



ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE ADVICE SHEET FOR POWERED WHEELCHAIRS

In addition to the Wheelchair Maintenance Advice Sheet please see below for further checks recommended for powered wheelchairs.

If your powered wheelchair is being provided by your Wheelchair Service they will advise you of their approved repairer for support with maintenance and servicing.

If you are privately purchasing your power wheelchair it is recommended that you also purchase a maintenance contract from your supplier or an alternative source.

Daily checks:

Charge the wheelchair every night if used every day. This should be a minimum charge of twelve hours.

Weekly checks:

After charging leave the handset on for 15 minutes and monitor to see if there has been any sudden discharge or if a fault is present:

- A sudden discharge will be indicated by the battery level on the controls dropping from fully charged. If this happens contact your repairer for review as soon as possible.
- A fault will be indicated by a flashing fault number being displayed on the controls. If this occurs **DO NOT** drive your powered wheelchair until the fault has been repaired.

Lubricate the castor wheel and castor fork housing bearings only. **DO NOT** lubricate the drive wheels as this is a sealed unit and contains electrical components which could be damaged.

Monthly checks:

Once a month charge the batteries for a twenty four hour period to ensure the battery can still maintain its full charge. If you only carry out short charges of twelve hours or less the life of the battery will reduce and will need to be replaced sooner.

Check the joystick cable condition to make sure there are no visible cracks or broken connections. If this has occurred contact your repairer for replacement.