

# **RESNA AT-1 Standard**

#### Requirements and Test Methods Related to Mobility Devices

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Volume 1: Requirements and Test Methods Related to Mobility Devices



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that participated in writing the Standard

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All Wheels Up Don Lange (US Navy Veteran, 1967-70, uses scooter for mobility) Northwestern University Open Doors Organization Presperin Pedersen Associates Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Association of North America (RESNA) University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

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Airlines for America (A4A) International Air Transport Association (IATA)

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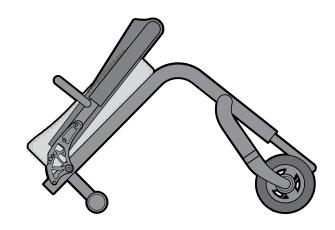
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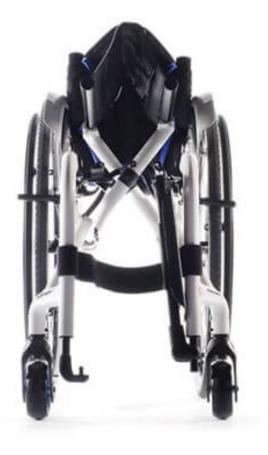
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that participated in writing the Standard

Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Veterans Health Administration National Center for Patient Safety Department of Transportation (DOT) U.S. Access Board

Manual wheelchairs that fold





Sunrise Medical Quickie <sup>®</sup> Xenon<sup>2</sup> Manual Wheelchair https://www.sunrisemedical.eu/wheelchairs/quickie/lightweight-wheelchairs/xenon2

Manual wheelchair with complex seating (not collapsible)



ORTHOS XXI Dory **Manual Wheelchair** https://www.medicalexpo.com/prod/orthos-xxi/product-76994-923245.html

Manual wheelchair with power assist add-on devices

Powered wheelchair



Permobil TiLite **Manual Wheelchair with SmartDrive Add-On** https://www.midshiresgroup.co.uk/midshires-mobility-group-home/special-products/

Manual wheelchair with power assist wheels

Powered wheelchair



Sunrise Quickie Power-Assist Manual Wheelchair

https://www.sunrisemedical.eu/e-mobility/e-mpulse/power-assist-wheelchairs/wheeldrive

Powered mobility device PMDs

Powered wheelchair



Invacare AVIVA FX Powered Wheelchair

https://pro.invacare.com/Mobility/Powered-Wheelchairs/Front-Wheel-Drive/Invacare-AVIVA-FX-Power-Wheelchair---Captain%27s-Seat/p/IFX-20C

Powered mobility device PMDs

Powered scooter



Vive 3-Wheel Mobility **Powered Scooter** https://wheelchair.mobility-scooter.biz/vive-3-wheel-mobility-scooter-electric-powered-mobile.html

Mobility Device Information, Principles, and Training for Stowage and Transport in Commercial Aircraft

- 1-3 Scope, References, Terms and Definitions
- 4 Classification of assistive technologies for mobility (ATFM) used by passengers
- 5 Information to be collected by the air carrier
- 6 Information on air travel configuration card
- 7 Information provided by air carrier
- 8 Mobility device accommodation and transportation principles
- 9 Required training

Mobility Device Communication and Instructions Prior to Stowage and Transport in Commercial Aircraft

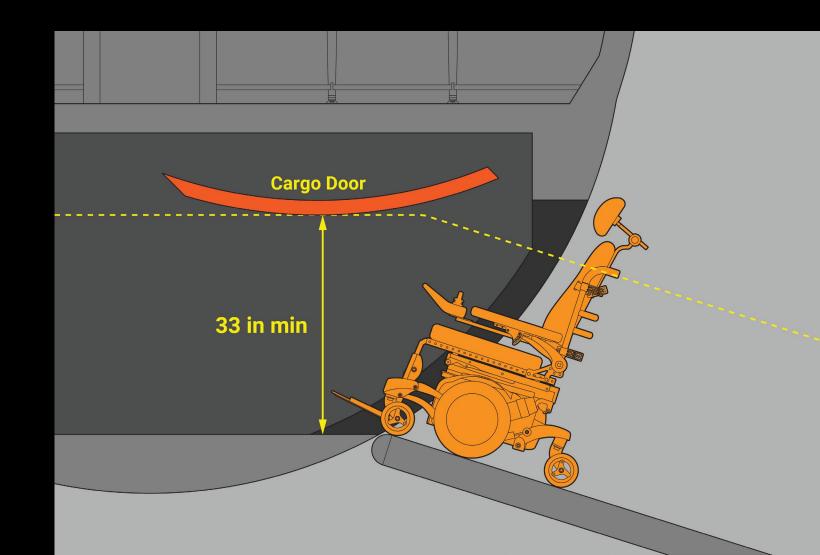
- 1-3 Scope, References, Terms and Definitions
- 4 Travel booking and reservation process and pre-airport preparation
- 5 Arrival at the airport
- 6 Ticket counter check-in
- 7 Passenger and service agent and/ramp consultation (departure gate agent)

Mobility Device Handling Procedures for Stowage and Transport in Commercial Aircraft

- 1-3 Scope, References, Terms and Definitions
- 4 <u>Verification</u> of mobility device at the airport
- 5-6 <u>Preparation</u> of mobility device for air travel
- 7-8 <u>Transfer</u> of mobility device
- 9 <u>Securement</u> of mobility device
- 10 <u>Preparation</u> of mobility device after flight
- 11 <u>Response</u> to mishandling

#### RESNA AT-1 Section 3 Clause 4 Verification

Height



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PMDs meeting the RESNA AT-1 Sec 4 Standard must have an air travel configuration with reduced height

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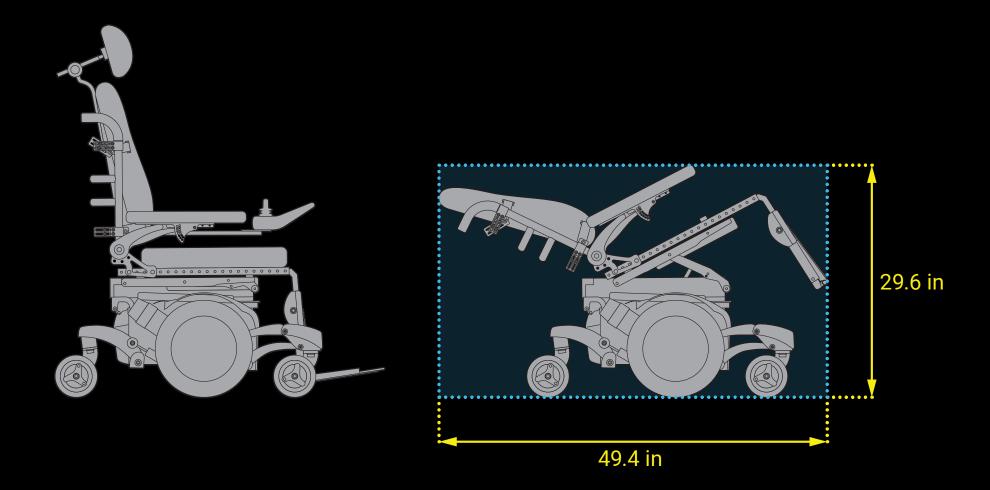
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Battery type Weight



