If it is found necessary at the user's discretion to secure a wheelchair to a vehicle, the vehicle must be equipped with a Wheelchair Tie-down and Occupant Restraint System (WTORS) that has been installed in accordance with the tie-down manufacturer's instructions, and is compliant with ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 4, Section 19/ISO 7176-19 standards, and the wheelchair must have a transit securement package conforming to the ANSI/RESNA WC/ Vol. 4, Section 19/ISO 717619 standards. It is essential to use a complete WTORS to secure the wheelchair to the vehicle and to provide the wheelchair occupant with a properly designed and tested safety restraint system. A restraint system with both pelvic and upper torso belts must be used to protect the wheelchair occupant and minimize the likelihood of injury caused by contact with the vehicle during a crash or sudden braking.



5. USER SAFETY INFORMATION

This Chapter contains detailed information regarding the exact configuration of the Motion Composites wheelchairs that were subjected to the frontal impact and other tests required by ISO 7176-19. The results of that testing apply only to the configuration of the wheelchair as tested and described herein. Therefore, if you order your wheelchair differently, such as with a seating system manufactured by someone other than Motion Composites, you are hereby advised that the wheelchair was not tested in such different configuration and should not be considered “transit approved” by Motion Composites. Because Motion Composites has not tested the chair with such different configurations, Motion Composites has no knowledge of how the product would perform in such configuration. Therefore, Motion Composites makes no claims or warranties about the wheelchair’s performance in any configuration other than the configuration described herein. Motion Composites has not authorized any person to make any such claims or warranties on its behalf.

6. WARNINGS



WARNING

You should contact Motion Composites Customer Service, with any questions you may have about using this wheelchair for seating in a motor vehicle, at 1-866-650-6555 .



WARNING

This Chapter contains detailed information regarding the exact configuration of the wheelchair that was subjected to the frontal impact and other tests required by ISO 7176-19. See “Motion Composites Wheelchair Test Configuration” Section 11. The test results apply only to the configuration of the wheelchair as tested and described herein. Therefore, if you order your chair differently, such as with a seating system manufactured by someone other than Motion Composites, you are hereby advised that the wheelchair was not tested in such different configuration and should not be considered “transit approved” by Motion Composites. Because Motion Composites has not tested the chair with such different configurations, Motion Composites has no knowledge of how the product would perform in such configuration. Therefore, Motion Composites makes no claims or warranties about the wheelchair’s performance in any configuration other than the configuration described herein. Motion Composites has not authorized any person to make any such claims or warranties on Motion Composites’ behalf.



WARNING

The wheelchair equipped with Motion Composites Transit Tie Down Option has been dynamically tested in a forward-facing orientation for a 30 mph (48-km/h) frontal impact with varying weights, as set forth in the “Motion Composites Wheelchair Test Configuration” Section 11. The wheelchair equipped with Motion Composites Transit Tie Down Option has met the performance requirements for traveling forward-facing in frontal impact conditions, and it should be used ONLY for forward-facing seating in motor vehicles. Its use in other orientations (e.g., rearward-facing or sideways-facing) has not been tested, and it should NOT be used in such other orientations.



WARNING

Do not ride this wheelchair in a motor vehicle if your weight, together with the weight of all items attached to the wheelchair (such as backpacks, seat pouches, etc.) is more than 265 lb (120 kg).



WARNING

Alterations or substitutions should NOT be made to the wheelchair securement points or to structural or frame parts or components. The Motion Composites wheelchairs were tested in the configurations with the components specified in the “Motion Composites Wheelchair Test Configuration” Section 11. Any significant modification or substitution to the wheelchair’s components or seating could significantly alter the chair’s performance during an impact.



WARNING

Motion Composites expressly disclaims that use of its Transit Option on a Motion Composites wheelchair will prevent the wheelchair user from injury or death in the event of a motor vehicle accident.



WARNING

A sudden stop and/or collision may structurally damage your wheelchair. Such damage may not be visible. IMMEDIATELY STOP using any wheelchair that is or was involved in any such incident. Because the structural damage may not be visible, you MUST replace any wheelchair that is or was involved in any such incident.



