

# **Community Commodes**

# **USER MANUAL**



**SELF** 

**ATTENDANT PROPELLED** 



Thank you for choosing this commode from our Aspire Commode range.

This product has been specifically designed to offer comfort, support and safety.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Aspire Community Commode range is designed for the community or homecare environment. The commodes have a fabricated aluminum frame with a powder coat finish and utilise plastic and PU components of various material specifications.

#### **Clinical Applications and Area of Use**

These commodes are appropriate for adult patient care and should only be used under the instruction of a carer or health professional where concerns exist around patient use.

#### **Key Features**

- Maximum safe working load (SWL) of the commodes is 136kg
- Attendant propelled and self propelled options available
- Locking and non-locking castors
- Height adjustability to accommodate different users
- Power coated aluminium finish
- · Swing back arms for ease of cleaning
- Soft opening PU seat

### 2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

It is important that this User Manual is read in its entirety prior to using the commode. The manual is designed to ensure that users are equipped with the information required to competently and responsibly operate this commode.

It is recommended that the User Manual be kept in an easily accessible place for quick reference. If required, Aspire product specialists can provide additional training.

All warnings and cautions within this manual should be strictly adhered to. Failure to do so could result in harm to the patient or operator.

**Warnings** highlighted throughout this manual identify possible hazards in procedures or conditions which if not followed correctly could result in serious injury or fatality.

**Cautions** highlighted throughout this manual identify possible hazards in procedures or conditions, which if not followed correctly could result in equipment damage or failure.

#### **GENERAL**

- This commode is designed to be used indoors.
- Suitable for wet areas but not pools.
- The clinically qualified person responsible should consider the age, size and condition of the patient before using the commode.
- The maximum user weight is 136kg.





- **ALWAYS** check with your healthcare professional prior to using this commode.
- **ALWAYS** apply the brakes when the commode is stationary.
- ALWAYS ensure brakes remain locked when transferring into or out of the commode.
- ALWAYS ensure that the legrests are swung away when transferring into and out of the commode.
- ALWAYS ensure that attendant and patient limbs are free from potential entrapment areas before operating any functions.
- DO NOT stand on the product.
- DO NOT use outdoors.
- **DO NOT** use this product without reading the user manual in its entirety.
- DO NOT use if defective.
- DO NOT make any changes or modifications to this product without consultation from your Aspire Dealer.

# 3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Aspire Community Commode range is designed specifically for the community and aged care environment. Please take time to familiarise yourself with key components shown below:





EASY MOVE LOCKING SELF PROPELLING WHEELS Self Propelled model only

SWING AWAY & ADJUSTABLE LEGRESTS









# 4. UNPACKING & INSPECTION

Aspire Community Commodes come packaged in 1 box for maximum protection. Check box to ensure no components are missing and contact Aidacare if this occurs on 1300 133 120

- Soft PU backrest
- 2 Soft PU seat
- 3 User Manual (in plastic bag)
- 4 Hand wheels for backrest (2x)
- 5 Hand wheels for height adjustment (4x)
- 6 Swing away footrests
- 7 Commode frame with armrests
- 8 Locking castors (2x)
  Attendant propelled model only
- 9 Locking self propelling wheels (2x) - Self propelled model only
- 10 Non-locking castors (2x)
- Bowl & lid























### 5. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

#### Step 1a

Insert the castor tube into the frame and secure in place with hand wheels. Repeat 4 x times for attendant propelled version (2 x locking on back and 2 x non-locking on front) and 2 x times (non-locking on front only) for the self propelled version.



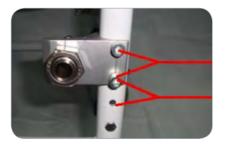
### Step 1c

1c - Mount self propelling wheel onto anchor clamp and lock in place with quick release axle (self propelling version only)



#### Step 1b

Mount the axle plate on the rear section of the frame (self propelled version only) and tighten screws with allen key provided.



Step 1d

Brakes will be mounted to the frame already (self propelled version only)







#### Step 2a

Step 3a

Slide the backrest downwards onto mounting points until the clicks in place.



On the seat is a removable seat cover. When using the chair as a shower chair, slide the insert into the open seat.



Under the seat frame 1 there are

6 x clips. Place the clips in the right

positions highlighted in red 2

until they click into place.





### Step 2b

Tighten with hand wheels and ensure the backrest is properly positioned and firmly secured.



### Step 3b

the open seat.



#### Step 4

Slide the edge of the commode bowl along the rails and make sure it is in a stable position and clicks into place. Repeat this step in reverse to remove the bowl for easy cleaning.



