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Ultra Compact Wheeled Walker

USER GUIDE





Overview

The Ultra Compact Wheeled Walker offers all the strength, design and integrity of a regular Wheeled Walker with the added versatility of a compact folding design that allows it to be easily transported or neatly packed away when not in use.

It is designed for indoor and outdoor use with a lightweight aluminium frame and 8 inch (200 mm) wheels for easy operation and manoeuvrability on smooth surfaces.

The moulded handgrips with soft touch brakes are ideal for people with limited strength or mobility. Handle height can easily be adjusted with an overall extension range of 785 – 935 mm.

Included is the added convenience of a removable shopping bag that can be used with or without a shoulder strap.

Intended Use

This wheeled walker is designed primarily for general indoor and outdoor use as a walking aid and a temporary seat. If used outside, it is recommended for smooth or sealed surfaces.

It is not designed to be used as a wheelchair.

The maximum occupant weight is 136 kilograms, as stated on the manufacturer's label.

The wheeled walker should only be used and maintained in accordance with the instructions in this User Guide.

Novis Healthcare has a policy of continuous product improvement and reserves the right to amend specifications presented in this guide.

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Important Notice

Before operating this medical equipment, it is important to read this manual and understand the operating instructions and safety precautions. Failure to do so could result in patient injury and/or damage to the product.

Therapeutic devices and/or medical equipment should only be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and under the consent, supervision and management of a suitably qualified health professional.

Definitions of Symbols Used

-  Important information
-  Caution
-  Electrical hazard
-  Infection control
-  Do not...
-  Class II equipment
-  Type B Applied part



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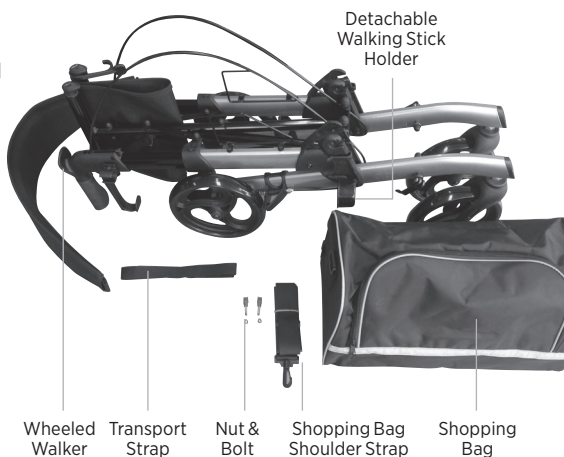
Set Up

Box Contents and Inspection

Carefully remove all components from the box and check items against the list below. Any damage or missing components should be reported to your authorised dealer or manufacturer.

Prior to use, remove all packaging and plastic wrapping and check the wheeled walker for any damage that may have occurred in transit, paying particular attention to:

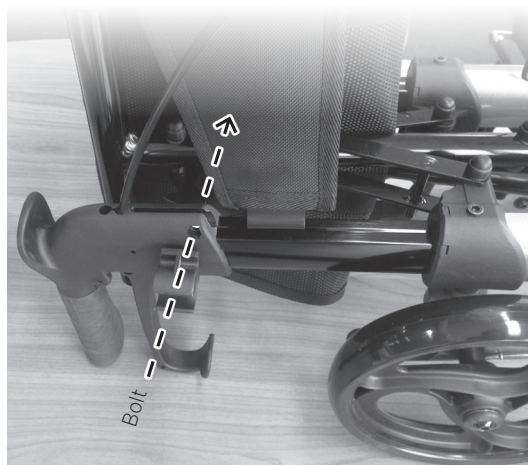
- Any damage to the wheels, handles or frame
- Damage to the seat or backrest
- Any missing or loose screws or wheel nuts



Attach the Backrest

The Walker is delivered in its compact folded position with the back rest unattached. The installation of the backrest is required once only and does not require any tools.

With the backrest facing upwards (padding on the inside and embroidery facing upwards), insert the metal bracket on each side of the backrest into the reciprocating slot, located at the rear of the brake housing.



Secure the backrest in place on each side with the provided nut and bolt, being sure that the rounded nut is positioned on the inside of the handle.

- ⚠ Ensure the brake cables are on the outside edge of the backrest to avoid obstruction.
- ⚠ Ensure the backrest is installed correctly before proceeding. The padded section should face inwards and the embroidery should be the correct way up.





