

**ASSIST 2 & TRANSIT 2** 

Assist 2 & Assist 2 Deluxe Vinyl | Transit 2

# USER MANUAL



Thank you for choosing this Aspire Wheelchair.

This product has been designed to offer the maximum in comfort, safety and adjustability. Aspire Manual Wheelchairs are suitable for indoor and outdoor use and are available in a range of sizes.

# IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING YOUR NEW WHEELCHAIR.

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## SYMBOLS USED IN THIS MANUAL

The symbols below are used throughout this user manual and on the product to identify warnings and important information. It is very important for you to read them and understand them completely.



**WARNING!** Indicates a potentially hazardous condition/situation. Failure to follow designated procedures can cause either personal injury, component damage or malfunction. On the product, this icon is represented as a black symbol on a white triangle with a black border.



**ALWAYS!** These actions should be performed as specified. Failure to perform mandatory actions can cause personal injury and/or equipment damage. On the product, this icon is represented as a white infinity symbol on a black dot with a white border.



**DO NOT!** These actions are prohibited. These actions should not be performed at any time or in any circumstances. Performing a prohibited action can cause personal injury and/or equipment damage. On the product, this icon is represented as a white symbol with a black circle and black slash.

## 1. INTENDED USE

## ASPIRE ASSIST 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

Aspire Assist 2 Manual Wheelchairs are specifically designed for individuals who, due to a wide variety of reasons, have limited mobility or are unable to walk. This product should be used as a tool to assist with these mobility or walking difficulties.

Aspire Assist 2 Manual Wheelchairs are able to be propelled by a user with the self-propelling wheels or by an attendant with the push handles. This wheelchair has been designed to be used in and outdoor on dry, hard and leveled terrain.

### **ASPIRE TRANSIT 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR**

Aspire Transit 2 Manual Wheelchairs are specifically designed for individuals who, due to a wide variety of reasons, have limited mobility or are unable to walk. This product should be used as a tool to assist with these mobility or walking difficulties.

Aspire Transit 2 Manual Wheelchairs are able to be propelled by an attendant with the push handles. This wheelchair has been designed to be used in and outdoor on dry, hard and leveled terrain.



**WARNING!** This wheelchair is intended to bear the weight of an occupant through its wheels during propulsion and when stationary. It is NOT designed to be carried with an occupant in the seat and doing so may cause serious injury or death.

# 2. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

## **ASPIRE ASSIST 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR**

The Aspire Assist 2 Manual Wheelchair is a four wheel wheelchair with a cross folding frame. The product is made of steel, ensuring strength and durability. This wheelchair offers great manoeuvrability and stability, a wide size range and great adjustability for a customised fit. It is equipped with a fabric or PVC seat & back, push handles, large 24 inch rear self-propelling quick release wheels and removable swing away legrests. A large range of accessories can be fitted to the Aspire Assist 2 Manual Wheelchair to improve its overall performance.

### **DELUXE VINYL MODEL**

The Aspire Assist 2 Deluxe Vinyl wheelchairs are also available in a hospital/institutional focused configuration. These wheelchairs offer design refinements that produce enhanced infection control outcomes. Designed to be cleaned with Tuffie Wipes and nearly all available Acute Care cleaning products, the Aspire Assist 2 Deluxe Vinyl Wheelchairs offer a sound choice for users with incontinence considerations.

### **ASPIRE TRANSIT 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR**

The Aspire Transit 2 Manual Wheelchair is a four wheel wheelchair with a cross folding frame. The product is made of steel, ensuring strength and durability. This wheelchair offers great manoeuvrability and stability, a wide size range and great adjustability for a customised fit. It is equipped with a fabric seat & back, push handles, manoeuvrable rear 12 inch transit quick release wheels and removable swing away legrests. A large range of accessories can be fitted to the Aspire Transit 2 Manual Wheelchair to improve its overall performance.

## 3. WARNINGS

#### MAXIMUM WEIGHT CAPACITY - 140KG - 350 TO 500MM SEAT WIDTHS

#### MAXIMUM WEIGHT CAPACITY - 180KG - 570 TO 610MM SEAT WIDTHS



**DO NOT** exceed maximum user weight. This weight limit includes any accessories, shopping or other personal items that may be carried on the chair.



**DO NOT** stand on the foot plates as the wheelchair may tip forwards. The foot plates are not designed to be a weight bearing surface.



