



## MOBILITY SCOOTER

One of the most popular mobility aids today is the mobility scooter. Each manufacturer of these scooters offers a variety of details that can help those with limited mobility achieve much of their independence back. Many scooter users have found that they do much more than they have in years thanks to their new-found increased mobility.

### Do You Need a Mobility Scooter?

If you have trouble walking for extended periods of time, experience difficulty managing a walker, cane or crutches, then a scooter may be for you. Scooters are also helpful for people who use oxygen and therefore need to conserve their energy. Individuals who suffer from constant joint pain, such as rheumatoid arthritis, may also benefit from a using scooter.

### Two, Three or Four Wheels

Depending upon the intended use of a mobility scooter, owners may choose between a two, three or four-wheeled model. Two-wheeled models look more like the type of scooter you see on the road and can go two to three times faster than a three or four-wheeled model. Three wheeled scooters are light weight models that do well inside or on paved roads or sidewalks. Four-wheeled models are heavier and serve a variety of purposes. A heavy-duty, four-wheeled model is able to roll across gravel roads and other unpaved surfaces, while easily navigating public buildings.

### Scooter Basics and Accessories

Scooters are hand operated and have a steering column that allows the users to move forward, turn in either direction and go in reverse. Most scooters have a low profile, which means they can serve as a chair in restaurants or at your own table at home and they are narrow enough to make it through most doorways in a home or public building. The majority of mobility scooters are less than 24-inches in width.

Along with a scooter, you may wish to buy accessories to make moving and using your scooter easier. Some of the many accessories are:

Plastic cover

Ramp

Basket

Oxygen tank carrier

Cup holder

Saddle bag

Rear basket

Scooter lift

Safety package – lights, horn, turn signals, side mirrors

Cane, crutch or walker holder

Flag

Scooter coach

Car charger and/or home charger

Additional battery