

# **User Set-Up Guide**

# Valour - Travel Mobility Scooter

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## Introduction

Thank you and congratulations on purchasing your new Valour Mobility Scooter. It is designed to provide you with transportation ability indoors and outdoors.

We pride ourselves on providing safe and comfortable products. Our goal is to ensure your complete satisfaction. We sincerely hope you enjoy your Valour Mobility Scooter.

Please read and observe all warnings and instructions provided in this owner's manual before you operate the various functions of this scooter. Also, please retain this booklet for future reference.

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### **Important Precautions**

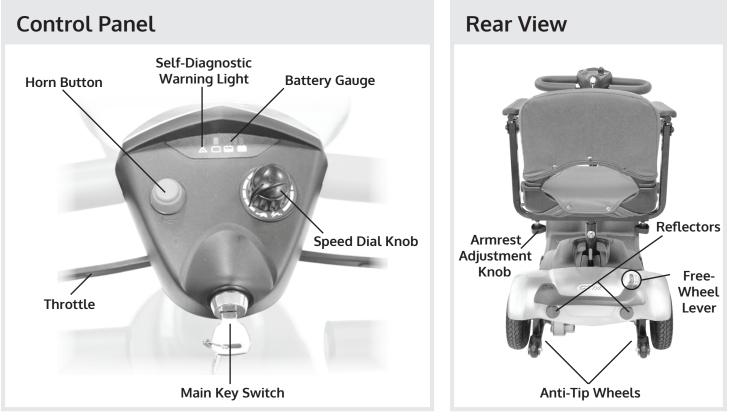
- Only one person at a time can ride a Valour Mobility Scooter.
- Maximum load is 136 kg / 300 lbs pounds.
- Turn key off before getting on or off the scooter.
- Always drive carefully and be aware of others using the same area.
- Always use pedestrian crossings wherever possible. Take extreme care when crossing roads.
- Do not drive on slope exceeding 8 degrees, and take extreme care when turning on a slope.
- Do not use full power when turning sharp corners.
- Take great care and drive in low speed when backing up, riding downhill or an uneven surface, and climbing curbs.
- Please use the lowest speed when driving on a descending road or an uneven terrain. If the speed is too fast, leave your hand off the handle bar and let the scooter stop. Ensure your safety before starting again.
- A slow speed must always be used when ascending, descending or traversing a slope or incline, and also on uneven terrain, ramps and soft or loose surfaces, such as gravel or grass.
- To prevent any danger, do not turn around at high speed when ascending or descending a ramp.
- Scooter may not operate well in high humidity.
- Do not leave the powered scooter in a rain storm of any kind.
- Do not use the powered scooter in a shower.
- Direct exposure to rain or dampness will cause the scooter to malfunction electrically and mechanically and may cause the powered scooter to prematurely rust.
- Never put the scooter in neutral when driving on slopes.
- Follow traffic laws when riding outside.
- Never use the scooter as a seat when transporting on a moving vehicle.

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### **Identification of Parts**



- 1. Control Panel & Delta Tiller Bar
- 2. Flip-Up Armrests
- 3. Padded Foldable Seat
- 4. Seat Rotation Lever
- 5. Release Lever
- 6. Reflector
- 7. Charging Socket
- 8. Circuit Breaker
- 9. Solid Tyres
- 10. Tiller Angle Adjustment
- 11. Front Basket



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# **Operating Your Scooter**



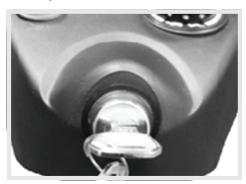
#### Activate Your Scooter

Before operation, please remove the Lock Nut and press circuit breaker button to activate the system.



# 2 Main Key Switch

- 1. Turn the key to the right to turn the scooter on.
- 2. Turn the key to the left to turn the scooter off.



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Always ensure that the scooter is switched off before getting on or off and before dismantling the scooter. Turning the scooter OFF whilst driving will bring it to an abrupt stop.