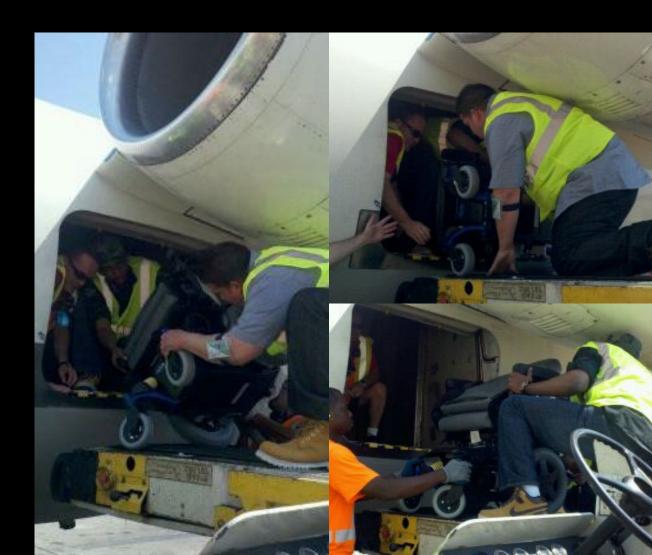


#### RESNA AT-1 Section 3 Clause 5 **Preparation for air travel**

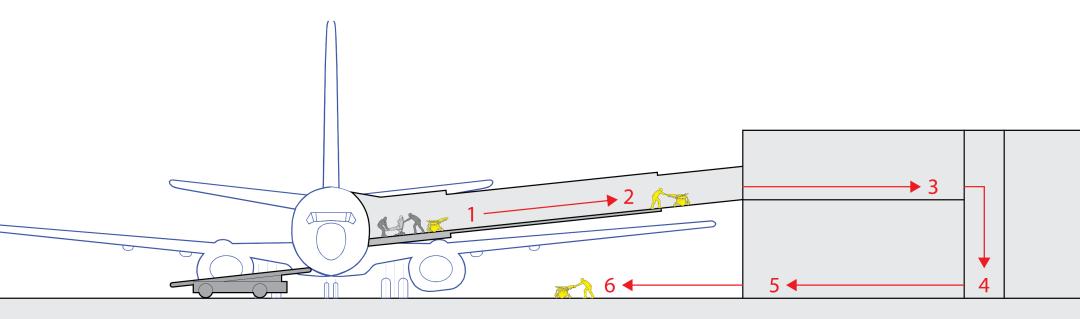


#### RESNA AT-1 Section 3 Clause 6 **Preparation for transfer to belt loader**

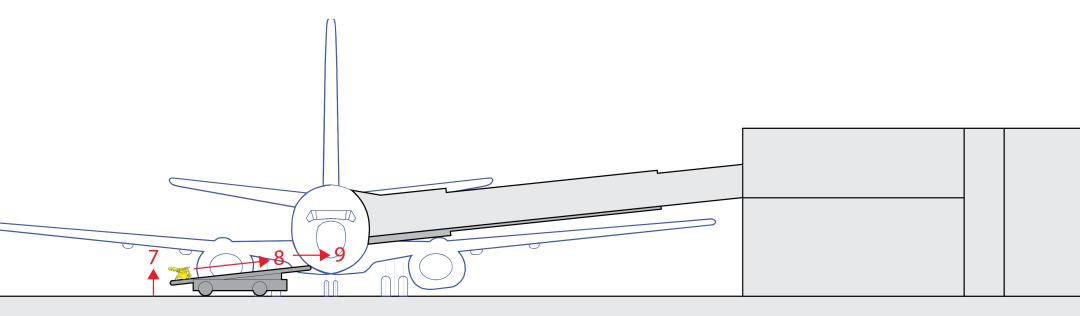
Will the mobility device fit through the cargo door while positioned upright?



