

*Invacare*<sup>®</sup> **FDX**<sup>®</sup>

Power Wheelchair Base  
FDX, FDX-CG, FDX-MCG

**User Manual**

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*This manual **MUST** be given to the user of the product.*

***BEFORE** using this product, read this manual and save for future reference.*



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## I General

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### I.1 Symbols

#### Warnings

Signal words are used in this manual and apply to hazards or unsafe practices which could result in personal injury or property damage. See the information below for definitions of the signal words.



#### **DANGER**

Danger indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



#### **WARNING**

Warning indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



#### **CAUTION**

Caution indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage or minor injury or both.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Indicates a hazardous situation that could result in damage to property if it is not avoided.



Gives useful tips, recommendations and information for efficient, trouble-free use.

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### I.2 Reference Documents

Refer to the table below for part numbers of additional documents which are referenced in this manual.

MANUAL	PART NUMBER
MK6i™ Electronics Programming Guide	1141471
Adjustable ASBA Owner's Manual	1143192
Van Seat Owner's Manual	1143195
Formula™ CG Seating System	1143155
Adjustable ASBA Service Manual	1143238

### I.3 Global Limited Warranty (Excluding Canada)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE WARRANTY BELOW HAS BEEN DRAFTED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW APPLICABLE TO PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED AFTER JULY 4, 1975.**

This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser who purchases this product within any country excluding **CANADA** when new and unused from Invacare or a dealer. This warranty is not extended to any other person or entity and is not transferable or assignable to any subsequent purchaser or owner. Coverage under this warranty will end upon any such subsequent sale or other transfer of title to any other person. For product purchased in Canada, please refer to the **Canada Limited Warranty**.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other legal rights which vary from state to state.

Invacare warrants the base frame to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. Invacare warrants all electronics and electrical components (excluding batteries), motors, powered seating actuators and gearboxes to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. Invacare warrants all batteries to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of six (6) months from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. Invacare warrants all remaining components (excluding all upholstered materials, padded materials, tires and wheels) to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. If within such warranty period any such product shall be proven to be defective, such product shall be repaired or replaced, at Invacare's option, with refurbished or new parts. This warranty does not include any labor or shipping charges incurred in replacement part installation or repair of any such product. Product repairs shall not extend this warranty - coverage for repaired product shall end when this limited warranty terminates. Invacare's sole obligation and your exclusive remedy under this warranty shall be limited to such repair and/or replacement.

For warranty service, please contact the dealer from whom you purchased your Invacare product. In the event you do not receive satisfactory warranty service, please write directly to Invacare at the address on the bottom of the back cover. Provide dealer's name address, date of purchase, indicate nature of the defect and, if the product is serialized, indicate the serial number. Do not return products to our factory without our prior consent.



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This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other legal rights which vary from state to state.

Invacare warrants the base frame to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. Invacare warrants all electronics and electrical components (excluding batteries), powered seating actuators, 2-pole motors and gearboxes to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. Invacare warrants all batteries to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of six (6) months from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. Invacare warrants all remaining components (excluding all upholstered materials, padded materials, tires and wheels) to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase from Invacare or a dealer, with a copy of the seller's invoice required for coverage under this warranty. If within such warranty period any such product shall be proven to be defective, such product shall be repaired or replaced, at Invacare's option, with refurbished or new parts. This warranty does not include any labor or shipping charges incurred in replacement part installation or repair of any such product. Product repairs shall not extend this warranty - coverage for repaired product shall end when this limited warranty terminates. Invacare's sole obligation and your exclusive remedy under this warranty shall be limited to such repair and/or replacement.

For warranty service, please contact the dealer from whom you purchased your Invacare product. In the event you do not receive satisfactory warranty service, please write directly to Invacare at the address on the bottom of the back cover. Provide dealer's name address, date of purchase, indicate nature of the defect and, if the product is serialized, indicate the serial number. Do not return products to our factory without our prior consent. **LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS: THE FOREGOING WARRANTY SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERIAL NUMBERED PRODUCTS IF THE SERIAL NUMBER HAS BEEN REMOVED OR DEFACED, PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO NEGLIGENCE, ACCIDENT, IMPROPER OPERATION, MAINTENANCE OR STORAGE, COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL USE, PRODUCTS MODIFIED WITHOUT INVACARE'S EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MODIFICATION THROUGH THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED PARTS OR ATTACHMENTS); PRODUCTS DAMAGED BY REASON OF REPAIRS MADE TO ANY COMPONENT WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC CONSENT OF INVACARE, OR TO A PRODUCT DAMAGED BY CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND INVACARE'S CONTROL, AND SUCH EVALUATION WILL BE SOLELY DETERMINED BY INVACARE. THE WARRANTY SHALL NOT APPLY TO PROBLEMS ARISING FROM NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR OR FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS. A CHANGE IN OPERATING NOISE, PARTICULARLY RELATIVE TO MOTORS AND GEARBOXES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FAILURE OR DEFECT AND WILL NOT BE REPAIRED; ALL DEVICES WILL EXHIBIT CHANGES IN OPERATING NOISE DUE TO AGING.**

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## 2 Safety

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The safety section contains important information for the safe operation and use of this product.

### 2.1 General Guidelines



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT use this product or any available optional equipment without first completely reading and understanding these instructions and any additional instructional material such as owner's manuals, service manuals or instruction sheets supplied with this product or optional equipment. If you are unable to understand the warnings, cautions or instructions, contact a healthcare professional, dealer or technical personnel before attempting to use this equipment - otherwise, injury or damage may occur.

Procedures other than those described in this manual must be performed by a qualified technician.



#### **ACCESSORIES WARNINGS**

Invacare products are specifically designed and manufactured for use in conjunction with Invacare accessories. Accessories designed by other manufacturers have not been tested by Invacare and are not recommended for use with Invacare products.

DO NOT connect any medical devices such as ventilators, life support machines, etc., directly to the batteries used to power the wheelchair. This could cause unexpected failure of the device and the wheelchair.



#### **NOTICE**

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Check all parts for shipping damage and test before using. In case of damage, DO NOT use. Contact Invacare/Carrier for further instruction.

As a manufacturer of wheelchairs, Invacare endeavors to supply a wide variety of wheelchairs to meet many needs of the end user. However, final selection of the type of wheelchair to be used by an individual rests solely with the user and his/her healthcare professional capable of making such a selection. Invacare highly recommends working with a certified rehab technology supplier and/or a member of NRRTS or RESNA.

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### 2.1 Operation Information

#### Setup



#### **WARNING**

A qualified technician must perform the initial set up of this wheelchair. Also, a qualified technician must perform all procedures in the service manual.

Performance adjustments should only be made by professionals of the healthcare field or persons fully conversant with this process and the driver's capabilities. Incorrect settings could cause injury to the driver, bystanders, damage to the wheelchair and to surrounding property.

After the wheelchair has been set-up/adjusted, check to make sure that the wheelchair performs to the specifications entered during the set-up procedure. If the wheelchair does not perform to specifications, turn the wheelchair Off immediately and reenter set-up specifications. Repeat this procedure until the wheelchair performs to specifications.

#### Driving



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT operate on roads, streets or highways.

Wheelchairs Equipped with Running Lights - Running lights are for increased user visibility ONLY and are NOT intended for use as automobile head/signal lights.

## Transport - Wheelchair Tie-Down Restraints and Seat Restraints (TRRO or TRBKTS)



### **WARNING**

Only use the transport brackets included with TRRO or TRBKTS for the purposes described in this manual.

TRRO (Transport Ready Option) - TRRO includes four factory-installed transport brackets and a wheelchair anchored pelvic belt. TRRO has been crash-tested in accordance with ANSI/RESNA WC Vol I Section 19 Frontal Impact Test requirements for wheelchairs with a 168 lb crash dummy, which corresponds to a person with a weight of 165 to 300 lbs.

TRBKTS (Wheelchair Transport Brackets) - TRBKTS includes four factory-installed wheelchair transport brackets. TRBKTS has not been crash-tested in accordance with WC 19. Use these transport brackets only to secure an unoccupied wheelchair during transport.

As of this date, the Department of Transportation has not approved any tie-down systems for transportation of a user while in a wheelchair, in a moving vehicle of any type. It is Invacare's position that users of wheelchairs should be transferred into appropriate seating in vehicles for transportation and use be made of the restraints made available by the auto industry. Invacare cannot and does not recommend any wheelchair transportation systems.

Battery support brackets **MUST** be installed at all times. Otherwise, the wheelchair will not be WC19 compliant. Refer to [Transport Ready Option \(TRRO\)](#) on page 60.

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### Stairways and Escalators



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT attempt to move an occupied power wheelchair between floors using a stairway. Use an elevator to move an occupied power wheelchair between floors.

If moving a power wheelchair between floors by means of a stairway, the occupant **MUST** be removed and transported independently of the power wheelchair.

Extreme caution is advised when it is necessary to move an unoccupied power wheelchair up or down the stairs. Invacare recommends using two assistants and making thorough preparations. Make sure to use **ONLY** secure, non-detachable parts for hand-hold supports.

DO NOT use an escalator to move a wheelchair between floors. Serious bodily injury may occur.

DO NOT attempt to lift the wheelchair by any removable (detachable) parts. Lifting by means of any removable (detachable) parts of a wheelchair may result in injury to the user or damage to the wheelchair.

The weight of the wheelchair without the user and without batteries is between 220 and 300 lbs. Use proper lifting techniques (lift with your legs) to avoid injury.

Follow this procedure for moving the wheelchair between floors when an elevator is **NOT** available:



When using a stairway to move the wheelchair and any accessories, move all wheelchair components away from the stairway prior to reassembly.

1. Remove the occupant from the wheelchair.
2. Remove the batteries from wheelchair. Refer to [Batteries](#) on page 76.
3. Bend your knees and keep your back straight.
4. Using non-removable (non-detachable) parts of the wheelchair, lift the wheelchair off of the ground and transfer the wheelchair up or down the stairs.
5. The wheelchair should not be lowered until the last stair has been negotiated and the wheelchair has been carried away from the stairway.

## Repair or Service Information



### **WARNING**

Wheelchair users: **DO NOT** service or operate this equipment without first reading and understanding (1) the owner's operator and maintenance manual and (2) the seating system's manual (if applicable). If you are unable to understand the warnings, cautions, and instructions, contact Invacare technical support before attempting to service or operate this equipment - otherwise injury or damage may result.

Dealers and qualified technicians: **DO NOT** service or operate this equipment without first reading and understanding (1) the owner's operator and maintenance manual, (2) the service manual (if applicable) and (3) the seating system's manual (if applicable). If you are unable to understand the warnings, cautions and instructions, contact Invacare technical support before attempting to service or operate this equipment - otherwise, injury or damage may result.

Set-up of the Electronics Control Unit is to be performed only by a qualified technician. The final adjustments of the controller may affect other activities of the wheelchair. Damage to the equipment could occur if improperly set-up or adjusted.

Except for programming, **DO NOT** service or adjust the wheelchair while occupied, unless otherwise noted.

Before adjusting, repairing or servicing the wheelchair, **ALWAYS** turn the wheelchair power Off, otherwise, injury or damage may occur.

Wheelchairs should be examined during maintenance for signs of corrosion (water exposure, incontinence, etc.). Electrical components damaged by corrosion should be replaced immediately.

Wheelchairs that are used by incontinent users and/or are frequently exposed to water may require replacement of electrical components more frequently.

**DO NOT** overtighten hardware attaching to the frame. This could cause damage to the frame tubing.

Transport ready packages are not retrofittable to existing models and are not field serviceable.

## 2 SAFETY

### 2.2 Safety/Handling

“Safety and Handling” of the wheelchair requires the close attention of the wheelchair user as well as the assistant. This manual points out the most common procedures and techniques involved in the safe operation and maintenance of the wheelchair. It is important to practice and master these safe techniques until you are comfortable in maneuvering around the frequently encountered architectural barriers.

Use this information only as a “basic” guide. The techniques that are discussed on the following pages have been used successfully by many.

Users and assistants must be aware that the handling and maneuverability characteristics of front wheel drive wheelchairs are inherently different from center and rear wheel drive wheelchairs. Handling and maneuverability differences will be most noticeable when traveling down declines (Example: ramps and slopes) or over obstacles and rough terrain as this may shift the users center of mass forward resulting in decreased stability. ALWAYS reduce speed and wear the seat positioning strap when driving under these conditions.

Individual wheelchair users often develop skills to deal with daily living activities that may differ from those described in this manual. Invacare recognizes and encourages each individual to try what works best for him/her in overcoming architectural obstacles that they may encounter. However all warnings and cautions given in this manual MUST be followed. Techniques in this manual are a starting point for the new wheelchair user and assistant with “safety” as the most important consideration for all.

Invacare strongly recommends that initial use of front wheel drive wheelchairs be supervised by an assistant.



#### **WARNING**

The seat positioning strap is a positioning strap **ONLY**. It is not designed for use as a safety device withstanding high stress loads such as auto or aircraft safety straps. If signs of wear appear, strap **MUST** be replaced **IMMEDIATELY**.

**DO NOT** leave the power button On when entering or exiting your wheelchair.

**DO NOT** go UP or DOWN ramps or traverse slopes greater than 9°.

**NEVER** leave an unoccupied wheelchair unattended on an incline.

**DO NOT** attempt to move up or down an incline with water, ice or oil film.



**WARNING**

DO determine and establish your particular safety limits by practicing bending, reaching and transferring activities in the presence of a qualified healthcare professional before attempting active use of the wheelchair.

DO NOT attempt to reach objects if you have to move forward in your seat.

ALWAYS shift your weight in the direction you are turning. DO NOT shift your weight in the opposite direction of the turn. Shifting your weight in the opposite direction of the turn may cause the inside drive wheel to lose traction and the wheelchair to tip over.

DO NOT shift your weight or sitting position toward the direction you are reaching as the wheelchair and/or seating system (if any) may tip over.

ALWAYS keep hands and fingers clear of moving parts to avoid injury.

DO NOT use with a broken or missing joystick knob.

DO NOT use if joystick does not spring back to the neutral position or becomes sticky or sluggish.

DO NOT use if joystick boot is torn or damaged.

ALWAYS check foam grips for looseness before using the wheelchair. If loose, contact a qualified technician for instructions.

DO NOT attempt to stop a moving wheelchair with the wheel locks. Wheel locks are not brakes.

DO NOT engage or disengage the motor locks until the power is in the off position.

**A Note to Wheelchair Assistants**

When assistance to the wheelchair user is required, remember to use good body mechanics. Keep your back straight and bend your knees whenever tilting wheelchair or traversing curbs or other impediments.

Also, be aware of detachable parts such as arms or legrests. These must NEVER be used to move the wheelchair or as lifting supports, as they may be inadvertently released, resulting in possible injury to the user and/or assistant(s).

When learning a new assistance technique, have an experienced assistant help you before attempting it alone.

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### Stability and Balance



#### **WARNING**

ALWAYS wear your seat positioning strap. The seat positioning strap is a positioning strap **ONLY**. It is not designed for use as a safety device withstanding high stress loads such as auto or aircraft safety straps. If signs of wear appear, strap **MUST** be replaced **IMMEDIATELY**.

The drive behavior initially experienced by the user may be different from other wheelchairs previously used. The following warnings apply specifically when using this front wheel drive wheelchair.

- DO NOT use on inclines greater than 9°.
- DO NOT use on inclines with wet, slippery, icy or oily surfaces. This may include certain painted or otherwise treated wood surfaces.
- DO NOT traverse down ramps at high speed. Doing so will reduce traction and increase stopping distance.
- ALWAYS traverse down ramps at a reduced, constant speed to maintain stability and to avoid hard braking or sudden stops.
- The end user's weight can materially affect traction on sloped surfaces. Great care should be taken when traversing such slopes.

ALWAYS reduce speed when traveling up or down an incline or over obstacles and rough terrain. Traveling under these conditions may shift the users weight forward resulting in reduced stability.

Exercise caution and avoid sudden stops when traveling up or down an incline or over obstacles and rough terrain. If stopping becomes necessary under these driving conditions, release the joystick and allow the wheelchair to come to a full stop. Then proceed at a slower speed.

DO NOT traverse down ramps at high speed. Doing so will reduce traction and increase stopping distance.

DO NOT leave elevating legrests in the fully extended position when proceeding down ramps or slopes.

**WARNING**

To determine and establish your particular safety limits, practice use of this product on various sloping surfaces in the presence of a qualified healthcare provider before attempting active use of this wheelchair. Other general warnings listed within this document also apply.

Be aware that carrying heavy objects on your lap while occupying the wheelchair may adversely affect the stability of the wheelchair, resulting in serious bodily injury to the user, damage to the wheelchair and surrounding property.

