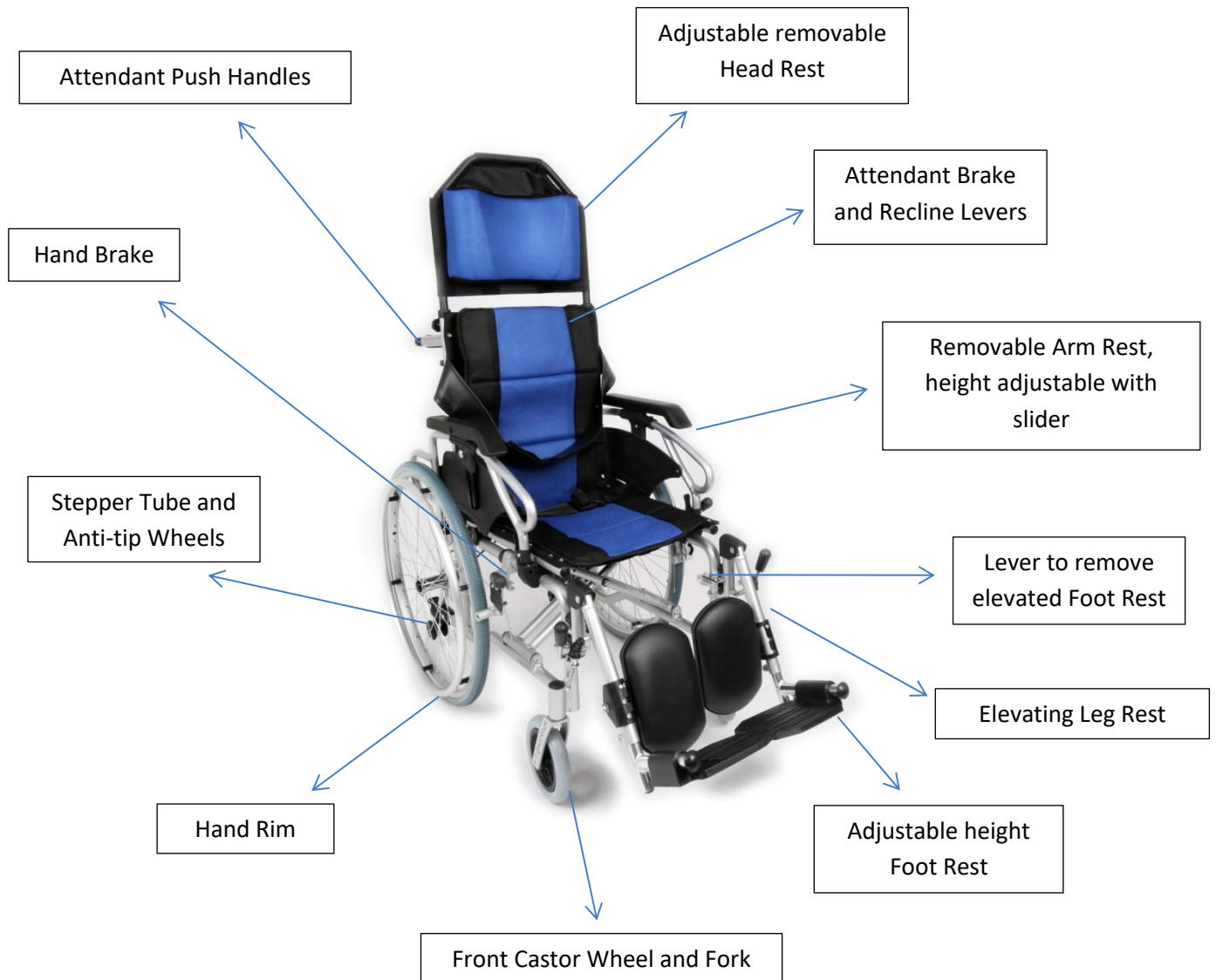


Instruction Manual

Ugo Esteem Reclining Wheelchair



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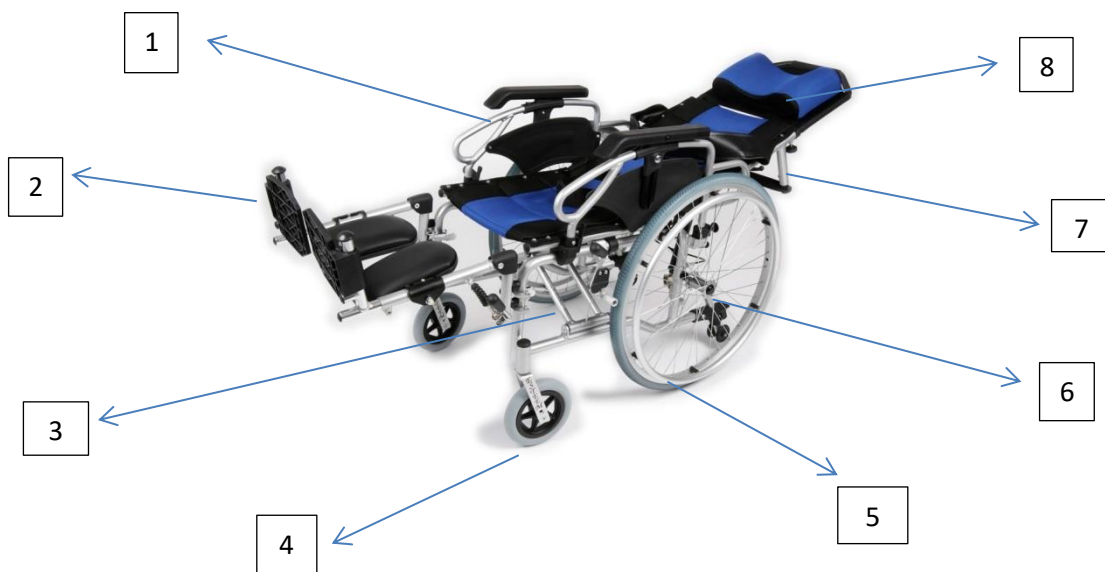
2. Introduction

The Esteem reclining self-propelled wheelchair is designed for occasional or frequent use, and can be used indoors and outdoors. It can either be propelled by the