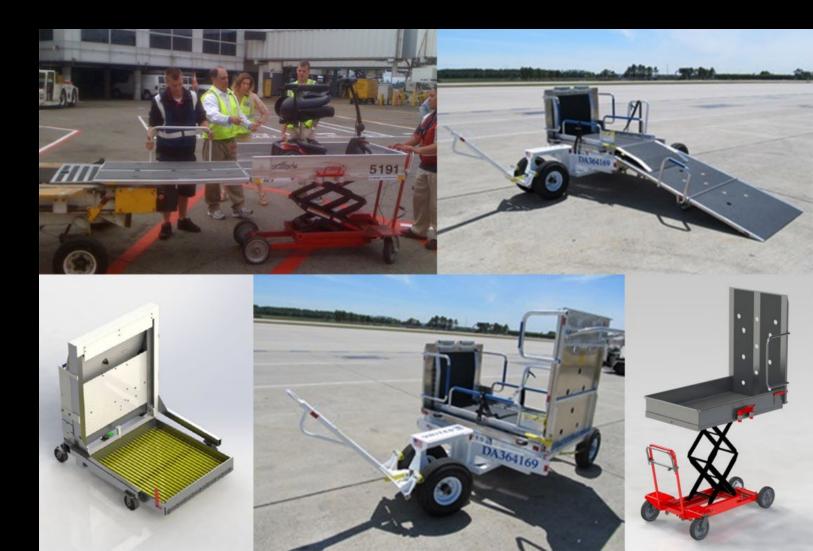
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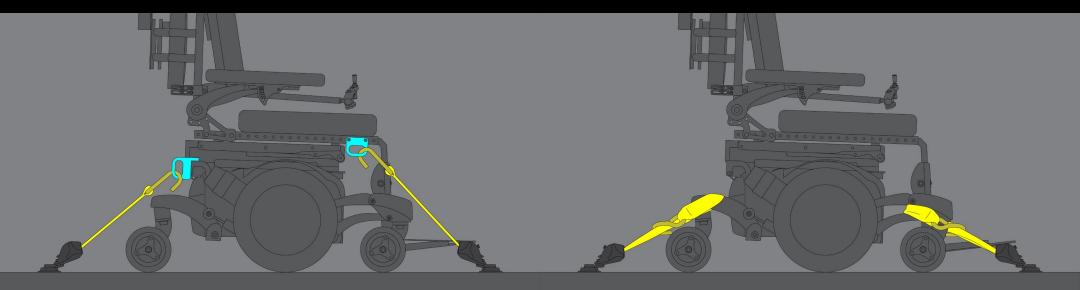
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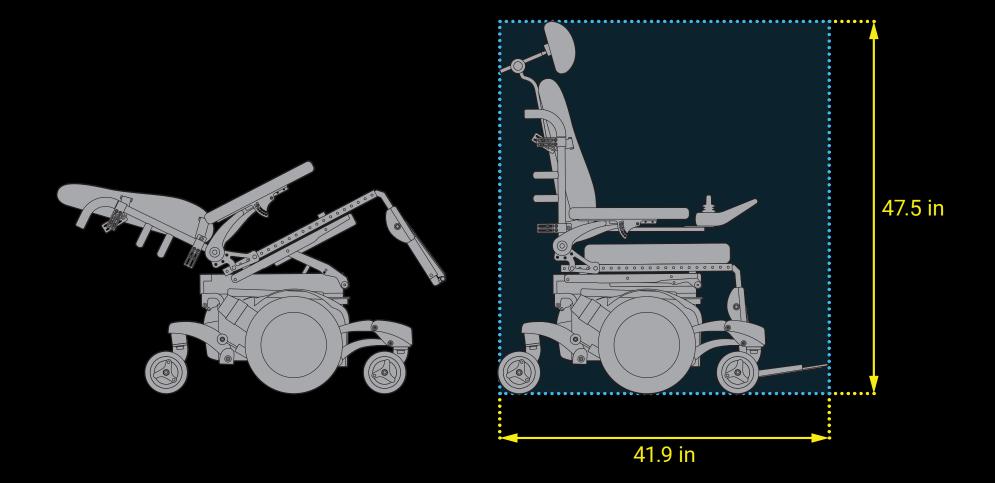
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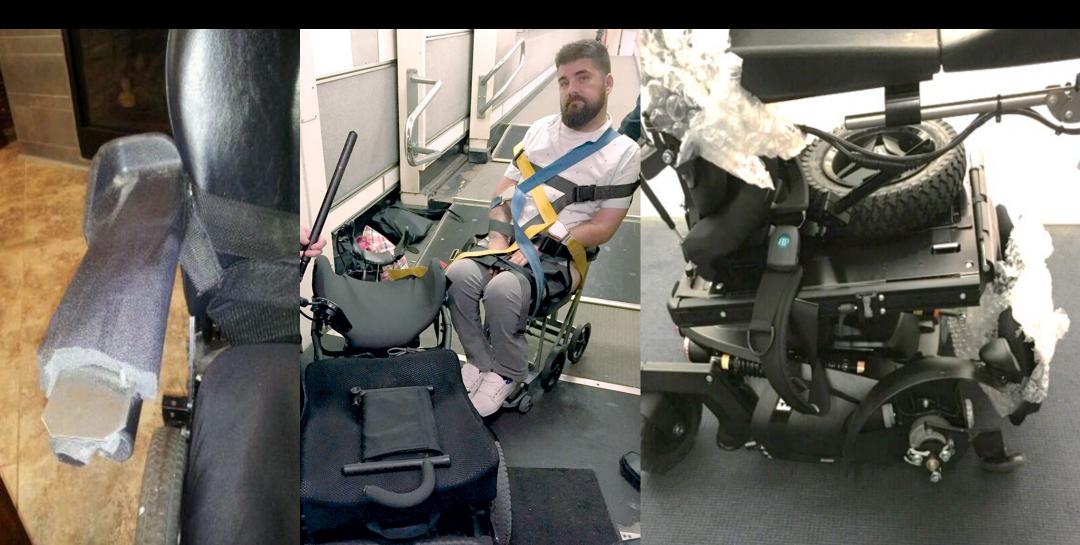
#### RESNA AT-1 Section 3 Clause 9 Securement of mobility device



#### RESNA AT-1 Section 3 Clause 10 **Preparation for driving use**



#### RESNA AT-1 Section 3 Clause 11 Response to mishandling



Labeling and Design Requirements for Mobility Devices Designed for Stowage and Transport in Commercial Aircraft

- 1-3 Scope, References, Terms and Definitions
- 4 **Design specifications**
- 5 <u>Design specifications</u> for manual wheelchairs
- 6 <u>Design specifications</u> for powered wheelchairs and scooters
- 7 <u>Labeling</u> guidelines
- 8 <u>Air travel configuration card</u>

RESNA AT-1 Section 4 Manual wheelchair design

**Requirements in the RESNA AT-1 Standard** 

Reduce in size for stowage Components removed for air travel Can be strapped or latched in a folded position

# Manual wheelchair storage

#### The Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) requires

Air carriers to provide a "**priority space**" in the cabin of any aircraft with 100 or more passenger seats, which is "of sufficient size to stow at least one typical adult-sized folding, collapsible, or break-down manual passenger wheelchair, the dimensions of which are 13 inches by 36 inches by 42 inches or less without having to remove the wheels or otherwise disassemble it."

14 CFR §382.67(a)

WheelchairTravel.org https://wheelchairtravel.org/air-travel/flying-with-manual-wheelchair/

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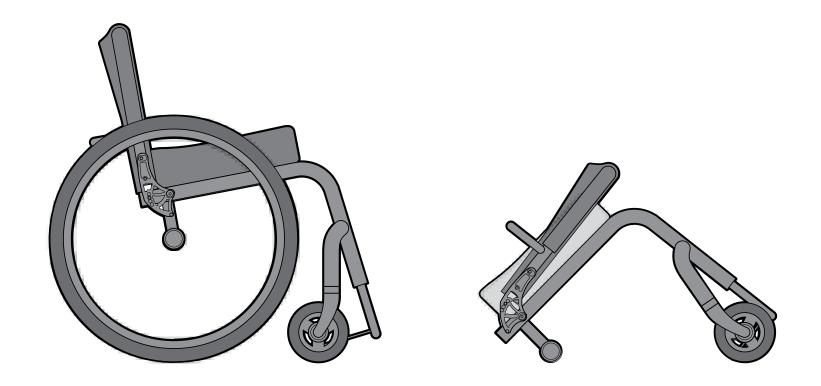
#### Folding cross-frame style wheelchair for stowage