This wheelchair has been designed to accommodate one individual. If more than one individual occupies the wheelchair this may adversely affect the stability of the wheelchair, resulting in serious bodily injury to the user and passenger and damage to the wheelchair and surrounding property.

Many activities require the wheelchair user to reach, bend and transfer in and out of the wheelchair. These movements will cause a change to the normal balance, center of gravity, and weight distribution of the wheelchair. To determine and establish your particular safety limits, practice bending, reaching and transferring activities in several combinations in the presence of a qualified healthcare professional before attempting active use of the wheelchair.

**DO NOT** stand on the frame of the wheelchair.

To assure stability and proper operation of your wheelchair, you must at all times maintain proper balance. Your wheelchair has been designed to remain upright and stable during normal daily activities as long as you **DO NOT** move beyond the center of gravity. **DO NOT** lean forward out of the wheelchair any further than the length of the armrests.

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### Coping with Everyday Obstacles

Coping with the irritation of everyday obstacles can be somewhat alleviated by learning how to manage your wheelchair. Keep in mind your center of gravity to maintain stability and balance.

While the wheelchair is designed for use primarily in and around the home, the provider should determine whether this wheelchair is suitable for the actual environment in which the wheelchair will be used.



#### **WARNING**

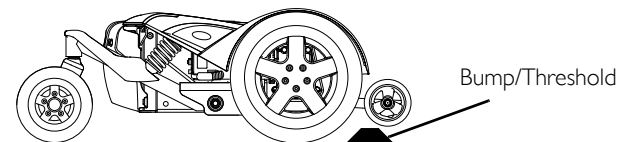
DO NOT attempt to drive over curbs or obstacles greater than 3 inches. Doing so may cause your wheelchair to turn over and cause bodily harm or damage to the wheelchair. Always stop before climbing an obstacle. Approach slowly until front anti-tip wheels are approximately 18 inches away from the obstacle. Slowly apply power to move forward, over the obstacle.

#### **CAUTION**

Be aware of the condition of the ramp. Traction will be diminished/nonexistent on a slippery surface. Proceed with caution.



Do not go down a ramp at full speed. Some seat/back positions will cause the wheelchair to feel unstable.



**FIGURE I** Coping with Everyday Obstacles

## Footplates and Front Rigging



### WARNING

If the wheelchair dips forward and the footplates touch the ground while the wheelchair is in motion, please contact your dealer for an inspection and avoid use of the wheelchair if possible. Otherwise the user could be injured.

ALWAYS maintain a minimum of 3-inches between bottom of the front riggings and the floor/ground while the wheelchair is in motion to ensure proper ground clearance. If necessary, adjust the front rigging height or tilt seat to achieve proper ground clearance.

DO NOT use the footplates as a platform. When getting in or out of the wheelchair, make sure that the footplates are in the upward position or swing footrests towards the outside of the wheelchair.

## Reaching, Leaning and Bending - Forward



### WARNING

DO NOT attempt to reach objects if you have to move forward in the seat or pick them up from the floor by reaching down between your knees.

Proper positioning is essential for your safety. Improper positioning while leaning or bending could cause the wheelchair to tip forward onto anti-tippers.



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2.

Engage motor locks and turn power off before reaching, leaning or bending only as far as your arm will extend without changing your sitting position.



**FIGURE 2** Reaching, Leaning and Bending - Forward

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### Reaching, Bending - Backward



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT lean over the top of the back upholstery. This will change your center of gravity and may cause you to tip over.

Proper positioning is essential for your safety. When reaching, leaning, bending or bending backward, it is important to use the casters as a tool to maintain stability and balance.



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 3.

Position wheelchair as close as possible to the desired object. Position the casters so that they are extended away from the drive wheels to create the longest possible wheelbase, engage the motor locks and turn power off. Reach back only as far as your arm will extend without changing your sitting position.



**FIGURE 3** Reaching, Bending - Backward

## Transferring To and From Other Seats



### WARNING:

ALWAYS turn the wheelchair power OFF and engage the motor locks/clutches to prevent the wheels from moving before attempting to transfer in or out of the wheelchair. Also make sure every precaution is taken to reduce the gap distance. Align both casters parallel with the object you are transferring onto.



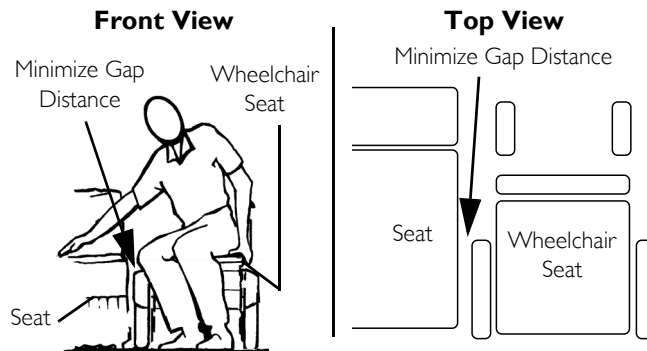
For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.

Adequate mobility and upper body strength is required to perform this activity independently.

1. Position the wheelchair to minimize the gap distance between the wheelchair seat and the seat to which you are transferring.
2. Ensure the casters are aligned parallel with the object.
3. Engage motor locks. Refer to [Disengaging/Engaging Motor Lock Levers](#) on page 57.
4. Shift body weight into seat with transfer.



During independent transfer, little or no seat platform will be beneath you. Use a transfer board if at all possible.



**FIGURE 4** Transferring To and From Other Seats

## 2 SAFETY

### Storage



#### **WARNING**

Avoid storing or using the wheelchair near open flame or combustible products. Serious injury or damage to property may result.

Invacare has tested its power wheelchairs in accordance with ISO 7176 “Rain Test”. This provides the end user or his/her attendant sufficient time to remove his/her power wheelchair from a rain storm and retain wheelchair operation.

DO NOT leave power wheelchair in a rain storm of any kind.

DO NOT use power wheelchair in a shower.

DO NOT leave power wheelchair in a damp area for any length of time.

Direct exposure to rain or dampness will cause the wheelchair to malfunction electrically and mechanically; may cause the wheelchair to prematurely rust or may damage the upholstery.

Check to ensure that the battery covers are secured in place, joystick boot is NOT torn or cracked where water can enter and that all electrical connections are secure at all times.

DO NOT use if the joystick boot is torn or cracked. If the joystick boot becomes torn or cracked, replace IMMEDIATELY.



## Electrical - Grounding Instructions



### **WARNING**

DO NOT, under any circumstances, cut or remove the round grounding prong from any plug used with or for Invacare products. Some devices are equipped with three-prong (grounding) plugs for protection against possible shock hazards. Where a two-prong wall receptacle is encountered, it is the personal responsibility and obligation of the customer to contact a qualified electrician and have the two-prong receptacle replaced with a properly grounded three-prong wall receptacle in accordance with the National Electrical Code. If you must use an extension cord, use only a three-wire extension cord having the same or higher electrical rating as the device being connected. In addition, Invacare has placed RED/ORANGE warning tags on some equipment. DO NOT remove these tags.

## Electrical - Batteries



### **WARNING**

The warranty and performance specifications contained in this manual are based on the use of deep cycle gel cell batteries. Invacare strongly recommends their use as the power source for this unit. Carefully read battery/battery charger information prior to installing, servicing or operating your wheelchair.

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### Electrical - Charging Batteries



#### **DANGER**

When using an extension cord, use an extension cord having at least 16 AWG (American Wire Gauge) wire and the same or higher electrical rating as the device being connected. Use of improper extension cord could result in a risk of fire and electric shock.

#### **WARNING**

NEVER attempt to recharge the batteries by attaching cables directly to the battery terminals.

DO NOT attempt to recharge the batteries and operate the wheelchair at the same time.

DO NOT operate wheelchair with extension cord attached to the AC cable.

DO NOT attempt to recharge the batteries when the wheelchair has been exposed to any type of moisture.

DO NOT attempt to recharge the batteries when the wheelchair is outside.

DO NOT sit in the wheelchair while charging the batteries.

READ and CAREFULLY follow the manufacturer's instructions for each charger (supplied or purchased). If charging instructions are not supplied, consult a qualified technician for proper procedures.

Ensure the pins of the extension cord plug are the same number, size, and shape as those on the charger.

DO NOT under any circumstances cut or remove the round grounding plug from the charger AC cable plug or the extension cord plug.

## Weight Training



### **WARNING**

Invacare DOES NOT recommend the use of its wheelchairs as a weight training apparatus. Invacare wheelchairs have NOT been designed or tested as a seat for any kind of weight training. If occupant uses said wheelchair as a weight training apparatus, INVACARE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR BODILY INJURY AND THE WARRANTY IS VOID.

## Weight Limitation



### **WARNING**

Refer to [Technical Data](#) on page 33 to determine the weight limit (total combined weight of user and any attachments) of your wheelchair model. DO NOT exceed the limit - otherwise, injury or damage may result.



## 2.3 Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) From Radio Wave Sources

Powered wheelchairs and motorized scooters (in this text, both will be referred to as powered wheelchairs) may be susceptible to electromagnetic interference (EMI), which is interfering electromagnetic energy (EM) emitted from sources such as radio stations, TV stations, amateur radio (HAM) transmitters, two way radios, and cellular phones. The interference (from radio wave sources) can cause the powered wheelchair to release its brakes, move by itself, or move in unintended directions. It can also permanently damage the powered wheelchair's control system. The intensity of the interfering EM energy can be measured in volts per meter (V/m). Each powered wheelchair can resist EMI up to a certain intensity. This is called its "immunity level." The higher the immunity level, the greater the protection. At this time, current technology is capable of achieving at least a 20 V/m immunity level, which would provide useful protection from the more common sources of radiated EMI.

There are a number of sources of relatively intense electromagnetic fields in the everyday environment. Some of these sources are obvious and easy to avoid. Others are not apparent and exposure is unavoidable. However, we believe that by following the warnings listed below, your risk to EMI will be minimized.

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The sources of radiated EMI can be broadly classified into three types:

1. Hand-held Portable transceivers (transmitters-receivers with the antenna mounted directly on the transmitting unit. Examples include: citizens band (CB) radios, “walkie talkie”, security, fire and police transceivers, cellular telephones, and other personal communication devices).
  -  Some cellular telephones and similar devices transmit signals while they are ON, even when not being used.
2. Medium-range mobile transceivers, such as those used in police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and taxis. These usually have the antenna mounted on the outside of the vehicle; and
3. Long-range transmitters and transceivers, such as commercial broadcast transmitters (radio and TV broadcast antenna towers) and amateur (HAM) radios.
  -  Other types of hand-held devices, such as cordless phones, laptop computers, AM/FM radios, TV sets, CD players, cassette players, and small appliances, such as electric shavers and hair dryers, so far as we know, are not likely to cause EMI problems to your powered wheelchair.

### Powered Wheelchair Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)

Because EM energy rapidly becomes more intense as one moves closer to the transmitting antenna (source), the EM fields from hand-held radio wave sources (transceivers) are of special concern. It is possible to unintentionally bring high levels of EM energy very close to the powered wheelchair's control system while using these devices. This can affect powered wheelchair movement and braking. Therefore, the warnings listed below are recommended to prevent possible interference with the control system of the powered wheelchair.

Electromagnetic interference (EMI) from sources such as radio and TV stations, amateur radio (HAM) transmitters, two-way radios, and cellular phones can affect powered wheelchairs and motorized scooters.

**FOLLOWING THE WARNINGS LISTED BELOW SHOULD REDUCE THE CHANCE OF UNINTENDED BRAKE RELEASE OR POWERED WHEELCHAIR MOVEMENT WHICH COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY.**

**WARNING**

- 1) DO NOT operate hand-held transceivers (transmitters receivers), such as citizens band (CB) radios, or turn ON personal communication devices, such as cellular phones, while the powered wheelchair is turned ON;
- 2) Be aware of nearby transmitters, such as radio or TV stations, and try to avoid coming close to them;
- 3) If unintended movement or brake release occurs, turn the powered wheelchair OFF as soon as it is safe;
- 4) Be aware that adding accessories or components, or modifying the powered wheelchair, may make it more susceptible to EMI (NOTE: There is no easy way to evaluate their effect on the overall immunity of the powered wheelchair); and
- 5) Report all incidents of unintended movement or brake release to the powered wheelchair manufacturer, and note whether there is a source of EMI nearby.

Important Information

- 1) 20 volts per meter (V/m) is a generally achievable and useful immunity level against EMI (as of May 1994) (the higher the level, the greater the protection);
- 2) This device has been tested to a radiated immunity level of 20 volts per meter.
- 3) The immunity level of the product is unknown.

Modification of any kind to the electronics of this wheelchair as manufactured by Invacare may adversely affect the EMI immunity levels.

# 3 Label Locations

Labels located under the rear shroud.

Located under the controller.

**⚠ WARNING**

Replace controller **ONLY** with original Invacare part number(s) - otherwise injury or damage may occur.

**⚠ MISE EN GARDE**

Remplacez le contrôleur **UNIQUEMENT** par la référence Invacare originale – sous risque de blessures ou de dégâts.

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Located on the inside of the controller bracket.

**⚠ WARNING**

**DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL**

GP34 batteries with terminal configuration (positive on the left and negative on the right) as shown MUST be used. GP34 batteries that have the reverse terminal configuration **MUST** not be used. Terminals **MUST** have a threaded insert located as shown for proper battery connection. See Owner's Manual. These recommendations **MUST** be followed otherwise injury and/or damage may occur.

Positive Terminal    Negative Terminal

Threaded Insert  
USE this battery terminal configuration

Negative Terminal    Positive Terminal

**DO NOT use this battery terminal configuration**

Wiring Diagram and Battery Removal Instructions for GP34 Batteries

The **POSITIVE (+) RED Battery Cable** **MUST** connect to the **POSITIVE (+) Battery Terminal(s)**. The **NEGATIVE (-) BLACK Battery Cable** **MUST** connect to the **NEGATIVE (-) Battery Terminal(s)**. **DO NOT** allow Battery Cable(s) to contact the opposite Battery Terminal(s) Post(s). Install protective caps on positive and negative battery terminals. Replace cable(s) immediately if cable(s) insulation becomes damaged. Failure to observe these warnings may result in an electrical short with serious personal injury and/or damage to the electrical system. See Owner's Manual shipped with wheelchair.

**DO NOT** remove fuse or mounting hardware from **POSITIVE (+) RED battery cable** mounting screw.

BLACK Battery Cable — Rear Battery Connector — RED Battery Cable —

Connect to — JUMPER — Fuse — FRONT BATTERY —

RED Battery Cable — FUSE — REAR BATTERY — Front Battery Connector — BLACK Battery Cable —

**DO NOT REMOVE**

Front — RED Battery Cable — Insulator Nut

L-Bracket — Mounting Bolt — Washer

POSITIVE (+) Battery Terminal

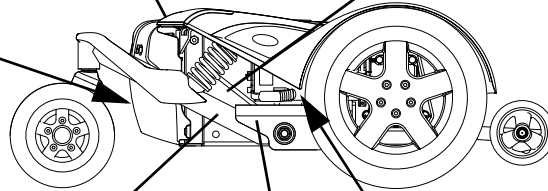
GP34 Batteries

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NO WHEELCHAIR HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR USE AS A SEATING SURFACE WITHIN A MOTOR VEHICLE. THIS LABEL IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. LIABILITY ISSUES WERE NOT CONSIDERED IN THE ATTACHMENT OF THIS LABEL.

AUCUN FAUTEUIL ROLANT N'A ÉTÉ APPROUVÉ POUR ÊTRE UTILISÉ COMME SIÈGE À L'INTÉRIEUR D'UN VÉHICULE MOTORISÉ. CETTE ÉTIQUETTE NE PEUT ÊTRE UTILISÉE QU'À TITRE D'INFORMATION ET N'A PAS ÉTÉ AFFICHÉE ICI POUR DES RAISONS DE RESPONSABILITÉ LÉGALE.

Serial Number Label is located on the right side of the wheelchair base frame.



Weight Capacity Label located here (Base Only)



Located on each side of wheelchair.

**⚠ WARNING**

Replace motor and/or gearbox **ONLY** with original Invacare part number(s) - otherwise injury or damage may occur.

**⚠ MISE EN GARDE**


Remplacez le moteur et/ou le réducteur **UNIQUEMENT** par la référence Invacare originale – sous risque de blessures ou de dégâts.

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Located on each motor.

User/Attendant Information card secured to joystick at time of shipment.

Wheelchairs with elevating seats.



**User/Attendant Information**  
You, yes, can.

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**DEALER: This card MUST be given to the wheelchair user/attendant.**

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**⚠ WARNING**

Wheelchair users and attendants **MUST** read and understand the following information regarding the handling and stability of the front wheel drive wheelchair.

Invacare strongly recommends that initial use of this wheelchair be supervised by an assistant.