### Step 5

Insert legrests into receivers on front of commode 1 and lock into place by swinging towards centre. Lift the pivot pin 2 to unlock and remove the footrests by swinging outwards.









# 6. OPERATION

### **Activating the Locking Castors - Attendant Propelled Model**

- To engage, press the red lever down with your foot
- To disengage, press the black lock down with your foot





### **Activating the Brakes - Self Propelled Model**

- Push down and forward on the black hand levers on both sides of the commode to lock rear wheels in place
- Pull up and back on the hand levers



### **Adjusting the Legrests**

- Lift the pivot pin to lock or unlock the footrests 1
- If the user wishes to vacate the chair, swing the footrests outwards for clearance. They can be completely removed by lifting upwards 2





### **Installing & Removing Commode Bowl**

- Slide the edge of the commode bowl along the rails and make sure it is in a stable position and clicks into place
- Repeat this step in reverse to remove the bowl for easy cleaning



### **Using Safety Swing Armrests**

• The armrests can be swung up by 90° to assist with transfers







# 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

| Fault                                       | Cause   | Solution  |
|---|---|---|
| Difficulty in removing/ adjusting footrests | Build up of<br>material in<br>receivers                 | Remove footrests, clean receivers and footrest mounts |
| Difficulty<br>adjusting the<br>seat height  | Build up of<br>material<br>between castors<br>and frame | Remove castors, clean receivers and castor mounts     |
| Difficulty in<br>maneuvering<br>castors     | Build up of dirt<br>between fork<br>and castor          | Clean castors thoroughly                              |

i Should problems persist contact Aspire Service on 1300 133 120.

# 8. CLEANING

#### WARNING

Note: It is strongly recommended that protective clothing be used when cleaning.

- Frame and metal components Always keep the commode clean for greater comfort and long-lasting performance. Clean metal components with water and a mild detergent. Wipe dry.
- Brakes The braking effect depends on the state of the tyre tread. Excessive dirt build-up may negatively affect the application of the brakes. If necessary, clean tyres with a small brush to remove dust and waste.
- Seat and backrest padding All padding is made in PU foam that can be washed with water and neutral soap/detergent.
- Commode Bowl Remove and clean with water and a neutral soap/detergent.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not use abrasive Hypocarbonate or Phenolic compounds or pads.





# 9. SERVICE & MAINTENANCE

To prolong the working life of the commode and for trouble free operation it is recommended that routine inspections should be performed by a person who is suitably qualified and well acquainted with the design, use and care of Community Commodes.

If inspection reveals that the safety of the commode is compromised in any way, it should be IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE, tagged as such and the owner notified, until repair or replacement has occurred.

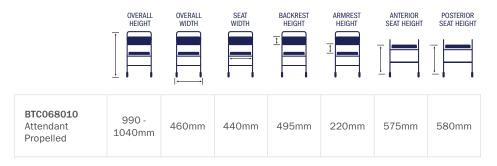
### Inspection:

A visual and functional inspection should be performed monthly and every time the commode changes user.

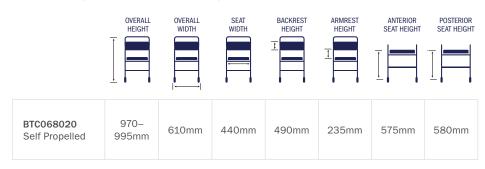
- Visually inspect mechanical components: can you see damage, chips or deformation to the frame, armrests, seat, backrest, legrests or commode bowl?
- Are the castors, wheels and brakes functioning as they should?
- Are all frame securement hand wheels present and tightened?

# 10. SPECIFICATIONS

### **Community Commode Attendant Propelled**



### **Community Commode Self Propelled**







# 11. WARRANTY

### Warranty

Aspire Community Commodes come with a five year corrosion resistance warranty on the external frame surface. If the product surface becomes damaged (such as paint chipped or scratched) this will void the warranty. A general one year warranty also applies covering faulty workmanship or defective materials. This warranty is valid for twelve months from the original purchase date, and to the original customer.

Aidacare is bound by Australian Consumer Law in respect to 'Warranty against Defects' on this product. A copy of the Aidacare 'Warranty against Defects' statement is available at www.aidacare.com.au.

Please contact Aidacare directly for support in regard to warranty matters on 1300 133 120.

Aidacare does not warrant against faults caused by incorrect use, unauthorised modification or any situation that could not be deemed as fair wear and tear.

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

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

For servicing, preventative maintenance and any other questions regarding this or any other Aidacare product please contact:

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