Sunrise Medical **Quickie \* Xenon<sup>2</sup>** https://www.sunrisemedical.eu/wheelchairs/quickie/lightweight-wheelchairs/xenon2

#### **Rigid-frame wheelchair with folding back support**

Standard quick-release main wheels are removed



# Use a strap or latch mechanism to hold a wheelchair in a folded position

To prevent damage

To make the wheelchair easier to handle

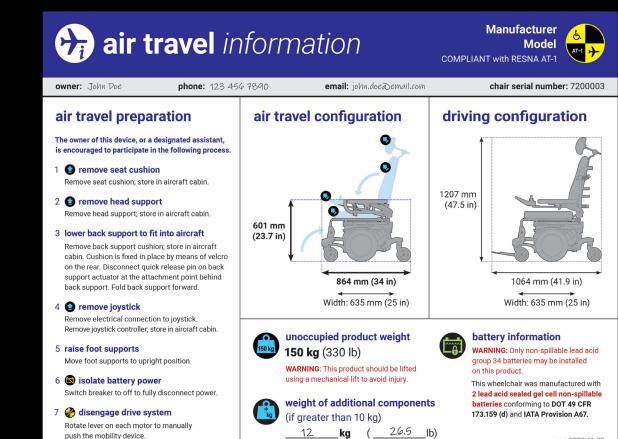


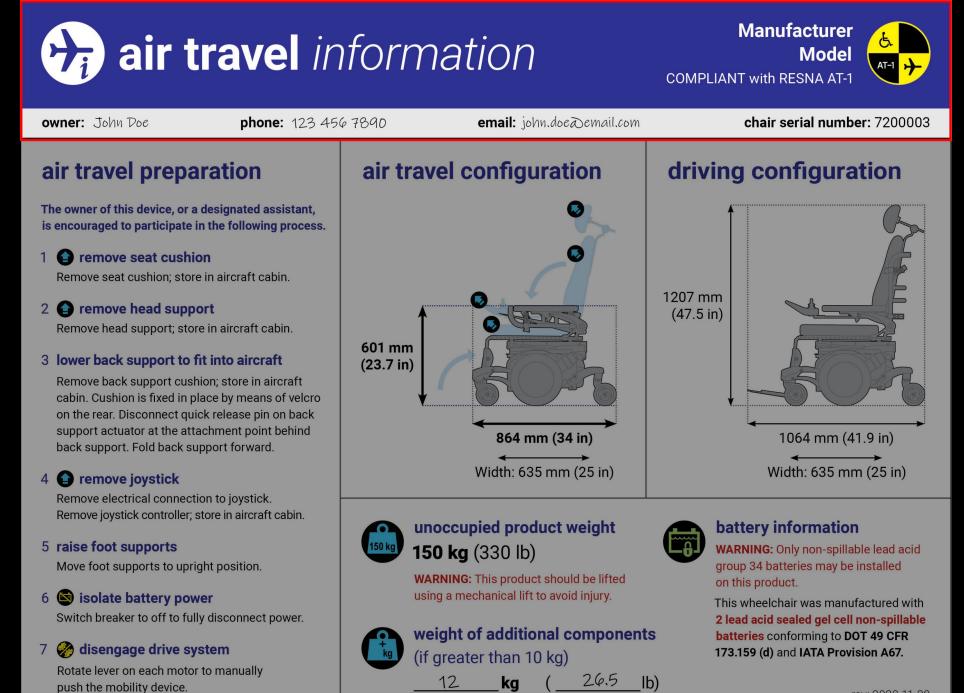
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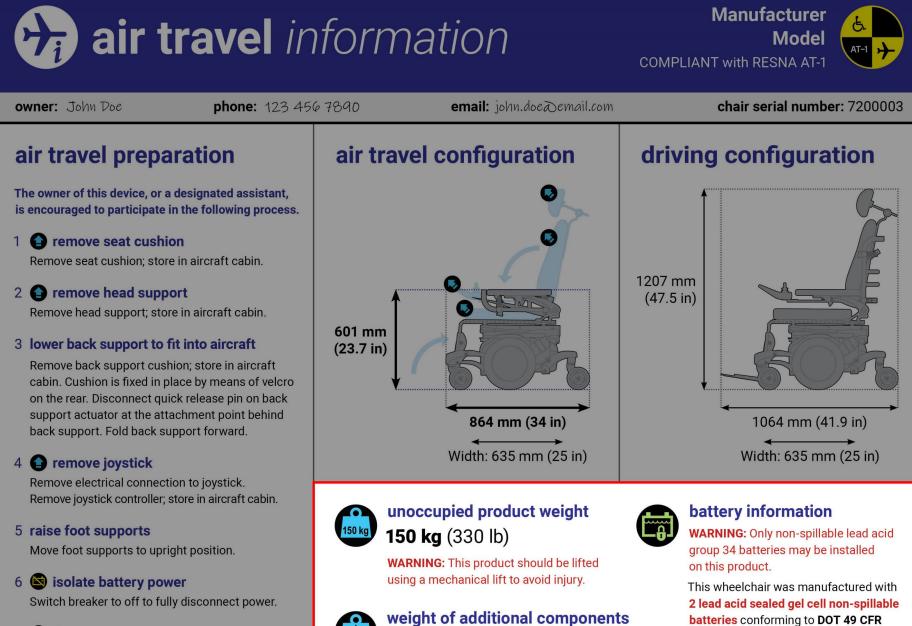
### RESNA AT-1 Section 4 Clause 8 Air travel configuration card

Communicating essential information to air carrier staff for handling the mobility device