### Speed Dial Knob (D)

The rabbit icon indicates fast or high speed. The turtle icon indicates slow or low speed. By turning this Knob (D) towards chosen icon you can control overall speed of the scooter.



Before driving the scooter, set the speed to low speed by turning the H1 knob towards turtle icon.

Drive in high speed when you encounter an up slope, and drive in low speed when you encounter a down slope.

Horn Button (E) Press Horn Button (E) once to sound warning tone when necessary.

**Battery Gauge (F)** The LEDs represent an approximation of battery capacity. If the charge is full, all LEDs are lit. When only red and orange LEDs are lit, the batteries are consuming and should be charged soon. When only red LEDs are lit, charge the batteries immediately.

**Self Diagnostic Warning Light (G)**Flashing light indicates there is a problem within scooter. See page 11 for more information.

**Throttle (H) (H1)** Move forward by pulling the right side of Throttle (H) and backward by pulling the left side of Throttle (H1). (The movement directions can be reversed by local dealers if required.) Release the throttle to engage the automatic brake. This is also your accelerator, the further you pull it, the faster you go. (Subject to the position of the Rabbit/Turtle control).



Releasing the throttle engages the automatic brake, but will taxi for a short buffering distance, please keep safe distance when stopping to prevent any danger.



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# **Operating Your Scooter**



#### Tiller Angle Adjustment

- 1. Turn the Cap (I) outward and upward to disengage the pin.
- 2. Simultaneously, adjust the tiller to the most comfortable angle. Release Cap (I) and ensure the pin is fully engaged to lock the tiller in position.





#### Seat Rotation Adjustment

- 1. Lift the Lever (J) upward to disengage the pin.
- Simultaneously, rotate Seat (K) to the most comfortable angle. To lock the seat in position release lever (J) and ensure the pin is fully engaged.





#### **Circuit Breaker**

If the scooter's circuit system malfunctions or is over loaded, the circuit breaker will trip and automatically shut down the power to ensure driver's safety. After the power has been shut down, press the circuit breaker button (B) to reactive the circuit system.







#### Free-Wheeling Lever

The scooter can be pushed, when the Free-Wheeling Lever (L) is disengaged.

To engage the Free-Wheeling Lever (L) - Pull up the free-wheeling lever.

To disengage the Free-Wheeling Lever (L) - Push down the free-wheeling lever.





## **Operating Your Scooter**



#### Basket Assembling and Disassembling

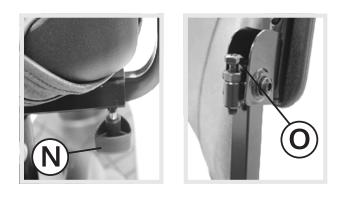
To assemble the basket to the scooter, slide the hooks on the back downwards over the basket mount (M). To remove the basket, slide it upwards and away from the scooter





#### Armrest Assembling and Adjustment

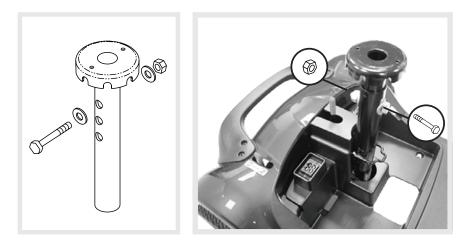
- 1. Adjust armrest to most comfortable length, then lock the Knob in place (N).
- 2. Adjust Screw (O) height to the preferred armrest angle.





#### Seat Height Adjustment

- 1. Remove the seat, then screw, nut and washer from seat post.
- 2. Adjust seat post to desired height, then attach it tightly with the screw, nut and washers.
- 3. Assemble the seat back to its original position.
- 4. Seat height adjustability 485mm/510mm/535mm.



