



## **Tri-Wheeled Walkers**



**VP174SS – Blue Steel Tri Walker with Bag**

**VP174RS – Red Steel Tri Walker with Bag**

**VP174SS/N – Blue Steel Tri Walker No Bag**

**VP174RS/N – Red Steel Tri Walker No Bag**

**Basket available to buy separately – VP103**

**VP172AA – Red Aluminium Tri Walker with Bag, Basket and Tray**

**VP172AB – Blue Aluminium Tri Walker with Bag, Basket and Tray**

**VP172AC -Silver Aluminium Tri Walker with Bag, Basket and Tray**

## **User Guide with Fixing and Maintenance Instructions**



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## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing your Aidapt Tri-walker.

Your tri-walker has been designed to assist the user to walk and carry small items of shopping with our optional special shopping bag designed specifically to fit your tri-walker. Only use bags supplied and designed for your Tri-walker.

Do not use or combine bags or baskets from other manufacturers.

In normal use, i.e. when both hands are placed on the handles of the Tri-Walker, please ensure it is fully opened and locked into position. Always keep both hands on the Tri-Walker, do not put full pressure on one side as this may cause tipping.

When not in use, you can simply fold the tri-walker and store away until you require it next. The tri-walker is designed for use inside and outside the home. Please ensure fingers are clear of the locking mechanism to reduce the risk of entrapment when closing the Tri-Walker

### **NB. This equipment must be installed by a competent person.**

VP174SS	Blue Steel Tri Walker with Bag	115 kg (18 St.) weight limit
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VP172AA	Red Aluminium Tri Walker with Bag,Basket&Tray	133kg (21 St.) weight limit
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**Do not exceed the maximum load; doing so could put the user at risk.**

## FEATURES

- User friendly loop brakes lever with lock
- Soft plastic solid wheels
- Swivelling front wheel
- Height adjustment
- User friendly height adjustment

- Ergonomic handgrips to reduce pressure
- Optional bag or basket attachment

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Carefully remove all packaging. Check the product thoroughly for damage or obvious faults.



**If you suspect the unit to be faulty, please do not use, but contact your supplier immediately for service.**

2. Carefully insert the brake assembly (fig. 1) within the frame.
3. Ensure when brake assembly is inserted that both brakes are even in height and the tri-walker is sitting evenly on the ground.
4. Insert screw through brake assembly into main frame via locating holes as per Fig. 2 at the height required.
5. Fig. 4b shows the correct assembly. The screw should be inserted into the six-sided hole as shown in Fig. 4a. The six sided hole is located on the inside of the frame.
6. As per Fig. 3 and Fig. 3a add plastic washer and hand tighten plastic thumb wheel.
7. It is very important that the side locking knobs (see fig.3a) are properly tightened so that the tube will not slip down when normal weight is applied to the handles.



**Fig. 1**



**Fig. 2**



**Fig. 3**



**Fig. 3a**



Fig. 4a



Fig. 4b

## LOCKING MECHANISM

1. Open out the tri-walker frame by pulling the grip handles outwards in opposite directions forming a 'V' shape. Once this is completed pull/push the central locking bracket so the plates are parallel.

Central Locking Bracket



Fig. 5



**Ensure the frame is locked before using it and never use a semi-closed position as this may lead to the frame collapsing.**

2. To close your tri-wheeled walker push open the central locking bracket and then apply pressure to the outside of the handgrips and the walker will fold. Please ensure fingers are clear of the locking mechanism to reduce the risk of entrapment when closing the Tri-Walker.

## OPERATING THE BRAKES

1. To stop, gently apply a gripping pressure to both brakes simultaneously (fig.6), this will slow down and stop your tri-walker.
2. The brakes on your tri-walker have a park option (Fig. 6a). To operate the park option, push downwards on both brakes simultaneously. You will feel the brake make a very slight click. Your brakes are now in the 'lock' position.
3. To unlock, simply pull up the brake again, you will hear a slight click as the 'park' disengages (Fig. 6b).



Fig. 6



Fig. 6a



Fig. 6b

## **FITTING THE CARRY BAG (Should be already fitted)**

1. The Tri-walker bag should be fitted when the walker is set in the open position.
2. Take the strap situated upon the upper side of the tri-walker bag, and wrap this around the diagonal bar of the frame (fig. 7) and push the stud fasteners together.
3. Take the strap on the side of the tri-walker bag and wrap this around the vertical bar of the frame (fig. 7a) and again push the stud fasteners together.