**Highly recommended** for existing powered mobility devices







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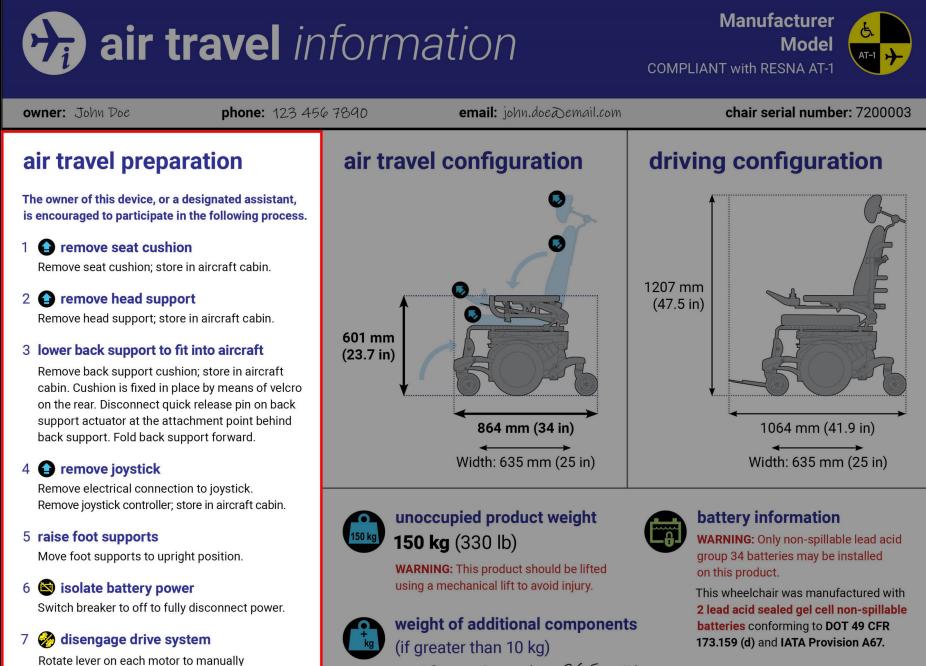
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Rotate lever on each motor to manually push the mobility device.

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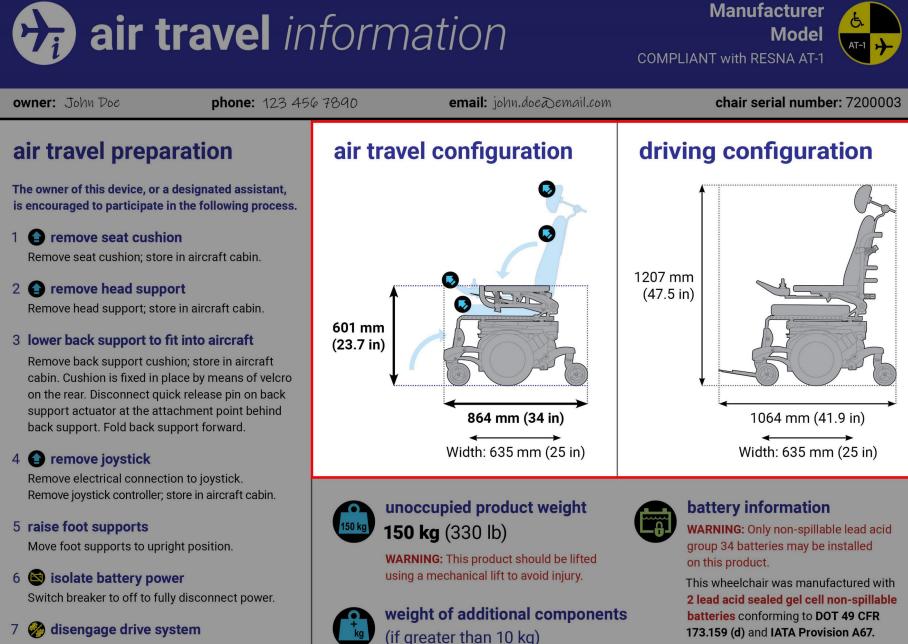


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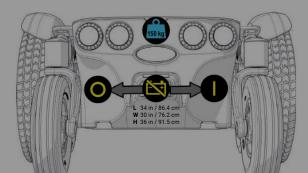


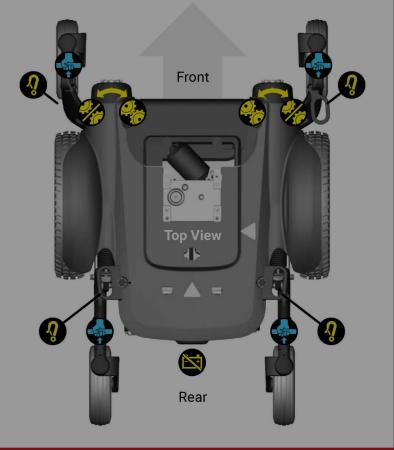
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#### manual lift points

Manual lift points are located on all four caster arms.

**WARNING!** This product should be lifted using a mechanical lift to avoid injury. Unnoccupied product weight is 150 kg (330 lb).



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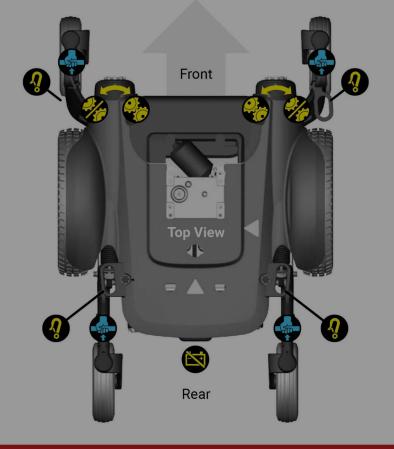


#### user operator manual online

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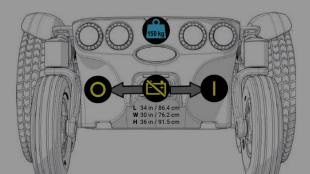
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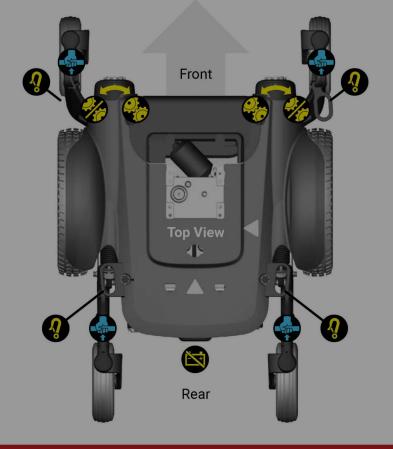


