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Model: K3 Guardian Wheelchair | Brand: Medline

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, assembly, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Medline K3 Guardian Wheelchair. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the wheelchair to ensure proper operation and to prevent injury.

The Medline K3 Guardian Wheelchair is designed to provide enhanced mobility and independence for individuals with limited mobility or those recovering from surgery. It features an 18" wide seat, height-adjustable full-length arms, and elevating leg rests for optimal comfort and support.

SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or damage to the wheelchair.

- Always engage wheel locks before transferring in or out of the wheelchair.
- Do not operate the wheelchair on inclines exceeding 10 degrees.
- Ensure all components are securely fastened before each use.
- Do not attempt to stand on the footrests.
- Regularly inspect the wheelchair for loose parts, worn tires, or damaged components.
- Consult a healthcare professional for proper fitting and usage guidance.

COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your Medline K3 Guardian Wheelchair:

- **Frame:** The main structure of the wheelchair, typically foldable.
- **Seat and Backrest:** Provides seating surface and back support.
- **Armrests:** Full-length, height-adjustable for user comfort and support.
- **Leg Rests/Footrests:** Elevating leg rests with footplates to support the user's legs and feet.
- **Rear Wheels:** Large wheels for self-propulsion or attendant pushing.
- **Front Casters:** Smaller wheels for steering and maneuverability.
- **Wheel Locks:** Levers or mechanisms to secure the rear wheels.

- **Hand Grips:** For attendant pushing.



Figure 1: Overview of the Medline K3 Guardian Wheelchair. This image shows the wheelchair from a front-side angle, highlighting the main frame, seat, backrest, armrests, large rear wheels, and smaller front casters.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

1. Unfolding the Wheelchair:

Place the folded wheelchair on a flat, stable surface. Grasp the seat rails and push downwards until the seat is fully open and locked into place. Ensure the cross-braces are fully extended.

2. Attaching Leg Rests:

Align the leg rest pins with the receptacles on the front of the wheelchair frame. Push the leg rests firmly into place until they click securely. Swing the leg rests to the front position.



Figure 2: The wheelchair with elevating leg rests attached and positioned forward. This view demonstrates the leg rests securely in place, ready for use.

3. Adjusting Armrests:

The full-length armrests are height-adjustable. Locate the adjustment mechanism (usually a button or lever) near the armrest base. Press or lift the mechanism and slide the armrest to the desired height. Release the mechanism to lock the armrest in position.

4. Adjusting Elevating Leg Rests:

To elevate the leg rests, locate the release lever or button on the side of the leg rest. Press or lift it and raise the leg rest to the desired angle. Release the lever to lock it. To lower, repeat the process.



Figure 3: The wheelchair with its elevating leg rests in an elevated position. This image illustrates the functionality of the leg rests for user comfort and support.

5. Hemi-Height Adjustment (if applicable):

This wheelchair features hemi-height adjustability. To adjust the seat height, consult the specific instructions provided with your model for adjusting the rear axle and front caster forks. This typically involves repositioning bolts or pins.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Transferring into the Wheelchair:

Ensure wheel locks are engaged. Position the wheelchair as close as possible to the transfer surface. If possible, swing away or remove the leg rests. Transfer carefully, using proper techniques or assistance as needed.

2. Engaging/Disengaging Wheel Locks:

To engage, push the wheel lock levers forward until they firmly press against the tires. To disengage, pull the levers backward.

3. Propelling the Wheelchair:

For self-propulsion, grasp the hand rims on the large rear wheels and push forward. For attendant propulsion, push the hand grips on the back of the wheelchair.

4. Maneuvering:

Use the front casters for steering. To turn, apply more force to one hand rim or hand grip while reducing force on the other.

5. Folding the Wheelchair for Storage/Transport:

Remove leg rests. Grasp the center of the seat upholstery and pull upwards. The wheelchair frame will begin to fold inwards. Continue pulling until fully folded. Engage wheel locks to keep it folded.



Figure 4: The Medline K3 Guardian Wheelchair in its folded state. This image demonstrates the compact nature of the wheelchair when prepared for storage or transport.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- **Cleaning:** Clean the frame and upholstery regularly with a mild soap and water solution. Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- **Wheel Locks:** Check wheel locks frequently for proper engagement and adjustment. They should hold the wheels firmly.
- **Tires:** Inspect tires for wear and tear. Replace if excessively worn or damaged.

- **Bearings and Axles:** Periodically check for smooth rotation of wheels and casters. Lubricate as recommended by a qualified technician.
- **Fasteners:** Ensure all nuts, bolts, and screws are tight. Do not overtighten.
- **Upholstery:** Check for rips or tears. Damaged upholstery should be repaired or replaced to ensure comfort and hygiene.

TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Wheel locks do not hold. | Loose adjustment; worn tires. | Adjust the wheel lock mechanism; replace worn tires. |
| Wheelchair pulls to one side. | Uneven tire pressure; bent frame; loose wheel. | Check tire pressure; inspect frame for damage; tighten wheel axle. |
| Casters wobble or stick. | Dirt in bearings; loose caster stem. | Clean caster bearings; tighten caster stem nut. |
| Difficulty folding/unfolding. | Frame obstruction; stiff joints. | Check for obstructions; apply silicone lubricant to pivot points. |

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Medline
- **Model:** K3 Guardian Wheelchair
- **Seat Width:** 18 inches
- **Seat Depth:** 16 inches
- **Material:** Aluminum (Frame)
- **Color:** Black
- **Style:** Adjustable, Height Adjustable
- **Armrests:** Full-Length, Height-Adjustable
- **Leg Rests:** Elevating

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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