



## Tri-Wheeled Walkers



## Fixing and Maintenance Instructions

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing your Aidapt Tri-walker.

Our tri-walkers, as with all of our products, are manufactured from high quality materials. Your tri-walker has been designed to assist the user to walk and carry small items of shopping with our optional special shopping bag designed specifically to fit your tri-walker. Only use basket and bags supplied and designed for your Tri-walker.

Do not use or combine bags or baskets from other manufacturers.

In normal use, i.e. when both hands are placed on the handles of the Tri-Walker, please ensure it is fully opened and locked into position. Always keep both hands on the Tri-Walker, do not put full pressure on one side as this may cause tipping.

It is very important that the side locking levers (see fig.1) are properly tightened so that the tube will not slip down when normal height is applied to the handles.

When not in use, you can simply fold the tri-walker and store away until you require it next. The tri-walker is designed for use inside and outside the home. Please ensure fingers are clear of the locking mechanism to reduce the risk of entrapment when closing the Tri-Walker

### **NB. This equipment must be installed by a competent person.**

VP174	Aidapt Lightweight Tri Walker with Bag & Basket	115 kg (18 st) weight limit
VP172A	Aidapt Red Tri Walker	110 kg (17 st.) weight limit
VP173A	Aidapt Blue Tri Walker	110 kg (17 st.) weight limit
VP174R	Red Tri Walker with Bag	115 kg (18 st) weight limit
VP174S	Blue Tri Walker with Bag	115 kg (18 st) weight limit
VP174RS	Red Tri Walker with Bag	115 kg (18 st) weight limit
VP174SS	Blue Tri Walker with Bag	115 kg (18 st) weight limit
VP100C	Chrome Tri Walker with Bag	110 kg (17 st.) weight limit
VP100CP	Chrome Tri Walker with Bag & Basket	110 kg (17 st.) weight limit

**Do not exceed the maximum load; doing so could put the user at risk.**

## FEATURES

- User friendly loop brakes lever with lock
- Soft plastic solid wheels
- Swiveling front wheel
- Height adjustment
- User friendly height adjusting levers
- Ergonomic handgrips to reduce pressure
- Optional bag or basket attachment



## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Carefully remove all packaging. Check the product thoroughly for damage or obvious faults.



**If you suspect the unit to be faulty, please do not use, but contact your supplier immediately for service.**

2. Release the side locking levers (fig. 1) left and right of the frame.
3. Carefully insert the brake assembly (fig. 2) within the frame.
4. Adjust the handles to the height desired, ensuring that both brakes are even in height and the tri-walker is sitting evenly on the ground.
5. Retighten the side lever locks (fig.1). Ensure you have tightened these locks sufficiently so that the adjustable brake tubes will not move accidentally and the locking levers are finger tight.
6. Fix the brake cables into the integral brake cable clip welded onto the frame if not already assembled (fig.3).



**Fig. 1**



**Fig. 2**



**Fig. 3**

## LOCKING MECHANISM

1. Open out the tri-walker frame by pulling the grip handles outwards in opposite directions forming a 'V' shape (fig.4). Once this is completed pull/push the central locking bracket so the plates are parallel by using the handle mounted in the centre.



**Fig. 4**



**Ensure the frame is locked before using it and never use a semi-closed position as this may lead to the frame collapsing.**

2. To close your tri-wheeled walker stand behind the walker and pull the handle towards yourself to release the lock. Then apply pressure to the outside of the handgrips and the walker will fold. Please ensure fingers are clear of the locking mechanism to reduce the risk of entrapment when closing the Tri-Walker.

## OPERATING THE BRAKES

1. To stop, gently apply a gripping pressure to both brakes simultaneously (fig.5), this will slow down and stop your tri-walker.
2. The brakes on your tri-walker have a park option (fig.5a). To operate the park option, push downwards on both brakes simultaneously. You will feel the brake make a very slight click. Your brakes are now in the 'lock' position.
3. To unlock, simply pull up the brake again, you will hear a slight click as the 'park' disengages.