**WARNING!** Pay attention to your fingers when folding or opening the wheelchair and when self-propelling the chair with hands in close proximity to wheel spokes.



**ALWAYS** use push rims to bring the wheelchair to a stop. Do not use the brakes to stop a moving wheelchair.



**DO NOT** use the wheelchair on escalators, even if accompanied by an attendant.



## ASPIRE ASSIST 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

CODE	SEAT WIDTH	OVERALL WIDTH	SEAT DEPTH	SEAT HEIGHT	BACKREST HEIGHT	ARMREST HEIGHT	MINIMUM CHAIR WEIGHT	SWL
ASSIST 2				\$	\$	\$	КС	КС
MWS449300	350 mm (14")	570 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.3 kg	140 kg
MWS449310	400 mm (16")	620 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.5 kg	140 kg
MWS449320	450 mm (18")	670 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.7 kg	140 kg
MWS449330	500 mm (20")	720 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.9 kg	140 kg
MWS449340 (DELUXE VINYL)	350 mm (14")	570 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.4 kg	140 kg
MWS449350 (DELUXE VINYL)	400 mm (16")	620 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.6 kg	140 kg
MWS449360 (DELUXE VINYL)	450 mm (18")	670 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	17.8 kg	140 kg
MWS449370 (DELUXE VINYL)	500 mm (20")	720 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	18 kg	140 kg
MWS449380 (HD DELUXE VINYL)	570 mm (22")	790 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	18.9 kg	180 kg
MWS449390 (HD DELUXE VINYL)	610 mm (24")	830 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	19.2 kg	180 kg

### ASPIRE TRANSIT 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

CODE	SEAT WIDTH	OVERALL WIDTH	SEAT DEPTH	SEAT HEIGHT	BACKREST HEIGHT	ARMREST HEIGHT	MINIMUM CHAIR WEIGHT	SWL
TRANSIT 2						\$	КС	КС
MWS449410	400 mm (16")	540 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	16.4 kg	140 kg
MWS449420	450 mm (18")	590 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	16.6 kg	140 kg
MWS449430	500 mm (20")	640 mm	400 mm	460 – 500 mm	440 mm	210 mm	16.8 kg	140 kg

## 5. LIST OF COMPONENTS

## **ASPIRE ASSIST 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIR**



Number	Description
1	Rear Wheels
2	Quick Release Axles
3	Armrests
4	Footrests
5	Height Adjustable Castor Fork
6	Front Castor Wheel
7	Foot Plate with Heel Loop
8	Attendant Hand Grips
9	Hand Brakes
10	Cross Bar

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## **ASPIRE ASSIST 2 & TRANSIT 2 MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS**

#### **Box Contains:**

- 1. Wheelchair frame fitted with 24 inch (Assist) & 12 inch (Transit) rear wheels
- 2. Swing away legrests (pair)
- 3. User manual
- 4. Tool adjustment kit



When opening the carton, ensure it is done in a safe and careful manner. **DO NOT USE** a box cutter or sharp implement as this may damage the product. For OH&S purposes, lay the carton on its side with the top of the carton open and slide the plastic bag out containing the wheelchair and the small carton box containing the swing away legrests.

 Stand the wheelchair in an upright position on a flat, level surface





2. Pushdown on the side seat rails of the wheelchair until the seat is flat to unfold the frame





 Insert the legrests into the top of the frame receivers at a 45° angle to the chair and swing them in towards the centre of the chair until the release button engages with a "click" sound





# 7. PRELIMINARY CHECKS

After assembling the wheelchair, these checks should be completed prior to initial use:

- 1. Check that the seating surface is locked into place, creating a flat support surface
- 2. Check that rear wheels are locked in place and that quick release axle is not loose
- 3. Check that rear brakes engage and disengage
- 4. If fitted with accessories, ensure that they are secure and locked in place

## 8. GENERAL OPERATION

#### **General Operation**

It is very important that this wheelchair is used under guidance from all warnings or hazards listed in this product user manual. Key safety measures should be taken by both users and attendants when using this wheelchair:

- Avoid quick direction changes
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Ensure your wheelchair is used on surfaces intended for its use
- Control the speed of the wheelchair using the hand rims on the rear wheels (Aspire ASSIST 2)
- Ensure an attendant is available to assist at all times (Aspire TRANSIT 2)
- Ensure an attendant is available to assist where necessary (Aspire ASSIST 2)

#### Lifting the Wheelchair

Lift the wheelchair using the push handles and the front upper corners of the wheelchair frame, where the legrests are attached.