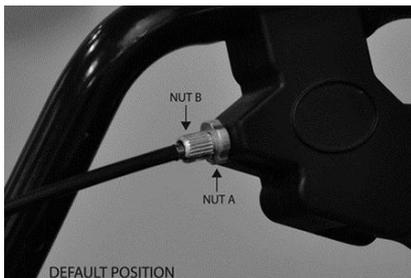
**Fig. 7**



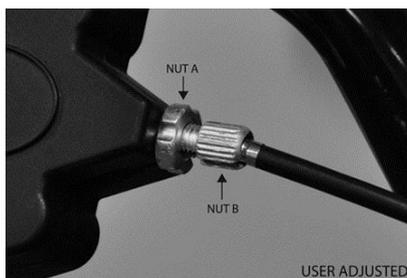
**Fig. 7a**

## **ADJUSTMENT TO BRAKES**

1. Your brake system will require periodic adjustment. The brake adjustment is similar to bicycle brakes.
2. Fig. 8 shows the brake handle in its default delivered position. Should the brakes need adjusting they can be tightened by unlocking Nut A and then unscrewing (anti-clockwise) Nut B. When the brake arm (see Fig. 8b) has a 3 mm clearance then Nut A should be retightened. An example of a user adjusted brake handle is shown in Fig. 8a.
3. When adjusted the brakes should work in both normal braking and in parking mode. If needed then Nut B in Fig 8/8a can be turned further anti-clockwise, which will tighten the brake cable more.
4. If the brake handles are fully adjusted and more tightening is required refer to Fig. 8b where further adjustment can be made.
5. After adjustment check the park brakes by pushing down on the brake handles, ensuring that both brakes lock in the park position.
6. With the brakes off, lift the two 'braked' wheels off the ground and spin to ensure they turn freely. If either of the braked wheels rubs onto the brake arm, please check for obstructions and repeat the brake adjustment procedure above.
7. It is important that you check brake adjustments on a regular basis to take into account wear and tear. However, brake adjustment must be checked at least once a month and definitely prior to a change of user.



**Fig. 8**



**Fig. 8a**



**Fig. 8b**

**NB. Wheel design may vary.**

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE & YOUR OBLIGATION

1. Only use your Tri-walker for the purpose for which it is intended, which is an aid to walking. It is intended that your Tri-walker is only used on standard pavements or at home and should not be used on rough terrain or pot holed surfaces. The use of you tri-walker on these surfaces can seriously compromise your safety.
2. Check that all wheels and the folding mechanism function correctly and that all wheels move freely. Pay particular attention to the front wheel, ensuring that it rotates freely and without obstruction.
3. Check the central locking bracket (see fig.5), always make sure that this is securely in place before using.



**Withdraw your Tri-walker immediately if the central locking bracket will not locate or if any of the wheels become difficult to turn or wobble or if you suspect damage or any other fault.**

4. Monthly Checks – check that the side locking levels are properly secure (fig. 3a).
  - a. Check that no components are loose.
  - b. Check the brakes; ensure that the brakes are correctly adjusted.



**Do not fit any parts or accessories to your Tri-walker manufactured by any other company. To do so will annul your warranty and, may seriously compromise your safety.**

5. We suggest that you check your tri-walker visually every day. However we recommend that you should have your tri-walker serviced every three months or less if used or issued to various users. Servicing should be carried out at an approved service station or directly by Aidapt.

## **REISSUE**

If you reissue or are about to reissue this product, please thoroughly check all components for their safety.

This includes:

- Bent or damaged tubes or cracks at the tube joints
- Brake adjustment
- Loose or worn horseshoe clips
- Elongated adjustment holes
- Loose handles
- Loose or worn Wheels and wheel fasteners (where fitted)
- Smooth, worn or split ferrules (rubber tips)

**Replace all worn, missing or damaged parts where necessary. If in any doubt, please do not issue or use, but immediately contact your supplier for service support.**

## **CLEANING**

***A useful guide to decontamination is MHRA leaflet DB2003(06).***

Do not use abrasive cleaners as this could damage the surface of the equipment. For cleaning, wipe with a clean cloth soaked in detergent solution and wring out.

Depending on the detergent manufacturer's instructions the solution may be heated.

Wipe all surfaces of the equipment and the cloth should be re-immersed periodically and the detergent changed frequently. The detergent should be rinsed or wiped off using a clean cloth immersed in clean water and wrung out.

To disinfect make sure the equipment has been cleaned and dried and then wipe over with a clean cloth and a compatible liquid disinfectant. After disinfecting clean with clean water and dry.

When using detergent or disinfectants then please refer to manufacturers' instructions and if unsure then consult your local Infection Control Specialist for advice.

After cleaning or disinfecting treat all joints with a water dispersing agent, e.g. WD40.

## **WARRANTY**

This product carries a 12 month warranty from the date of purchase against manufacturing defects.

Misuse or Damage is not covered.

This warranty does not affect your statutory rights.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The information given in this instruction booklet must not be taken as forming part of or establishing any contractual or other commitment by Aidapt Bathrooms Limited, Aidapt (Wales) Ltd or its agents or its subsidiaries and no warranty or representation concerning the information is given.

Please exercise common sense and do not take any unnecessary risks when using this product; as the user you must accept liability for safety when using the product.

Please do not hesitate to contact the person who issued this product to you or the manufacturer (detailed below) if you have any queries concerning the assembly/use of your product.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### Steel Tri Walkers

Maximum User Weight (kg)	115kg (18 stone)
Height to Top of Handgrips (mm)	830-990 (7 Height Adjustments)
Footprint (mm)	Closed: 760x210 Open: 650x670
Net Weight (kg)	Walker only: 5.5 With bag: 5.95

### Aluminium Tri Walkers

Maximum User Weight (kg)	133kg (21 stone)
Height to Top of Handgrips (mm)	830-990 (7 Height Adjustments)
Footprint (mm)	Closed: 650x250 Open: 570x650
Net Weight (kg)	5.24

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