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# Travel Air

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USER MANUAL

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## **INTRODUCING THE CARECO TRAVEL AIR WHEELCHAIR**

Make travelling a breeze with the CareCo Travel Air!

Engineered with convenience in mind, this wheelchair combines strength and portability whilst staying lightweight. This wheelchair is designed for short, occasional use.

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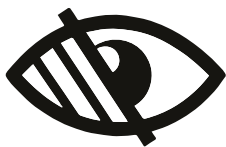
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## BEFORE USE

Before using your wheelchair, please ensure you, and any persons that may assist you in its use, take the time to read, understand and follow the instructions provided within this user manual.

We recommend that you keep this user manual in a safe place for future reference.

If you have any further questions about product use, maintenance or safety, please contact CareCo.

## KEY DEFINITIONS

This user manual contains warnings and suggestions marked with the following symbols:



**WARNING!** Highlights a potentially hazardous condition/situation for the user and/or product.



**SUGGESTION** General suggestions and advice for operating the product.

## Need help with assembly?

We've put together a step-by-step assembly guide to help you get your product set up safely and correctly. Just scan the QR code with your phone camera to play the video.



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## GETTING STARTED

Contact CareCo immediately if any of the listed contents are missing.

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	CareCo Travel Air Wheelchair	1
2	Legrest Set	1
3	Travel Air Carry Case	1



We strongly recommend that you keep the box and internal packaging for the duration of your warranty period.

## PRODUCT COMPONENTS



1. Push Handle

2. Attendant Brake

3. Half-Folding Back Mechanism

4. Armrest

5. Seat Canvas

6. Detachable Legrest

7. Footplate

8. Rear Wheel

9. Front Wheel

## SETTING UP YOUR CARECO TRAVEL AIR WHEELCHAIR



1. Remove the carry case from the outer packaging.

2. Remove the wheelchair components from the carry case, then place them onto a level surface.



3. Place the folded wheelchair upright.



4. Lift the push handles upwards.

An audible “click” will confirm the handles are secure.



5. Fold down the legrest tubes.



6. Push downwards on the corners of the seat base to open the wheelchair.



7. Lower the legrest tube lever(s), then insert the legrest(s) into the legrest tube(s).



8. Lift the legrest tube lever(s) upwards to lock the legrest(s) into position.



**SUGGESTION** Ensure the legrests are at the same height before use.





9. Lift the armrest(s) upwards, then locate the spring pin(s) into the lower wheelchair frame.



**WARNING!** Ensure the wheelchair is secure before use.

## HOW TO USE YOUR WHEELCHAIR

### USER INSTRUCTIONS

#### TRANSFERRING TO & FROM

Always ensure the brakes are applied before getting in/out of the wheelchair.



##### TRANSFER TO

Position your body as close to the wheelchair as possible. Support your body using the armrests, before lowering into the seat.

##### TRANSFER FROM

Support your body using the armrests and place your feet on the ground. Push upwards to lift out of the seat.

#### GRADIENTS



##### ASCENDING

Tilt your upper body forward when travelling up gradients for increased stability.



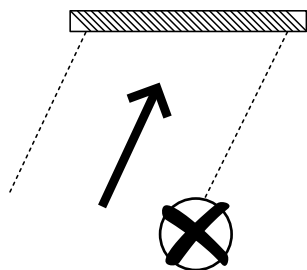
##### DESCENDING

Tilt your upper body back when travelling down gradients for increased stability.

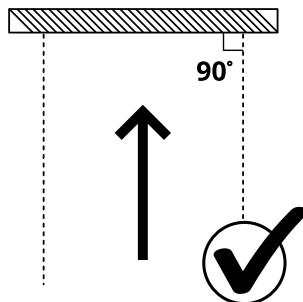
## THRESHOLDS & FIXED OBSTACLES

Approach thresholds vertically to avoid wheelchair misbalance.

