

The Translator

Transport Wheelchair & Rollator

**Flip it to
convert it!**



MDS808200TR

Tool Free Design



Folds for Easy Transport.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Important information is contained in this booklet. Please read it carefully before using your Translator. Consult your doctor, therapist or other qualified professional to determine if the Medline Translator will meet your needs.

Converts from a Walker Rollator to a Transport Wheelchair in just two simple steps!

Medline Industries, Inc. offers a Premium product that is manufactured from lightweight aluminum and is finished with a coat of rust-resistant, epoxy-based paint and has components and accessories that are manufactured from steel and durable plastic.

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GENERAL WARNINGS & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY IN USING THE MEDLINE TRANSLATOR THE FOLLOWING SAFETY INFORMATION AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO YOU OR DAMAGE TO THE TRANSLATOR.

Do not use this product without first reading and understanding the instructions contained in this booklet. If you are unable to understand the Warnings, Cautions or Instructions, contact a healthcare professional, durable medical equipment dealer or technical personnel, or contact Medline at 1-800-Medline

Do not self propel yourself in the Translator while seated.

Consult with your doctor, physical or occupational therapist or other qualified professional regarding the proper height adjustment for maximum support and correct brake activation.

Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 250 lbs. The weight capacity includes the weight of the rider plus any items carried or supported by the rider or in the attached bags.

Before each use make sure the Translator frame is fully opened and in a stable position. Check the brakes for proper operation. Make sure that all parts are secure and that moving parts are in good working order.

All wheels must be in contact with the floor/ground at all times. This will ensure the Translator is properly balanced.

Do not hang anything from the Translator handles or frame. This may cause the Translator to tip, resulting in bodily injury or Translator damage.

Before moving from standing to sitting/sitting to standing, the brakes must be in the locked position

Do not sit on the seat when the Translator is on an incline.

Do not use the Translator in a vehicle for transport. This Translator has not been approved as a seat surface to be used within a vehicle of any kind.

Do not use the Translator while weight training. Medline Translators have not been tested for any type of weight training.

Do not use the seat without the backrest in place. The backrest sling should always be positioned to support your back when sitting on the Translator.



Environmental

Do not use the Translator on streets or roadways. (Crossing streets should be done with care and in accordance with all safety and traffic laws)

Do not use the Translator on loose, slippery, or uneven surfaces such as sand, gravel, hills, dirt roads, or ice.

Do not use the Translator on inclines greater than 10% (6 degrees) without assistance or caretaker present.

Do not attempt to ride over curbs or obstacles.

Do not use the Translator on stairs or escalators.

WARNINGS & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



General Use

Do not stand on the frame of the Translator.

Do not stand or put pressure on the footrests. When getting in or out of the Translator, make sure to swing the footrests to the back position and lock them into the safety clips located on the side of the Translator.

Do not attempt to lift the Translator by any detachable or removable parts.

There are potential pinch point areas at moving parts and between the seat frame and the seat cradles on some models. Keep hands and fingers away from all moving parts. When opening the translator, push down on the seat rails with your palms flat and fingers away from the seat rail.

Do not sit in the Translator until the seat is completely in the open position and locked into the black plastic seat cradles on all four corners.

The Translator should be on a stable, level surface with the wheel locks securely engaged before transferring into or out of the Translator.

Do not transfer in or out of the Translator on your own unless you have sufficient upper body strength, balance and agility and have been instructed in transfer techniques by a healthcare professional. Before transfer make sure that wheels are locked and footrests are in the back position and securely attached to the side of the translator.

Do not use the wheel locks or hand grip locks to stop or slow the Translator. Wheel locks are not brakes.

Take extreme caution if you change direction when going down an incline as this could cause instability or tipping.

When seated, do not lean forward out of the Translator any farther than the length of the armrests.

Any person assisting the rider in maneuvering of the Translator must be adequately trained, have sufficient strength and be able to see obstacles in the path of travel.

When cleaning the hand grips, use only a clean towel lightly dampened with cool water. Ensure the hand grips are dry before use.

If the Translator is exposed to extreme temperatures, high humidity and/or becomes wet, check the hand grips to ensure they are not loose and do not twist on the handle.

Avoid storing or using the Translator near open flames or combustible products.

Do not attempt to lean back on the Translator to reach for something behind you.

Always sit squarely on seat upholstery with your back upright and against the backrest.

Do not sit on front or side edge of seat, always sit in center of seat.

Do not sit at an angle on the seat.

Do not attempt to have more than one person seated in the Translator at a time.

GUIDELINES: SAFETY & HANDLING OF TRANSLATORS



Adjustments

DO NOT operate, maintain, or adjust the Translator without reading and understanding all instructions in the manual.

Footrests must be at least 2 ½ inches from the floor.

Do not modify or alter the Translator in any way not instructed by Medline or detailed in the owners guide.