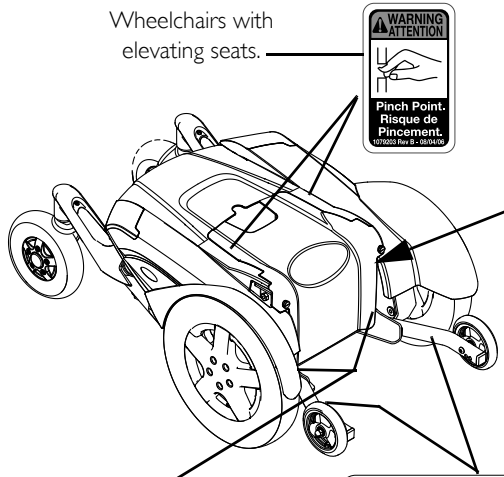
**DO NOT** use this product with out first reading and understanding the wheelchair base owner's manual and the seating system owners manual (if ordered with seating system).

**HANDLING AND STABILITY** - Exercise caution when traveling up or down an incline or over obstacles and rough terrain. If stopping becomes necessary when driving under these conditions, release the joystick and allow the wheelchair to come to a full stop, then proceed at a slower speed.

**SEATING SYSTEM** - **DO NOT** reposition seating system beyond the original manufactured mounting position. Doing so will alter wheelchair stability and injury or damage may occur.

**FRONT RIGGING (All Models)** - A minimum of 3-inches **MUST** be maintained between the bottom of the front riggings and the floor/ground while the wheelchair is in motion to ensure proper ground clearance. If necessary, elevate the front rigging or tilt the seat to achieve proper ground clearance.

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
**⚠ WARNING**  
ATTENTION



**Pinch Point:  
Risque de Pincement.**  
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**⚠ WARNING**

USE this battery terminal configuration




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DO NOT use this battery terminal configuration



Negative Terminal Positive Terminal


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**WIRING DIAGRAM AND BATTERY REMOVAL TIPS FOR GP34 BATTERIES**

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
**DO NOT** remove fuse or mounting hardware from **POSITIVE (+) RED** battery cable mounting screw.

DO NOT Wash or Clean




RED Battery Cable  
Fuse  
Fuse Connector  
Fuse  
Fuse

BLACK Battery Cable



Connect to Controller  
RED Battery Cable  
BLACK Battery Cable  
FUSE  
FUSE  
FUSE  
FUSE

Use Battery Connector



RED Battery Cable  
BLACK Battery Cable  
FUSE  
FUSE  
FUSE  
FUSE

**GP34 Batteries** 199-1167023 Rev B

Label located under the front shroud.

**⚠ WARNING**

DO NOT OPERATE WITHOUT THE ANTI-TIP TUBES INSTALLED.

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**⚠ WARNING**

Refer to Owner's Manual for proper anti-tipper setting.

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**Wheelchairs without TRRO.**

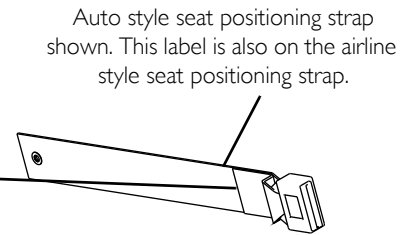
**⚠ WARNING**

This seat/chest positioning strap is **NOT** intended for occupant restraint in a moving motor vehicle, and **DOES NOT** conform with ANSI/RESNA WC19. If signs of wear appear, **positioning strap MUST be replaced IMMEDIATELY.**

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**⚠ MISE EN GARDE**

Cette ceinture de positionnement au niveau du siège ou du dossier **NEST PAS** conçue pour retenir l'occupant dans un véhicule à moteur en mouvement et elle **NEST PAS** conforme à la norme ANSI/RESNA WC19. La ceinture **DOIT** être remplacée **AUSSTÔT** si elle présente des signes d'usure.



### 3 LABEL LOCATIONS

#### Wheelchairs with TRRO

THIS WHEELCHAIR COMPLIES WITH **ANSI/RESNA WC/19**

**⚠ WARNING**

Refer to attached **TRANSPORT READY OPTION** Instruction Card and wheelchair Owner's Manual before use.

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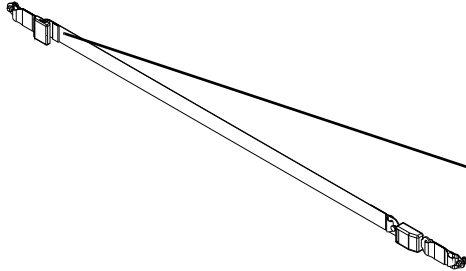
Also on opposite side of wheelchair.

**⚠ WARNING**

Adjustments to the wheelchair may void WC/19 compliance. To maintain compliance, refer to wheelchair service manual before making any adjustments.

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Also on opposite side of wheelchair.



**⚠ MISE EN GARDE**

Cette ceinture sous-abdominale de retenue de l'occupant est conforme à la norme ANSI/RESNA WC19.

Pour obtenir les instructions d'utilisation, consulter le guide d'utilisateur ou s'il y a lieu la plaquette d'information murale dans le véhicule. Cette ceinture sous-abdominale doit être utilisée avec un fauteuil roulant positionné vers l'AVANT seulement.

P/N 1134840 REV B

**⚠ WARNING**

This Occupant restraint/pelvic belt conforms with ANSI/RESNA WC19.

For operating instructions, refer to owner's manual, or if equipped, wall-mounted vehicle placard. This pelvic belt is for use with wheelchair in FORWARD facing direction only.

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**SURE-LOK®**  
 PELVIC BELT, TYPE 1  
 FE200974-103INV  
 MXXXXX XXXX  
 CONFORMS TO APPLICABLE  
 REQUIREMENTS OF SAE J2049, ADA,  
 FMVSS, ISO 15457 AND CSA 2965

#### Wheelchairs with Running Lights

**⚠ WARNING**

Lights are for increased visibility of user and are NOT intended for use as automobile lights. DO NOT operate this product on roads, streets or highways - otherwise, serious injury or damage may occur.

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## 4 Technical Data

### 4.1 Typical Product Parameters

#### Models

FDX	FDX, FDX-CG, FDX-MCG
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#### Overall Dimensions

	<b>FDX</b>	
Base Width (Without Joystick):	24 in	
Base Length (Without Front Rigging):	43 in	
Seat-to-Floor Height - ADJASBA	0° Seat Angle	5° Seat Angle
Low:	15.75 in Adult, 16.00 in Jr.	16.75 in Adult, 17.00 in Jr.
Medium:	17.75 in Adult, 18.00 in Jr.	18.75 in Adult, 19.00 in Jr.
High:	19.75 in Adult, 20.00 in Jr.	20.75 in Adult, 21.00 in Jr.
With Elevate:	16.00 in Adult and Jr.	17.00 in Adult and Jr.
Powered Seating Without Elevate:		
Low:	16.5 in Adult and Jr.	17.5 in Adult and Jr.
Medium:	17.5 in Adult and Jr.	18.5 in Adult and Jr.
High:	18.5 in Adult and Jr.	N/A
All Powered Seating With Elevate:	17.75 in Adult and Jr.	18.75 in Adult and Jr.

## 4 TECHNICAL DATA

### Seat

	<b>FDX</b>
Rehab (ASBA) - Seat Width (1 in Increments): Seat Depth (1 in Increments): Back Angle (5° Increments):	12 in - 22 in 12 in - 22 in 85° - 105°

### Wheels

	<b>FDX</b>
Rear Caster:	8 x 2 in Foam Filled with Precision Sealed Bearings
Drive Wheel:	14 x 3 in Foam Filled

### Driving

	<b>FDX</b>
Speed Range:	0 - 5 mph (Standard 2 Pole Motor), 0 - 6.8 mph (Optional 4 Pole Motor)
Maximum Incline Capability:	9°
Turning Radius:	23 in

**Weight**

	<b>FDX</b>	
Base Weight (Without Batteries):	245 lbs	
Battery Weight:	42 lbs Each (Use GP 34 Batteries Only)	
Maximum Weight Limitation - With ASBA seat: With ASBA Jr. seat With Formula™ CG Powered Seating - Tilt, Tilt/Recline:  Elevate, Tilt/Elevate, Tilt/Recline/ Elevate:	16 and 17 in Seat Depth: Up to 300 lbs Up to 165 lbs  Up to 250 lbs (Excluding Tall Seat-to-Floor Height)	18 in Seat Depth: Up to 300 lbs Up to 165 lbs  Up to 300 lbs  Up to 300 lbs



All dimensions are ± .50 inches unless otherwise indicated.

Weight limitation is total weight (user weight plus any additional items that the user may require [back pack, etc.]).

Example: If weight limitation of the wheelchair is 300 lbs and additional items equal 25 lbs, subtract 25 lbs from 300 lbs this means the maximum weight limitation of the user is 275 lbs.

## 5 Wheelchair Operation



### WARNING

After ANY adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure that all attaching hardware is tightened securely - otherwise injury or damage may result.

Set-up of the Electronic Control Unit is to be performed only by a qualified technician. The final adjustments of the controller may affect other activities of the wheelchair. Damage to the equipment could occur under these circumstances.

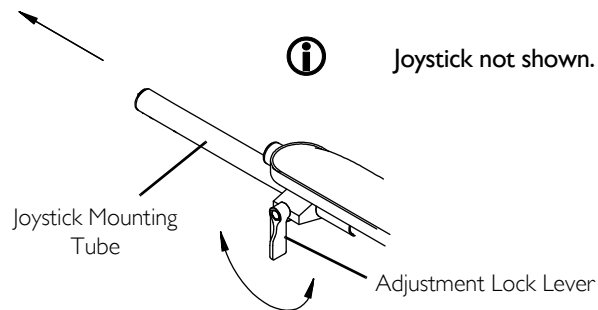
### 5.1 Preparing the Joystick for Use



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE I.

The joystick is factory installed on the right side of the wheelchair. To reposition the joystick onto the left side of the wheelchair, refer to [Repositioning Joystick](#) on page 88.

1. Turn the adjustment lock lever to release the adjustment lock from joystick mounting tube.
2. Slide joystick mounting tube to the desired position.
3. Turn the adjustment lock lever to secure the adjustment lock to the joystick mounting tube.



**FIGURE I** Preparing the Joystick for Use

## 5.2 Operating the Wheelchair

### Turning the Power On/Off

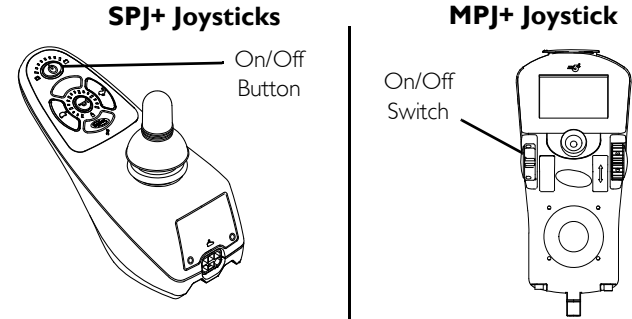
**i** For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2.

- To turn the power On, perform one of the following steps:

JOYSTICK	ACTION
MPJ+	Move the On/Off switch Forward to the On position.
SPJ+	Press the On/Off button.

- Turning the power Off can be achieved by performing one of the following steps:

JOYSTICK	ACTION
MPJ+	Move the On/Off switch Back to the Off position.
SPJ+	Press the On/Off button.



**FIGURE 2** Turning the Power On/Off

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

### Using the Joystick to Drive the Wheelchair



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 3 on page 39.

The joystick is located on the joystick housing and provides smooth control of speed and direction. It is equipped with 360 degrees of mobility for ease of operation. The joystick is spring-loaded, and automatically returns to the upright (neutral) position when released. Pushing the joystick in a given direction causes the wheelchair to move in that direction.

The joystick has proportional drive control, meaning that the further it is pushed from the upright (neutral) position, the faster the wheelchair moves. The maximum speed, however, is limited by the setting of the speed-control knob.

To slow the wheelchair to a stop, simply release the joystick. The wheelchair has automatic speed and direction compensation to minimize corrections.

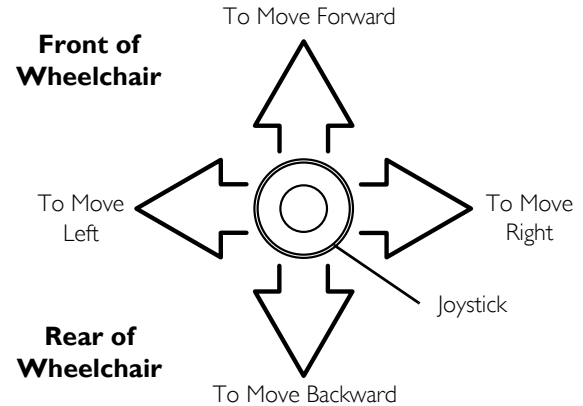
When first learning to drive, select a slow speed and try to drive the wheelchair as slowly as possible by pushing the joystick slightly forward. This exercise will help you learn to utilize the full potential of the proportional control and allow you to start and stop smoothly.

To drive the wheelchair, perform the following:

1. Adjust speed control knob to the appropriate setting.
2. Turn the power On. Refer to [Turning the Power On/Off](#) on page 37.
3. Maneuver the joystick in the following manner:

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

MOVEMENT	ACTION
FORWARD	Push joystick forward, towards the front of the wheelchair.
REVERSE	Pull joystick back, towards the rear of the wheelchair.
Turn RIGHT	Move joystick toward the right side of the wheelchair.
Turn LEFT	Move joystick toward the left side of the wheelchair.
STOP	Release the joystick and the wheelchair will slow to a stop.



**FIGURE 3** Using the Joystick to Drive the Wheelchair



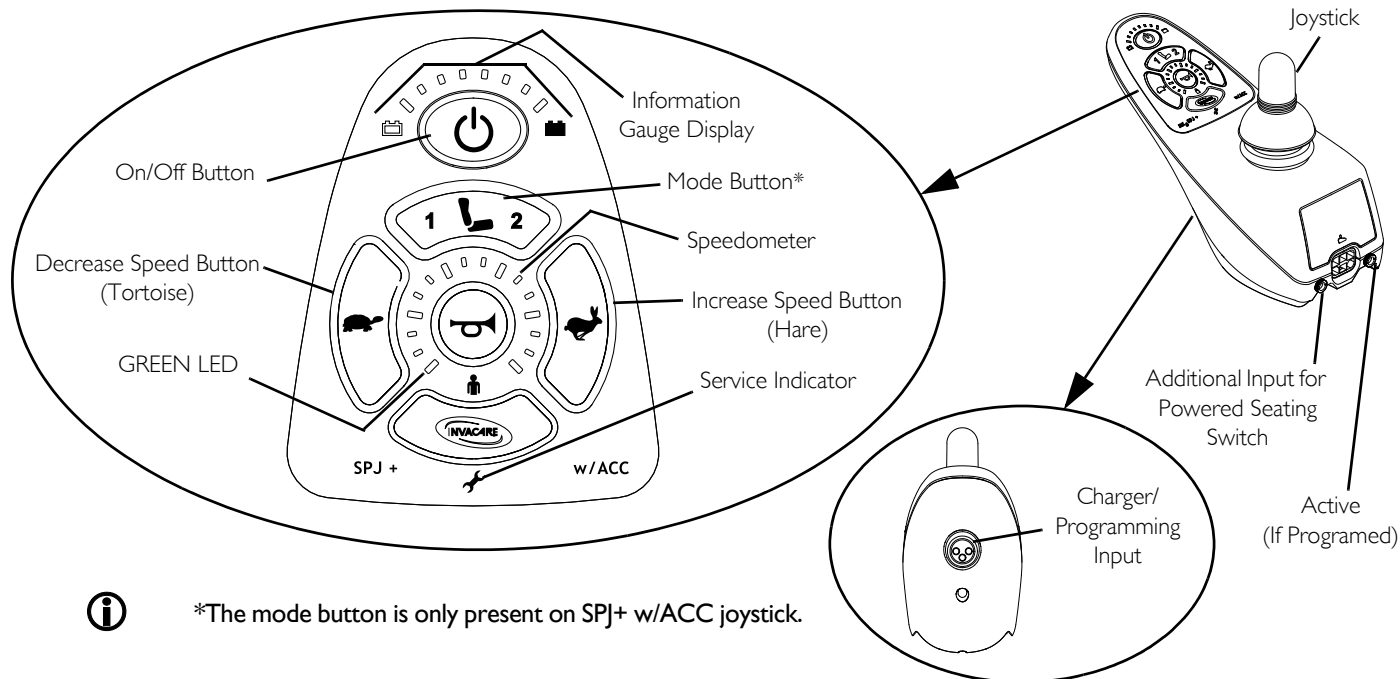
For specific information about the joystick installed on the wheelchair, refer to one of these procedures:

- [SPJ+, MK6i™ SPJ+ w/PSS and MK6i SPJ+ w/ACC Joystick Switches and Indicators](#) on page 40.
- [MPJ+ Joystick Switches and Indicators](#) on page 43.