# **Charging the Batteries**

Your scooter is equipped with two sealed, maintenance free 12V. 12Ah. rechargeable batteries and one 2A On-board charger. Batteries must be charged before using scooter for first time and should be recharged after each day's use. Be sure power switch is in OFF position and free-wheeling lever is not in freewheel mode. For safety reasons, only sealed non-spillable batteries that meet DOT CFR 173.159(d), IATA Packing Instructions, and IATA Provision A67 shall be installed in the scooters. If you need new batteries, contact your dealer. Only 12V. 12Ah Valve-regulated Lead Acid batteries should be used.

- 1. Insert battery charger cord into charging socket (P) on battery pack.
- 2. Plug the other end of Power Cable (Q) into a standard electrical wall outlet.
- 3. The charging indicator will normally be red or yellow at this point.
- 4. Allow batteries to charge until charging indicator turns green.
- 5. After indicator turns green, unplug battery charger from scooter and wall outlet.
- 6. Do not charge simultaneously with battery box socket and optional charging socket, this can be dangerous.
- 7. If at any time the battery charger light flashes green over 40 minutes, this indicates that abnormal charging has occurred.

#### You should check the following:

- That the charger plug is correctly positioned.
- The scooter is turned off.
- If none of these are the problems, contact your local authorized dealer.

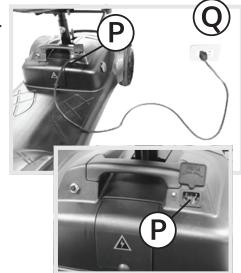


Always ensure that the scooter is switched off before getting on or off and before dismantling the scooter. Turning the scooter OFF whilst driving will bring it to an abrupt stop.

#### Keep in mind:

- Fully charge batteries at least once a month, or more if you use scooter regularly.
- Charge after each trip exceeding 3 kilometres.
- If storing your scooter for some time (1 month or more), make sure that batteries are fully charged, and on returning, charge them again before using scooter.
- Batteries will only give maximum performance after scooter has been used, and batteries have been recharged up to 10 times, a bit like breaking in a new car.

Please be aware that the travelling range of your mobility scooter is impacted by how fast the batteries are discharged. This will depend on many circumstances, such as ambient temperature, condition of the surface of the road, tyre pressure, weight of the driver, driving environment (inclines etc.) and utilisation of your lighting system if fitted. We recommend that you test your local ride with a family member to ensure a safe journey.

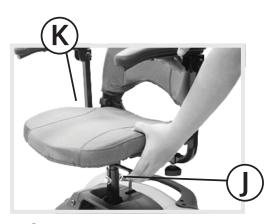




### **Disassembling Your Scooter**

#### Seat Disassembling

Remove seat by lifting Seat Rotation Lever (J). Then rotate Seat (K) and lift up away from scooter.



### **2**) Battery Pack Disassembling

As indicated, pull Battery Pack Handle (R) to remove Battery Box (S) from scooter. Caution : Battery Box is heavy. When lifting, please use correct lifting posture to avoid injury. Ask for assistance if necessary.





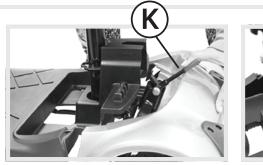
When assembling the Battery Pack (T), make sure the battery terminals are properly connected.



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#### Front & Rear Frame Disassembling

Hold front and rear frame and pull the Release Lever (T) to disassemble front and rear frame.





#### Tiller Fold Method

Turn the Cap (I) to fold down the Tiller (U) to the lowest position as shown in Figure 18. When the Tiller (U) is in the lowest position it can be locked by the tiller angle adjustment pin.



5 Completing Disassembly

The Scooter can be disassembled into 7 main parts as shown below.





Reassemble your scooter by reversing the above instructions.