Before EACH Use

If unit is damaged or broken discontinue use until completely repaired.

- ✓ Make sure the chair rolls easily and that all parts work smoothly.
- ✓ Check for noise, vibration, or any change in use. Changes may indicate loose parts or Translator damage.
- ✓ Check to ensure wheel locks are in good working order.
- ✓ Make sure hand grips are not loose and cannot be moved or twisted.

Center of Gravity, Balance and Stability

The Translator has been designed to be safe and stable during normal transport activity as long as proper balance is maintained. The point at which a Translator will tip forward, backward, or to the side depends on its center of balance. To assure stability and proper operation of the Translator, the center of gravity must be maintained in the chair. Center of gravity is the point at which all the weight of an object can be considered to be concentrated and represents the balance point.

Most activities such as transferring in and out of the Translator, bending, and reaching affect the center of gravity and weight distribution of the Translator. Loss of proper balance may cause the chair to tip over. Use of the seat belt is advised to help maintain stability by minimizing movement within the Translator seat. The use of anti-tip devices especially when maneuvering on ramps or inclines will also enhance safety.

Reaching / Leaning / Bending – FORWARD, Backward or SIDEWAYS

- Position the Translator as close as possible to the object.
- Make sure the wheel locks are engaged before activity.
- Make sure the front casters are pointing in a forward position. This extends the wheel base and will help stabilize the chair.

Obstacles

Obstacles such as floor threshold strips, uneven floors, cords or items on the floor, or cracks in pavements can damage your Translator and may cause loss of control or a tip over. Be alert! Scan your path and avoid any items that may cause instability.

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Ramps / Inclines

The assistant must know their capabilities and limitations in terms of strength and endurance before attempting to go up or down a ramp. Slopes will change the center of gravity. **DO NOT** attempt to negotiate steep inclines greater than 10% (6 degrees, or one foot of rise or fall for every ten feet of ramp length) without an experienced assistant. Training and practice negotiating ramps with a healthcare professional is recommended.

- Go as straight up or down the incline as possible.
- Check the ramp for any obstacles, bumps, depressions, or wetness before beginning. Ask for additional assistance if necessary.
- Stay in the center of the ramp if possible.
- Avoid changing direction while on the ramp as this may cause loss of control of the Translator.
- Avoid stopping on a ramp. Stopping may cause loss of control of the Translator. If stopping is necessary, avoid sudden, abrupt forward movement when you resume propelling the chair as that could cause instability.
- When going up an incline, the occupant should lean forward. This will adjust the center of gravity to counteract the tendency of the Translator to tip backward.
- When going down a ramp, the occupant should face forward and lean backward into the seat. Descent should always be done slowly. **DO NOT** use wheel locks as brakes to slow down or stop the chair. Attempting to use the wheel locks could result in accidental locking, veering or tipping to one side, or suddenly stopping.
- When going down a steep incline, the assistant should turn the chair and go down backwards to avoid tipping the occupant out of the chair.

Basic Information for Translator Assistants / Transporters

Work with the Translator user's healthcare professional or your institution to learn safe ways to assist that are within your capability and comfort level. To prevent injury to yourself or the chair occupant use good body mechanics:

- Always tell the rider what you intend to do so he/she is ready for your actions and can assist with maintaining a balanced center of gravity for stability.
- Bend at the knees, not at the waist. Keep knees bent, not locked straight.
- Use legs for strength, not the weaker muscles of the back or arms. This will help prevent back strain.
- Do not twist at the waist. Keep the torso facing the same direction as the hips and move the feet to turn. This will help prevent back strain.
- Maintain a straight back. Hunching or rounding the shoulders can cause back strain.
- Do not hesitate to call for additional assistance if needed.
- If you do not feel comfortable with an activity you are requested to assist with (such as negotiating a step or a steep incline), you may decline to assist and should help find appropriate assistance for the occupant.

Five easy steps to setting up the Translator.

Contents of Box:

Translator
Backrest
Footrests (2)

Side bag with zipper contains:
2 Knobs with plastic spacer and bolt.
2 Black backrest pins.
Owners guide with tools.

1. Install Handles.

Remove the plastic from around the handles. Insert the brake handles into the back of the frame. Brake cables should be on the outside of the frame. Slide to desired height. Line up adjustment holes and insert bolt from inside of frame. Turn bolt until it is fully seated into frame. Install plastic spacer on outside of frame. Screw on knob until snug.



2. Install Cup holder.

Remove the cup holder from the box. Remove the bolt from the clamp. Secure the cup holder around the frame in your desired location. Insert and tighten knob.



3. Attach Backrest.

Slide one side of the backrest into the side mount. Insert the black self locking pin (located in side bag) into center hole until fully seated. Repeat for opposite side.



