

FLYING WITH YOUR WHEELCHAIR

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This is the typical information that an airline needs when travelling with your wheelchair.

Mobility aid weight

The weight of varies greatly with the options fitted. On average a wheelchair with 73Ahr batteries weighs about 165kg.

Battery type

We use MK Gel batteries (spec can be downloaded from website). These batteries are Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and IATA approved, allowing safe transportation on aircraft, buses and trains.

https://www.mkbattery.com/application/files/6715/3316/1301/Wheelchair_Battery_Trans_Policy.pdf

Does your battery require disconnection?

You can isolate the controller from the batteries by pulling out the lead from the joystick.

Check with the carrier the appropriate time to disconnect your controller, as disconnecting the lead from the joystick disables the wheelchair.

Some airlines insist on disconnecting the batteries, but it is not necessary and not recommended by an unauthorised operator. It can cause damage to your wiring and may impact your ability to drive the chair if it is incorrectly rewired at your destination.

Are there any special instructions that are important for taking care of your wheelchair when flying?

There are no special instructions, but we would urge you to insist that the airline not disconnect any wires/leads other than the joystick as incorrect reconnection may result in a bad start to your journey.

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This is a power wheelchair that uses Gel batteries. To make the wheelchair safe to fly:

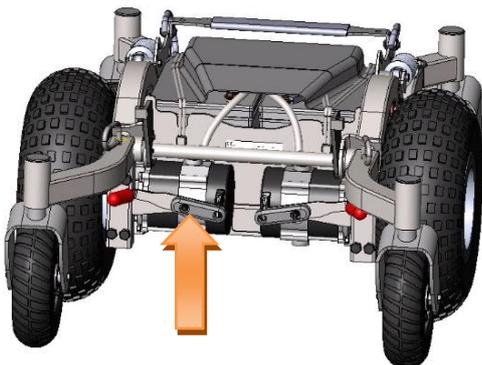
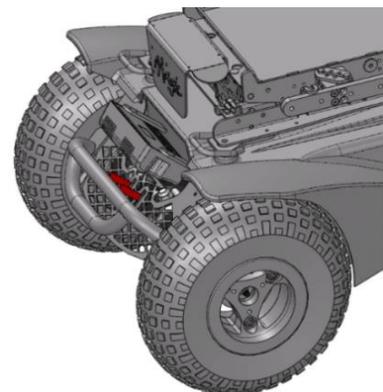
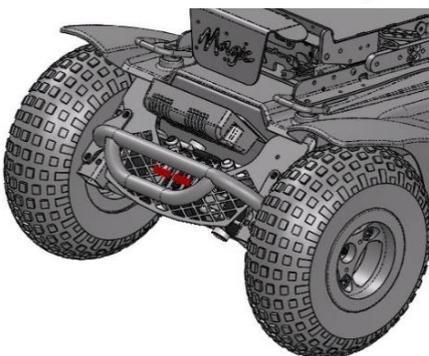
Step 1: Disconnect the joystick

To isolate the batteries and put the wheelchair in safe mode for flying, remove the lead from the joystick.

This is a simple connector in the back of the joystick. Some of the wheelchair controllers require that you remove a joystick cover. For this, you will need a small Philips head screwdriver.

Step 2: Put the motors in freewheel mode

Once the joystick has been isolated from the batteries, the wheelchair may be hard to push manually. If it is taking extra force, then you should disengage the motors. See below.

Motors engaged - levers up**Motors in freewheel - levers down****Contact Magic Mobility if you require further information**

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