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Able Assist Transfer Aids

User Manual

Introduction

The Able Assist User Transfer Aid provides a safe and easy solution for a Carer wishing to transfer a Client. This Transfer Aid is very manoeuvrable and light to use. A standard version is available PT003, an adjustable leg version PT004 and a folding version PT005.

Features & Benefits

The Able Assist User Transfer Aid enables Users to participate in transfers, and therefore improving muscle tone. This product is ideal for transferring Users from room to room and hence, increasing the User's independence.

For those Users who can raise from a seated position to a standing position, the Able Assist Transfer Aid is ideal. The Carer will rotate the seat parts and the User then stands on the footplate provided. The Carer will then lower the seat flaps and the User can now sit back, have their legs supported by the knee brace and hold on to the horizontal bar in front of them, making them feel secure.

The 4 wheels, (2 of which are braked) enable this aid to be manoeuvred easily from room to room. The narrow width of this Aid enables the Carer to manoeuvre easily through standard doorways. The Transfer Aid can be wheeled directly up to a toilet, with wheels positioned either side of the W/C, offering the User more dignity. To sit down, the above process is reversed.

Note: Model PT004 Able Assist User Transfer Aid has adjustable width legs, enabling the Aid to be positioned around wider riser recliner armchairs. Model PT005 can be folded and stored away when not in use.

Safety Precautions

- Always wear appropriate footwear when operating the Able Assist.
- The User should not be left unattended whilst occupying the Able Assist.
- The User should not lean out of the Able Assist's footprint.
- Do not exceed the weight capacity of 185kg
- The castor brakes should always be applied except when the User is being propelled in the Able Assist.
- The Able Assist may not be suitable for all Users. A risk assessment should be carried out prior to use. The User must be able to bear weight.
- Not all accessories are suitable for the Able Assist and/or the user. A risk assessment should be done prior to use.
- A carer should always counterbalance the device whilst it is being used by a User.
- If used with a wheelchair, then the wheelchair brakes should be applied and the legrests removed prior to operation.
- Do not tilt or lever the device during use. All 4 castor wheels should be in contact with the ground at all times.
- The unit is designed for indoor use and should only be used on a level surface.

Parts Description



PT004 (Able Assist with Adjustable Legs)

Model Identification



PT003 (Able Assist with Rigid Legs)



PT005 (Able Assist with Folding Facility)

General Operation –

Transferring to the Able Assist

1. Position the Able Assist close to the User requiring transport.
2. Spread the legs on the Able Assist to give greater stability. Do this by pushing down on the pedal below.

*Note: this stage applies to the PT004 only.
The PT003 and PT005 have fixed width legs.*



3. Apply the brakes on the rear castors, by pressing down on the locking tab.



4. Flip up the Seat Pads so the User can occupy the Able Assist.



5. The User's feet should be positioned on the footplate. The User should then grasp the hand rail. Using the assistance from the handrail, the User should now be able to stand and push the front of their lower legs against the knee pad.



6. Once the User is fully stood, the Seat Pads should be lowered so that the User can perch on them. Once the User is secure, release the castor brakes by pushing up on the locking tab. The carer can then move the Able Assist using the push handles as shown below.



General Operation –

Transferring From the Able Assist

1. Position the Able Assist close to the seat or bed.
2. Spread the legs on the Able Assist to give greater stability. Do this by pushing down on the pedal below.

Note: this stage applies to the PT004 only.

The PT003 and PT005 have fixed width legs.



3. Apply the brakes on the rear castors, by pressing down on the locking tab.



4. Ask the User to stand up using the Hand Rail as assistance. Lift up the Seat Pads.



5. The User can now slowly lower themselves in to the seat using the Hand Rail for assistance. The carer should hold the Able Assist with by the push handles during this operation.



6. The User should now remove their feet from the footplate and the carer can remove the Castor Brakes. The Able Assist can now be wheeled away for storage.

Using the Able Assist with a Bed

The Able Assist can be used to aid a User getting out of bed.

1. Position the User as shown below so they are facing the Able Assist and sat on the bed with their feet on the floor.



2. Spread the legs if required and get the User to place their feet on the footplate. Flip up the Seat Pads and apply the Castor Brakes.



3. The User should grab the Hand Rail with both hands and use this to assist them with standing as shown below:



4. Once the User is fully stood up, the carer should flip down the Seat Pads and user can then perch on the pads.



5. The carer can then remove the brakes and propel the Able Assist including the User to their destination.

Also refer to the sections on General Operation for detailed operating instructions.

Using the Able Assist with a Chair

The Able Assist can be used to aid a User getting out of a chair, commode, toilet or wheelchair. If used with a wheelchair, then the wheelchair brakes should be applied and the legrests removed prior to operation.