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

### 5.3 SPJ+, MK6i™ SPJ+ w/PSS and MK6i SPJ+ w/ACC Joystick Switches and Indicators

**i** For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.



**i** \*The mode button is only present on SPJ+ w/ACC joystick.

**FIGURE 4** SPJ+, MK6i™ SPJ+ w/PSS and MK6i SPJ+ w/ACC Joystick Switches and Indicators





## On/Off Button

This button is located at the front of the joystick housing. It is used to turn the wheelchair On and Off.









## Speedometer

The speedometer is used to show the maximum speed. The right-most LED indicates current maximum speed setting. The bottom left GREEN LED flashes to indicate that the joystick is in speed limit mode. Speed limit mode limits the drive speed to a pre-programmed value, typically when the seat has been elevated and the wheelchair is required to drive at 20% speed.

## Speed Control Buttons

The speed control buttons (tortoise button () and hare button ()) are used to set and adjust the maximum speed.

I. To adjust the speed, perform one of the following:

- Adjust Speed in 20% Increments (5 Speed Mode) - Press the tortoise button () or hare button () to decrease/increase the speed in 20% increments. The larger bars in the speedometer will light.
- Adjust Speed in Smaller Increments (VSP Mode) - Perform the following steps:
  - i. Press and hold both the tortoise button () and hare button () until the joystick beeps.
  - ii. Perform one of the following:
    - Press the tortoise button () or hare button () to decrease/increase the speed in 20% increments. The larger bars in the speedometer will light.
    - Press and hold the tortoise button () or hare button () to decrease/increase the speed in smaller increments. The smaller bars in the speedometer will light.

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

### Joystick

The joystick has proportional drive control, meaning that the further the joystick is pushed from the upright (neutral) position, the faster the wheelchair or seat moves. Your top speed, however, is limited by the programmed settings.

To slow the wheelchair to a stop, simply release the joystick. The wheelchair has automatic speed and direction compensation to minimize corrections.

### Charger/Programming Input

The charger/programming input is located at the front of the joystick housing. This provides easy access for charging the wheelchair batteries. This port also serves as the Remote Programmer Communication connection. Driving is prevented while the system is charging.


### Information Gauge Display

The information gauge display is located on the front of the joystick housing and provides the following information to the user on the status of the wheelchair:

1. Power is On.
2. True state-of-battery-charge, including notification of when the battery requires charging:
  - A. GREEN LEDs are lit, indicating well charged batteries.
  - B. AMBER LEDs are lit, indicating batteries are moderately charged. Recharge batteries before taking a long trip.
  - C. RED LEDs are lit, indicating batteries are running out of charge. Recharge batteries as soon as possible.

The Information Gauge display also serves as a system diagnostic device when a fault is detected by the control module. A specific number of flashes of the LEDs indicate the type of fault detected. Refer to [Information Gauge Display Diagnostics](#) on page 92 for the diagnostic indications of the wheelchair status.

### Service Indicator

The AMBER service indicator  will light when an error or fault occurs. Refer to [Service Indicator Light Diagnostics](#) on page 93 for a listing of the flash codes and what they indicate.

## 5.4 MPJ+ Joystick Switches and Indicators



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 5.

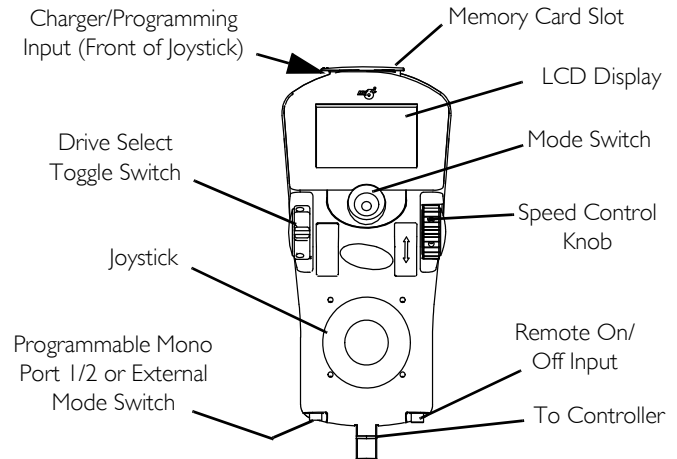
### On/Off - Drive Select Toggle Switch

The drive select toggle switch is located on the left side, below the LCD. The drive select position is momentary, meaning that it will return to the neutral position after a selection is made.

This switch allows the operator to select the type of operation or performance which best suits a particular control need or situation. The DRIVE 1 program uses performance values which are independent of those used for the DRIVE 2 or 3 or 4 program. As an example, an operator may have a control need for spasticity in the morning and a very different need in the afternoon. DRIVE 1 can be programmed for higher speeds and quicker response while DRIVE 2 can be programmed for slower speeds and less responsiveness or vice versa. The other two drive programs could be indoor and outdoor versions of DRIVE 1 and DRIVE 2.

### Selecting the Drive Mode

1. Move the toggle up and release. DRIVE 1 will appear on LCD.
2. Move the toggle up and release again. DRIVE 2 will appear on LCD.
3. Move the toggle up and release again. DRIVE 3 will appear on LCD.
4. Move the toggle up and release again. DRIVE 4 will appear on LCD.
5. Move the toggle up and release one more time to select DRIVE 1.



**FIGURE 5** MPJ+ Joystick Switches and Indicators

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

### Speed Control

The speed control knob is located on the side of the joystick housing.

1. Rotate the knob clockwise (forward) to increase the speed of the wheelchair to the programmed max speed.
2. Rotate the knob counterclockwise (backward) to decrease the speed of the wheelchair to the programmed max speed.

### Joystick

The joystick has proportional drive control, meaning that the further the joystick is pushed from the upright (neutral) position, the faster the wheelchair or seat moves. Your top speed, however, is limited by the programmed settings.

To slow the wheelchair to a stop, simply release the joystick. The wheelchair has automatic speed and direction compensation to minimize corrections.

### Charger/Programming Input

The charger/programming input is located at the front of the joystick housing. This provides easy access for charging the wheelchair batteries. This port also serves as the Remote Programmer Communication connection. Driving is prevented while the system is charging.

### LCD Display Screens

The LCD Display is located in front of the joystick and provides information on the status of the wheelchair through a backlit display. The LCD display is readable in both bright sunlight and complete darkness.

### Splash Screen



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 6.

This screen is displayed at startup of the joystick for about 2 seconds. This screen displays the software version and date information.

After this screen, the joystick displays the Main Screen.



**FIGURE 6** LCD Display Screens - Splash Screen

Main Screen








For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 7 on page 47.

During normal operation, the active drive is displayed in the upper half of the LCD display. Battery charge level is shown in the Battery Gauge Display (BGD) located on the right side of the LCD display. At full charge, solid blocks fill in all ten segments between E (Empty) and F (Full). As the battery becomes discharged, the top most segments will progressively disappear until no segments appear between E and F. At this level, the user should charge the batteries as soon as possible.















The lower half of the LCD display is the Information Center. The Information Center displays current data on the wheelchair.

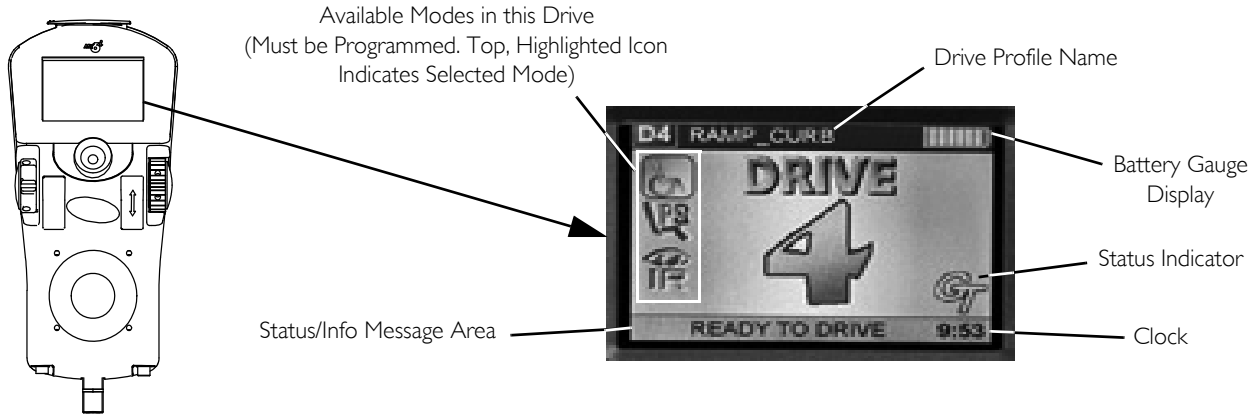
Refer to LCD Display table on page 45 for descriptions of information shown.

**LCD DISPLAY**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION				
<b>DRIVE NAME</b>	This field shows the currently selected Drive's Name. Available choices are as follows: <i>*NOTE: Drive names can be customized. Actual drive names may display differently.</i>				
	<div style="text-align: center;">                           DRIVE                          1                          Drive 1*                     </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">                           DRIVE                          2                          Drive 2*                     </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">                           DRIVE                          3                          Drive 3*                     </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">                           DRIVE                          4                          Drive 4*                     </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">                           "No Drive" selected                          via the programmer                     </div>
<b>BATTERY LEVEL INDICATOR</b>	This symbol shows the Battery Level and will change depending on the available battery power. This indicator is shown on every screen.				
<b>STATUS MESSAGE</b>	This area displays status or instructions.				

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

ITEM	DESCRIPTION				
<b>CLOCK</b>	Displays current time.				
<b>STATUS INDICATOR</b>	<p>The status indicator will show a “Warning” (exclamation point inside a triangle) indicator when the chair has a condition that requires attention.</p> <p>The status indicator will show a “STOP” sign when a serious condition exists. The chair will not be allowed to operate.</p> <p>The status indicator shows an Attendant Icon if the attendant’s override switch is active.</p>				
<b>MODES</b>	<p>The dotted-box shows the area that contains the available “modes” in the currently selected drive. The modes are programmed for each drive and are based upon the configuration of the chair.</p> <p>These modes are highlighted when the Mode is active. The operator changes modes by pressing the Mode Select Switch. The available modes are as follows:</p>				
 <p>Digital 3 Speed 1 - 3</p>	 <p>RIM Mode</p>	 <p>No Driving</p>	 <p>Automatic Positioning</p>	 <p>Powered Seating</p>	
 <p>4-Switch Level 2 (L2, L2 Latched)</p>	 <p>Drive Select</p>	 <p>ECU Output Activated</p>	 <p>ASM 1</p>	 <p>ASM 2</p>	
 <p>Infrared</p>	 <p>Mouse</p>	 <p>Mouse B</p>	 <p>Running Lights</p>		



**FIGURE 7** LCD Display Screens - Main Screen

**Driving Screen**

**i** For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 8.

This screen is shown when the operator issues a drive command and the Drive Icon on the main screen was highlighted.

**i** The Drive's name, warning/info message, status icon and battery indicator are displayed on this screen.



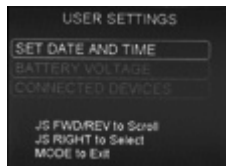
**FIGURE 8** LCD Display Screens - Driving Screen

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

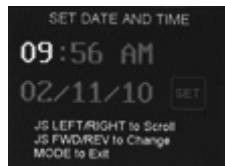
### User Settings

Depress the mode button of the MPJ+ joystick for 10 seconds and the User Settings screen will appear with three choices. Move the joystick forward or reverse to scroll through list. Move the joystick to the right to select a user setting.

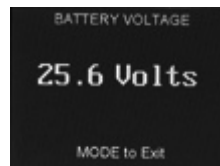
#### User Settings



#### Set Date and Time



#### Battery Voltage



#### Connected Devices




### USER SETTINGS

<b>SET DATE AND TIME</b>	<p>SET DATE AND TIME - Sets the clock on the color MPJ+ joystick. Adds date and time stamp to error codes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move the joystick Up or Down to change the highlighted value (hour, minute, AM/PM, month, day, year)</li> <li>• Move the joystick Right or Left to select a value or the Set icon.</li> <li>• Highlight the Set icon and move the joystick forward to enter new date and time.</li> </ul>
<b>BATTERY VOLTAGE</b>	<p>BATTERY VOLTAGE - Displays current battery voltage. This is a diagnostic test a user can perform prior to a service call.</p>
<b>CONNECTED DEVICES</b>	<p>CONNECTED DEVICES - Displays device connections. Refer to <a href="#">Connected Devices Screen</a> on page 49.</p>









Connected Devices Screen






 For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 9.










This screen is displayed if the Mode Select switch is held active for about 10 seconds. This screen shows an icon that represents any additional devices that are connected to the chair.

Connected  
Devices  
Screen



ICON	DESCRIPTION
	Intelligent Tilt Actuator
	Intelligent Recline Actuator
	Intelligent Center Leg Actuator
	Elevate Actuator
	Generic Tilt Actuator
	Generic Recline Actuator

ICON	DESCRIPTION
	Generic Leg Actuators
	Generic Right Leg Actuator
	Generic Left Leg Actuator
	Intelligent CG Tilt
	Shark Power Module (SPM) Actuator
	SANODE or Single Actuator Control Interface
	4-way Switch Box
	Multiple Actuator Control Box

ICON	DESCRIPTION
	RIM Control
	ECU 1/2 and ECU 3/4
	Proportional Attendant Control
	Compact Joystick
	Sip and Puff control
	Digital Attendant Control
	Micro Extremity Control
	Peachtree Control
	ASL Digital Control






ICON	DESCRIPTION
	Generic Analog Control
	This is displayed if the controller supports G-Trac
	Mouse Only
	IR/Mouse
	Light Mode

FIGURE 9 LCD Display Screens - Connected Devices Screen

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

### Programmable Mono Ports 1 and 2 with External Mode Switch

The programmable mono port with external mode switch input is located at the rear of the joystick on the left side. The programmable mono port input offers the choice of three options:

- Remote drive select
- Remote stop/mode (reset) input
- Single actuator input

The single switch functions operate through mono port 1. An optional y-cable allows a second programmable function through mono port 2.

### Remote Stop Switch

The remote reset switch may be used to stop the wheelchair if the wheelchair is in motion.

The remote reset switch also functions in the same way as the joystick mode switch when the wheelchair is not in motion. Refer to [Mode Switch](#) on page 51.

### Remote On/Off Switch

The remote On/Off switch input is located at the rear of the joystick on the right side and allows the power switch to be operated by an ability switch (normally open momentary switch with mono plug). To use the remote On/Off feature, the Drive Select/On/Off switch must be in the On position. Each activation of the ability switch will alternately turn the joystick On or Off.

## Mode Switch

The mode switch is used to select the operating mode for the wheelchair. The mode switch is located on the joystick. A mode switch is needed whenever any of the following operating modes are programmed:

- Environmental Controls (ECU 1, ECU 2, ECU 3, ECU 4)\*
- 3 Speed Mode in Digital 3 Speed (Slow, Medium, Full)
- Sleep Mode
- RIM Mode\*
- Remote Drive Selection Mode\*
- Tilt/Recline Mode\*
- Information Center Display Selection (does not require Reset activation at power up)
- Running Lights (ON/Off)

If any of the above modes are selected, the control will require activation of the switch immediately after the power switch is turned On in order to enter the drive mode. The second line of the LCD will display - PRESS RESET.



\*In these modes, Standby Select allows the reset switch to be bypassed for users unable to activate the switch.

## Memory Card Slot

The memory card slot is used with the basic or professional memory card for saving or reading wheelchair parameters.

### 5.5 When to Charge Batteries



Keep Batteries charged. When possible, DO NOT allow battery charge to empty.

If battery charge becomes so low that no battery indicators are lit, allow the batteries to charge overnight.

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

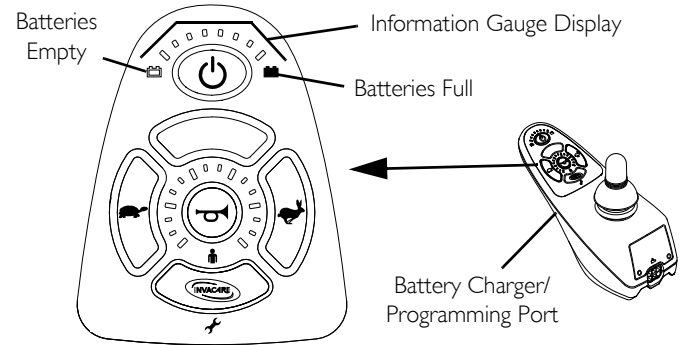
### SPJ+, SPJ+ w/PSS and SPJ+ w/ACC Joysticks



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 10.