### Incorrect Approach



### Correct Approach



**SUGGESTION** Use caution when operating the wheelchair near kerbs, ledges, and doorway thresholds.

## DOORS & GATES

Determine whether the door/gate opens towards or away from the user.

Reach for the handle, then carefully move forwards or backwards depending on the door/gate orientation.

## STAIRS, ESCALATORS AND LIFTS

The wheelchair is not designed to travel up/down stairs and escalators. Use a lift whenever possible.

## LIFTING & CARRYING

Lift/carry the wheelchair from areas of the frame that are clear from pinch points.

## APPLYING THE BRAKES

### ATTENDANT BRAKE

#### STOPPING

Gradually squeeze both brake levers to stop the wheelchair. Release the brake levers to start moving again.



#### TURNING

Squeeze the left and right brake levers individually to rotate the wheelchair.

Release the brake lever to stop rotating.


#### LOCKING


Locate the locking lever in the handle catch to lock the attendant brake.



#### UNLOCKING

Lift the locking lever to unlock the attendant brake.

 **WARNING!** Ensure the wheelchair is stationary when locking the brakes.

 **SUGGESTION** Regularly test the brakes to ensure they function correctly.

## LEGRESTS



### ATTACHING

Lower the legrest tube lever(s), then insert the legrest(s) into the legrest tube(s).

Lift the tube lever(s) to secure the position.



### REMOVING

Lower the legrest tube lever(s), then remove the legrest(s) from the legrest tube(s).

## FOOTPLATES



### LIFTING

Fold the footplates upwards to assist the user when leaving the wheelchair and when folding the wheelchair.



### LOWERING

Fold the footplates downwards to aid the user when travelling in the wheelchair.

## HALF-FOLDING BACKREST

Fold down the wheelchair's backrest for quick and easy storage under a desk or table.

### FOLDING

Press and hold the backrest levers whilst folding down the push handles.

### UNFOLDING

Lift the push handles upwards.

An audible "click" will confirm the handles are secure.



**WARNING!** Do not sit in the wheelchair when the backrest is folded down.  
Ensure the push handles are secure before use.

## ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE



### CARECO WHEELCHAIR BAG

Attach additional storage space to the back of your wheelchair by looping the bag straps over the wheelchair's push handles.



### POPEM PANNIER BAG

Attach additional storage space to the side of your wheelchair by looping the bag straps over the wheelchair's armrest.



## **FOLDING YOUR WHEELCHAIR, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE**

### **FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS**



1. Lower the legrest tube lever(s), then remove the legrest(s) from the legrest tube(s).



2. Pull the armrest spring pin(s), then lower the armrest(s).



3. Lift the corners of the seat upwards to fold the wheelchair.



4. Fold up the legrest tubes.



5. Press the backrest levers, then fold down the push handles.



6. Insert the wheelchair and legrests into the carry case.



7. Carry the wheelchair using the handle/shoulder strap.



**WARNING!** Keep hands and body from the cross-frame pivot to avoid possible pinch points.



## TRANSPORTATION

### STOWING THE WHEELCHAIR

Ensure the brakes have been applied and any accessories have been secured before transporting.

Fold the wheelchair, then insert it into the carry bag.

Position the bag appropriately within the vehicle to prevent excess movement during transit.



**WARNING!** This product is not suitable as a seat in a motor vehicle.



### TRANSPORTING BY AIR & RAIL

Prior to your journey, contact the service provider to confirm their transport-specific requirements.

## STORING THE WHEELCHAIR

### SHORT TERM STORAGE

Store the product in a cool and dry environment.

### LONG TERM STORAGE

Use the maintenance schedule found within this user manual as a guide before and after long term storage.

Store the product in a cool and dry environment.




**WARNING!** Storing the product in extreme temperatures can cause premature rusting & damage.

## COMFORT ADJUSTMENTS

### FOOTPLATE HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

1. Lower the legrest tube lever to unlock the legrest.
2. Press and hold the spring pin, then lift/lower the legrest until it is at the desired height.
3. Lift the legrest tube lever to secure the position.
4. Repeat on the other side.