user or pushed by a carer/attendant. The wheelchair is designed for a single user of up to 130kgs (20 stone), and is available in 2 widths; 16" and 18".

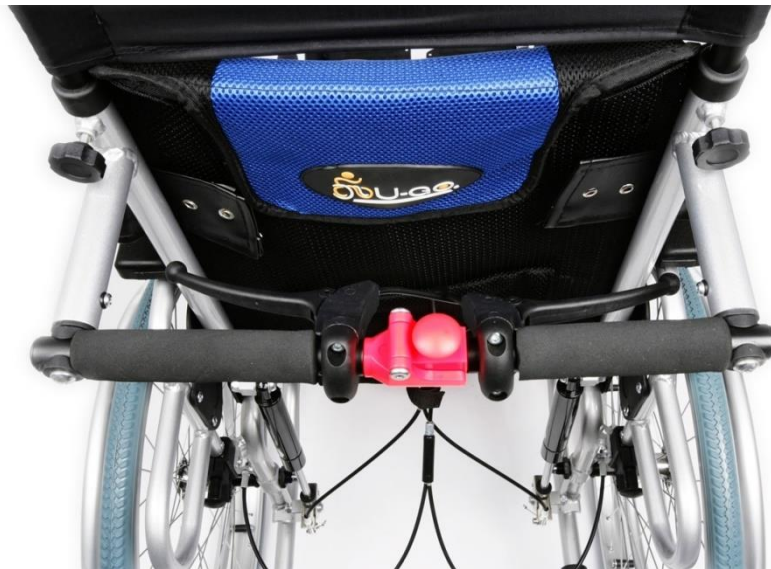
The wheelchair can be manually moved in forward and reverse and in any direction and is propelled either by the wheelchair user or a carer/attendant, or just a carer/attendant.

