Drive Medical BLS18FBD-SF

Drive Medical Blue Streak Lightweight Wheelchair Instruction Manual

Model: BLS18FBD-SF | Brand: Drive Medical

Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use, setup, and maintenance of your Drive Medical Blue Streak Lightweight Wheelchair. The wheelchair features a durable steel frame, an 18-inch padded seat, swing-away footrests, and flip-back armrests, designed for comfort and ease of use. It is engineered for portability, folding to a compact width for transport and storage. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the wheelchair.

Image: The Drive Medical Blue Streak Lightweight Wheelchair with an 18-inch seat, featuring a blue frame and black upholstery.

Setup

The Drive Medical Blue Streak Lightweight Wheelchair is designed for minimal assembly. It comes largely pre-assembled, requiring only the attachment of the footrests.

1. **Unfolding the Wheelchair:** Place the folded wheelchair on a flat, stable surface. Push down on the seat rails until the wheelchair is fully open and the seat is flat. Ensure all locking mechanisms are engaged.
2. **Attaching Footrests:** Align the footrest pins with the receptacles on the front of the wheelchair frame. Push the footrests into place until they click securely. Adjust the footrests to a comfortable height for the user.
3. **Pre-Use Check:** Before each use, verify that the wheel locks are functional, the footrests are securely attached, and all components are in good working order.

Image: A diagram illustrating the dimensions (42 inches length x 24 inches width x 36 inches height) and weight capacity (300 lbs) of the wheelchair, confirming it comes fully assembled.

Operation

Proper operation ensures safety and comfort for the user.

- **Transfers:** Ensure the wheel locks are engaged before attempting any transfer into or out of the wheelchair. The flip-back armrests can be raised to facilitate easier side transfers. Swing-away footrests can be moved aside or removed for unobstructed access.
- **Movement:** To move the wheelchair, disengage the wheel locks. The wheelchair can be pushed from behind by an attendant or self-propelled by the user gripping the hand rims.
- **Braking:** Engage the push-to-lock wheel locks when the wheelchair is stationary, especially during transfers or when parked on an incline, to prevent unintended movement.
- **Maneuverability:** The lightweight design and solid rubber tires on composite wheels provide a smooth and stable ride, suitable for both indoor and outdoor use.
- **Desk/Table Access:** The padded desk-length armrests allow the user to sit closer to tables or desks.

Image: A person seated in the wheelchair indoors, illustrating the smooth and steady movement for both indoor and outdoor environments.

Image: A detailed view of the swing-away footrests, demonstrating their ability to move out of the way for easier user transfers.

Image: A user comfortably positioned at a desk while in the wheelchair, showcasing the functionality of the desk-length armrests.