1. Position the User as shown below so they are facing the Able Assist with their feet on the floor.



2. Spread the legs if required and get the User to place their feet on the footplate. Flip up the Seat Pads and apply the Castor Brakes.



3. The User should grab the Hand Rail with both hands and use this to assist them with standing as shown below:



4. Once the User is fully stood up, the carer should flip down the Seat Pads and user can then perch on the pads.



5. The carer can then remove the brakes and propel the Able Assist including the User to their destination.

Also refer to the sections on General Operation for detailed operating instructions.

Sling Attachment

Sling and transfer belt attachments are provided for Users who require extra support.

Such compatible accessories can be attached by using the slotted bracket on the accessory as shown below:



Note: Not all accessories are suitable for the Able Assist and/or the user. A risk assessment should be done prior to use. Drive Medical accepts no liability for damage or injury as a result of third-party accessories being used.

Knee Pad Adjustment (PT004 Only)

The Knee Pad on the PT004 can be adjusted for height and angle.

To adjust the angle, loosen the two dome head nuts with a spanner on both sides of the frame (as shown below). Reposition the Knee Pad to the required angle and then retighten the nuts using the spanner.



To adjust the height of the Knee Pad, loosen the four screws with an allen key (as shown below). Reposition the Knee Pad to the required height then retighten using the allen key.



Folding the Able Assist (PT005)

The PT005 comes with a folding facility to allow for compact to storage.

To unfold the Able Assist:

1. Undo the Velcro strap holding the frame together. Ensure that the Castor Brakes are not applied.



2. Fold out the frame, and push down on the centre of the footplate with your foot if required.
3. Lift up the grab handle and secure by inserting the locking pin.



To fold the Able Assist:

1. Pull out the locking pin and fold down the Hand Rail.



2. Fold up the frame. Lift up the centre of the footplate if required, being careful to avoid any pinch points.
3. Secure the frame in storage by wrapping around the Velcro strap.



Specifications

Specification	PT003	PT004	PT005
Overall Length	86cm	82cm	78cm
Overall Height	97cm	106cm	97.5cm
Overall Width	61cm	53cm	61cm (open) 37cm (folded)
Knee Pad Measurements	39cm (w) x 26cm (h)	39cm (w) x 26cm (h)	36cm (w) x 25cm (h)
Knee Pad Height from Base Plate	17-41cm	25-49cm	19-43cm
Handle Height (from base)	85cm	90cm	87cm
Seat Height (from floor)	62cm (bottom) 67cm (top)	62cm (bottom) 67cm (top)	59cm (bottom) 77cm (top)
Chassis Length	75cm	87cm	79cm
Chassis Width (front)	46cm	52cm	46cm
Chassis Width (back)	61cm	50cm	61cm
Chassis Width (internal)	35cm	49-76cm	34.5cm
Plain Castors (front)	7.5cm	7.5cm	7.5cm
Brake Castors (back)	7.5cm	7.5cm	7.5cm
Maximum User Weight Limit	185 Kg	185 Kg	185 Kg

Servicing and Maintenance

Cleaning:

It is recommended that the Able Assist is cleaned daily as a minimum.

The device is cleaned down with a damp cloth using mild detergent and/or disinfectant. For example, a mild chloride disinfectant (solution of 10,000 parts per million) can be used. Excess water is then removed from the device using a towel or a compressed air tool. The device is then placed in a suitable environment to fully dry.

Please note that the polyurethane blue seat pads should not be cleaned with a chlorine solution.

Caution: If a hot air dryer is used to dry the equipment, the temperature must not exceed 80°C (176°F). Do not use petroleum based solvents or similar, since this may damage plastic parts.

The device is not suitable for cleaning in an autoclave.

Servicing:

It is recommended that the device is inspected annually by a competent person.

The Able Assist transfer aids are designed for minimal maintenance.

Weekly Checks:

The following weekly checks are recommended:

- Check the brakes and the secure fixing and manoeuvrability of the castors.
- Check that the transfer aid is stable, i.e. all four castors are touching the floor.
- The Seat and Knee Pads are secure and not loose or damaged.
- The Castor Wheels rotate and swivel freely.
- Check that all fasteners are secure and not corroded or damaged
- PT004 Only: Check that the leg adjustment mechanism operates smoothly and is not loose.
- PT005 Only: Check that folding mechanism operates smoothly and is not loose.

If any of the checks highlight a problem with the device, do not until the problem has been addressed.

Warranty

The Able Assist comes with a one year manufacturer's warranty to cover design and manufacturing defects.

This does not include accidental damage, damage as the result of misuse and/or wear and tear.

Please contact Drive Medical for full warranty conditions.

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