The Information Gauge Display located on the front of the joystick housing, it provides the state-of-battery charge, including notification of when the battery requires charging. It also provides the following information to the user on the status of the wheelchair:

- A. GREEN LEDs are lit, indicating well charged batteries.
- B. AMBER LEDs are lit, indicating batteries are moderately charged. Recharge batteries before taking a long trip.
- C. RED LEDs are lit, indicating batteries are running out of charge. Recharge batteries as soon as possible.



**FIGURE 10** SPJ+, SPJ+ w/PSS and SPJ+ w/ACC Joysticks

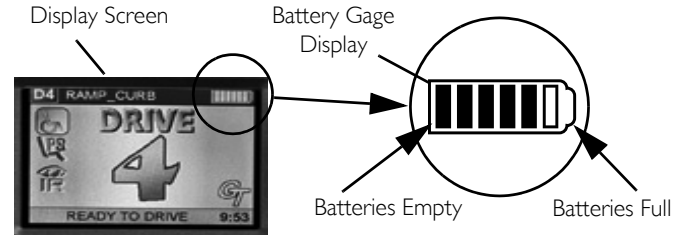
### MPJ+ Joystick



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 11.

The far right side of the display screen is the Battery Gauge Display (BGD). It provides information on the remaining charge in the batteries.

At full charge, solid blocks fill in battery gauge. As the battery becomes discharged, the segments will progressively disappear starting on the right and moving towards the left a bar at a time until no segments appear. At this level the user should charge the batteries as soon as possible.



**FIGURE 11** MPJ+ Joystick

## 5.6 Charging Batteries



### **WARNING**

NEVER attempt to recharge the batteries by attaching cables directly to the battery terminals or clamps. ALWAYS use the recharging plug located on the front of the joystick.

DO NOT sit in the wheelchair while charging the batteries.

DO NOT attempt to recharge the batteries and operate the power wheelchair at the same time.

During use and charging, unsealed batteries will vent hydrogen gas which is explosive in the right concentration with air.

### **CAUTION**

Always charge new batteries before initial use or battery life will be reduced.



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 12 on page 55.

New batteries MUST be fully charged prior to initial use of the wheelchair.

As a general rule, batteries should be recharged daily to assure the longest possible life and minimize the required charging time. Plan to recharge the batteries when it is anticipated the wheelchair will not be used for a long period of time.

The range per battery charge using recommended batteries should be approximately 5 to 9 hours of typical operation. Extensive use on inclines may substantially reduce per charge mileage.

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### Description and Use of Battery Chargers

The charger automatically reduces the charge from an initially high rate to a zero reading at a fully charged condition. If left unattended, the charger should automatically shut-off when full charge is obtained or enter a trickle charge mode to maintain the batteries depending on charger model.

There are some basic concepts which will help you understand this automatic process. They are:

Once the charger has been connected to the wheelchair and wall outlet and, if necessary, the charger has been turned on, the battery charger indicator lights will flash and light to show the battery charger status and condition of batteries to be charged. Refer to owner's manual shipped with battery charger.



#### **WARNING**

NEVER leave the charger unattended when the breaker has tripped. A fault condition exists. Unplug and discontinue using immediately. Contact an Invacare dealer.



If performing the charging procedures, READ and CAREFULLY follow the individual instructions for each charger (supplied or purchased).

If charging instructions are not supplied, consult a qualified service technician for proper procedures.

**Required Items:**

TOOL	QUANTITY	COMMENTS
Battery Charger	1	Supplied

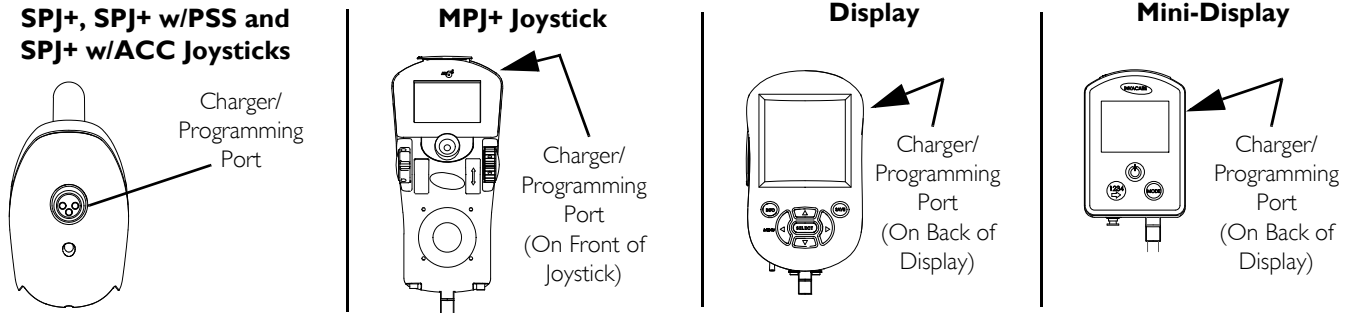
1. Attach the battery charger connector to the charger port on the joystick.
2. Plug the charger's AC power cord, or extension, into the grounded 120 VAC wall outlet.
3. Wait until charging is complete.



Allow eight hours for normal charging. Larger batteries (greater than 55 ampere-hours) or severely discharged batteries may require up to sixteen hours to be properly charged and equalized.

It is advantageous to recharge frequently rather than only when necessary. In fact, a battery's life is extended if the charge level is maintained well above a low condition.

If the batteries need to be charged more often or take longer to charge than normal, they may need to be replaced. Contact an Invacare dealer for service.



**FIGURE 12** Charging Batteries

## 5 WHEELCHAIR OPERATION

### 5.7 Running Lights



#### **WARNING**

Running lights are for increased user visibility **ONLY** and are **NOT** intended for use as automobile head/signal lights. **DO NOT** operate vehicle on roads, streets or highways - otherwise, serious injury or damage may occur.



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 13.

The running lights offered on this product are an option intended to increase the visibility of the vehicle and user. Running lights are **NOT** intended to be used as automobile head/signal lights.

Inasmuch as this product may be equipped with running lights, this product is **NOT** intended for use on roads, streets or highways.

#### **Running Lights Through MPJ+ Joystick**

1. Use the mode switch to select the light mode. Refer to Mode Switch on page 51.
2. Move the joystick to turn the lights on or move and hold the joystick for 3 seconds to turn the lights on in strobe mode.
3. Move the joystick again to turn lights off.

#### **Running Lights Through Single Function Switch**

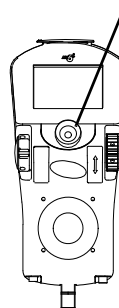


Location of single function switch will depend on wheelchair configuration.

1. Press the single function switch to turn the lights on or hold the single function switch for 3 seconds to turn the lights on in strobe mode.
2. Press the single function switch again to turn lights off.

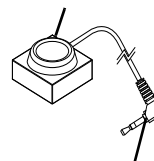
#### **MPJ+ Joystick**

Mode Switch



#### **Single Function Switch**

Single Function Switch



Connects to Lighting Module

**FIGURE 13** Preparing the Joystick for Use



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## 6 Motor Locks/Wheel Locks

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### **WARNING**

After ANY adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure that all attaching hardware is tightened securely - otherwise injury or damage may result.

### **CAUTION**

As with any vehicle, the wheels and tires should be checked periodically for cracks and wear, and should be replaced.

### 6.1 Disengaging/Engaging Motor Lock Levers



### **WARNING**

DO NOT engage or disengage motor locks until the power is in the OFF position.



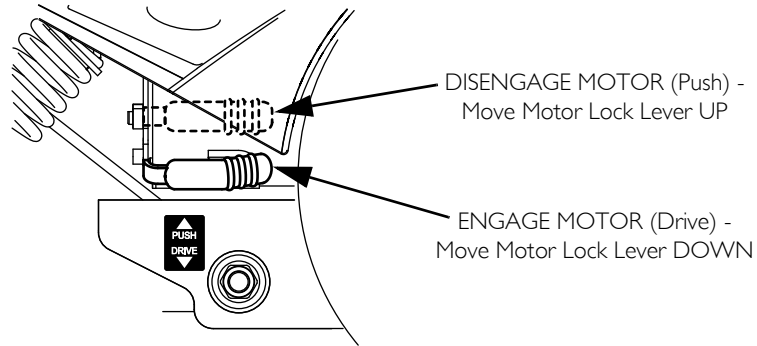
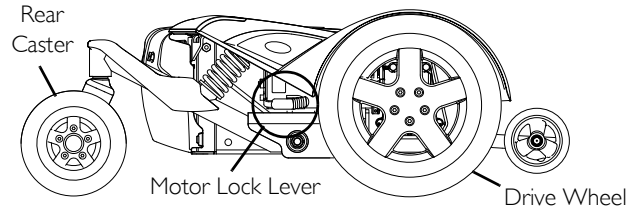
For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 1 on page 58.

Motor lock disengagement/engagement allows free-wheeling or joystick controlled operation. Free-wheeling allows an assistant to maneuver the wheelchair without power.

Motor lock levers are located between the rear caster assembly and drive wheel on both sides of the wheelchair.

- I. Perform one of the following as if viewing the motors from behind the wheelchair (Detail "A"):
  - Engage (DRIVE) - Move the motor lock levers DOWN to engage the motors and drive the wheelchair.
  - Disengage (PUSH) - Move the motor lock levers UP to disengage the motors and push the wheelchair.

## 6 MOTOR LOCKS/WHEEL LOCKS



**FIGURE 1** Disengaging/Engaging Motor Lock Levers

## 6.2 Disengaging/Engaging Wheel Lock Levers



### ACCESSORIES WARNING

Wheel locks are optional on this wheelchair. Invacare products are specifically designed and manufactured for use in conjunction with Invacare accessories. Accessories designed by other manufacturers have not been tested by Invacare and are not recommended for use with Invacare products.



### WARNING

DO NOT use the wheel locks when the wheelchair power is on and the motor locks are engaged - otherwise damage to the wheelchair may result.



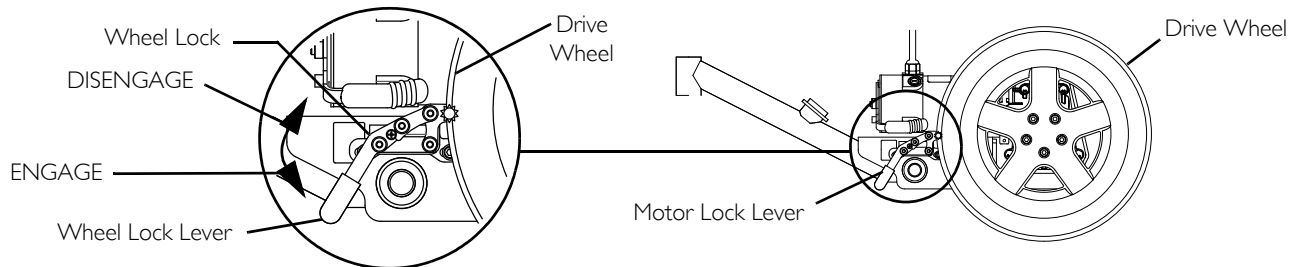
For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2.

Use the wheel locks whenever the clutches are disengaged and the wheelchair is being pushed.

Wheel lock levers are located between the rear caster assembly and drive wheel on both sides of the wheelchair.

1. Perform one of the following as if viewing the motors from behind the wheelchair (Detail "A"):

- Engage (LOCKED) - Move the wheel lock levers **DOWN** to engage the wheel locks.
- Disengage (UNLOCKED) - Move the wheel lock levers **UP** to disengage the wheel locks.



**FIGURE 2** Disengaging/Engaging Motor Lock Levers

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## 7 Transport Ready Option (TRRO)

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### **WARNING**

This section applies only to wheelchairs equipped with TRRO (Transport Ready Option).

Contact Invacare Corporation (800-333-6900) with any questions about using this wheelchair for seating in a motor vehicle.

When feasible, wheelchair occupants should transfer into the vehicle seat and use the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) vehicle-installed restraint system.

This wheelchair has been dynamically tested in a forward-facing mode with the specified crash test dummy restrained by BOTH pelvic and upper-torso strap(s) (shoulder straps), and that BOTH pelvic and upper torso strap(s) should be used to reduce the possibility of head and chest impacts with vehicle components.

Use ONLY Wheelchair Tie-down and Occupant Restraint Systems (WTORS) which meet the requirements of the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) J2249 Recommended Practice during travel in a motor vehicle.

This wheelchair has been tested for seating in a motor vehicle with the factory installed seating system only.

This wheelchair MUST be in a forward facing position during travel in a motor vehicle.

This wheelchair is equipped, and has been dynamically tested to rely on WHEELCHAIR-ANCHORED pelvic straps. If desired, VEHICLE-ANCHORED pelvic straps may be used.

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT BOTH PELVIC AND UPPER-TORSO STRAP(S) BE USED TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY.**

To reduce the potential of injury to vehicle occupants, wheelchair-mounted accessories, including but not limited to IV poles, trays, respiratory equipment, backpacks, and other personal items should be removed and secured separately.

Postural supports, positioning devices, and/or strap(s) should NOT be relied on for occupant restraint. These items may be used IN ADDITION TO the wheelchair-anchored or vehicle-anchored straps.



### **WARNING**

Seat angle is factory set at time of shipment. Adjustments to the wheelchair may void WC 19 compliance. To maintain compliance, refer to wheelchair service manual before making any adjustments.

DO NOT alter or substitute wheelchair frame parts, components, or seating systems.

A sudden stop and/or collision may structurally damage your wheelchair. Wheelchairs involved in such incidents should be replaced.

Spill proof batteries, such as “gel cells”, should be installed on wheelchairs to be used during travel in a motor vehicle.

Transport ready packages are not retrofittable to existing models and are not field serviceable.

### **7.1 About Transport Ready Packages**

TRRO includes four factory-installed transport brackets and a wheelchair anchored pelvic belt. TRRO has been crash-tested in accordance with ANSI/RESNA WC Vol 1 Section 19 Frontal Impact Test requirements for wheelchairs with a 130 lb crash test dummy, which corresponds to a person with a weight of 125 to 165 lbs. for Junior seat sizes or a 168 lb crash dummy, which corresponds to a person with a weight of 165 to 300 lbs. for Adult seat sizes.

As of this date, the Department of Transportation has not approved any tie-down systems for transportation of a user while in a wheelchair, in a moving vehicle of any type. It is Invacare’s position that users of wheelchairs should be transferred into appropriate seating in vehicles for transportation and use be made of the restraints made available by the auto industry. Invacare cannot and does not recommend any wheelchair transportation system.

## 7 TRANSPORT READY OPTION (TRRO)

### 7.2 Compliance Information

This wheelchair conforms with the requirements of the ANSI/RESNA WC/Vol. 1 - Section 19 (Frontal Impact Test)



ANSI = American National Standards Institute, RESNA= Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America.

This wheelchair has been dynamically tested in a forward-facing mode with a 130 lb crash test dummy, which corresponds to a person with a **weight of 125 to 165 lbs.** for Junior seat sizes or a 168 lb crash dummy, which corresponds to a person with a **weight of 165 to 300 lbs.** for Adult seat sizes, restrained by Both pelvic and upper-torso belts in accordance with ANSI/RESNA wc Vol 1 Section 19. Both pelvic and upper-torso belts should be used to reduce the possibility of head and chest impacts with vehicle components.

### 7.3 Specifications

MODEL	MOTOR	SEATING SYSTEM	WEIGHT LIMIT
FDX	2 Pole/4 Pole	Adult ADJASBA	300 lbs
FDX Jr.	2 Pole/4 Pole	Jr. ADJASBA	165 lbs

## Positioning the Wheelchair in the Vehicle



### WARNING

This wheelchair **MUST** be in a forward facing position during travel in a motor vehicle.

The recommended clear zones for wheelchair seated occupants restrained by **BOTH** pelvic and upper torso belt(s) and **ONLY** by a pelvic belt are shown in the diagrams and described below.

Frontal Clear Zones (FCZ) need to be **LARGER** when upper torso belt(s) are **NOT** used.

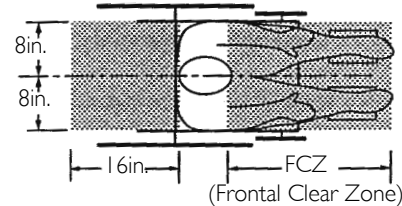
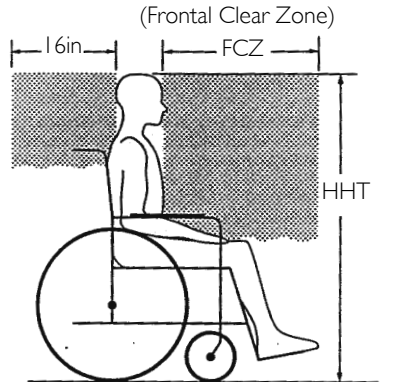
The rear clear zone of 16-inches is measured from the rearmost point on an occupant's head.