**DO NOT** lift the wheelchair with an occupant in the seat. This lifting guide is for safe handling of the wheelchair only.



**WARNING!** DO NOT lift the wheelchair by holding it by the legrests or the armrests! Detach the legrests prior to lifting the chair.

#### Transporting the Wheelchair

To transport this chair in a motor vehicle it is suggested that the legrests and rear wheels are removed to easily fit the chair in the rear boot or backseat of a motor vehicle.



**WARNING!** The Aspire ASSIST 2 & TRANSIT 2 are not crashtested and **SHOULD NOT** ever be used as a means of transporting a user in a motor vehicle.







#### Moving Wheelchair Up a Kerb – With an Attendant

- 1. Push the wheelchair up to the kerb FEET FIRST
- 2. The attendant should push down on the rear foot peg to slightly incline the chair. DO NOT tilt the chair back with the push handles
- 3. Once the front wheels are firmly on the ground above the kerb, the rear wheels should be pushed against the kerb to propel the entire chair to rest above the kerb





**WARNING!** This should only ever be done with an attendant and not performed by a user on their own. It is very important the above steps are followed to prevent injury to both the user and the attendant.

#### Moving Wheelchair Down a Kerb – With an Attendant

- 1. Reverse the wheelchair up to the kerb FEET LAST
- 2. The attendant should check for cars or obstructions prior to commencing the descent
- 3. The attendant should slowly lower the rear wheels down to the road surface, ensuring not to tip the chair
- 4. Once the rear wheels are firmly on the road surface, the front wheels should be slowly lowered onto the road surface





**WARNING!** This should only ever be done with an attendant and not performed by a user on their own. It is very important the above steps are followed to prevent injury to both the user and the attendant.

#### Using the Wheelchair Brakes

Aspire Assist 2 and Transit 2 Manual Wheelchairs have locking brakes to ensure no movement occurs when the wheelchair is in a stationary position.

- 1. To engage brakes, push forward on the brake lever until firmly locked in place.
- 2. To disengage brakes, pull back on the brake lever until unlocked





**WARNING!** Brakes should always be locked when leaving a user unattended in the wheelchair.

#### **Quick Release Wheels**

If the rear wheels need to be removed for repair or replacement, quick release axles are fitted to assist.

- 1. To detach the rear wheel from the frame, press & hold the release button and remove the wheel from the frame
- 2. To attach wheel, reverse step 1





**WARNING!** Ensure quick release axles are mounted correctly and locked in place prior to seating a user.



# 9. ACCESSORIES

Aspire Assist 2 and Transit 2 Manual Wheelchairs are compatible with a large range of accessories to improve product performance.

### **ELEVATING LEGRESTS**

Elevating legrests allow for a users legs to be reclined for comfort and pressure care.

• Elevating legrests connect to the wheelchair frame using the same method as standard legrests (see page 8, step 3)



• To adjust legrest angle, press and hold the release button (2) and lift or lower the footplate as required



Stump supports / amputee supports connect easily on to the legrest receiver to ensure amputee users can sit in comfort offering a contoured and extended support surface.

- 1. Insert the Stump Support into the top of the frame legrest receivers
- 2. Adjust the height or angle of the stump support by using the hand fastening lever



### **BRAKE EXTENSION LEVER**

To assist in a user activating the brakes, an extended brake lever can be fitted

- 1. Remove the existing brake lever by unscrewing the mounting hardware
- 2. Mount the extended brake lever by screwing the mounting hardware firmly in place



## **IV POLE**

To facilitate Intravenous infusion, IV Poles can be mounted to the wheelchair

1. The IV Pole clamp can be attached to either backrest cane. Once secured firmly in place, drop in the IV Pole



### **ANTI-TIP BARS**

Anti-tip bars ensure a chair will not tip when over tilted by a user or an attendant

- 1. Remove rear foot pegs, slide on anti-tip bars and lock in place
- 2. The anti-tip wheel height range is adjustable for improved mobility during carer transportation







## LAP BELT

For extra safety when manoeuvring a user, a lap belt is available.