4. Brake Adjustment.

The *Translator* brakes can be adjusted by using the adjustment nut located on lower frame or by loosening the allen screw on the retainer at the end of the cable. Refer to your owners guide for the complete instructions on adjusting the brakes. Feel free to contact your Medline sales representative with any questions regarding this adjustment.



5. Secure the seat.*

The *Translator* comes with a new style seat cradle that requires an extra push to snap the seat rail into the cradle. Make sure that both seat rails are fully seated into the cradles prior to use. Please do not wrap your hands around the seat rails when pushing down. Use your palms and push on the top of the seat rails.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To OPEN the Chair

1. Hold onto one armrest and push the opposite side to open the chair.
2. With your fingers and thumbs pointed towards the inside of the Translator, push downward on the seat to ensure the Translator is fully open. Keep hands and fingers away from any moving parts.
3. The **Translator** comes with a new style seat cradle that requires an extra push to snap the seat rail into the cradle. Make sure that both seat rails are fully seated into the cradles prior to use. Please do not wrap your hands around the seat rails when pushing down. Use your palms and push on the top of the seat rails.

*MAKE SURE THAT SEAT IS FULLY SNAPPED INTO CRADLES BEFORE USING.

To CLOSE / FOLD the chair

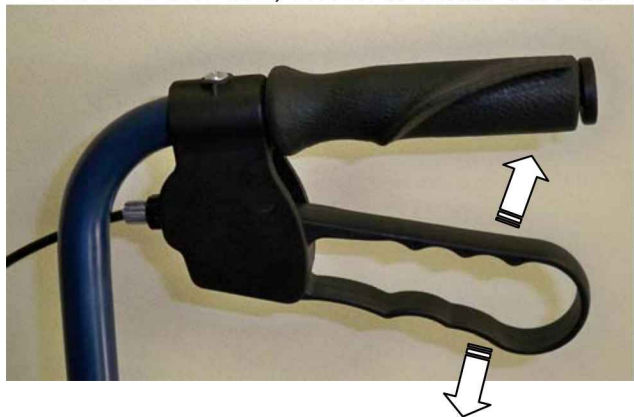
1. Ensure the swing-away leg rests are in the forward and locked position.
2. Fold the footplates up to the vertical position.
3. Using both hands, grasp the center of the seat upholstery at the front and back edge and lift the seat up.

Converting from Wheelchair to Rollator

1. Rotate the backrest from rear to front by lifting upward.
2. Unlock footrest and swing around until firmly seated in safety/retaining clip on the side of the Translator.

CHECKING / ADJUSTING / OPERATING THE BRAKES

- Before each use, check to make sure the brakes are working properly.



- Pulling **up** on the brake handles locks the wheels momentarily.
- Pushing **down** on the brake handles will lock the wheels in place.

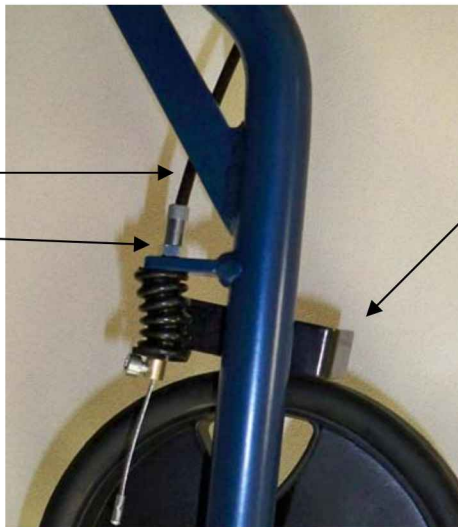
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Wheel Lock Warnings

- Check the wheel locks to ensure proper function before using the chair. Wheel locks should embed into the wheel at least 1/8 inch when engaged.
- Engage the wheel locks on both wheels before entering the chair, leaving the chair, leaning forward in the chair or while being transported in an elevator or a Translator lift.
- Check to make sure that the leg rests do not unlock the wheel locks when they are swung back.
- Do not use the wheel locks (or hand grip locks if present) to stop the Translator from moving. Wheel locks are not brakes. Do not use the wheel locks to slow your descent down an incline.

To Adjust the Brakes:

2. Pull up on brake cable. —————→
3. Adjust Retaining nut clockwise to tighten brakes and counter-clockwise to loosen brakes. —————→
4. Release Cable and Brake pad.
5. Check that handles are adjusted properly and Lock correctly.



1. Hold brake pad firmly against the wheel.

Installing / Removing the Swing-away Leg rest / Footrest Riggings

To Install the Riggings:

1. Hold the leg rest rigging to the side of the Translator.
2. Install the leg rest assembly hinge plates onto the hinge pins of the Translator frame.
3. Push the leg rest rigging to the front until it locks securely into place.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To Swing-away / Remove the Leg rest assembly:

1. Fold the footplate up to the vertical position.
2. Release the leg rest lock by pushing on the leg rest lever.
3. Swing the leg rest outward and to the side.
4. To remove the leg rest, lift up on the assembly to remove the leg rest off the hinge pins.