The wheelchair can recline to 70 degrees and has elevating leg rests which allow the user to recline and elevate their legs at the same time. The easy action recline is enabled by a lever on the rear push handle and is operated by the attendant/carers.

3. Parts Description



1. Flip up/removable height and depth adjustable arm rests
2. Elevating leg rests
3. Double cross brace
4. Front castor wheel and fork assembly
5. Quick release rear wheel 24"
6. Stepper tube and anti-tippers
7. Push handles and attendant brake/recline levers (see below)
8. Removable head rest



Attendant Brake and Recline levers, one for each action

Red Pull up lever that unlocks seat rigidity/push handles to fold

Black knurled knobs used to remove Head Rest

4. Leg Rest Adjustment

For optimum comfort it is important to attain the correct leg position. The leg rests have been designed so that they can be extended to suit the users' leg length. Loosen the bolt on the side of the leg rest and adjust the leg rest as required, re-tighten the bolt and make sure they are secure.

To attach the leg rests place them over the two locating pins on the frame of the wheelchair and then swing the leg rest inwards until it locks into position.

Leg rests will swing out to reduce the length of the wheelchair or can be removed. To remove simply pull on the silver lever on the inside of the frame and then remove the leg rest when it swings out at an angle of approximately 45%.

The leg rest also has the option to allow graduated elevation of the users' legs; a simple lever is used to activate this function.

5. Arm Rest Adjustment

For comfort the arm rest is padded and has a height adjustable function. The arm rest can be removed entirely or flipped up to aid side transfers or ingress/egress.

The arm rests are desk style to allow the user to get closer to a table instead of having to transfer to another chair.

The arm rest is flipped up by pushing in the lever at the front of the arm rest and then lifting the front of the arm rest. To remove completely push in the lever at the front and pull the lever at rear of the arm rest located on the frame. To re-install just locate the arm rest into the receiver and push in place. Make sure the arm rest is locked and secure.

6. Using the stepper tube and Anti-Tip Wheels

An attendant can use the stepper tube to raise the front castor (when mounting a kerb for example). To use, push down on the stepper tube with the foot. Do not raise the front castors by pushing down on the push handles as this could result in damage to the wheelchair.

To mount a kerb; Approach the kerb head on. The attendant should use the stepper tube to raise the front castors and then lower the front castors on the raised kerb. The attendant should push the wheelchair forward, lifting it up slightly to mount the kerb if required.

To go down a kerb; Line up the front castors with the edge of the kerb. The attendant should use the stepper tube to raise the front castors and tip the user slightly back. Keeping the castors raised, slowly lower the wheelchair down the kerb.

The anti-tip wheels can be height adjusted and are a safety feature when the wheelchair is in the recline position.

7. Brake and Recline Operation

Brakes:

To apply the parking brakes on the rear wheels, push the handle on the brake unit on each side until locked in place. To release the brake, pull the handle in the opposite direction. The brakes should always be applied when the wheelchair is stationary and also when the user is trying to ingress or egress the wheelchair or if the wheelchair is in the recline position.

An attendant lever brake which functions like a bicycle brake is found on the rear push handles; this allows the attendant to slow the wheelchair when it's being pushed.

Reclining Function:

Ensure the parking brakes are locked in place before using this function.

The lever on the rear push handle should be used, once activated the back of the wheelchair will recline and can be graduated at different angles.

8. Disassembly and Storage

Leg Rests:

Follow the previous instructions to remove or swing away

Arm Rests:

Follow the previous instructions to remove if required to reduce carry weight

Folding the Wheelchair:

Firstly remove the head rest by undoing the two black knurled knobs above the push handle bar (see page 3). After this pull up the red button on the rear push handles (see page 3) to unlock the back rest rigidity bar and then pull the push handle bar upwards. Once the head rest and rigidity bar are released/removed grab the centre of the front and rear edges of the seat sling and pull upwards, the wheelchair should naturally fold up.