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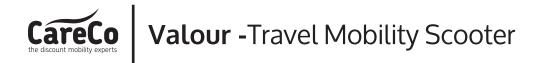
# Troubleshooting

Number of Flashes	Description	Meaning
1	Battery Low	The batteries are running low. Recharge the batteries.
2	Low Battery Fault	The batteries have run out of charge. Recharge the batteries.
3	High Battery Fault	<ul> <li>Battery voltage is too high. This may occur if overcharged &amp;/or travelling down a long slope.</li> <li>If travelling down a slope, reduce your speed to minimize the amount of regenerative charging.</li> <li>Check the battery and associated connections and wiring.</li> </ul>
4	Current Limit Time-out	<ul> <li>The motor has been exceeding its maximum current rating for too long. This may be due to a faulty motor.</li> <li>Check the motor and associated connections and wiring.</li> <li>Turn the controller off, leave for a few minutes and turn back on again.</li> </ul>
5	Park Brake Fault	<ul><li>Either a park brake release switch is active or the park brake is faulty.</li><li>Check the park brake and associated connections and wiring.</li><li>Ensure any associated switches are in their correct positions.</li></ul>
6	Throttle OONAPU	<ul><li>The Throttle is out of neutral when turning the controller on.</li><li>Ensure the throttle is in neutral when turning the controller on.</li><li>The Throttle may require re-calibration.</li></ul>
7	Speed Pot Fault	The throttle, speed limit pot or their associated wiring may be faulty. Check the throttle and speed pot and associated connections and wiring.
8	Motor Voltage Fault	The motor or its associated wiring is faulty. Check the motor and associated connections and wiring.
9	Other error	The controller may have an internal fault. Check all connections & wiring.



# Specifications

Overall Length	1020mm / 40.2"
Overall Width	500mm / 20″
Overall Height	860mm / 34"
Front Wheels	200mm / 8″
Rear Wheels	200mm / 8″
Weight inc. Batteries	42.5kg / 93.7lbs
Weight Of Heaviest Piece	16kg / 35.3lbs
Max. Speed	6.4kmph / 4mph
Weight Capacity	136kg / 300lbs
Ground Clearance	40mm / 1.6"
Grade Climbable	8 degrees
Curb Climbable	30mm / 1.2"
Turning Radius	1150mm / 45.3"
Brake	Electro-Mechanical
Seat Type	Swivel Padded Foldable
Seat Width	425mm / 16.7″
Motor Size	200W, 4650 r.p.m
Battery Size	(2) 12V. 12Ah
Battery Weight	9.5kg / 20.9lbs
Travel Range	11km / 6.8Miles
Battery Charger	2A On Board
Electronics	On / Off Key Switch, Battery Level Indicator, Speed Control Knob



## Safety Information On Electromagnetic Interference (Emi)



It is very important that you read this information regarding the possible effects of Electromagnetic Interference on your motorized scooter.

Powered wheelchairs and motorized scooters may be susceptible to electromagnetic interference (EMI), which is interfering electromagnetic energy (EM) emitted from sources such a radio stations, TV stations, amateur radio (HAM) transmitters, two-way radios, and mobile phones. The interference (from radio wave sources) can cause the motorized scooter to release its brakes, move by itself, or move in unintended directions. It can also permanently damage the motorized scooter control system. The intensity of the interfering EM energy can be measured in volts

per meter (V/m). Each motorized scooter can resist EMI up to certain intensity. This is called its "immunity level." The higher the immunity level, the greater the protection. At this time, current technology is capable of achieving at least a 20 V/m immunity level, which would provide useful protection from the more common sources of radiated EMI. This immunity level of this motorized scooter model is 20 V/m.

There are a number of sources of relatively intense electromagnetic fields in the everyday environment. Some of these sources are obvious and easy to avoid. Others are not apparent and exposure is unavoidable. However, we believe that by following the warnings listed below, your risk to EMI will be minimized.