- Mount seat belt ends onto either side of the chair and fasten in place with a bolt
- 2. Lock/unlock lap belt by pressing red button





### **OXYGEN BOTTLE HOLDER**

For users who require an oxygen source, the oxygen bottle holder mounts simply to the rear of the chair frame.

- Align oxygen bottle holder with frame mounting holes and fasten in place with bolts provided
- 2. Insert oxygen bottle ensuring all tubing and regulator are clear of moving parts, such as rear wheels





#### **DRUM WHEEL BRAKE KIT**

#### **Removing Camber Kit**

- 1. Remove quick release axle from wheelchair by pushing in spring button and pulling wheel outwards.
- 2. Lay the wheelchair on its side, remove camber kit from wheelchair frame using a 24mm spanner.





#### **Installing Drum Brakes**

- Ensure the direction of the brake kit is facing upwards towards the top of the wheelchair.
- 2. Remove nut 1 and washer 1, Slide drum brake through hole 9.
- 3. Stand wheelchair back onto it's wheels (from side lying position) ensuring cable pin stays pointing towards the top of the wheelchair.
- Mount hardware (△, ⑤, ⑥, ●, through hole (◇) on wheelchair and drum brake, this must be done in alphabetical order as shown. Secure in place with 10mm Spanner & 5mm Allen key.





#### **Installing Hand Brakes**

- 1. Mount hand brake to wheelchair handle & fasten in place with a 4mm Allen key.
- 2. Fasten wheel to wheelchair by locking in place with the quick release axle provided in the box.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 to 8 for the other side.





#### **Adjusting Brake Strength**

If brakes require tightening or loosening, follow below steps.

- 1. Remove wheel and quick release axle from wheelchair, slide out brake cable.
- 2. Adjust brake strength: Tighten (Clockwise) & Loosen (Anti-Clockwise).
- 3. Reposition brake cable & wheel and lock into place with quick release axle.







# 10. TROUBLESHOOTING

Wheelchair is steering/pulling to one side	<ul> <li>Make sure the rear wheel axle pins have been inserted correctly</li> <li>Make sure the end user is able to evenly distribute his/her weight on the wheelchair</li> <li>Make sure one push rim has not been mounted more tightly than the other</li> <li>Ensure both front castors forks are adjusted to the same angle at the frame mounts</li> </ul>
The wheelchair moves slowly	<ul> <li>Ensure rear wheels axle pins have been inserted correctly</li> <li>Remove any hair or dirt from castor and rear wheel axles</li> <li>Make sure there is not too much weight applied to the castors, otherwise adjust the centre of gravity</li> <li>Ensure user clothing is not interfering with movement of the rear wheels</li> <li>Ensure both brakes are disengaged</li> </ul>
The wheelchair does not turn smoothly	<ul> <li>Make sure the front fork bolts are not over tightened which can restrict front castor wheel rotation</li> <li>Remove any hair or dirt from castor axles</li> <li>Ensure both brakes are disengaged</li> </ul>
The brakes do not work properly	<ul> <li>Check distance between tyres and brake foot is sufficient such that the requisite amount of force can be applied to the tyre surface to stop it moving when the brake is in the engaged position</li> </ul>
The wheelchair cannot be opened or folded easily	<ul> <li>Clean the crossbar under the seat and apply some grease</li> <li>Check that nothing has become lodged under the seat or in and around the cross bar mechanism</li> <li>Check foot plates are folded up</li> </ul>

Correct adjustment of the wheelchair is essential for the successful and safe use of this product.

Should assistance be required, contact the Aidacare Service Department on 1300 133 120.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Weekly	Periodically	Yearly	Serviceable Components
Check brakes are functioning properly	<ul> <li>Check for signs of wear on front castors</li> <li>Check for signs of wear on rear tyres</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Service to be completed by authorised Aspire service agent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wheels &amp; Tyres</li> <li>Forks</li> <li>Axles</li> <li>Armrest receivers</li> <li>Seat sling</li> <li>Footrest mounts</li> <li>Footplates</li> <li>Armrest Pads</li> </ul>

## CARE FOR YOUR CHAIR

- The seat and backrest upholstery can be removed by loosening the screws and wiping with a wet sponge and a mild detergent. All other components can be cleaned with a damp cloth.
- · Check tyre condition at least twice per month.
- Check that rear wheel spokes are not loose. Loose wheel spokes can reduce the strength of the rims and must be safely adjusted by a qualified technician.
- · Always keep rear wheel quick release axles clean and free from dirt and hair build up.
- Should push rims become scratched these should be de-burred or replaced to avoid damage to skin (not necessary for Aspire Transit 2 model).
- Brakes should be checked regularly.