WARNING

Whenever feasible, wheelchair users should transfer into the vehicle seat and use the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) vehicle-installed restraint system and the unoccupied wheelchair should be stored in a cargo area or secured in the vehicle during travel.

USE APPROPRIATE TIE DOWN SYSTEMS AND USE THEM PROPERLY

**WARNING**

Our Motion Composites wheelchair **MUST** be used with Wheelchair Tie Down and Occupant Restraint Systems (WTORS) that meet the requirements of the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) J2249 Recommended Practice – Wheelchair Tie Down and Occupant Restraint Systems for Use in Motor Vehicles (SAE J2249). Do **NOT** use other WTORS that are designed to rely on the wheelchair structure to transfer occupant restraint loads to the vehicle.

**WARNING**

Do not use your Motion Composites wheelchair with a WTORS unless the WTORS has been installed fully in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer of the WTORS and SAE J2249.

**WARNING**

Always attach the WTORS to your Motion Composites wheelchair at all four (4) of the Motion Composites Transit Option securement points in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturers of the WTORS and SAE J2249.

Note: See Figure 4 for the location of the four (4) Motion Composites installed WTORS securement points.

**WARNING**

ALWAYS attach vehicle-anchored occupant restraints (pelvic belts and upper torso belts) in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer of such restraints and SAE J2249.

USE PROPER EQUIPMENT/USE ONLY AS INSTRUCTED**WARNING**

You **MUST** use your wheelchair in strict accordance with all warnings and instructions contained in this Owner's Manual.

**WARNING**

The wheelchair equipped with Motion Composites's Transit Option was dynamically tested in a forward-facing orientation with the specified anthropomorphic test dummy restrained by **BOTH** a vehicle-anchored pelvic belt and a vehicle-anchored upper torso belt. **BOTH** pelvic and upper torso (shoulder) belts should be used to reduce the possibility of head and chest impacts with components of the motor vehicle.

MOTION COMPOSITES REQUIRES THAT BOTH PELVIC AND UPPER TORSO BELTS BE USED FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION IN A FRONTAL IMPACT COLLISION.**WARNING**

The backrest angle may be adjustable on your Motion Composites wheelchair. You must adjust the backrest angle so that it does not exceed the angle specified in appendix "Disclosure information" on page 24 of the Owners Manual, when the wheelchair is occupied during transit in a motor vehicle.

**WARNING**

Postural supports, such as pelvic positioning belts, anterior trunk supports and lateral trunk supports should **NOT** be relied on for occupant restraint in a moving vehicle unless they are labeled as being in accordance with ISO 7176-19.

**WARNING**

Posturing and positioning accessories, such as pelvic positioning belts, anterior trunk supports and lateral trunk supports, should **NEVER** be relied upon for occupant restraint in a moving vehicle unless they are labeled as being in accordance with the requirements specified in ISO 7176-19.

**WARNING**

Whenever possible, other auxiliary wheelchair equipment should be either effectively secured to the wheelchair or removed from the wheelchair and secured in the vehicle during travel so that such equipment does not break free and cause injury to the vehicle occupants in the event of a collision.

**WARNING**

On order to reduce the potential of injury to vehicle occupants, wheelchair-mounted trays and other accessories, such as IV poles, respiratory equipment, backpacks and other personal items, not specifically designed for crash safety should: (i) be removed and secured separately in the vehicle, or (ii) be secured to the wheelchair but positioned away from the occupant with energy absorbing padding placed between the tray or other accessory and the occupant.

**WARNING**

IF YOU FAIL TO OBSERVE THE WARNINGS IN THIS SUPPLEMENT, YOU MAY DAMAGE YOUR WHEELCHAIR, CAUSE SEVERE PHYSICAL INJURY TO OTHERS OR SUFFER SEVERE PHYSICAL INJURIES YOURSELF, UP TO AND INCLUDING DEATH.



7. SECURING THE WHEELCHAIR

NOTE: In addition to following the general guidelines below, be sure to follow all recommendations and instructions provided by the WTORS manufacturer.