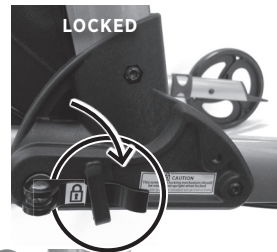
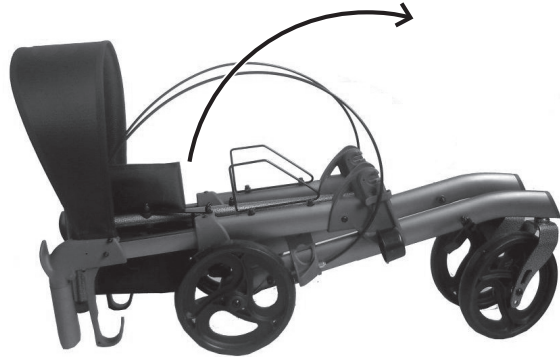
Unfold the Wheeled Walker

- 1 Lift the Walker upwards using the handles, until the handle bars are perpendicular to the support legs.
- 2 To secure the quick release locking mechanism into the retaining clip, rotate the mechanism until the flat back of the mechanism faces the frame and securely slots into the retaining clip.

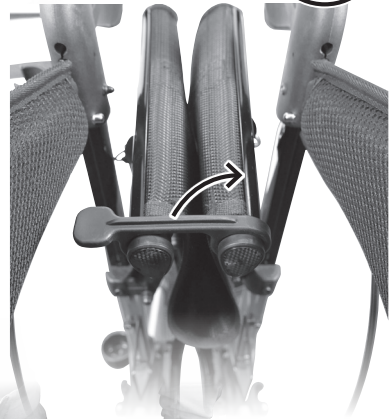


This symbol is located on one side of the walker as a guide. When the mechanism is securely LOCKED, this symbol should be visible and upright.

Replicate the locking process on opposite side.



- 3 Unhook the seat clasp located on the seat support.



- 4 Spread the frame apart while pushing down on the side braces, making sure each brace locks horizontally in place.

- ⚠** Ensure locking mechanism is securely in place before use. This can be done by pushing the handles downwards and backwards whilst checking for movement.





Set Up

Adjust Handle Height

Adjust the handle height by loosening the height adjustment knob and sliding the tube up or down to the desired height. The height setting will adjust one hole at a time and is clearly marked at the rear of each tube. Be sure to tighten the adjustment knob once desired height is set.

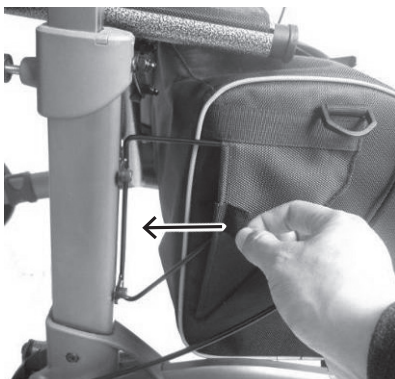
Ideal Handle Height

A series of holes are placed 25 mm apart along the handle, allowing handle height to be adjusted to suit the user. Ideal handle height is set when the top of the handle aligns with the top of the handle aligns with the user's wrist.



Attach the Shopping Bag

Slide the side pockets of the shopping bag over the protruding brackets located at the front of the Walker.

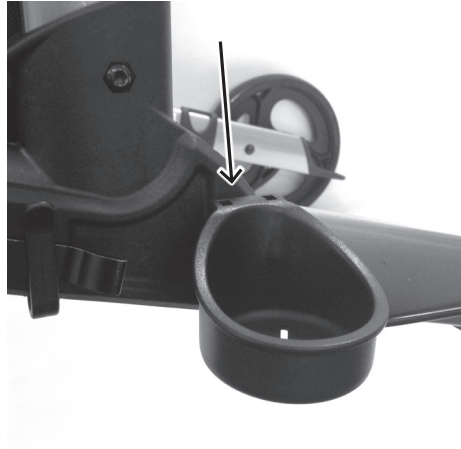


Secure the hook and loop tabs at the bottom of the bag on each side around the frame.



Attach the Walking Stick Holder

If required, the detachable walking stick holder can be slid onto the mounting bracket located on the leg support on the left hand side of the Wheeled Walker.



Check Brake Function

Check the brake cables are not obstructed and sit on the outside of the backrest and shopping bag.

Make sure the brakes are working properly before using the wheeled walker.





Operation

Using as a Walking Aid

When using the wheeled walker as a walking aid, it is recommended both hands be placed firmly on the handles, with fingers curled around the brake levers so that the walker can be stopped

immediately in case of an emergency.

The ideal walking technique is to push the walker forward to a comfortable arm's length, then step in towards the walker, and repeat.



Operating the Brakes

To stop the wheeled walker, gently squeeze the brake levers until the walker comes to a complete stop.

Locking the brakes (park brake function)

The brakes should be locked whenever using the walker as a temporary seat or when leaving the walker unattended.

To lock the brakes, push down on the brake levers until an audible 'click' is heard. Always check the brake lock is activated before sitting on the seat.