SAFETY INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE

It is highly recommended that the Translator be taken to a qualified dealer annually for a thorough inspection and maintenance / repair service.

GENERAL CARE

- Wipe off chrome / aluminum parts at least once per week using a clean, soft cloth.
- Clean all metal parts with auto wax or similar products.
- Dry the chair immediately if exposed to moisture.
- Do not use abrasive cleanser or materials that will scratch the finish of the chair.
- Clean the upholstery with a mild soap solution, rinse and wipe dry.
- Clean the hand grips with a mild soap solution and dry thoroughly.

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MONTHLY CHECK LIST / TROUBLESHOOTING

General:

Inspect the entire Translator for broken parts, sharp edges and loose fasteners. Ensure that everything works and the chair rolls straight without drag and does not pull to one side. Replace or tighten parts as needed. Inspect for bent frame and crossbars.

Frame and Cross braces:

Check that the frame is not bent or dented. Check the tubing for cracks and rust. If such issues are found, take the Translator to your local service dealer.

Upholstery:

Inspect for any rips, tears or worn spots and replace as necessary. Inspect the upholstery screws and assure that all are present and tight. Torn or worn upholstery may not support the user's weight and could result in a fall with serious bodily injury.

Seat back:

Ensure the seat back folding mechanism is functioning properly and the seat back locks securely in the upright position.

Armrests:

Check for cracks, looseness, or sharp edges.

Hand grips:

Ensure the hand grips are tight and secure on the handles. They should not move or twist.

Footrests / Leg rests:

Ensure the leg rest assembly release works properly. Ensure the assembly automatically locks securely into place when attached and will not accidentally unlock.

Front Caster Forks:

Verify the forks swivel freely without binding. Check to ensure the casters roll freely by lifting the chair and spinning the caster. The caster should come to a gradual stop. If the nut is too loose, the caster will flutter or shimmy. If the nut is too tight, the chair will be difficult to steer. Check the bearings and clean the fork stem housing.

Front and Rear Tires:

Solid tires require minimal maintenance. They should occasionally be cleaned with a damp cloth. Replace the tires if they become cracked, excessively worn, or have flat spots.

Maintenance

Your Medline Translator should be checked periodically to ensure the brakes are functioning properly and that all parts are secure.

Periodically test the brakes by both walking and squeezing the brakes and by stopping, pushing down on the brakes to a locked position, and then trying to push the Translator. If the brakes do not lock the wheels, the brakes need to be adjusted. If adjustment does not tighten the brakes, **DO NOT** use the Translator.

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ITEM	INITIALLY	INSPECT / ADJUST WEEKLY	INSPECT / ADJUST MONTHLY	INSPECT / ADJUST PERIODICALLY
GENERAL Chair rolls straight. (no excessive pull to one side)	X			X
CLEANING Wipe chrome parts with clean, soft cloth. Auto wax / similar product on metal parts. Clean upholstery with mild soap solution. Use only water on hand grips. Dry chair immediately when wet. Do not use abrasive cleansers or cloths.	X X X	X		X X X
FRAME & CROSSBRACES Inspect for loose or missing hardware. Inspect for bent frame or crossbraces.	X X			X X
SEAT AND BACK UPHOLSTERY Inspect for rips or sagging. Inspect for loose or broken hardware.	X X		X	X
FRONT CASTERS AND REAR WHEELS Inspect wheel / fork assembly for proper tension by lifting the chair and spinning the caster. It should come to a gradual stop. Loosen locknut if wheel wobbles / tighten locknut if wheel binds to a stop. Ensure wheel bearings are clean and free of moisture.	X X X	X X	X	
REAR WHEELS No excessive side movement or binding when chair is lifted and wheels are spun.	X		X	
FRONT AND REAR TIRES Inspect for flat spots and wear.	X	X		
HAND GRIP WHEEL LOCKS Test in both complete and intermittent lock positions. Ensure the chair does not move when the locks are engaged.	X X X		X X X	
WHEEL LOCKS Do not interfere with tires when rolling. Pivot points free of wear and looseness. Wheel locks easy to engage.	X X X		X X X	
Take the Translator to a qualified dealer annually for a thorough inspection and maintenance / repair services.				

MEDLINE LIMITED WARRANTY

Your Medline wheelchair has a lifetime warranty on the frame and 1 year on all other parts.

This warranty is extended only to the original consumer who purchases this product new and unused from Medline or an HME provider. This warranty does not extend to any subsequent purchaser or owner. Medline warrants the frame to be free from defects in material and workmanship for the lifetime of the original consumer. Medline warrants the upholstery, quick release mechanism, fasteners, and other wearable parts for a period of 1 year.