Always secure the wheelchair and occupant in a forward-facing position in the vehicle.



WARNING
Attach the four tie-down straps only to designated, labeled transit securement points indicated by anchor symbols on the wheelchair.
See figure 1.

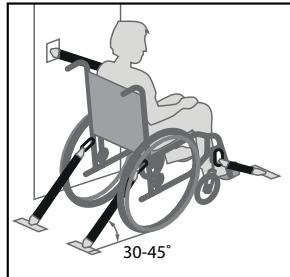


Figure 1. Securing the Wheelchair

Tighten the straps to sufficiently remove all slack. Never attach tie-downs to adjustable, moving, or removable parts of the wheelchair such as armrests, front riggings, and wheels.

Position the anchor points for the rear tie-down straps directly behind the rear securement points on the wheelchair. The front tie-down straps should anchor to floor points that are spaced wider than the wheelchair to provide increased lateral stability. See figure 2.

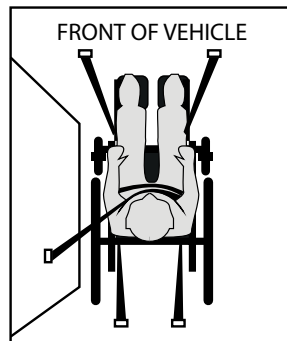


Figure 2. Securing the Wheelchair



WARNING
Always allow for proper clear zones when securing an occupied wheelchair in a motor vehicle. The frontal clear zone (FCZ) is measured from the forward most point on the occupant's head and should measure at least 26 in. (66 cm) if both a pelvic and upper-torso belt are used. See figure 3.

NOTE: The recommended frontal clear zone may not be achievable for wheelchair-seated vehicle operators.

The rear clear zone (RCZ) is measured from the rearmost point on the occupant's head and should measure at least 16 in. (40.64 cm). See figure 3.

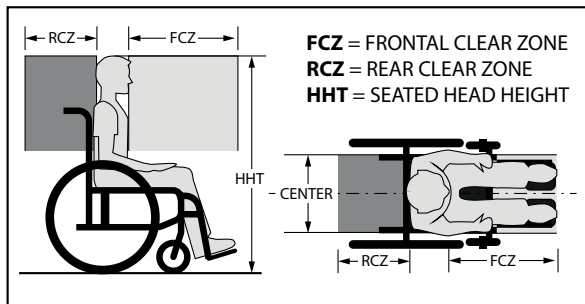


Figure 3. Recommended Pelvic Belt Placement Angles

The seated head height (HHT) ranges from about 47 in. (120 cm) for a small adult female to about 61 in. (155 cm) for a tall adult male. See figure 3.

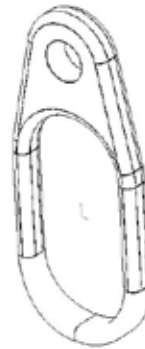


WARNING
Allow as much clearance as possible around the wheelchair occupant to reduce the possibility of contact with vehicle components and other passengers in the event of a crash.

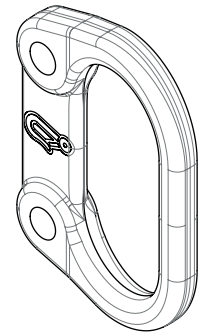


WARNING
Ensure all vehicle components that are in close proximity to the wheelchair occupant are removed or covered with dense padding.

Motion Composites Transit Tie-Down Package



Rear Tie Down



Front Tie Down

The Motion Composites Transit Tie-Down Package includes belt restraint anchor points in conformance with ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 4, Section 19/ISO 7176-19.

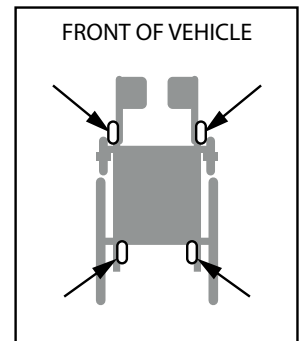


Figure 4. Tie Down Location

8. SECURING THE WHEELCHAIR OCCUPANT

Once the wheelchair has been properly secured, it is essential that the wheelchair occupant be protected for transport.