To release the brake lock, pull up on the brake lever until the lock disengages. Never release the brake lock while sitting on the seat.



Using as a temporary seat

Before using the wheeled walker as a temporary seat, ensure the wheeled walker is parked on a safe, level surface.

- ⚠ Before sitting, lock both brake levers and ensure the lock is properly activated or serious injury may result.

Tilt Assist

The tilt-assist pedals help to tilt the wheeled walker backwards when negotiating obstacles. The pedals are located beside the rear wheels.

To use, place one foot on the pedal and gently press downwards while pulling backwards on the handles to lift the front wheels clear of the obstacle.

Be very careful to maintain balance while the front wheels are lifted.



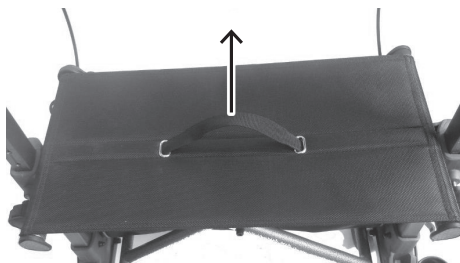


Removing the Shopping Bag

To remove the shopping bag, follow the instructions on page 6 “Attach the Shopping Bag” in the reverse order

Folding the Wheeled Walker


- 1 Before folding the walker, remove the shopping bag.
- 2 Pull up firmly on the strap located on the seat. This will disengage the side braces and collapse the frame inwards.



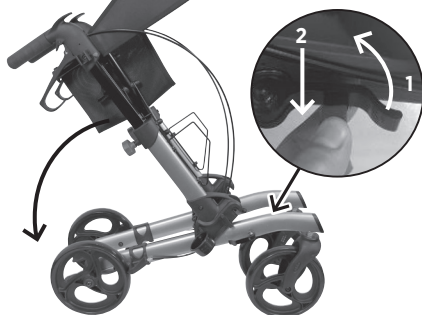
- 3 Secure the clasp located on the seat.



- 4 Release the locking mechanism located on each leg: rotate it upwards a quarter turn before pulling down on the mechanism, so that when it is loose it points towards the floor. Gently push and pull on the mechanism to make sure it is free and loose.

 The mechanism should be loose and able to move freely before the Walker can be folded for transport.

Lower the handle bars down towards the walker legs.



- 5 Secure the transport strap around the frame to prevent movement.





Cleaning

⚠ Do not use high pressure cleaners, steam cleaners or harsh, caustic chemicals for cleaning.

Frame

Wipe the wheeled walker frame with a damp cloth.

For more stubborn dirt, use a mild detergent solution up to 40 °C. Dry thoroughly before use to avoid corrosion.

Clean the wheels using a damp brush with plastic bristles (do not use a wire brush or you may damage the rubber or painted finish).

Bag and seat



Regularly clean the padding materials using a mild detergent solution up to 40 °C, or wash with alcohol-based disinfectants if necessary.

Dry thoroughly before use.







General Safety Precautions

-  Do not use the wheeled walker to transport a person while seated.
- A risk assessment should always be carried out to ensure the product is suitable.
- Before use, the user should read these instructions and familiarise themselves with the wheeled walker. Ensure all components are properly and securely installed.
- Ensure the user has sufficient strength to safely operate and control the wheeled walker and hand brakes.
- Before sitting on the wheeled walker ensure the brake locks are firmly applied.
Do not release brakes until user is standing.
- Do not exceed the maximum recommended working load.
- Avoid storing the wheeled walker in direct sunlight; seat or parts exposed to sunlight will heat up and may cause injury to the skin.
- Do not place more than 4.5 kilograms of shopping or other items into the designated shopping bag.
- When seated, do not attempt to reach for objects by leaning forward on the seat or by reaching down between your knees. Do not lean over the backrest to reach objects behind you as this may cause the wheeled walker to tip over.
- Use only on designated footpaths or walkways; do not use on roads, streets or highways.
- Do not use the wheeled walker on any incline greater than 9 degrees, or on a slope with water, ice or snow covering.
- Use caution when traversing kerbs or obstacles as this may cause the wheeled walker to tip over and cause harm or damage to the walker or the user.
-  **Keep a safe distance between moving and stationary parts, it may cause injuries.**

