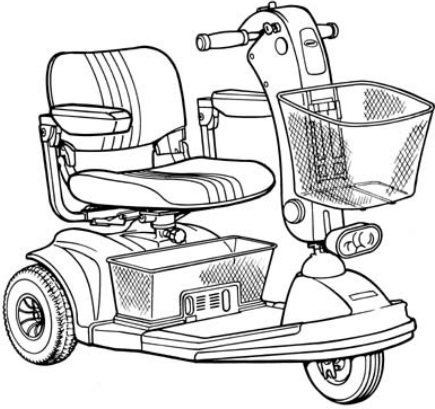


SCOOTERS



PURPOSE: Power-operated vehicles (POVs), or scooters, are designed to provide mobility for those individuals that need assistance. They are manufactured with state-of-the-art electronics and battery technologies. Always read and abide by all manufacturers' operating instructions.

TYPES: Scooters are available in three or four-wheeled models. The choice of which model to use should be evaluated before you make a purchase. The three-wheel model provides more maneuverability. The four-wheel model usually supports more weight and provides more stability but also sacrifices some of its maneuverability. All scooters have maximum weight capacities for the riders and are

usually 300 pounds. Contact your medical equipment provider if you are unclear on your scooter's weight capacity. Medical equipment providers can order special scooters that can accommodate extra weight capacities and extra seating options. Please notify them if they can assist you in your special needs.

BATTERIES: Each power-operated vehicle must utilize batteries for its power source. All batteries contain sulfuric acid in some form and must be properly handled and maintained. With the exception of routine maintenance, your medical equipment provider recommends that you not install or work on the batteries. Your medical equipment provider will provide you with repair facilities and will assist you in proper maintenance.

SAFETY: Use extra caution for mobility risks and risks of falling, including:

- **Poor lighting:** Use of nightlights, flashlight by bedside, lamps or light switch that can be reached easily.
- **Poor walk spaces:** Fix loose floorboards, paint uneven floors, use wet floors signs, keep snow and ice cleared from entrances, ensure carpet is firmly attached to the stairs, do not walking in stocking feet, and remove loose rugs, clutter, cords, and excess oxygen tubing.
- **Equipment:** Replace worn or cracked walker, crutch, and cane tips, use colored oxygen tubing on light carpet, and tighten loose handrails.
- **Bathroom:** Install grab bars, use bath mats with suction cups, and use elevated toilet seat.
- **Medications:** Be aware of medications that may cause dizziness, drowsiness, and unsteadiness.

MAINTENANCE: Scooters are very delicate vehicles and utilize state-of-the-art electronics and components. Scooters, like automobiles, must never be abused. Proper maintenance of your scooter will make for many years of enjoyable and safe riding. If you have pneumatic tires, check the air pressure monthly. Always replace worn or damaged tires. The transaxle of your scooter is maintenance-free. If you have a chain-drive, it will need to be occasionally lubricated and adjusted. Never leave your scooter outside in adverse weather conditions. Always store your scooter in a dry place. See battery sheet for battery maintenance and charging.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Most transportation services, public and private, restrict the use of wet-acid batteries. This is because they can leak and cause a hazardous spill. Sealed-acid and gel batteries are FAA approved allowing safe transportation on aircraft, buses and trains, as there is no danger of spillage or leakage.

LIFTS: Many medical equipment providers sell and install scooter lifts. These devices simplify the transportation of your scooter. Ask your medical equipment provider about the different models available to accommodate your needs.

ACCESSORIES: Like any other transportation modality, scooters can be purchased with many different options or accessories. Medical equipment providers can order and install most accessories, like canopies, oxygen holders, warning devices, and lights.

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