WARNING

The pelvic belt should be angled between 45 and 75 degrees to the horizontal when viewed from the side. However, if the user cannot achieve this standard, an optional zone of 30 to 45 degrees can be utilized safely. Some wheelchair components, like armrests and wheels, can interfere with proper belt fit. It may be necessary to insert the belt between the armrest and the seatback or through openings between the backrest and seat in order to avoid placing the pelvic belt over the armrest. See figure 5.

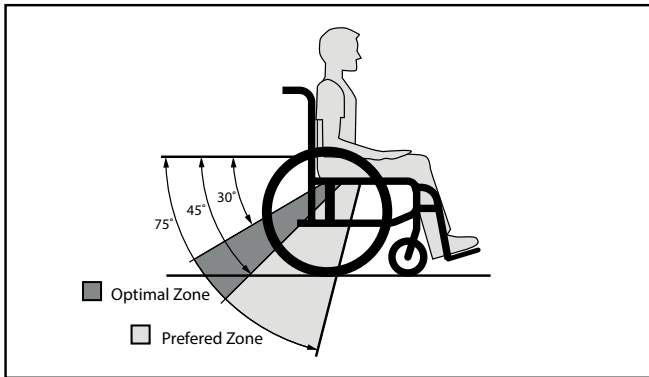


Figure 5. Recommended Pelvic Belt Placement Angles



WARNING

The wheelchair occupant must be secured with dynamically crash-tested and approved pelvic and upper-torso belts or with a five point child restraint harness as part of WTORS. Place the pelvic belt across the front of the pelvis near the upper thighs, not high over the abdomen. Place the upper-torso belt across the middle of the shoulder and the center of the chest, and connect to the pelvic belt near the hip of the wheelchair occupant. See figure 6.

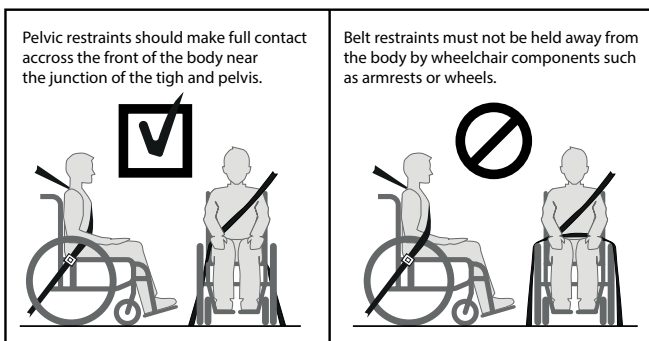


Figure 6. Proper Pelvic Belt Placement



WARNING

The upper torso belt webbing should not be worn twisted in a manner that reduces the area of contact of the belt with the occupant. The upper-torso belt anchor point should be anchored above and behind the top of the wheelchair occupant's shoulder to ensure that the occupant is properly restrained during transport. Both the pelvic and upper-torso belt restraints should be adjusted as snugly as possible consistent with user comfort. See figure 7.

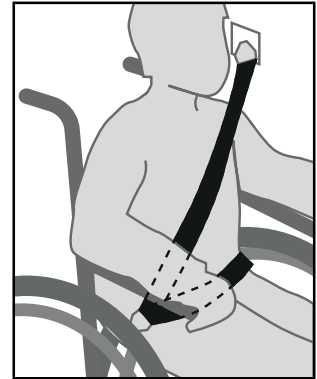


Figure 7. Upper-Torso Belt Placement



WARNING

The buckle of belt restraint systems should not be located near wheelchair components that may come in contact with the buckle release button in the event of a vehicle accident or collision. If your wheelchair is equipped with a crash-tested pelvic belt that is anchored to the wheelchair frame, complete the restraint system by attaching the lower end of the WTORS upper-torso belt to the pelvic belt by referring to the WTORS manufacturer's instruction. Crash-tested wheelchair-anchored pelvic belts will be labeled to indicate compliance to the ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol 4, Section 19/ISO 7176-19 standards. See figure 8, 9.