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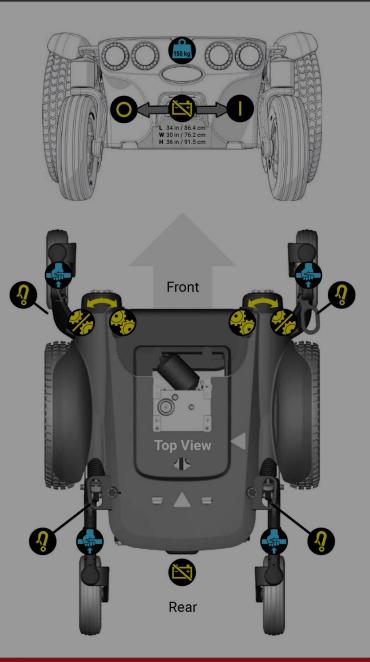
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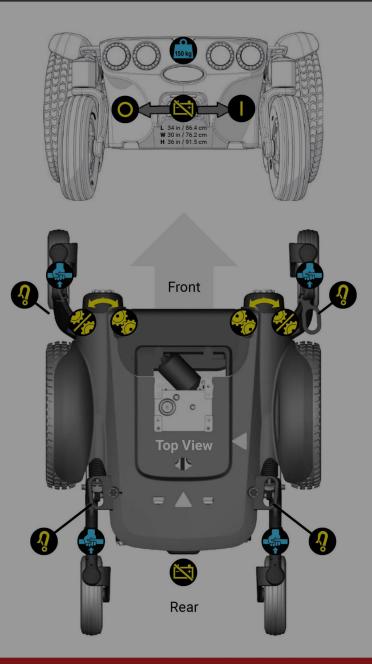
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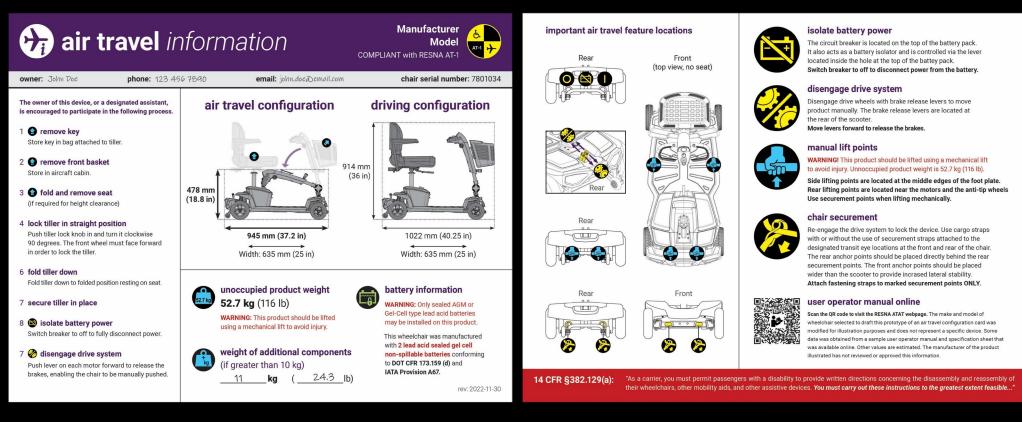
Air Travel Configuration Card



### **Mobility Device Operator Manual**



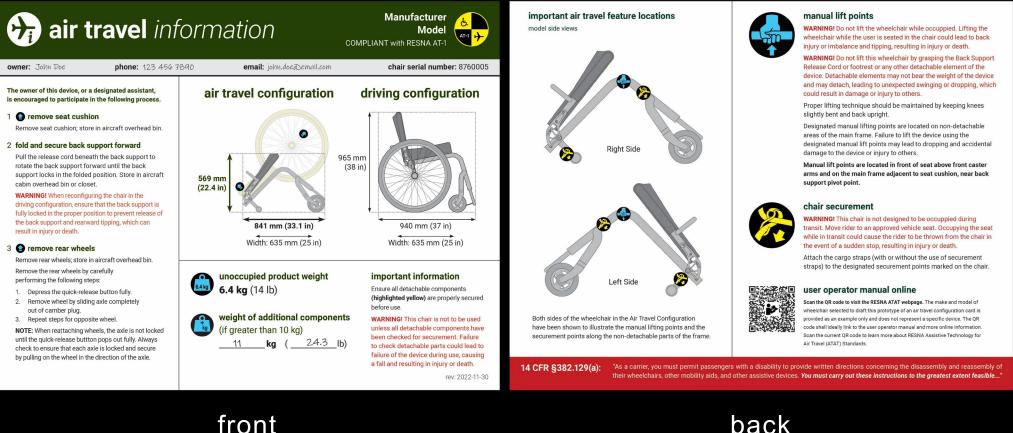
### Powered Scooter Air Travel Configuration Card



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back

### **Manual Wheelchair Air Travel Configuration Card**



front

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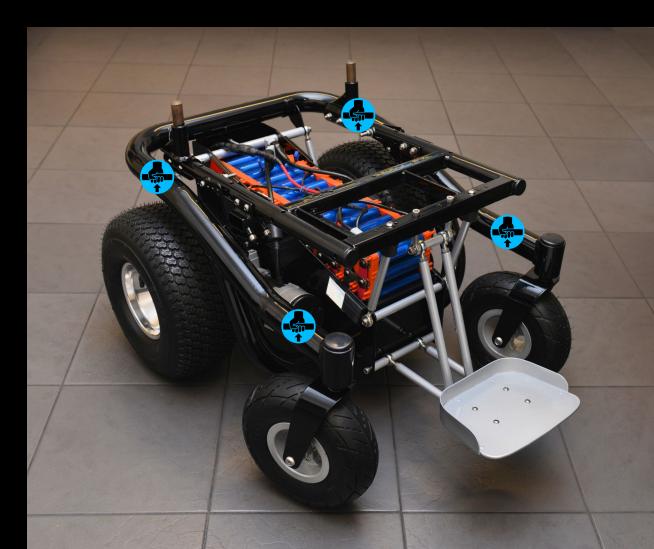
### General requirement Unoccupied weight

Permobil **F5 Corpus** https://www.permobil.com/en-us/products/power-wheelchairs/permobil-f5-corpus

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### General requirement Lifting points





