

# Platypus Aquatic Wheelchair User Guide



**Hand brake can be applied by user**

**Arm rests raise up vertically for easy transfer**

**Never stand on footplates**



**Hand brake can be applied by carer**



## USER TIPS

- Never exceed the Safe Working Load. Every chair is supplied with stickers indicating the SWL. If this is removed please contact Para Mobility.
- Arm rests should only be lifted vertically (shown).
- Never stand on the footplates, this could cause the chair to tip and plates to break.
- Never stand on the frame of the chair. This may cause the chair to break.
- When wheeling the chair, always go backwards over a step or bump, never step on the back of wheelchair to bring the front wheels up.
- Wheelchair damage caused by misuse is not covered under warranty.

## CARE GUIDE

- Rinse your chair with fresh water after use to ensure all chlorine/salt water, grit, dirt and sand has been removed.
- When required, wash with soapy water. A detergent suitable for washing dishes will be suitable for cleaning all components of the chair, including the plastic frame, back rest and seat mesh, seat belt and lifting straps, wheels, brakes and any other component of the chair. Rinse any detergent off before using the chair.

**Note:** Wheels do not require any grease or oil.

**Hand brake**

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**Never stand on the frame**



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# Pelican Aquatic Wheelchair User Guide



## ENTERING THE WATER

1. Place the client into the Pelican Wheelchair in the change room or desired location and wheel the chair to the pool hoist.
2. For manual rotation unlock the pin on the pool hoist.
3. Using the hand control, raise the hanger bar on the arm to above the client's head and wheel the chair under the lifting hanger.
4. Attach the chair straps to the lifting hanger.
5. Using the hand control slowly raise the chair off the pool deck and gently rotate the arm over the water for lowering. A carer should be in the pool to accept the person if required.
6. The client floats or walks off the chair.
7. Raise the chair back to the pool deck to be ready for when required.
8. Lock pin not needed on Pelican Plus model. Horizontal and vertical movement is controlled through the hand control.

## EXITING FROM THE WATER

1. Lower the chair using prior procedure to its maximum distance to allow easy access to the chair in the water.

2. When the client is seated correctly with seatbelt secured, raise the chair to slightly above the pool deck and rotate the arm into the safe landing area and lower just enough to land the chair for alighting, then disconnect the straps. Wheel the chair to the change room or desired location.
3. When finished, lower the arm on the pool hoist to its lowest position and insert lock pin to lock the arm movement. Remove the battery and place on the charger.

## NOTE

- Always lift the wheelchair arms in a vertical motion (as pictured).

## CARE GUIDE

- Hose down your chair after use to remove pool chemicals. Should you need to wash/disinfect your chair NEVER use harsh detergents or bleach type products. Soft detergent is suitable.
- Wheels do not require any grease or oil.



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# Platypus Aquatic Wheelchair Junior Adaptor User Guide



Arm rests  
raise up  
vertically for  
easy transfer

Never stand  
on footplates



Hand brake can be  
applied by user  
(pictured above)



Hand brake can be  
applied by carer  
(pictured left)



## USER GUIDE

The Junior adaptor can be used on either the 120kg, 150kg or 200kg variety of Platypus Aquatic wheelchairs.

### SETUP AND ADJUSTING OF THE LATERAL SUPPORTS

- The lateral supports can be moved either in or out and/or up & down to provide maximum support to the participant.
- To adjust, release the nuts at the back of the child support frame using a M6 Allen key and reposition the supports to the desired size.

### TO TRANSFER

- After adjusting (if required), clip the Junior Adaptor onto the back rest of the Platypus aquatic chair using the connector shown.
- For a wheelchair side-transfer – Lift the Platypus Aquatic wheelchair arm up in a vertical motion as shown.
- Slide the participant onto the wheelchair and secure with the child adaptor sides and the existing wheelchair seat belt.
- Lower the arm rest and clip back onto the arm connector.

## CARE GUIDE

- Hose down your chair after use to remove pool chemicals. Should you need to wash / disinfect your chair NEVER use harsh detergents or bleach type products. Soft detergent is suitable.
- Wheels do not require any grease or oil.
- Your Platypus Aquatic Wheelchair has a **safe working load (SWL)**. Refer to the SWL sticker clearly marked on both the Platypus and Pelican Aquatic wheelchair models. Always ensure that this chair doesn't exceed this weight.

## ATTACHMENTS

An optional 3-point harness can be used in conjunction with the Junior adaptor.

The Junior adaptor can be retrofitted to all Platypus Aquatic wheelchairs. The existing backrest mesh will also need to be replaced.



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