



Please read this manual carefully to ensure the safe usage and understanding of maintenance instructions.

***Congratulations on your purchase of a Proactive Medical wheelchair. Proactive wheelchairs are a product of quality engineering and are manufactured to meet our own highly rigid specifications that will outperform your expectations!***

## Use and Safety

**WHEEL LOCKS** - Engage both wheel locks before getting in or out of the chair, leaning forward in the chair, or while in an elevator or wheelchair lift. Proper adjustment of wheel lock is at least 1/8" when locked. Locks are engaged by pushing handle completely forward. Adjustments to locks are made by loosening or tightening nut on the carriage bolt. Embed lock shoe at least 1/8" by sliding clamp toward rear wheel while handle is engaged in the locked position. Tighten nut and bolt to secure in position. Test for correct locking action before use of the wheelchair.

**TIRES** - Solid rubber tires need minimal maintenance but should be cleaned occasionally with a damp cloth. Replace if tires become severely worn or cracking appears.

**FRONT CASTERS** - Casters should be checked periodically and lubricated occasionally. Lubricate by removing fork and greasing caster stem bearings. Lubricate wheel bearings by removing wheel from fork. Reassemble fork and wheel by tightening nuts until no play remains, but wheels roll freely. If nut is too loose, caster will shimmy, if too tight, chair will be hard to steer.

**REMOVAL OF SWING-AWAY FOOT RESTS/LEG RESTS-** Release lock by pushing on the front rigging lever. Swing-away footrest /leg rest out and sideways. Lift to remove.

**ADJUSTING LENGTH OF FOOTREST/LEG REST** - When adjusting length of footrests or leg rests, user should be sitting in the wheelchair with feet on the foot plates. Loosen bolt on the clamp around support assembly. Raise or lower foot plate to desired position that will provide maximum support of thighs. Front rigging should not be so low that it causes uncomfortable pressure to thighs at front of seat upholstery. Footrest should not be lower than 2-1/2" from the ground to ensure clearance.

**ADJUSTING/ELEVATING LEG REST** - Lift foot plate on leg rest assembly to desired position. Release leg rest assembly and it will automatically lock into place. To lower, push out on leg rest lever and lower foot plate to desired position.

**WHEELS** - Large rear wheels should be inspected at least once a month to ensure proper tightness. If wheel wobbles or is loose, release lock nut and tighten axle bolt slightly. Test for proper tightness by leaning chair to one side and spin adjusted wheel.

**GENERAL CARE** - Wipe chrome parts with a clean, soft cloth at least once a week. All metal parts can be cleaned with auto wax or similar products. If exposed to moisture, dry the wheelchair immediately. Do not use an abrasive cleanser that will scratch the finish.

**TO OPEN CHAIR** - Open the wheelchair by tilting to one side and pushing down on seat rail until fully opened.

**TO CLOSE/FOLD CHAIR** - First, fold foot plates to the vertical position. Hold seat with both hands at front and back edge and lift. Or, tilt the chair to one side and lift on the seat rail.

**REMOVABLE ARMS** - Remove arms by depressing spring button and lifting arms out of front and rear sockets.

## WARNING

Do not attempt to adjust or operate wheelchair without reading carefully all instructions in this manual.

- This wheelchair has not been approved as a seat that can be used within vehicles of any kind. Always transfer wheelchair user to a vehicle manufacturer approved seat and use safety restraints available.
- Do not operate this wheelchair on roadways, streets or any surfaces with vehicular traffic.
- Do not attempt to operate on inclines 10% or greater without proper assistance.
- Be sure to completely engage wheel locks when getting in and out of wheelchair or when in an elevator or wheelchair lift.
- Wheelchair should be on a smooth, stable and level area with wheel locks engaged before transferring user in or out of wheelchair.
- Do not adjust footrests any lower than 2-1/2" from floor surface.
- When getting in or out of wheelchair, do not stand on or apply weight to footrests.
- Before reaching or leaning forward, rotate casters to front of the wheelchair and engage wheel locks to help prevent wheelchair from tipping over.
- Do not lean over or apply weight to the top of wheelchair back. This can cause wheelchair to tip over. When trying to extend arms over back, only reach as far as your arm can extend without having to alter your seating position.
- Do not stand on wheelchair.
- Do not use wheel locks to slow your descent down an incline.
- Do not abruptly change directions while going down an incline as this could cause instability or possible tipping over of wheelchair.