WheelchairTravel.org

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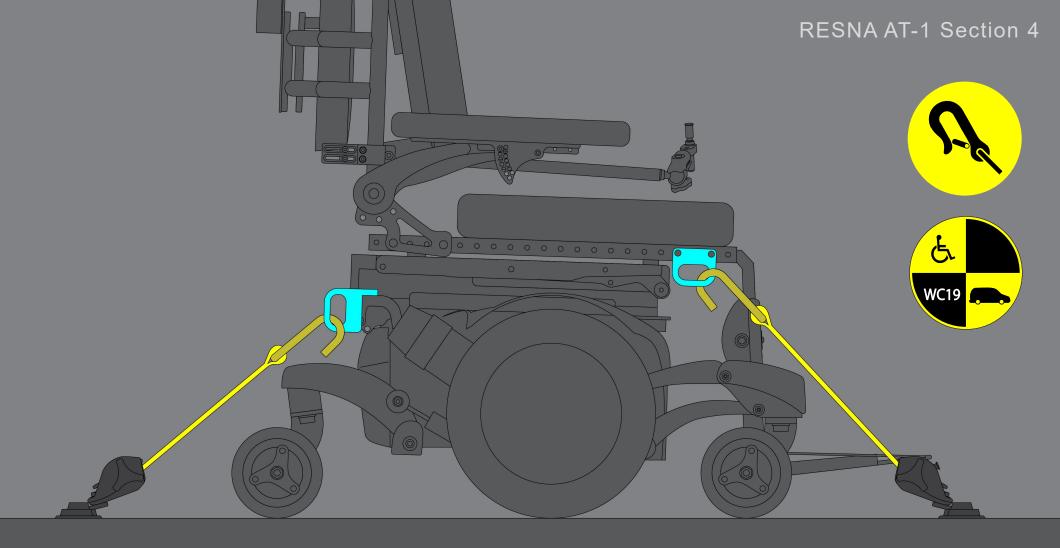
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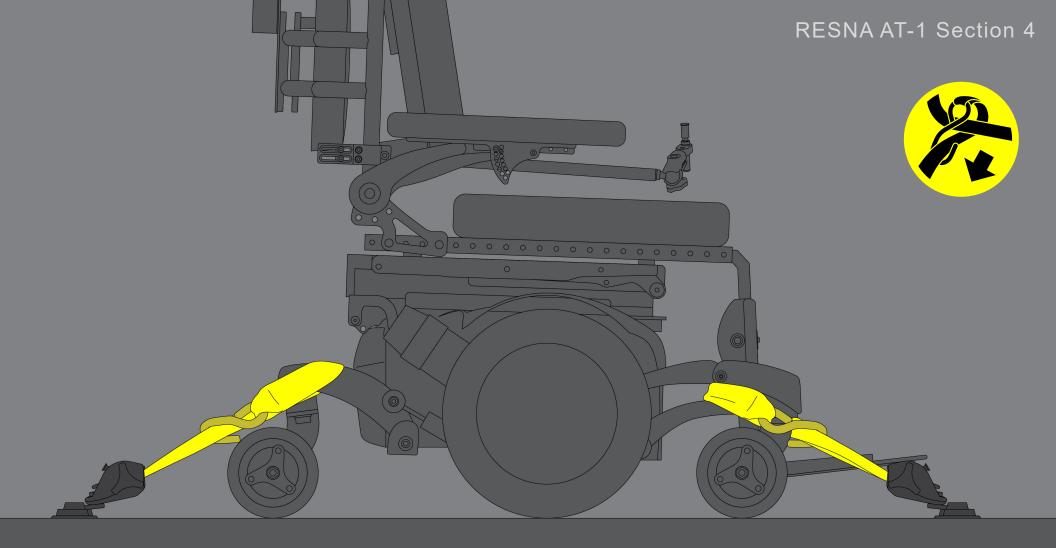
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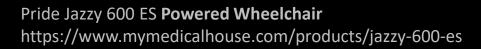
### **General requirement: WC19 Securement locations**



### **General requirement:** Cargo strap locations

### RESNA AT-1 Section 4 Annex G Mobility device securement points







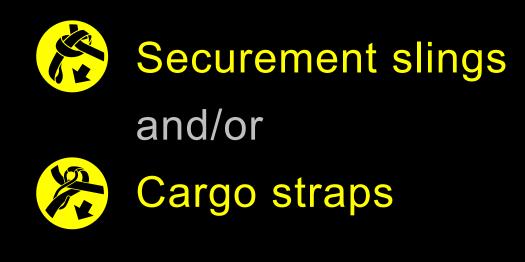
### RESNA AT-1 Section 4 Annex G Mobility device securement points



Vive 3-Wheel Mobility **Powered Scooter** https://wheelchair.mobility-scooter.biz/vive-3-wheelmobility-scooter-electric-powered-mobile.html



### RESNA AT-1 Section 4 Annex G Mobility device securement points



Sunrise Quickie<sup>®</sup> Q7<sup>®</sup> Manual Wheelchair https://www.sunrisemedical.com/manualwheelchairs/quickie/rigid-wheelchairs/q7



### Air Travel Information



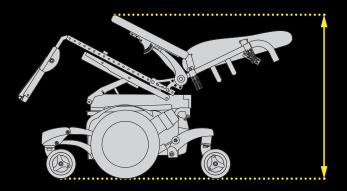
Weight – total unoccupied mass

### Battery type – non-spillable



## Required information Size of the mobility device

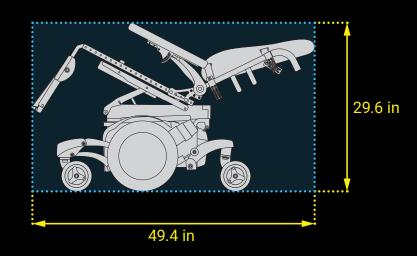
The height of the mobility device in its air travel configuration must be able to fit through the baggage door and inside the cargo area where it may be secured



### Dimensions of the mobility device

The following overall dimensions are needed by the air carriers for both the Air Travel Configuration and the Driving Configuration...

Length Width Height





Air Travel Configuration

41.9 in

**Driving Configuration** 

## Required information Weight of the mobility device

The weight of the mobility device will determine how to load the PMD into the aircraft

Mechanical lift vs manual lifting



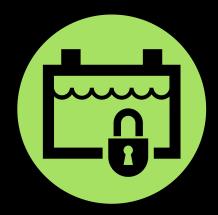


## Required information Battery requirements

### Must be non-spillable

The following information is required

Number of batteries Battery chemistry Access location Nominal voltage Watt-hour rating if Lithium





### Non-spillable Lead-acid battery





https://www.desertcart.ni/products/64598966-12v-50ah-mk-sealed-lead-acid-agm-mobility-scooter-battery

### **Spillable batteries prohibited!**

Maintenance-free batteries are spillable



https://upgradedhome.com/how-to-dispose-of-battery-acid/

### **Tool-free access**

To inspect battery type

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https://experience.pridemobility.com/electric-wheelchairs/faqs-for-electric-wheelchairs/how-to-charge-your-electric-wheelchair-batteries/

### **Tool-free access**

**RESNA AT-1 Section 4** 

to inspect battery type

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### **Preparation for Air Travel** for powered mobility devices

- 1 Reduce the height
- 2 Remove components
- 3 Isolate battery power
- **4** Disengage drive system



### Aircraft cargo door heights vary greatly

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### Short height baggage door

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## Preparation for Air Travel **1 Reduce the height**

PMDs meeting the RESNA AT-1 Sec 4 Standard must have an air travel configuration with reduced height