9. Operation and Propulsion

Before using the wheelchair read the safety notices below:

- Use slow speeds on gradients and do not exceed the maximum gradient stated.
- Keep your feet on the footplates when moving and do not stand on the footplates.
- Do not use on escalators.

- Do not reverse down a gradient
- Maintain proper balance at all times. Users should not move their centre of gravity out of the seating area.
- Do not reach for items further than your arm will extend.
- Be aware of hazards in your environment, such as narrow doorways, steps, household appliances, children's toys etc.
- We recommend you consult your healthcare professional for advice about transferring to and from the wheelchair. The parking brakes should always be applied when transferring.
- Ensure that fingers and objects do not get caught in the spokes of the rear wheels.
- Make sure Brakes are locked before recline function is used
- Take care when using the recline function

This wheelchair is usually only propelled by an attendant. The attendant should push the wheelchair from behind using the handgrips, and following the safety advice above.

The user can propel themselves by using the hand rims attached to the rear wheels.

When stationary the brakes should always be applied.

10. Using the lap belt

A lap belt is to restrain the wheelchair occupant during normal use. The lap belt is not to be used as a seat belt in a motor vehicle. Under no circumstance should the wheelchair be used as a seat in a motor vehicle (e.g. cars, buses, trains, etc.). Lap belts are available as standard on these wheelchairs.

The lap belt should be adjusted to suit each user. The length of the belt can be adjusted by the tri-glides. The lap belt has a luggage style large locking clip to fasten and unfasten the lap belt. To fasten the lap belt, push the clip in to the receiver until it locks in the position (which can be heard by an audible click).

When fastened, the lap belt should be tight around the user's pelvis without causing discomfort or undue pressure. The will help keep the user's hips and pelvis towards the back of the wheelchair. Use the tri-glides (shown) adjust the length of the lap belt. The length of the lap belt should be checked each time the belt is used.







There is a risk of suffocation from users "submarining" (where they slide down the chair until the lap belt is around the neck area). To reduce the risk of this, ensure that the lap belt is used under supervision and is used as instructed.




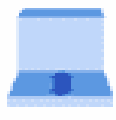


The lap belt may not be suitable for all users of wheelchairs. Seek professional medical advice before using the lap belt.

11. Care and maintenance

- Before each use of the wheelchair the brakes and tyres should be checked.
- The wheelchair should be stored in a dry environment and away from direct sunlight. When in storage the wheelchair can be folded up.
- The wheelchair should be kept clean and dust free. This can be done with a duster or damp cloth.
- The user should routinely check the below listed items. It is recommended that the wheelchair is serviced annually, where these items should be repaired, replaced and/or lubricated if required:
 - Front and rear tyre wear
 - Seat upholstery
 - Wheel bearings
 - Back upholstery
 - Front and rear wheels
 - Arm pads
 - Attendant and parking Brakes
 - Rear wheel quick release pin
 - Leg rest locking mechanism
 - Wheelchair folding mechanism

12. Specifications

					
Overall height	Overall length	Front seat height	Back seat height	Overall weight	Max load
910mm	1200mm	500mm	500mm	24kgs	130kgs

					
Seat width	Overall width	Folded width	Seat depth	Backrest height	Seat to armrest height
410/450mm	610/660mm	360mm	410mm	490mm	230 to 300mm

13. Warranty

Your Ugo branded product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for one year from date of purchase. This device was built to exacting standards and carefully inspected prior to shipment. This warranty is an expression of our confidence in the materials and workmanship of our products and our assurance to the customer.

In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, we will at our option supply part or replace the device. This warranty does not cover device failure due to owner misuse or negligence, or normal wear and tear. The warranty does not extend to non-durable components, such as rubber accessories and castors and grips, which are subject to normal wear and need periodic replacement.

The wheelchair frame has a two year warranty.

If you have any queries or require full warranty conditions, please contact your stockist.

IMPORTANT: The wheelchair has not been tested as a seat in a motor vehicle. Users should always transfer to the vehicle's seat and the wheelchair should be safely stowed away.