The frontal clear zone is measured from the frontmost point on an occupant's head and is 26-inches with pelvic and upper-torso belt(s) and 37-inches with **ONLY** a pelvic belt.

The frontal clear zone may not be achievable for wheelchair-seated drivers.

The estimated seated height (HHT) from the ground or floor to the top of the wheelchair-seated occupant's head ranges from approximately 47-inches for a small adult female to about 61-inches for a tall adult male

**Side View**



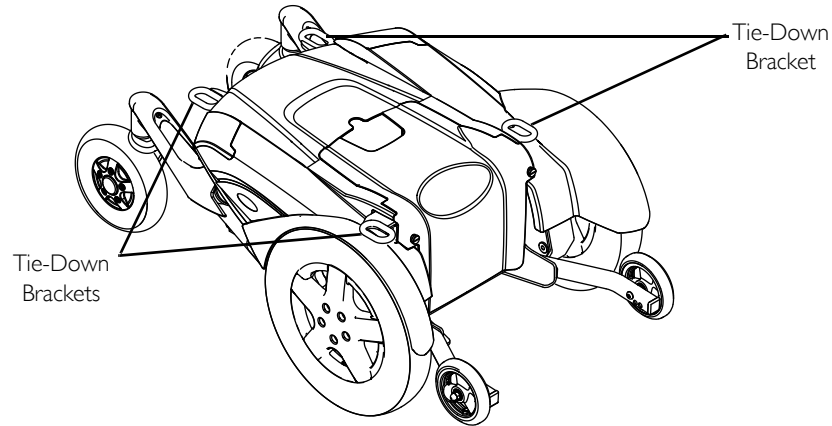
**Top View**

## 7 TRANSPORT READY OPTION (TRRO)

### Securement Points



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE I.



**FIGURE I** Securement Points

### Securing the Wheelchair

This wheelchair is to be used only with Wheelchair Tie-down and Occupant Restraint Systems (WTORS) that have been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and SAE J2249.



A copy of SAE J2249 Wheelchair Tie-down and Occupant Restraint Systems (WTORS) for use in Motor Vehicles can be obtained from: SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, (877) 606-7232 or (724) 776-4970.

Attach WTORS to the tie-down brackets in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and SAE J2249.



## 7.4 Securing the Occupant

### Wheelchair-Anchored Belts



#### **WARNING**

The pelvic belt that is provided by Invacare has been tested for use in a motor vehicle on this wheelchair only. Do not replace the pelvic belt with a different style pelvic belt.



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2 on page 66.

The wheelchair has been provided with a pelvic belt which meets the requirements of ANSI/RESNA WC/19.

The pelvic belt provided by Invacare has been designed to accommodate use on either side of the vehicle. If necessary, follow the instructions below to reverse the orientation of the pelvic belt to accommodate the vehicle-anchored upper torso belt.

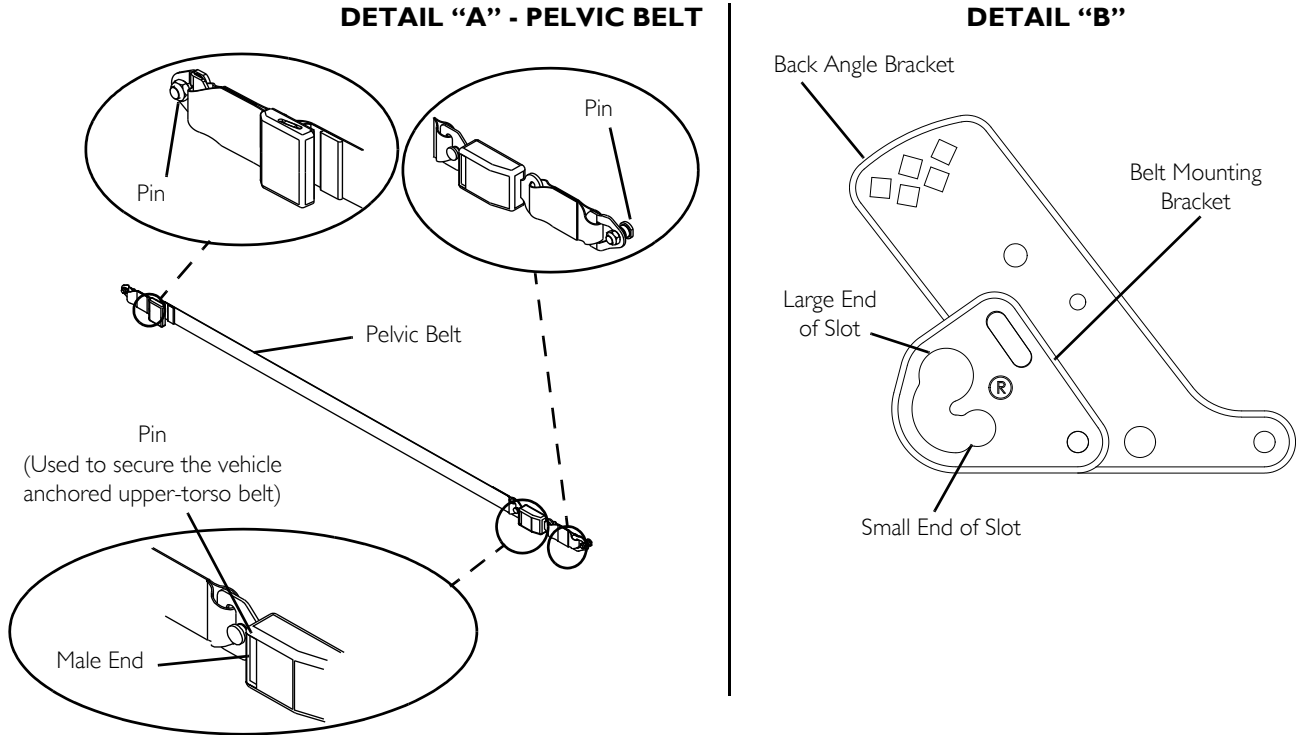
1. Install the pelvic belt pin (Detail “A”) into slot in the pelvic belt bracket (Detail “B”). Pull upwards until it snaps into place.



Both ends of the pelvic belt have a pin which is used to secure the vehicle-anchored upper torso belt.

2. Repeat STEP 1 for the opposite pelvic belt bracket.
3. Install the vehicle-anchored upper torso belt onto the pin located at either end of the pelvic belt.

## 7 TRANSPORT READY OPTION (TRRO)



**FIGURE 2** Wheelchair-Anchored Belts

## Vehicle-Anchored Belts



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 3.

This wheelchair has an overall rating of “A” with regard to accommodating the use and fit of vehicle-anchored belts. This rating is scored as follows:

RATING	DESCRIPTION
<b>A</b>	Excellent
<b>B</b>	Good
<b>C</b>	Fair
<b>D</b>	Poor

The test for Lateral Stability Displacement for Point (P) is shown in FIGURE 3.

The average test result for point (P) is:

- FDX Adult - 0.476 in (12.1 mm)
- FDX Junior - 0.445 in (11.3 mm)

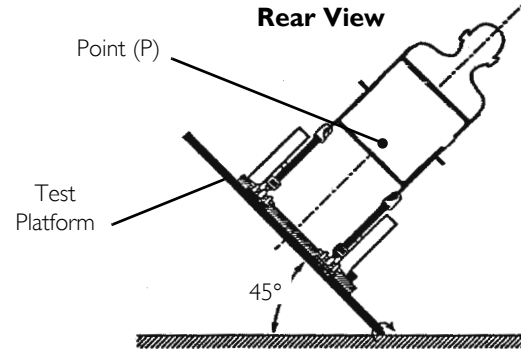
## Seating System



### WARNING

This wheelchair has been tested for seating in a motor vehicle with the factory installed seating system only. When feasible, wheelchair occupants should transfer into the vehicle seat and use the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) vehicle-installed restraint system

Ensure that the factory installed seating system is secured to the wheelchair frame before operation. Refer to the seating system owner’s manual.



NOTE: Rear view of wheelchair and human surrogate secured on test platform and tilted to 45 degrees.

**FIGURE 3** Vehicle-Anchored Belts

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### Positioning Belts

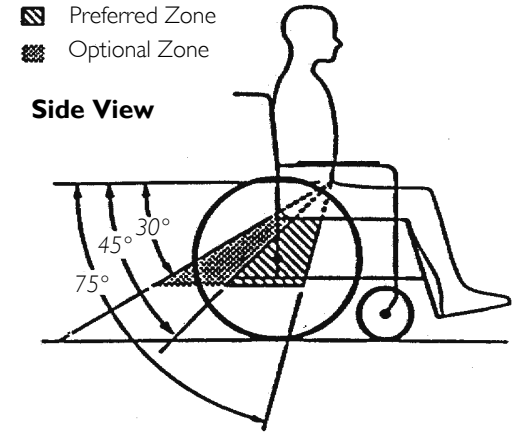


#### WARNING

The angle of the pelvic belt should be within the preferred zone of 45 to 75 degrees to the horizontal OR within the optional zone of 30 to 45 degrees to the horizontal.

Steeper side-view pelvic belt angles are especially important if the pelvic belt is intended to be used for postural support in addition to occupant restraint in a frontal crash. Steeper angles will reduce the tendency for a vertical gap to develop between the user and the belt due to compliance of seat cushions and belt movement, thereby reducing the tendency for the user to slip under the belt and for the belt to ride up on the soft abdomen during normal use

Steeper belt angles also reduce the tendency for upper-torso belts to pull the pelvic belt onto the abdomen during frontal impact loading.

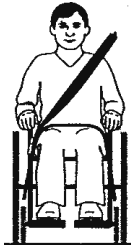


For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4 on page 69.

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1. The pelvic belt should be worn low across the front of the pelvis.
2. Position the upper torso belt(s) over the shoulders.
3. The belt(s) should not be held away from the body by wheelchair components or parts, including but not limited to wheelchair armrests or wheels. Refer to FIGURE 4 for proper and improper positioning of the belts.
4. Ensure the belt(s) are not twisted.
5. Adjust belts as firmly as possible, being mindful of user comfort.

**DO** position belts **INSIDE** of armrests, wheels, etc.



**DO NOT** position belts **OUTSIDE** of armrests, wheels, etc.



**FIGURE 4** Positioning Belts

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## 8 Setup/Maintenance

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### 8.1 Setup/Delivery Inspection



Setup/delivery inspection should be performed by dealer at time of delivery/set up.

Initial adjustments should be made to suit your personal body structure needs and preference. Thereafter weekly, monthly and periodic inspections should be performed by user/attendant between the six month service inspections. Refer to User/Attendant Inspection Checklists on page 71

Every six months, and as necessary, take your wheelchair to a qualified technician for a thorough inspection and servicing. Refer to Service Inspection on page 73.

- Check all parts for shipping damage. In case of damage, DO NOT use.
- Ensure wheelchair rolls straight (no excessive drag or pull to one side).
- Ensure clothing guards are secure
- Ensure arms are secure but easy to release and adjustment levers engage properly.
- Adjustable height arms operate and lock securely.
- Ensure axle nut or bolt and wheel mounting nuts are secure on drive wheels.
- Ensure caster/anti-tipper wheels are free of debris, and all mounting hardware is secure and not damaged/missing.
- Check that cables are routed and secured properly to ensure that cables DO NOT become entangled and damaged during normal operation of seating system.
- Ensure proper operation of powered functions (Example: drive, seating and legrests).

## 8.2 User/Attendant Inspection Checklists



Every six months, and as necessary, take your wheelchair to a qualified technician for a thorough inspection and servicing. [Service Inspection](#) on page 73.

Weekly, monthly and periodic inspections should be performed by user/attendant between the six month service inspections.

Regular cleaning will reveal loose or worn parts and enhance the smooth operation of your wheelchair. To operate properly and safely, your wheelchair must be cared for just like any other vehicle. Routine maintenance will extend the life and efficiency of your wheelchair.



### CAUTION

As with any vehicle, the wheels and tires should be checked periodically for cracks and wear, and should be replaced.

#### Inspect/Adjust Weekly

- Ensure that the casters are free of debris.
- Inspect tires for flat spots and wear.
- Inspect all fasteners.
- Inspect TRBKTS fasteners and hardware.
- Inspect the anti-tippers for loose hardware or damage.
- Ensure proper operation of powered functions (Example: drive, seating and legrests).

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### Inspect/Adjust Monthly

- Clean upholstery and armrests.
- Clean dirt and lint from axles.
- Clean dirt and lint from bearings.
- Ensure that the casters are free of debris.
- Inspect seat positioning strap for any signs of wear. Ensure buckle latches. Verify hardware that attaches strap to frame is secure and undamaged. Replace if necessary.

### Inspect/Adjust Periodically

- Ensure wheelchair rolls straight (no excessive drag or pull to one side).
- Inspect all fasteners.
- Inspect TRBKTS fasteners and hardware.
- Ensure clothing guards are secure.
- Ensure arms are secure but easy to release and adjustment levers engage properly.
- Adjustable height arms operate and lock securely.
- Ensure upholstery does not have any rips or tears.
- Armrest pad sits flush against arm tube.
- Ensure that the casters are free of debris.
- Inspect foam handgrips for damage. If damaged, have them replaced by a qualified technician.
- Check center mount front riggings for loose fasteners. Replace /tighten if necessary.
- Check that all labels are present and legible. Replace if necessary.



### 8.3 Service Inspection



Every six months take your wheelchair to a qualified technician for a thorough inspection and servicing. Service inspections **MUST** be performed by a qualified technician.



#### **WARNING**

After ANY adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure that all attaching hardware is tightened securely - otherwise injury or damage may result.

#### **CAUTION**

As with any vehicle, the wheels and tires should be checked periodically for cracks and wear, and should be replaced.

The following are recommended items to inspect during regular service inspections performed by a qualified technician. Actual items to be inspected during the service inspection may vary according to the specific wheelchair:

#### **Six Month Inspection**

- Clean upholstery and armrests.
- Clean dirt and lint from axles.
- Clean dirt and lint from bearings.
- Check that all labels are present and legible. Replace if necessary.

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- Ensure clothing guards are secure.
- Ensure adjustable height arms operate and lock securely.
- Ensure upholstery does not have any rips or tears.
- Ensure armrest pad sits flush against arm tube.
- Ensure arms are secure but easy to release and adjustment levers engage properly.
- Inspect seat positioning strap for any signs of wear. Ensure buckle latches. Verify hardware that attaches strap to frame is secure and undamaged. Replace if necessary.
- Ensure wheelchair rolls straight (no excessive drag or pull to one side).
- Ensure that there is no excessive side movement or binding when drive wheels are lifted and spun when disengaged (free-wheeling).
- Ensure axle nut or bolt and wheel mounting nuts are secure on drive wheels.
- Inspect tires for flat spots and wear.
- Ensure that the casters are free of debris.
- Ensure wheels/casters have proper tension when wheels/casters are spun (when free-wheeling). Wheels/casters should come to a gradual stop.
- Loosen/tighten caster locknut if wheel wobbles noticeably or binds to a stop.
- Ensure all caster/wheel/fork/headtube fasteners are secure and not damaged/missing.
- Inspect the anti-tippers for loose hardware or damage.
- Ensure the anti-tipper wheels are properly installed and located in the proper mounting position.
- Ensure wheel locks DO NOT interfere with tires when rolling.
- Ensure wheel lock pivot point are free of wear and looseness.
- Ensure wheel locks are easy to engage.

- Check center mount front riggings for loose fasteners. Replace /tighten if necessary.
- Check that cables are routed and secured properly to ensure that cables DO NOT become entangled and damaged during normal operation of seating system.
- Ensure proper operation of powered functions (drive, seating, legrests, ect...).
- Inspect motor brushes and gearbox coupling.
- Inspect electrical components for signs of corrosion. Replace if corroded or damaged.
- Inspect battery terminals for loose cable connection. Tighten if necessary.
- Inspect all fasteners.
- Inspect TRBKTS fasteners and hardware.
- Inspect foam handgrips for damage. If damaged, have them replaced by a qualified technician.
- Ensure swingarm stops are in place and not deteriorated or damaged. Replace if necessary.

### **Inspect/Adjust Every 18 Months**

- Replace motor brushes and gearbox coupling.

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### 8.4 Batteries



#### **WARNING**

The use of rubber gloves is recommended when working with batteries.

Invacare strongly recommends that battery installation and battery replacement always be done by a qualified technician.

After ANY adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure all attaching hardware is tightened securely - otherwise injury or damage may result.

GP34 batteries weigh 42 pounds each. Use proper lifting techniques (lift with your legs) to avoid injury.