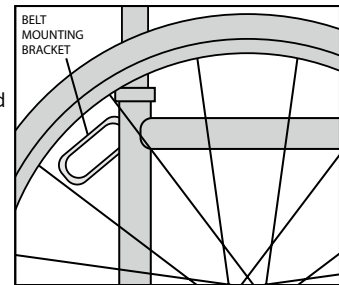


Figure 8. Wheelchair Belt Restraint Anchor

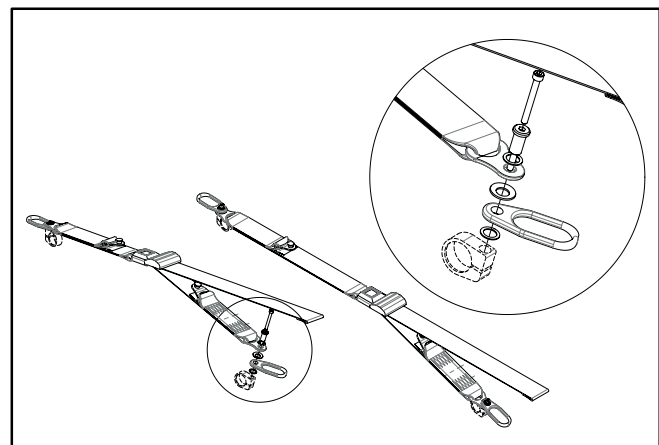


Figure 9. Wheelchair-anchored Belt Restraint



MANDATORY

A vehicle-anchored belt restraint system conforming to ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol 4, Section 19/ISO 7176-19 must be used if the wheelchair occupant chooses not to utilize a manufacturer-installed wheelchair-anchored belt restraint system.



WARNING

Although postural supports and belts may be used in a moving vehicle in addition to the occupant belt restraint system, they should not be relied upon to replace occupant restraints that have been designed and tested for this purpose and should not interfere with proper belt restraint placement.

9. TRANSIT SECUREMENT PACKAGE

The following components of the transit securement package must be compliant to ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 1, Section 18 (formerly SAE J2249) and must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Wheelchair Tie-down and Occupant Restraint System (WTORS)
- 3-point occupant restraint seatbelts
- Tie-down end fittings
- WTORS securement points
- Occupant restraint securement points

NOTE: To obtain a copy of ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 1, Sections 18 and/or 19 visit <http://www.ansi.org>.

NOTE: To obtain a copy of ISO 7176-19 visit <http://www.iso.org>.

10. IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER



MANDATORY

Read and follow all manufacturers' instructions, including the product owner's manual.



MANDATORY

Any WTORS or wheelchair involved in a vehicle crash should be replaced.



WARNING

The wheelchair seatback should be positioned at an angle of no more than 20 degrees to the vertical. If a greater recline angle is required, the upper-torso belt anchor point should be moved rearward along the vehicle's sidewall to ensure that the belt maintains contact with the wheelchair occupant's shoulder and chest.



WARNING

Visually inspect all WTORS equipment according to WTORS manufacturers' instructions on a regular basis, and have worn or broken components replaced immediately. Ensure anchorage track is free of dirt and debris.



WARNING

Remove hard trays and stow or secure them elsewhere in the vehicle to reduce the chance of wheelchair occupant injury from contact with the tray.



WARNING

Consider using foam trays in place of rigid trays during vehicle transport. If that is not possible, place dense foam padding between the wheelchair occupant and the tray, and make sure that the tray is securely attached to the wheelchair so that it will not break loose and cause injury to other occupants in a crash.



WARNING

Ensure the wheelchair occupant is properly positioned to protect the neck during rear impact.



WARNING

Secure all removable accessories including clothing guards, medical, and other equipment to the wheelchair or vehicle to prevent injury during a crash.



WARNING

If head and neck support is required during travel, use a soft, light neck collar as they are less likely to cause neck injury in a crash. Do not attach the soft collar to the wheelchair or seating system.