 **WARNING!** Ensure the legrests are at an equal height, and secure before use.

## LOOKING AFTER YOUR WHEELCHAIR

### CLEANING

Regular use of the wheelchair will accumulate dirt and debris over time.

Clean the wheelchair regularly using mild soap and warm water, then dry using a cloth.

 **WARNING!** Do not use bleach or strong chemicals to clean the wheelchair.

 **SUGGESTION** Regular cleaning & maintenance can help prolong the wheelchairs lifespan.

### MAINTENANCE

The wheelchair is made up of components which over time will become susceptible to wear and tear. Knowing how to properly care and maintain your wheelchair will not only ensure peak performance and safe operation but will also help maintain operation for years to come.

### MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Carry out regular inspections to keep the wheelchair in optimum condition.

COMPONENT	INSPECTION DESCRIPTION	AT ANY TIME	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY
FASTENERS	Ensure the fasteners are tight and components are not loose.				○
WHEELS & TYRES	Ensure tyres have sufficient tread and the wheels are in a good condition.				○
BRAKES	Ensure the brakes function as intended.	○			
UPHOLSTERY	Check for wear and tear.		○		
OVERALL	Overall check for wear and residue build-up. Cleaning if required.			○	

### REPAIRS

Certain wheelchair components can be repaired by the user with guidance provided by CareCo. Other components can only be repaired/replaced by a service technician.

If for any reason the wheelchair requires repair due to a defect, contact CareCo immediately.

## OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

### BRAKE ADJUSTMENT

#### Difficulty Level

**LOW**

Moderate

High



#### Tools Required

8mm Spanner x1

10mm Spanner x1

The user can adjust the brake using simple household tools.

1. Loosen the lock nut (B) by rotating it anticlockwise.
2. Adjust the brake cable tension by rotating the brake adjuster (A).
3. Tighten the lock nut (B) by rotating it clockwise.



## WARNINGS & TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH (MM) (W/O LEGREST)	700
OVERALL WIDTH (MM)	550
OVERALL HEIGHT (MM)	900
OVERALL LENGTH WITH LEGREST ATTACHED (MM)	910
FOLDED LENGTH (MM)	295
FOLDED WIDTH (MM)	295
FOLDED HEIGHT (MM)	740
FRONT WHEEL DIAMETER (IN)	6
REAR WHEEL DIAMETER (IN)	8
CARRY WEIGHT (KG)	9.2
WEIGHT OF DETACHABLE COMPONENTS (KG)	0.7
WEIGHT CAPACITY (KG)	100
SEAT WIDTH (MM)	44
SEAT DEPTH (MM)	43
SEAT HEIGHT (MM)	43
MAX/MIN OPERATING TEMPERATURE (°C)	-5°C TO 40°C
MAX/MIN STORAGE TEMPERATURE (°C)	-5°C TO 40°C
TYRE TYPE	PU SOLID
EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE (YEARS)	5
SUITABLE AS A SEAT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	NO

## **PRODUCT REISSUING**

Ensure the product is safe and functions as intended before re-issuing.

## **RECYCLING & DISPOSAL**

Recycling or disposal of the wheelchair should be completed through an approved distributor or disposal facility. (Local disposal & recycling regulations may apply)

Alternatively, contact CareCo for advice on disposal.

## **MATERIALS:**

### **WHEELCHAIR PACKAGING:**

Cardboard Box, PE high density polyethylene bag.

### **WHEELCHAIR UPHOLSTERY:**

Nylon Fabric, Foam.

### **PLASTIC:**

Hand grip, attendant brake handle, front castor, rear wheel, footplate, armrest pad.

### **ALUMINIUM:**

Frame, handle tube, footrest tube, cross brace, front castor fork.

### **STEEL:**

Bearing, fasteners, rear wheel brake.

## **INTENDED USE**

This product is intended for users who experience difficulty in walking and/or have reduced mobility.