#### The sources of radiated EMI can be broadly classified into three types:

1. Hand-held portable transceivers (transmitters-receivers) with the antenna mounted directly on the transmitting unit. Examples include: citizens band (CB) radios, "walkie talkie," security, fire, and police transceivers, mobile telephones, and other personal communication devices;



# Some mobile telephones and similar devices transmit signals while they are ON, even when not being used.

- 2. Medium-range mobile transceivers, such as those used in police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, and taxis. These usually have the antenna mounted on the outside of the vehicle; and
- 3. Long-range transmitters and transceivers such as commercial broadcast transmitters (radio and TV broadcast antenna towers) and amateur (HAM) radios.



Other types of hand-held devices, such as cordless phones, laptop computers, AM/FM radios, TV sets, CD players, and small appliances such as electric shavers and hair dryers, so far as we know, are not likely to cause EMI problems to your motorized scooter.



## Safety Information On Electromagnetic Interference (Emi) continued...

#### Motorized Scooter Electromagnetic Interference:

Because EM energy rapidly becomes more intense as one move closer to the transmitting antenna (source), the EM fields from hand-held radio wave sources (transceivers) are of special concern. It is possible to unintentionally bring high levels of EM energy very close to the motorized scooter control system while using these devices. This can affect motorized scooter movement and braking. Therefore, the warnings listed below are recommended to prevent possible interference with the control system of the motorized scooter.

#### Warnings:

Electromagnetic interference (EMI) from sources such as radio and TV stations, amateur radio (HAM) transmitters, two-way radios, and mobile phones can affect motorized scooters. Following the warnings listed below should reduce the chance of unintended brake release or motorized scooter movement which could result in serious injury.

- 1. Do not operate hand-held transceivers (transmitters-receivers), such as citizens band (CB) radios, or turn ON personal communication devices, such as mobile phones, while the motorized scooter is turned ON.
- 2. Be aware of nearby transmitters, such as radio or TV stations, and try to avoid coming close to them.
- 3. If unintended movement or brake release occurs, turn the motorized scooter OFF as soon as it is safe.
- 4. Be aware that adding accessories or components, or modifying the motorized scooter, may make it more susceptible to EMI.



# There is no easy way to evaluate their effect on the overall immunity of the motorized scooter.

5. Report all incidents of unintended movement or brake release to the distributor listed on the inside front cover of this manual. Note whether there is a source of EMI nearby.

#### Important Information:

- 1. 20 volts per meter (V/m) is a generally achievable and useful immunity level against EMI (as of May 1994). The higher the level, the greater the protection.
- 2. The immunity level of this product is 20 V/m.

# Caution

- Your scooter can climb obstacles and curbs of up to 50mm / 2" in height. Never attempt to overcome an obstacle when on an uphill or downhill gradient. Always approach obstacles straight on. Ensure that the front wheels and rear wheels move over the obstacle in one stroke, do not stop halfway.
- 2. The maximum gap the scooter can drive over is 100 mm / 4".
- 3. When driving scooter on ramp, adjust body centre of gravity accordingly.
- 4. Charge the batteries after each trip. If the scooter is not used for some time, batteries may lose their charge. Batteries should be charged at least once a month.
- 5. Check the battery gauge before driving to prevent power depletion.
- 6. Batteries do age and the storage capacity will gradually decrease. If batteries are damaged, please wrap them in a plastic bag and contact your local dealer for proper disposal.
- 7. Do not disassemble the battery and open sealed parts by yourself to prevent electric shock and burns from acid leakage,
- 8. Adjust speed to slow when starting off to prevent sudden acceleration.
- 9. Never attempt to drive downhill backwards.
- 10. Try not to drive the scooter at night or in rain or bad weather.
- 11. If storing your scooter for a long time (1 month or more), make sure the batteries are fully charged, disconnect the two batteries, plugs (W), and store the scooter in a dry location.
- 12. Front basket, weight capacity 3kgs (6.5lbs).



## Warranty

Your CareCo branded product is under warranty to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one year from date of receipt. This warranty expresses our confidence in the workmanship and materials used for our products.

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

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