DO NOT lift batteries by the hook and loop battery strap. The hook and loop battery strap should be used to assist in removing the batteries from the wheelchair base frame.

DO NOT tip the batteries. Keep the batteries in an upright position.

NEVER allow any of your tools and/or battery cable(s) to contact BOTH battery post(s) at the same time. An electrical short may occur and serious personal injury or damage may occur.

When tightening the clamps, always use a box wrench. Pliers will “round off” the nuts. NEVER wiggle the battery terminal(s)/post(s) when tightening. The battery may become damaged.

The POSITIVE (+) RED battery cable MUST connect to the POSITIVE (+) battery terminal(s)/post(s), otherwise serious damage will occur to the electrical system.

Install protective caps on POSITIVE (+) and NEGATIVE (-) battery terminals.

Do not remove fuse or mounting hardware from POSITIVE (+) red battery cable mounting screw.

Unless otherwise indicated, make sure power to the wheelchair is OFF before performing these procedures.

After ANY adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure all attaching hardware is tightened securely - otherwise injury or damage may occur.



If there is battery acid in the bottom of the battery box or on the sides of the battery(ies), apply baking soda to these areas to neutralize the battery acid. Before reinstalling the existing or new battery(ies), clean the baking soda from the battery tray or battery(ies) being sure to avoid contact with skin and eyes. Determine source of contamination. NEVER install/reinstall a battery with a cracked or otherwise damaged case.

### 8.5 Using the Proper Batteries

1. Position battery on ground/flat surface as shown below.
2. Visually inspect the battery to ensure proper polarity:



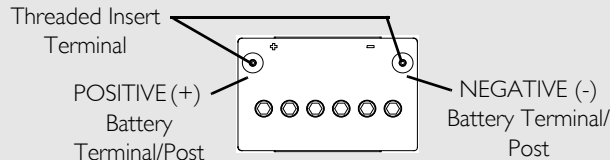
## WARNING

### FOR WHEELCHAIRS USING GP34 BATTERIES

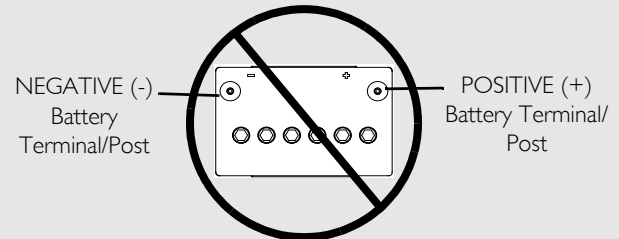
Batteries with terminal configuration (POSITIVE on the left and NEGATIVE on the right) as shown below MUST be used. Batteries that have the reverse terminal configuration MUST not be used - otherwise injury and damage may occur.

Terminals MUST have a threaded insert in them as shown below.

#### PROPER BATTERIES TO USE



#### DO NOT USE THIS TYPE OF BATTERY



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### 8.6 Removing/Installing the Batteries



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT lift batteries by the hook and loop battery strap. The hook and loop battery strap should be used to assist in removing the batteries from the wheelchair base frame.

DO NOT tip the batteries. Keep the batteries in an upright position.



If there is battery acid in the bottom of the battery tray or on the sides of the battery, apply baking soda to these areas to neutralize the battery acid. Before reinstalling the existing or new battery, clean the baking soda from the battery tray or battery being sure to avoid contact with skin and eyes. Determine source of contamination. NEVER install/reinstall a battery with a cracked or otherwise damaged case.

A battery cable secured to the top of the wheelchair base frame connects the front battery connector to the rear battery connector. It is unnecessary to remove the battery cable when removing or installing the batteries.

Have the following tools available.

TOOL	QTY	COMMENTS
7/16-INCH (6PT) BOX WRENCH	1	Not Supplied
DIAGONAL CUTTERS	1	Not Supplied

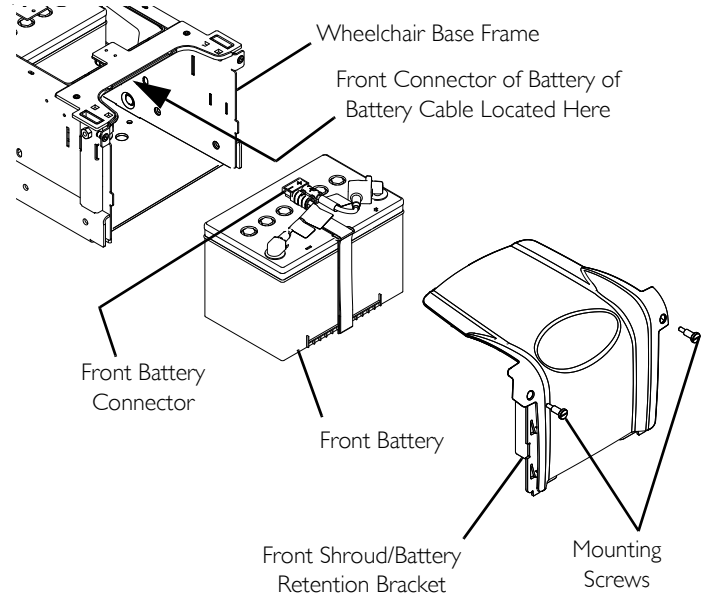
## Removing/Installing the Front Battery



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 1.

Reverse this procedure to install the front battery.

1. Place the wheelchair in a well ventilated area where work can be performed without risking damage to carpeting or floor covering.
2. If necessary, elevate the seat to the up most position.
3. Verify the joystick On/Off switch is in the Off position and disconnect joystick cable (not shown). Refer to [Disconnecting/Connecting the Joysticks](#) on page 89.
4. Remove the two thumb screws securing the front shroud/battery retention bracket to the wheelchair base frame.
5. Remove the front shroud/battery retention bracket from the wheelchair base frame.
6. Disconnect the front battery connector from the front connector of the battery cable.
7. Remove the front battery from the wheelchair base frame.



**FIGURE 1** Removing/Installing the Batteries

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### Removing/Installing the Rear Battery

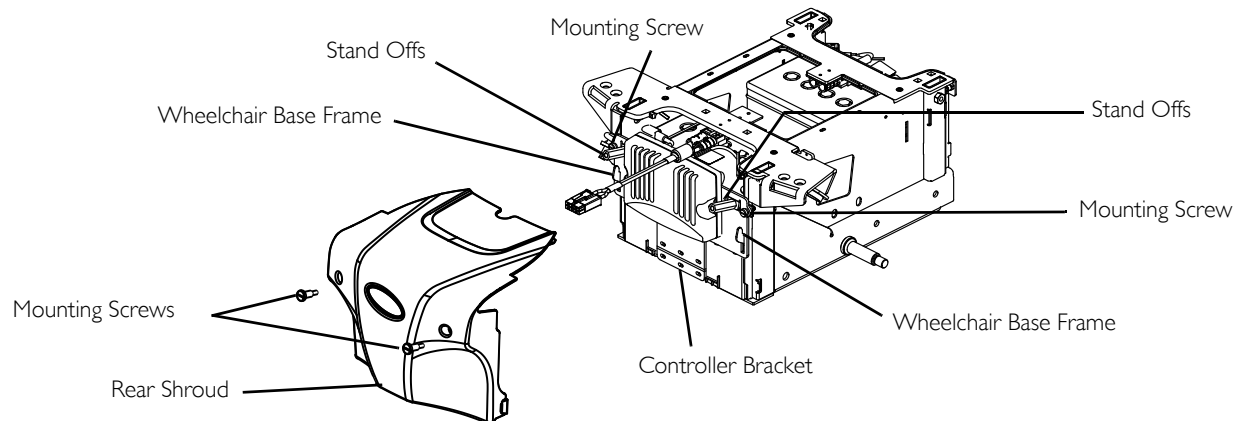
**i** For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2 and FIGURE 3 on page 82.

Reverse this procedure to install the rear battery.

1. Remove the two thumb screws securing the rear shroud to the rear shroud stand offs (FIGURE 2).
2. Remove the rear shroud from the wheelchair base frame.

**i** Take note of position and orientation of the tie-wraps and wiring bundles before cutting necessary tie-wraps and repositioning the wiring bundles.

3. Locate the two wiring bundles, one on each side of the controller and if necessary, cut the tie-wraps securing the wiring bundles to the controller bracket.



**FIGURE 2** Removing the Rear Shroud



4. Remove the tie-wraps securing the right side wiring bundle together (FIGURE 3, Detail “A”).
5. Remove the two mounting screws securing the controller bracket to the wheelchair base frame (FIGURE 2).
6. Lifting up on the controller bracket, disengage the controller bracket from the wheelchair base frame.
7. Using one hand to support the controller bracket, use the other hand to disconnect the two motor connectors, the rear battery wiring connector, the joystick connector and the auxiliary wiring harness connector (if equipped with power seating system, running light package or other powered accessory) from the controller (FIGURE 3, Detail “A”).
8. Set the controller bracket aside.
9. Disconnect the rear battery wiring connector from the rear battery connector (FIGURE 3, Detail “B”).

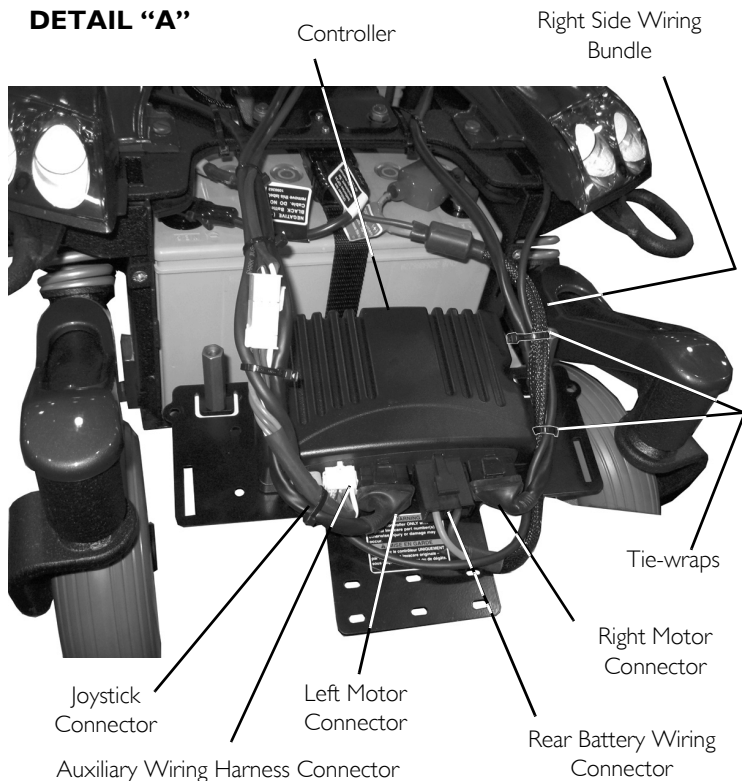
**WARNING**

When removing or installing the rear battery, DO NOT allow the controller bracket to come in contact with the top of the battery. ALWAYS remove the controller bracket from the wheelchair base frame when removing the batteries - otherwise injury or damage may occur.

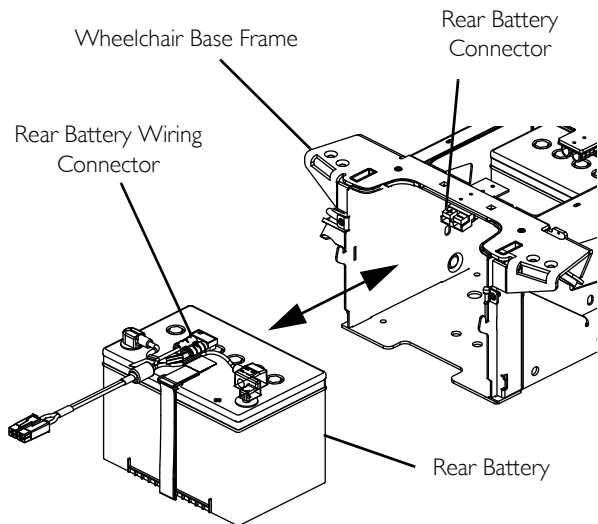
10. Remove the rear battery from the wheelchair base frame.

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### DETAIL "A"



### DETAIL "B"



**FIGURE 3** Removing/Installing the Batteries

## 8.7 Replacing the Batteries and/or Battery Cables



### WARNING

The use of rubber gloves is recommended when working with batteries.

NEVER allow any of your tools and/or battery cables to contact both battery terminals at the same time. An electrical short may occur and serious personal injury or damage may occur.



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4 on page 85.

### Disconnecting Battery Cables

1. Remove the batteries. Refer to [Removing/Installing the Batteries](#) on page 78.



Perform STEPS 2-5 on one battery at a time.

2. Cut the tie-wrap that secures the battery terminal cap in place.
3. Slide terminal caps up onto the battery cables.
4. Remove the mounting screw and two lock washers securing the POSITIVE (+) battery cable L-bracket to the POSITIVE (+) battery terminal.
5. Remove the mounting screw and two lock washers securing the NEGATIVE (-) battery cable to the NEGATIVE (-) battery terminal.
6. Repeat STEPS 2-5 to remove the battery cables from the remaining battery.



### WARNING

NEVER allow any of your tools and/or battery cables to contact both battery terminals at the same time. An electrical short may occur and serious personal injury or damage may occur.

Connect same color connectors to each other (GRAY to GRAY, BLACK to BLACK).

DO NOT remove fuse or mounting hardware from POSITIVE (+) battery cable mounting screw. To replace the fuse, obtain and replace battery harness with fuse.

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### Connecting Battery Cables



#### **WARNING**

The positive (+) battery cable must connect to the positive (+) battery terminal, otherwise serious damage will occur to the electrical system.

The use of rubber gloves is recommended when working with batteries.

Battery terminal configuration as shown in Detail “A” of FIGURE 4 **MUST** be used. Batteries that have the terminal configuration reversed **MUST NOT** be used - otherwise serious injury or damage may occur.

Install protective caps on POSITIVE (+) and NEGATIVE (-) terminals.

All battery terminal covers (two on the front battery and two on the rear battery) must be installed prior to use.

#### **CAUTION**

When connecting the battery cables to the battery, the battery cables **MUST** be connected to the battery terminals, as shown in FIGURE 4, otherwise damage to the battery cable may result when installing battery terminal caps.



Perform STEP 1 on one battery at a time.

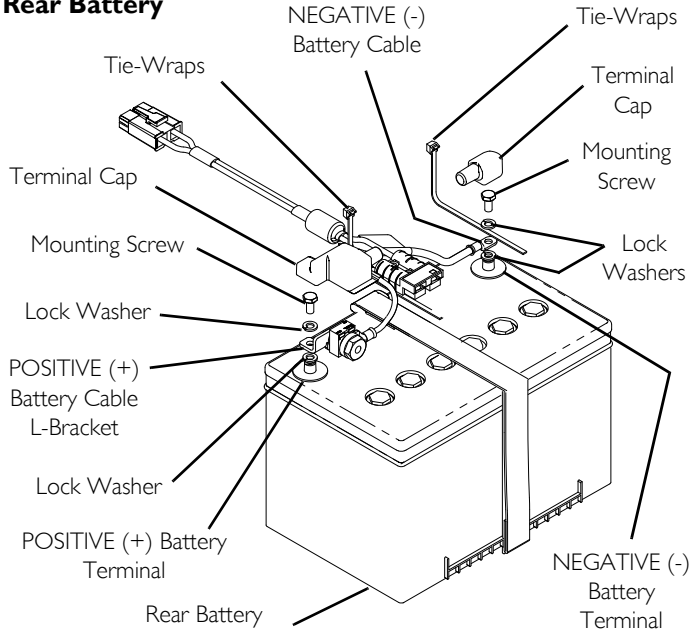
1. Secure the battery cables to the battery terminals as described below. Securely tighten:
  - A. Using the mounting screw and two lock washers, secure the POSITIVE (+) battery cable L-bracket to the POSITIVE (+) battery terminal.
  - B. Using the mounting screw and two lock washers, secure the NEGATIVE (-) battery cable to the NEGATIVE (-) battery terminal.
2. Repeat STEP 1 to connect the battery cables to the remaining battery.
3. Verify all battery cables are correctly installed and securely tightened.
4. Slide terminal caps down battery cables and onto battery terminals.
5. Secure each terminal cap in place with a tie-wrap (use tie-wraps 11-1/2-inches long).
6. Position the batteries into the wheelchair. Refer to [Removing/Installing the Batteries](#) on page 78.