## **INTENDED USER**

To aid a user with mobility limitations to move around safely.

## **INTENDED ENVIRONMENT**

This product is designed to be used both indoors and outdoors on firm, level ground. Take care when using the product in inclement weather conditions.

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

The product identification label is located on the cross frame.




**DEFINITIONS**

<b>REF</b>	Product code		Electronic manual
<b>MD</b>	Medical device		Operator's manual
<b>SN</b>	Serial number		Manufacturer's address
<b>UDI</b>	Unique device identification	<b>UKCA</b>	UKCA mark
	Date of manufacturer		



## GENERAL WARNINGS

Read the following carefully to avoid damage and/or injury caused by improper operation.

- Do not exceed the maximum user weight indicated on the frame label.
- Do not stand on the product or the footrests at any time.
- Place the product on a stable, level surface before getting in and out.
- Ensure the products castors face forward before getting in and out.
- Apply the brakes when using the product in an elevator, wheelchair lift and when getting in and out.
- When ascending/descending stairs, ensure the attendant holds on to secured parts only.
- Potholes and unevenness in the ground can cause the product to tip over.
- Ensure tyres have sufficient tread.
- If the product is exposed to direct sunlight/ cold temperature for a long time, the components can become hot or cold.
- Avoid travelling on roads and use pavements whenever possible.
- Do not use the product if any of the parts are not functioning correctly or are damaged.
- A sudden change of direction may cause the product to tip over
- Do not attach anything to the wheels.
- Periodically test the brakes to ensure safe use.
- Beware of pinch points when using the wheelchair.
- This product cannot be used as a seat in a motor vehicle. 

## **EXPECTED LIFETIME**

The Expected Lifetime is the estimated period of time for which the product is expected to function according to its intended use.

Various items such as weight capacity, user behaviour, external conditions and intensity of use can affect the expected lifetime.

### **WEIGHT CAPACITY:**

If the user exceeds the weight limit specified, it may affect the product's expected lifetime.

### **USER BEHAVIOUR:**

Using excessive force, rough handling or dropping components can significantly shorten the products's expected lifetime.

### **EXTERNAL CONDITIONS:**

Extreme temperatures, humidity and exposure to harsh weather conditions can accelerate the deterioration of the product.

### **USAGE:**

A product that is used daily may experience more wear and tear compared to a product that is used occasionally.

The expected lifetime for the wheelchair is 5 years providing the instructions and information within this user manual are followed.

Regular cleaning, lubrication of moving parts, and tightening of loose fixings will prevent premature wear and damage and extend the product's lifetime.

The expected lifetime is not related to the product warranty.

## **WARRANTY**

If a component requires repair or replacement due to a specific manufacturing or material defect within its warranty period, it will be repaired or replaced free of charge by CareCo.

- **FRAME: 1-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**
- **DURABLE PARTS: 1-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**

Consumables are not covered under normal warranty circumstances unless they have clearly suffered excessive wear or damage as a direct result of a manufacturing defect. These items include grips, tyres, and rubber accessories.

The guarantee for the wheelchair is not transferable.

Parts that have been previously replaced that require subsequent repair or replacement due to manufacturing defects will be honoured for the remainder of the wheelchair's warranty period.

Parts that have been purchased by the end user after the original warranty period has expired have a warranty period of 12 months.

CareCo is not responsible if the wheelchair requires repair or replacement as a direct result of:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| • Changes or modifications made to the product that fall outside of the manufacturer's specifications.                        | • Negligence, Accidental Damage, and Improper use.    |
| • The product not being serviced or maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations contained in this user manual. | • Repairs attempted before CareCo have been notified. |
|   | • The product being purposely damaged or mistreated.  |

In the unlikely event that this product is recalled, CareCo will notify the user.

Please ensure that your contact information is up to date.

Alternatively, please visit our website for any product alerts: [www.CareCo.co.uk](http://www.CareCo.co.uk)



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