Should you have any doubts about the correct functioning of the wheelchair or of any of its components, please contact AIDACARE on 1300 133 120 or your local Aspire distributor.

The tool kit provided will allow basic adjustments to the wheelchair, for further information on repairs and service contact AIDACARE on 1300 133 120.



## 12. WARRANTY

Aspire Manual Wheelchairs come with a 2 year warranty on the frame and a 1 year warranty on all components. Please keep purchase invoice as proof of warranty commencement.



Aidacare is bound by Australian Consumer Law in respect to 'Warranty against Defects' on this product. A copy of the Aidacare 'Warranty against Defects' statement is available off the Home page of our website at aidacare.com.au. Any contact in regard to warranty matters should be made to Aidacare Customer Service staff on 1300 133 120 or where support will be provided.

Aidacare does not warrant against excessive or incorrect use, modification or any situation that could not be deemed as fair wear and tear. Tyres, tubes and castor wheels are not covered under the 2 year warranty as these are considered consumable items. These consumable items carry a 12 month warranty against manufacturer defects only, NOT wear and tear from reasonable use.

The warranty on this product is a back to base warranty and does not cover any freight costs pertaining to the return of any items under warranty. Aidacare acknowledges and conforms to all ACCC guidelines around consumer rights. For further information contact Aidacare 1300 133 120.

Aidacare will not guarantee the safety and the correct functioning of the wheelchair in the case that any of the original components have been changed or modified and or replaced with non-original Aidacare approved parts. If any faults are detected upon receiving the wheelchair please phone Aidacare to arrange a replacement. Any faults that are detected during normal use should be reported to Aidacare immediately to determine if warranty conditions apply and organise repair and/or replacement as applicable.

# 13. COMPLIANCE

The Aspire Manual Wheelchair range is manufactured in ISO compliant production facilities in P.R China to strict quality control standards.

As part of Australian Standards compliance, safety stickers are located on the frame of this wheelchair. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with these prior to use.

This product complies with Australian Standard AS/NZS 3695.1:2011. As the importer of this product, Aidacare maintains records of all testing reports and compliance certificates. All testing was Certified by Novitatech Children's Services in South Australia.

Novitatech is an independent NATA accredited laboratory and is widely acknowledged as the leading provider of safety testing services for wheelchairs and mobility products in Australia.

## 14. SERVICE MAINTENANCE & CUSTOMISATION

#### FOR ALL ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 1300 133 120

When sending the chair back for warranty, service or repair work please include all components such as leg rests, armrests and seat cushion. Please ensure wheelchair is clearly marked with owner's name and contact details.

To organise pickup by Aidacare, please call 1300 133 120, standard pickup and delivery charges apply.

#### **SPARE PARTS**

Aidacare stock replacement parts for the Aspire wheelchair range. All replacement of parts should be completed by Aidacare or authorised Aspire service technician. The term parts includes but is not limited to: tyres, brakes, armrests, footrests and upholstery.

A complete parts list is available upon request.

#### **CUSTOMISATION AND MODIFICATION**

All wheelchair customisation, modifications and or alterations made to this product are considered as "custom" changes. These may cause the product to no longer satisfy Australian Standards and should be considered prior to commencement.

For customisation or modification work, contact AIDACARE on 1300 133 120. Our team of qualified Rehab Engineers are available to assist if required.



## 15. SERVICE LOG BOOK

Year 1	Date:		
Service Type:			
Condition Report:			
Inspected by:	_ Signature:		
Action taken:	_ Date:		

Year 2	Date:		
Service Type:			
Condition Report:			
Inspected by:	_ Signature:		
Action taken:	_ Date:		

Year 3	Date:
Service Type:	
Condition Report:	
Inspected by:	_ Signature:
Action taken:	_ Date:

Date:			
Condition Report:			
Signature:			
Date:			

Year 5	Date:		
Service Type:			
Condition Report:			
Inspected by:	_ Signature:		
Action taken:	_ Date:		



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