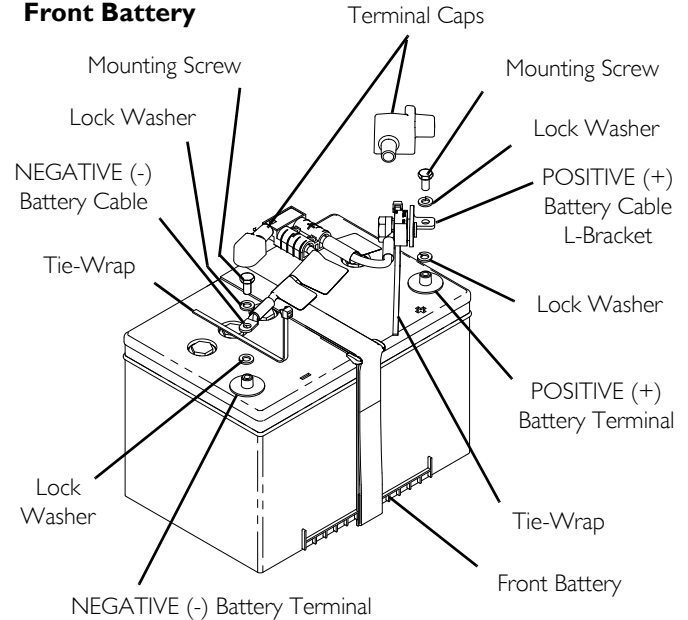
New batteries **MUST** be fully charged before using, otherwise the life of the batteries will be reduced.

7. If necessary, charge the battery. Refer to Charging Batteries on page 53.

**Rear Battery**



**Front Battery**



**FIGURE 4** Replacing the Batteries and/or Battery Cables

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### 8.8 Anti-Tippers



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT Operate the wheelchair without anti-tippers installed - otherwise injury or damage may result



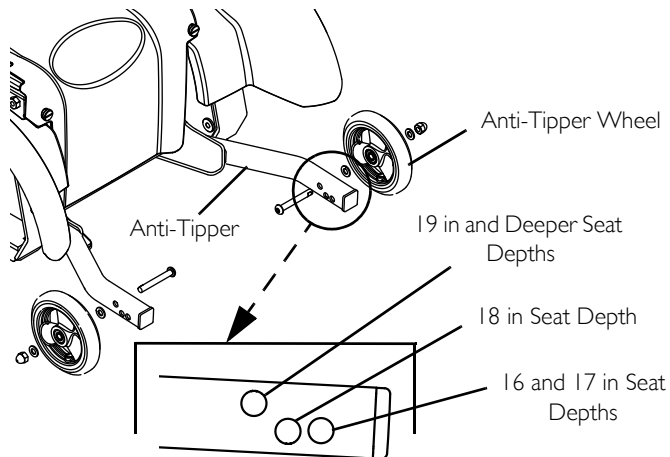
For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 5.

The anti-tipper wheels **MUST** be mounted in the correct location according to the seat size and occupant weight to maintain wheelchair stability.



#### **WARNING**

DO NOT reposition the anti-tipper wheel. Changing the anti-tipper wheel location will effect the wheelchair stability and injury or damage may result



**FIGURE 5** Anti-Tippers

## 8.9 Adjusting Forks

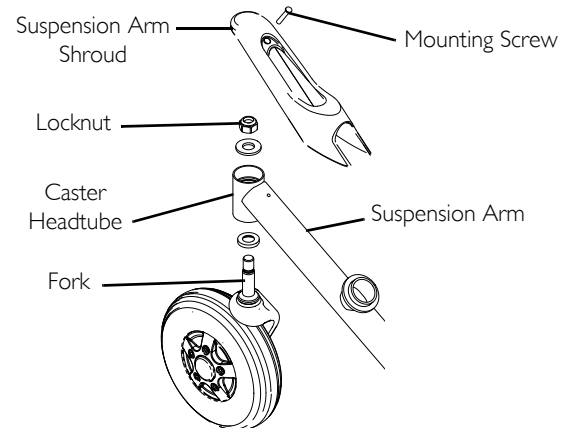


For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 6.

This procedure must be performed by a qualified technician.

This procedure applies to both Forks.

1. Remove the mounting screw securing the suspension arm shroud to the suspension arm.
2. Remove the suspension arm shroud from the suspension arm and caster headtube.
3. To properly tighten caster journal system and guard against flutter, perform the following check:
  - A. Tip the wheelchair forward, toward the floor.
  - B. Pivot both forks and casters to top of their arc simultaneously.
  - C. Let casters drop to bottom of arc (wheels should swing once to one-side, then immediately rest in a straight downward position).
  - D. Adjust locknuts according to freedom of caster swing.
4. Test wheelchair for maneuverability.
5. Readjust locknuts if necessary, and repeat STEPS 1-3 until correct.
6. Reverse STEPS 1 and 2 to reinstall the suspension arm shroud.



**FIGURE 6** Adjusting Forks

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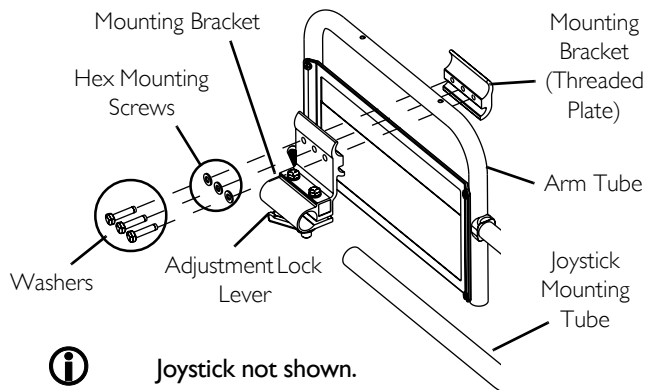
### 8.10 Repositioning Joystick



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 7.

This procedure must be performed by a qualified technician.

1. Turn the adjustment lock lever to release the joystick mounting tube from the mounting bracket.
2. Remove the joystick from the wheelchair.
3. Remove the three hex screws that secure both halves of the mounting bracket to the arm tube.
4. Reposition mounting bracket on opposite arm tube ensuring the threaded plate of the mounting bracket is on the inside of the arm tube as shown in FIGURE 7.
5. Using the three hex mounting screws and washers, secure both halves of the mounting bracket to the arm tube.
6. Slide the joystick mounting tube through the mounting bracket to the desired position.
7. Turn the adjustment lock lever to secure the joystick mounting tube into the mounting bracket.



**FIGURE 7** Repositioning Joystick



## 8.11 Disconnecting/Connecting the Joysticks



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 8.

The joystick connector is located at the rear of the seat frame.

### SPJ+ Joysticks

#### Disconnecting

1. Hold the light GREY collar portion of the joystick connector with one hand and the controller connector on the wheelchair in the other and disconnect them by pulling them apart.

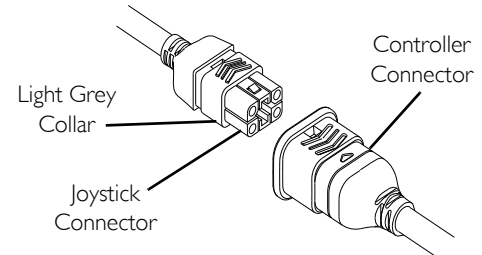
#### Connecting



### WARNING

The joystick connector and controller connector fit together in one way only. DO NOT force them together.

1. Hold the light GREY collar portion of the joystick connector with one hand and the controller connector on the wheelchair in the other and align them.
2. Lightly push to engage the joystick connector and the controller connector.



**FIGURE 8** Disconnecting/Connecting the Joysticks - SPJ+ Joysticks

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### MPJ+ Joysticks



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 9.

#### Disconnecting

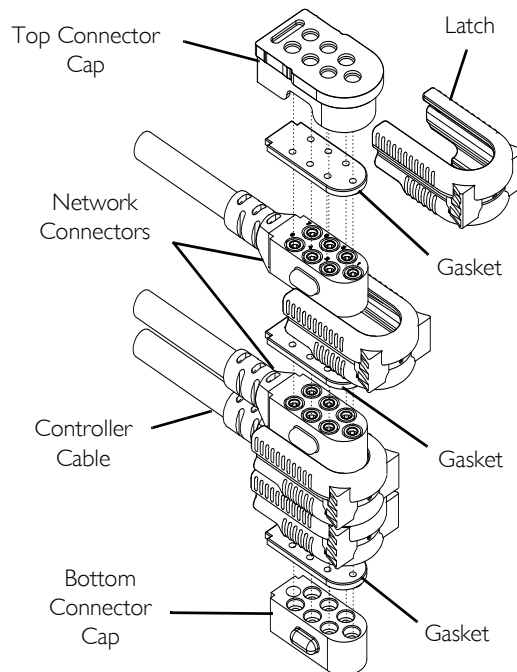
1. Pull the latch away from the joystick connector.
2. Disconnect the joystick connector from the remaining connectors

#### Connecting



Ensure the gaskets are installed in the top connector cap and between network connectors.

1. Ensure the latch is pulled away from the network connector.
2. Connect the network connector to the other connectors.
3. Top and Bottom Connectors - Install connector caps onto the network connector.
4. Push the latch in to secure the network connectors and caps.
5. If necessary secure excess cable using tie-wraps.



**FIGURE 9** Disconnecting/Connecting the Joysticks - MPJ+ Joysticks

## 9 Troubleshooting

### 9.1 Driving Performance

WHEELCHAIR VEERS LEFT/RIGHT	SLUGGISH TURN/ PERFORMANCE	CASTERS FLUTTER	SQUEAKS AND RATTLES	LOOSENESS IN WHEELCHAIR	WHEELCHAIR 3 WHEELS	SOLUTIONS
X	X	X				Check for loose stem nuts/bolts, bearings or signs of wear.
X		X	X	X	X	Check for uneven tire wear, bent fork/frame or loose hardware.

### 9.2 Electrical







*NOTE: For additional troubleshooting information and explanation of error codes, refer to the individual Electronics Manual supplied with each wheelchair.*

#### SPJ™ +, SPJ+ w/PSS or SPJ+ w/ACC Joysticks

The joystick information gauge and the service indicator give indications of the type of fault or error detected by the control module. When a fault is detected, the wheelchair may stop and not drive. The LEDs on the information gauge may flash in a particular pattern or the service indicator light will flash. The number or type of flashes indicates the nature of the error. If multiple errors are found, only the first error encountered by the control module will be displayed.

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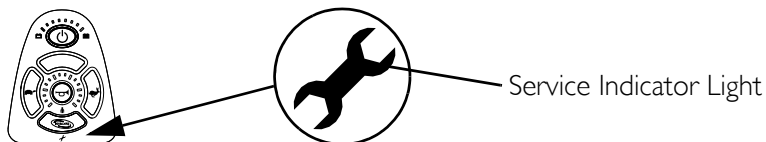
### Information Gauge Display Diagnostics

 <p>Information Gauge Display</p>	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION	COMMENTS
	All LEDs are off.	Power is off.	
	All LEDs are on.	Power is on.	Fewer than three LEDs on implies reduced battery charge.
	Left RED LED is flashing.	Battery charge is low.	The batteries should be charged as soon as possible.
	Left to Right “chase” alternating with steady display.	Joystick is in programming, inhibit and/or charging mode.	The steady LEDs indicate the current state of the battery charge.
	All LEDs are flashing slowly.	Joystick has detected Out-of-Neutral-at-Power-Up mode.	Release the joystick back to Neutral.

## Service Indicator Light Diagnostics



For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 1.



**FIGURE 1** Service Indicator Light Diagnostics


NUMBER OF FLASHES	ERROR CODE DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
1	User Fault	Release joystick to neutral and try again.
2	Battery Fault	Charge the batteries. Refer to <a href="#">Charging Batteries</a> on page 53. Check that battery cables are connected properly. If necessary, replace batteries. Refer to <a href="#">Replacing the Batteries and/or Battery Cables</a> on page 83.
3	Left Motor Fault	Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
4	Right Motor Fault	Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
5	Left Park Brake Fault	Ensure brake lever is in the drive position before turning on the wheelchair. Ensure motor cable is plugged into the controller. Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
6	Right Park Brake Fault	Ensure brake lever is in the drive position before turning on the wheelchair. Ensure motor cable is plugged into the controller. Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.

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NUMBER OF FLASHES	ERROR CODE DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
7	Remote Fault	Check to make sure joystick is connected properly. Turn Joystick off then on. Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
8	Controller Fault	Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
9	Communications Fault	Check joystick cable connections. Check joystick cable and connectors for damage. Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
10	General Fault	Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.
11	Incompatible or incorrect Remote	Wrong type of remote connected. Contact Invacare/Dealer for service.

### MPJ™ +, PSR+, PSF+ Joysticks or Displays

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
LEFT BRAKE FAULT or RIGHT BRAKE FAULT displays and wheelchair does not drive.	Motor lock levers disengaged (Error code E9 or E10).	Engage motor lock levers. Refer to <a href="#">Disengaging/Engaging Motor Lock Levers</a> on page 57.
CHARGER PLUGGED IN displays.	Battery charger connected (Error code E28).	Unplug battery charger from the wheelchair. Refer to <a href="#">Charging Batteries</a> on page 53.
BATTERY FAULT displays and the wheelchair does not drive.	Batteries need to be charged (Error code E14).	Charge batteries. Refer to <a href="#">Charging Batteries</a> on page 53. If batteries fail to charge properly, check battery charger or replace batteries. Refer to <a href="#">Replacing the Batteries and/or Battery Cables</a> on page 83.
JOYSTICK TIMEOUT displays and the wheelchair does not drive.	Joystick or input device is disconnected (Error code 32).	Turn off power, reconnect the joystick of input device and turn power on.

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
JOYSTICK FAULT displays and the wheelchair does not drive.	The joystick or input device is sending a value outside of the reverse, forward, left or right limits (Error codes E01, E02, E03 or E04).	Replace joystick or input device.
NEUTRAL TESTING displays.	The joystick neutral test has failed (Error code E18).	Release the joystick and try to get the joystick back into the center-most position.
BAD JOYSTICK CAL VALUES displays and the wheelchair does not drive.	The joystick calibration values are outside of the expected range (Error code E19).	Recalibrate the joystick (joystick throw procedure).
CTRL NOT CONNECTED	The MPJ or Display module is not communicating with the control module (Error code E200).	Check the connections between the joystick or display and the controller. Turn the power off and then back on. Replace the controller if necessary.
CTRL COM FAULT displays and the wheelchair drives slowly.	The controller has determined a fault during a previous turn-off process (Error code E41).	Turn the wheelchair off and back on.
MISSING CONFIGURATION displays at power up.	One or more devices have been removed or disconnected from the wheelchair.	Reconnect the device.
ATTENDANT ACTIVE and  displays.	The Proportional or Digital Attendant control is active and can be used to drive the chair.	This is normal behavior.
Batteries draw excessive current when charging.	Battery failure.  Electrical malfunction.	Have batteries checked for shorted cell. Replace if necessary.  Contact Dealer/Invacare for service.

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SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
Battery indicator flashes the charge level is low - immediately after recharge.	Battery failure.  Malfunctioning battery charger.  Electrical malfunction.	Check batteries for shorted cell. Replace if necessary.  Contact Dealer/Invacare for Service.  Contact Dealer/Invacare for Service.
Battery indicator flashes the charge level is low - too soon after being recharged.	Batteries not charged.  Weak batteries.	Have charger checked.  Replace batteries if necessary. Refer to <u>Replacing the Batteries and/or Battery Cables</u> on page 83.
Motor “chatters” or runs irregular.	Motor/gearbox malfunction.	Stop use of Wheelchair. Contact Dealer/Invacare for Service.
Joystick erratic or does not respond as desired.	Damaged motor coupling.  Electrical malfunction.  Controller programmed improperly.	Contact Dealer/Invacare for Service.  Contact Dealer/Invacare for Service.  Contact Dealer/Invacare to have controller reprogrammed.
Wheelchair does not respond to commands.	Electrical malfunction.	Contact Dealer/Invacare for Service.
Power indicator off - even after recharging.	Poor battery terminal connection.	Have terminals cleaned.



### 9.3 Checking Battery Charge Level

The following “Do’s” and “Don’ts” are provided for your convenience and safety.

DON'T	DO
Don't perform any installation or maintenance without first reading this manual.	Read and understand this manual and any service information that accompanies a battery and charger before operating the wheelchair.
Don't perform installation or maintenance of batteries in an area that could be damaged by battery spills.	Move the wheelchair to a work area before cleaning terminals, or opening battery box.
Don't make it a habit to discharge batteries to the lowest level.	Recharge as frequently as possible to maintain a high charge level and extend battery life.
Don't use randomly chosen batteries or chargers.	Follow recommendations in this manual when selecting a battery or charger.
Don't put new batteries into service before charging.	Fully charge a new battery before using.
Don't tip or tilt batteries.	Use a carrying strap to remove, move or install a battery.
Don't tap on clamps and terminals with tools.	Push battery clamps on the terminals. Spread clamps wider if necessary.
Don't mismatch your battery and chargers.	Use <b>ONLY</b> a GEL charger for a GEL battery.

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