



# Freedom Travel Chair

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**OWNERS HANDBOOK**

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## Your CareCo Freedom Travel Chair



### List of Parts

1. Push Handle
2. Half-Folding Back Mechanism
3. Arm-rest
4. Lap Belt
5. Leg-rest
6. Brake
7. 8" Rear Wheel
8. Front Castor
9. Footplate

## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the CareCo Freedom Travel Chair. The Freedom Travel Chair has been designed and manufactured to meet our own high level of specifications and we hope you will be delighted with your purchase.

The CareCo Freedom Travel Chair has been designed for occasional use both indoor and outdoor and will take a maximum user weight of 115kg (18 stone). It is a transit wheelchair and can only be operated by the wheelchair attendant/carer.

## Specification

**Wheelchair Dimensions:** 51cm (Width) x 84cm (Length) x 99cm (Height)

**Seat Dimensions:** 48cm (Width) x 40cm (Length) x 48cm (Height)

**Folded Width:** 20cm

**Weight:** 12kg

**Maximum User Weight:** 115kg (18 stone)

**Tyre type:** Solid PU tyres

## Assembly

The CareCo Freedom Travel Chair will come fully assembled with the exception of the legrests. Simply take the wheelchair out of its packaging and pull the armrests apart, then push the seat base down until in the horizontal position.

The legrests then clip into the two fixings part way down the wheelchair legs and swing in towards the centre of the chair where they will click into place. The legrests are height adjustable to a number of fixed positions. Release the bolt at the base of the legrests and lengthen to attain the correct position for the user.



## Folding

The CareCo Freedom Travel Chair has been designed to fold for ease of transportation and storage. Ensure the footrests are in the forward position and flip the plastic footplates up. Whilst holding the front and rear of the seat

canvas, pull upwards to fold the chair.



The backrest also has a half-folding back which can be used to make the Freedom Travel Chair even more compact. Push the black paddle at the rear of the chair with your thumb whilst pulling the handle down.



Repeat on the paddle on the other side. To return the backrest to the upright position, simply push the two handles back up into the upright position until the backrest locks in place.



#### **WARNING**

Do not push down on the handles to raise the front of the wheelchair as this could result in damage to your Freedom Travel Chair. Use the stepper tube as described further on in this manual.

## Transportation

For safe transportation of your Freedom Travel Chair, first fold the wheelchair as described above. Then remove the legrests by pushing down on the chrome lever on the legrest while twisting 90 degrees to the side of the wheelchair. This should unlock the legrest allowing you to lift the legrest up and off the wheelchair.

## Stepper Tube and Kerbs

**Mounting a Kerb** – Approach the kerb head on. The attendant/carer pushes down with their foot on the stepper tube at the rear of the wheelchair to raise the front castors off the ground and on to the kerb.



The attendant/carer then pushes the wheelchair forward and lifts the rear of the wheelchair up onto the kerb.

**Going down a Kerb** – Approach the kerb head on. The attendant/carer pushes down with their

foot on the stepper tube at the rear and gently lowers the front castors to the ground. The attendant/carer then pushes the wheelchair forward and gently lowers the rear castors to the ground.

## Safety Lap Belt

The lap belt is designed to restrain the wheelchair occupant during normal use. The lap belt is adjustable in length and should be adjusted to fit the user using the triglides. The lap belt should be tight around the user's pelvis (without causing discomfort) and the user's hips and pelvis should be held in place towards the rear of the Freedom Travel Chair. The lap belt has a luggage style large locking clip to fasten and unfasten. Push the clip into the receiver until it locks into position. The lap belt may not be suitable for all users of the wheelchair. Seek professional medical advice before using the lap belt.

## Operation

- The Freedom Travel Chair can only be propelled by the attendant/carer from the rear of the wheelchair.
- Parking brakes – push the plastic brake handle with your hand towards the front of the wheelchair. Pull the handle back to release the brakes.
- Do not use on gradients larger than 10 degrees
- The Freedom Travel Chair is only suitable for

a single user.

- Ensure feet are on footplates during operation
- Do not stand on the footplates
- Do not use on escalators
- Do not reverse down a gradient
- Do not reach for items further than your arm will extend
- Be aware of hazards in your region when operating
- Always apply parking brake when transferring into or out of the wheelchair

## Maintenance

Be sure your CareCo Freedom Travel Chair is in proper working order at all times. Please contact CareCo for any repairs required.

- Wipe down the frame using a soft cloth at least once a week
- If exposed to moisture, dry immediately
- Polish metal parts of the chair with auto wax once a month
- Clean the seat upholstery with a mild soap solution, rinse and wipe dry
- Worn or torn upholstery should be replaced promptly
- Inspect the wheels once a month – you can correct any side play in the wheel by loosening the lock nut on the axle and then tighten the



axle to remove this movement

- If the Solid PU tyre becomes cracked or severely worn, replace immediately

## Warranty

Your CareCo branded product is under warranty to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one year from date of purchase. This warranty expresses our confidence in the workmanship and materials used for our products.

In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, CareCo will, at our discretion, replace the wheelchair or supply parts to remedy. This warranty does not cover device failure due to owner misuse or negligence, or due to normal wear and tear. The warranty does not extend to non-durable parts, such as rubber accessories, castors, grips and arm pads, which are subject to normal wear and tear and require periodic replacement.

If you have any queries please contact CareCo.



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