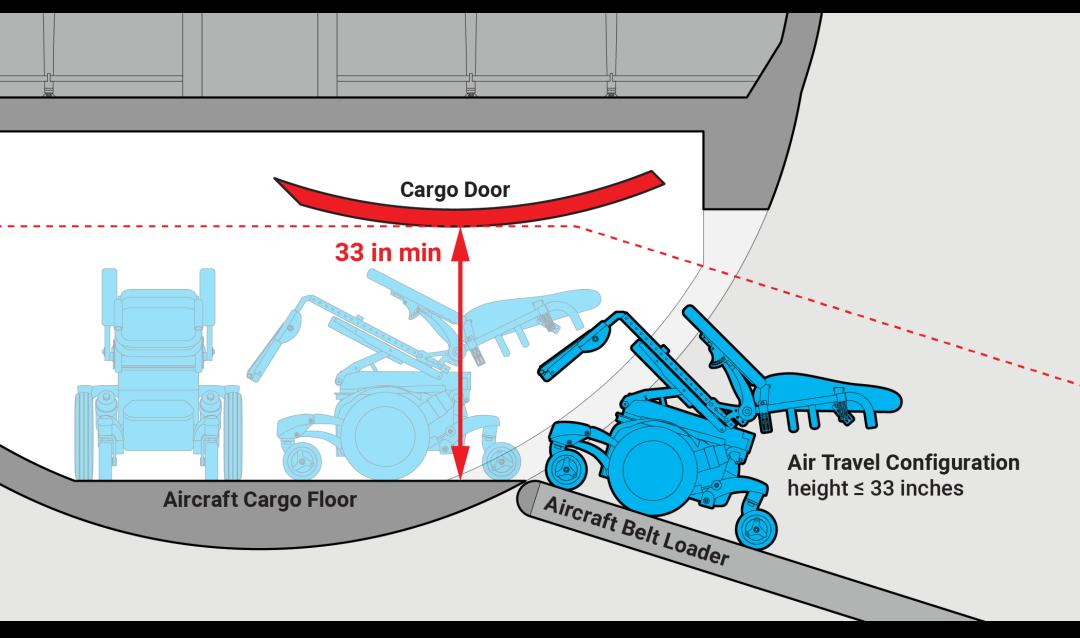
Permobil **F5 Corpus** https://www.permobil.com/en-us/products/power-wheelchairs/permobil-f5-corpus

### The RESNA AT-1 Standard requires...

An adjustable, removable or folding frame solution with a latch mechanism to reduce the height of the PMD

# Adjust, fold or remove the back support





The RESNA AT-1 requires the height of the PMD to reduce in height for air travel...

### Until such chairs exist... determine how to reduce the height of powered mobility devices

Consider using tools if this enables the ability to reduce the height of a PMD to fit into the cargo area upright on its tires

WheelchairTravel.org

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https://wheelchairtravel.org/american-airlines-policy-prohibits-power-wheelchairs-regional-jets/

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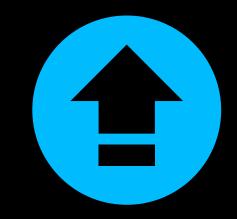
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# Preparation for Air Travel 2 Remove components

Store components inside the aircraft that could otherwise be lost or damaged (without the use of tools)

Other components that could be lost or damaged during air travel should be removed and stowed in a travel bag inside the aircraft cabin



# Latch mechanisms are required to remove components that may be lost or damaged

Removable components should be stored in the aircraft cabin to prevent loss or damage

Invacare AVIVA STORM RX **Powered Wheelchair** https://pro.invacare.com/Mobility/Powered-Wheelchairs/Rear-Wheel-Drive/Invacare-AVIVA-STORM-RX-Power-Wheelchair---Ultra-Low-Maxx-Multi-Actuator-Power-Positioning-System/p/SRX-20MP



## Removable joystick or control input device is required

Magic Mobility Removable Joystick https://www.magicmobility.com.au/upgrades/removable-joystick/ The RESNA AT-1 requires accessories to remove without tools...

Until such chairs exist... Consider use of tools to remove accessories that might otherwise be damaged or lost The RESNA AT-1 requires the joystick to be able to be removable...

### Until joysticks are removable... Consider protecting the joystick

If not removable



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### Until joysticks are removable... Consider protecting the control input device

If not removable

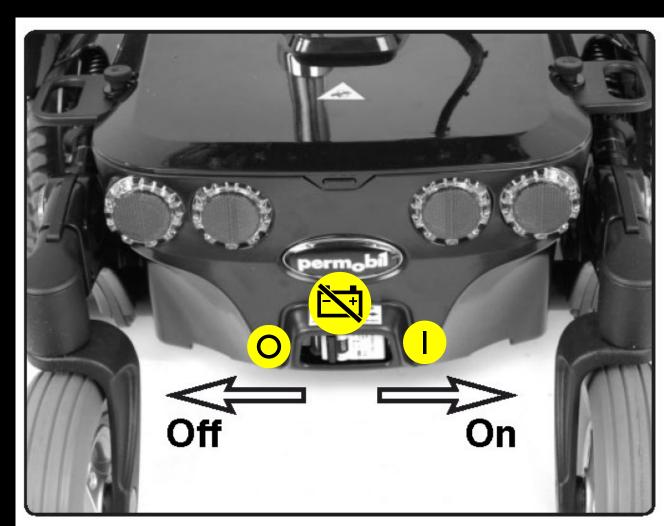


# Preparation for Air Travel 3 solate battery power

Disconnect the battery power using the switch on a PMD meeting the RESNA AT-1 standard



#### Battery Isolation Switch





Permobil M300 Corpus HD operator manual

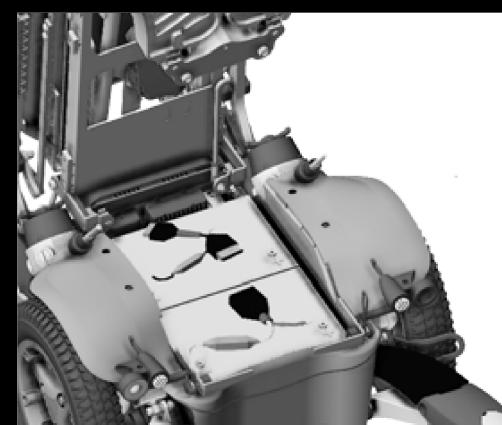
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## Until joysticks are removable... Separate the power connection

When there is no battery isolation switch



Sunrise Quickie Q700 M / Q700 M HD operator manual



# Preparation for Air Travel 4 Disengage the drive system

Disengage the drive system to enable the mobility device to be manually pushed









## When?

## When will powered mobility devices be available that meet the RESNA AT-1 Standard?

Some manufacturers already have powered wheelchairs that have many of the design features of the AT-1 Standard

# beneficial designing beyond the norm to meet the needs of all people

#### www.beneficialdesigns.com

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