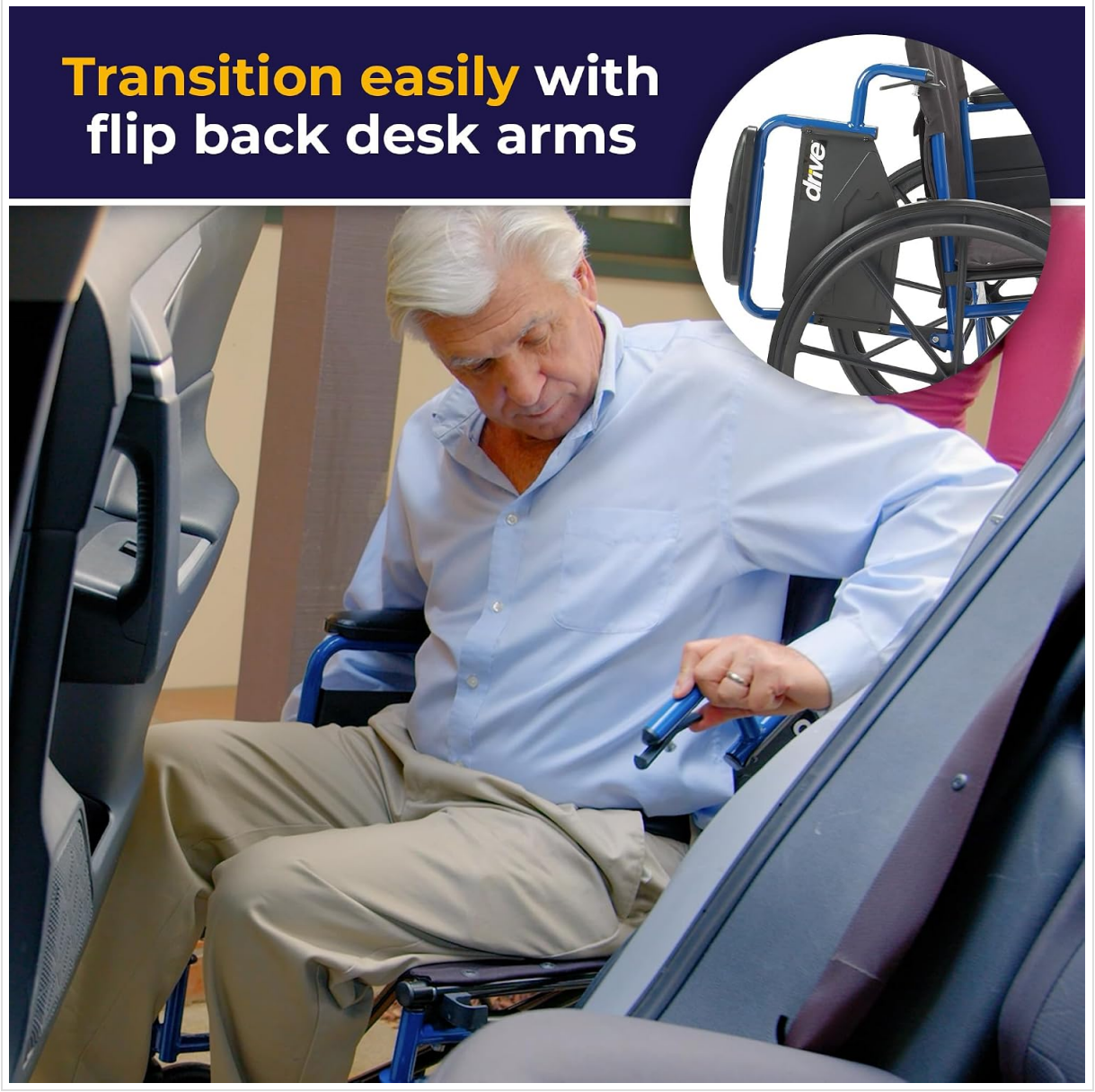

Image: A person demonstrating a transfer from the wheelchair, with the flip-back armrest lifted to provide clear access.

Image: A close-up view of the push-to-lock wheel brake, illustrating the mechanism for securing the wheelchair in place.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your wheelchair.

- **Cleaning:** The black nylon seat upholstery and backrest are designed to be easy to clean. Use a damp cloth with mild soap and water to wipe down surfaces. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- **Frame Care:** The blue-powdered steel frame can be wiped clean with a damp cloth. Inspect the frame periodically for any signs of damage or corrosion.
- **Wheel Inspection:** Regularly check the solid rubber tires for wear and tear. Ensure the composite wheels spin freely and are securely attached.
- **Fasteners:** Periodically check all bolts, screws, and fasteners to ensure they are tight. Do not overtighten.

Image: A hand cleaning the breathable and easy-to-clean nylon fabric of the wheelchair seat.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your wheelchair. For problems not listed here, please contact customer support.

- **Wheel Locks Not Engaging:** Ensure no debris is obstructing the locking mechanism. Check if the wheels are properly aligned. If the issue persists, inspect the brake components for wear.
- **Difficulty Folding/Unfolding:** Verify that no items are obstructing the folding mechanism. Ensure the seat is fully lifted when folding and fully pressed down when unfolding.
- **Footrests Loose:** Re-attach footrests, ensuring they click firmly into place. If they continue to loosen, inspect the attachment pins and receptacles for damage.

Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Number	BLS18FBD-SF

Overall Dimensions (L x W x H)	42 inches x 24 inches x 36 inches
Folded Width	12.5 inches
Seat Dimensions (W x D)	18 inches x 16 inches
Armrest Height	8 inches
Product Weight	41.25 pounds
Weight Capacity	300 pounds
Frame Material	Steel
Upholstery Material	Nylon
Wheel Type	Solid Rubber on Composite Wheels

Warranty and Support

Warranty: The Drive Medical Blue Streak Lightweight Wheelchair is backed by a limited three-year warranty. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.
Legal Disclaimer: It is the buyer's responsibility to select the correct item. Returns are subject to manufacturer policies. No returns will be accepted after 14 calendar days from the purchase date without a valid Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. Returns may incur a 15% restocking fee plus outbound and inbound shipping costs. Return requests beyond 14 days are subject to review and may incur a restocking fee up to 60%.
For further assistance or to inquire about warranty service, please refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the official Drive Medical website.