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Model: RTLREB18DDA-SF

Brand: Drive Medical

INTRODUCTION

The Drive Medical Rebel Lightweight Wheelchair is designed for individuals requiring mobility assistance. This durable and portable wheelchair offers superior maneuverability, making it suitable for both independent use and assisted transport. Its lightweight design and easy-to-fold frame ensure convenient storage and travel.



Image: The Drive Medical Rebel Lightweight Wheelchair in red and black, showcasing its overall design and features.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when using the wheelchair. Read and understand all instructions before operation. Ensure all components are securely fastened and in good working order before each use. This product is designed to support up to 300 pounds. It is the user's responsibility to ensure the correct item is chosen for their needs.

- Always engage the wheel locks when transferring in or out of the wheelchair, or when stationary.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 300 lbs.
- Avoid uneven surfaces or obstacles that could cause the wheelchair to tip.
- Ensure footrests are properly positioned and secured to prevent feet from dragging or getting caught.
- Seek assistance when navigating inclines, declines, or rough terrain.

SETUP

The Rebel Lightweight Wheelchair comes mostly pre-assembled, requiring minimal setup before first use. Follow these steps to prepare your wheelchair:

1. **Unfolding the Wheelchair:** Place the folded wheelchair on a flat surface. Gently pull the two side frames apart until the chair is fully open and the seat is flat. Ensure the locking mechanism engages securely.
2. **Attaching Rear Wheels (if detached):** If the quick-release rear wheels are detached for transport, align the axle with the wheel hub and push the quick-release button on the center of the wheel. Insert the axle into the hub until it clicks into place. Pull on the wheel to ensure it is securely fastened.
3. **Attaching Footrests:** Align the footrest attachment points with the corresponding pins on the wheelchair frame. Push the silver clip back, slide the holes over the nubs, and then swing the footrest into place. Release the clip to lock it. Adjust the height of the footrests to ensure comfortable leg positioning, with knees at approximately a 90-degree angle.
4. **Adjusting Armrests:** The desk-style armrests can be flipped up for easier transfers. To do so, locate the release mechanism near the armrest pivot point and lift the armrest.

Quick & Compact Fold



Image: The Rebel Lightweight Wheelchair folded compactly and stored in a car trunk, demonstrating its ease of transport.

This section provides guidance on operating your Drive Medical Rebel Lightweight Wheelchair effectively and safely.

1. **Engaging/Disengaging Brakes:** Locate the brake levers on each side of the large rear wheels. Push the lever forward to engage the brake and lock the wheels. Pull the lever back to disengage the brake and allow the wheels to roll freely. Always engage brakes when stationary or transferring.
2. **Self-Propelling:** For independent mobility, grasp the hand rims on the large rear wheels. Push forward on both rims simultaneously to move straight. To turn, push harder on one rim while easing pressure on the other.
3. **Assisted Propulsion:** When an attendant is pushing the wheelchair, ensure the user's feet are securely on the footrests. The attendant should use the push handles at the back of the chair.
4. **Navigating Obstacles:** For small bumps or thresholds, the attendant can use the tip levers (small bars near the rear wheels) to slightly tilt the wheelchair back, lifting the front casters over the obstacle.
5. **Folding for Storage/Transport:** To fold the wheelchair, first remove the footrests. Then, grasp the center of the seat fabric and pull upwards. The frame will collapse inward. The backrest can also be folded down by releasing the pins on the levers behind the backrest for a more compact profile.

Smooth, Independent Mobility



Large wheels provide a steady ride with or without attendant. Sleek design is easy to maneuver in tight spaces

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Image: A person comfortably self-propelling the wheelchair outdoors, highlighting its smooth and independent mobility.

Convenient Transfers



Footrests provide support while seated and swing away for easy transfers



Image: Close-up view of the swing-away footrests, demonstrating their functionality for convenient transfers.

Added Security & Support



Image: A calf strap providing additional support and security for the user's legs on the footplates.

MAINTENANCE

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

- **Cleaning:** The nylon upholstery is durable and easy to clean. Wipe down the frame and seat with a damp cloth and mild soap as needed. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- **Wheel and Tire Care:** The wheelchair features non-marking polyurethane tires that are flat-free and require minimal maintenance. Periodically check wheels for debris and ensure they spin freely.
- **Brake Inspection:** Regularly inspect the brakes to ensure they engage firmly and hold the wheels securely. Adjust if necessary, or consult a qualified technician.
- **Hardware Check:** Periodically check all nuts, bolts, and fasteners to ensure they are tight. Do not overtighten.

Low-Maintenance, Flat-Free Tires



Non-marking polyurethane tires keep floors clean and never go flat



Image: The wheelchair positioned indoors, highlighting its non-marking, flat-free polyurethane tires designed to protect floors.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your wheelchair, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **Difficulty Folding:** Ensure the footrests are removed and the seat fabric is pulled up completely. Check for any obstructions in the folding mechanism.
- **Wheels Not Rolling Smoothly:** Inspect wheels for tangled hair, lint, or other debris. Clean the axles and bearings if necessary. Ensure brakes are fully disengaged.
- **Brakes Not Holding:** Check if the brake levers are fully engaged. If the wheels still move, the brakes may need adjustment or professional servicing.
- **Squeaking Noises:** Apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to moving parts and pivot points. Avoid using oil-based lubricants that can attract dirt.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	RTLREB18DDA-SF
Brand	Drive Medical
Color	Red
Weight Capacity	300 lbs
Item Weight	40 Pounds (18143.6 Grams)
Overall Dimensions (Open)	43"D x 25.5"W x 35"H
Overall Width (Closed)	10.5 inches
Seat Height	19.5 inches
Back Height	17 inches
Upholstery Material	Nylon
Tire Type	Non-marking polyurethane (flat-free)
Manufacturer	Drive Medical
Country of Origin	China

Dimensions



Supports up to 300 lbs.



Image: A diagram illustrating key dimensions of the wheelchair, including seat height, back height, and overall width.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty claims or product support, please contact Drive Medical customer service. It is the buyer's responsibility to choose the correct item. Returns are subject to specific policies set by the manufacturer.

- No return will be accepted after 14 calendar days from the purchase date and without a valid Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA#).
- Returns may be subject to a 15% restock fee plus the cost of outbound and inbound shipping.
- Return requests after the 14-day period will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may incur a restocking fee of up to 60%.
- For further assistance, please refer to the official Drive Medical website or contact their customer support directly.

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