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## **POWER CHAIRS & SCOOTERS**

Provides patients that are non-ambulatory or have limited mobility, with an effective means of comfort and mobility.

## AT ALL TIMES THE USER MUST FOLLOW AND ABIDE BY ALL MANUFACTURER'S SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES.

## **CHARGING:**

- A. Turn unit off and remove key, if applicable.
- B. Plug charger power cord receptacle into scooter/power chair.
- C. Plug charger into 3 prong wall outlet.
- D. Charge 8-14 hours when batteries are low. Charge daily if used daily.

**NOTE:** All batteries contain sulfuric acid in some form and must be properly handled and maintained. With the exception of routine maintenance, it is recommended you not install or work on the batteries yourself. Binson's has repair facilities and will assist you in proper maintenance.

DISASSEMBLY: Varies with model. Refer to owner's manual. Some units do not disassemble.

**STORAGE:** Fully charge batteries prior to storage, then disconnect batteries. Store in a warm, dry environment – avoid temperature extremes. Note: Prolonged storage may result in ruined/unusable batteries.

**MAINTENANCE / SAFETY:** Power wheelchairs and scooters are very delicate vehicles and utilize state-of-the-art electronics and components. Like automobiles, they must never be abused. Proper maintenance will make for many years of enjoyable and safe driving.

A. Regularly inspect tires for signs of wear and replace promptly when worn or damaged. If you have pneumatic tires, check air pressure monthly.

B. NEVER attempt to open batteries.

C. Keep charger, console and electronics free of moisture.

D. Never leave your power wheelchair/scooter outside in adverse weather conditions – always store in a dry place.

**SAFETY:** Use extra caution for mobility risks and risks of falling, including:

- A. **Poor Lighting**: Use of nightlights, flashlight by bedside, lamps or light switch that can easily be reached.
- B. **Poor Walk Spaces**: Fix loose floorboards, paint uneven floors, use wet floor signs, keep snow and ice cleared from entrances, ensure carpet is firly attached to stairs, do not walk in stocking feet, and remove loose rugs, clutter, cords, and excess oxygen tubing (when applicable).
- C. **Equipment:** Replace worn or cracked walkers, crutches and cane tips; use colored oxygen tubing on light carpet; tighten loose handrails.
- D. Bathroom: Install grab bars, use bath mats with suction cups, and use elevated toilet seat.
- E. Medications: Be aware of medications that may cause dizziness, drowsiness, and unsteadiness.