Regular Maintenance

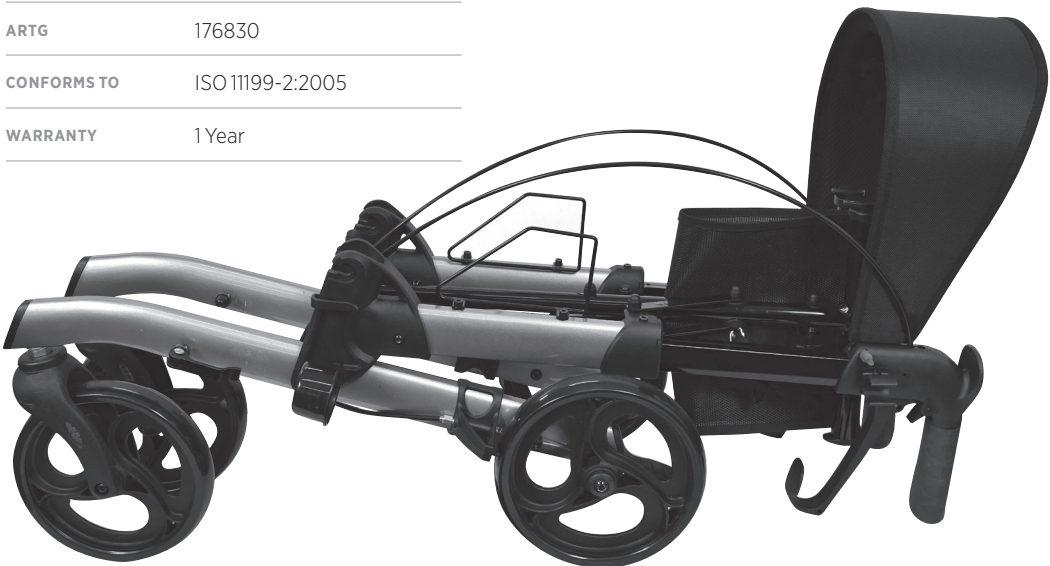
-  Professional inspection of the wheeled walker is recommended at least once a year.
-  **Any service or repairs, especially to the brakes, must be performed by a trained professional. Any unauthorised repairs or service may void your warranty.**
- Check locking mechanism regularly before use. Ensure it is free from dirt and grime and that it locks in place securely and releases freely.
- Regularly check the wheeled walker for damage and wear, paying special attention to the workings of the brakes and the condition of the wheels. If the wheeled walker is damaged in any way, stop using the wheeled walker immediately and contact your authorised dealer or the manufacturer.
- Check handle grips do not twist on the handles.
- Check the brake levers are firm; if loose or worn they must be replaced before use.
- Check the efficiency of the braking system to ensure rear wheels do not move when the brakes are engaged or locked.

With brakes released, there should be no drag on the wheels and the wheeled walker should move easily.

If you notice an unfamiliar braking sensation or any abnormalities, stop using the wheeled walker immediately and contact your authorised dealer or the manufacturer.
- Check all screws and wheelnuts are firmly secured.

Specifications

NAME	Ultra Compact Wheeled Walker
CODE	BL0063
COLOUR	Gun Metal Grey
PRODUCT WEIGHT	7.3 kg
OVERALL HEIGHT	785 to 935 mm
OVERALL WIDTH	600 mm
OVERALL DEPTH	690 mm
SEAT HEIGHT	560 mm
SEAT WIDTH	450 mm
SEAT DEPTH	230 mm
FOLDED WIDTH	250 mm
WHEELS	8" (200 mm)
FRAME	Aluminium
SAFE WORKING LOAD	136 kg
ARTG	176830
CONFORMS TO	ISO 11199-2:2005
WARRANTY	1 Year





Warranty

This warranty is provided by

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Warranty Claims

To claim under this warranty, please contact Novis Healthcare and have your receipt or proof of purchase available. Novis Healthcare may need to assess the defect before determining any claim, and additional information may be requested to process your claim. Claims without proof of purchase may not be able to be processed.

Novis Healthcare may at its option inspect the goods on site or require them to be returned to its premises or one of its Authorised Service Agents in person or freight prepaid by you.

Novis will undertake at its option, to repair or replace, free of charge, each product or part thereof on the condition that:

- The product found on examination, to be suffering from a manufacturing defect;
- The product or relevant part has been serviced regularly by Novis or one of its Authorised Service Agents and has not been subjected to misuse, neglect or been involved in an accident;
- The repairs are not required as part of normal wear and tear.



At our option

- Goods repaired may be replaced by refurbished good of the same type rather than being repaired.
- Refurbished parts may be used to repair goods.

Novis Healthcare will not be held responsible for any repair other than those carried out by it or one of its Authorised Service Agents.

Warranty repairs do not extend the length of the warranty period.

Limited Liabilities

Our liability under this manufacturer's warranty is subject to us being satisfied that a defect was caused by faulty parts, manufacture or workmanship, and was not caused or substantially contributed to by other factors or circumstances beyond our control, including (but not limited to) defective installation, maintenance or repair, product modification or alteration, any neglect, misuse, or excessive use, normal wear and tear or failure to follow manufacturer's instructions.

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