Fig. 5



Fig. 5a



Fig. 5b

## FITTING THE CARRY BAG

1. The Tri-walker bag should be fitted when the walker is set in the open position.
2. Take the strap situated upon the upper side of the tri-walker bag, and wrap this around the diagonal bar of the frame (fig. 6) and push the stud fasteners together. Repeat on the opposite side.
3. Take the strap on the side of the tri-walker bag and wrap this around the vertical bar of the frame (fig. 6a) and again push the stud fasteners together.



Fig. 6



Fig. 6a

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE & YOUR OBLIGATION

1. Only use your Tri-walker for the purpose for which it is intended, which is an aid to walking. It is intended that your Tri-walker is only used on standard pavements or at home and should not be used on rough terrain or pot holed surfaces. The use of your tri-walker on these surfaces can seriously compromise your safety.
2. Keep your Tri-walker clean by wiping down with a damp cloth with a mild detergent. Do not under any circumstances use an abrasive or solvent based cleaner, as this will seriously damage the tri-walker and void your warranty.
3. Wipe off with a dry cloth and use water dispersing agent such as WD40 on all joints
4. Check that all wheels and the folding mechanism function correctly and that all wheels move freely. Pay particular attention to the front wheel, ensuring that it rotates freely and without obstruction.
5. Check the centre mounted bracket (see fig.4), always make sure that this is securely in place before using.



**Withdraw your Tri-walker immediately if the bracket lock will not locate or if any of the wheels become difficult to turn or if you suspect damage or any other fault.**

6. Monthly Checks – check that the side locking levels are properly secure (fig.1).
  - a. Check that no components are loose.
  - b. Check the brakes; ensure that the brakes are correctly adjusted with 3 mm between tyres and brakes.



**Do not fit any parts or accessories to your Tri-walker manufactured by any other company. To do so will annul your warranty and, may seriously compromise your safety.**

7. We suggest that you check your tri-walker visually everyday. However we recommend that you should have your tri-walker serviced every three months or less if used or issued to various users. Servicing should be carried out at an approved service station or directly by Aidapt, see section 12 for details.

## ADJUSTMENT

1. Your Tri-walker brake system will require periodic adjustment (fig.7).
2. Look for an adjusting barrel, a long hollow bolt in which the cable housing terminates, but the inner wire goes through. This adjusting barrel may be on the hand lever (fig.7a), or on the brake calliper (the main part of the braking system at the wheel, fig. 7b).
3. You can fine adjust the brake tension by unscrewing the adjusting barrel a little bit. This effectively shortens the cable.



**Fig. 7**



**Fig. 7a**



**Fig. 7b**

4. Check the park brakes by pushing down on the brake handles, ensuring that both brakes lock in the park position.
5. Lift the two 'braked' wheels off the ground and spin to ensure they turn freely. If either braked wheels rub onto the brake arm, please check for obstructions and repeat the brake procedure above, this time loosening the brake bolt slightly to increase the distance between the brake arm and wheel.
6. It is important that you check brake adjustments on a regular basis to take into account wear and tear. However brake adjustment must be checked at least once a month and definitely prior to a change of user.

## CLEANING

Clean using a non-abrasive cleaner or mild detergent with a soft cloth only. Only use a mild detergent or disinfectant; never use an abrasive cleaner. Always ensure that you wipe dry all equipment after cleaning.

## **REISSUE**

If you reissue or are about to reissue this product, please thoroughly check all components for their safety.

This includes:

- Bent or damaged tubes or cracks at the tube joints.
- Loose or worn horseshoe clips
- Elongated adjustment holes.
- Loose handles.
- Loose or worn Wheels and wheel fasteners (where fitted)
- Smooth, worn or split ferrules (rubber tips).

**Replace all worn, missing or damaged parts where necessary. If in any doubt, please do not issue or use, but immediately contact your supplier for service support.**

## **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

Please make a safety check of the product at regular intervals or if you have any concerns.

## **WARRANTY**

This product carries a 12 month warranty from the date of purchase against manufacturing defects.

Misuse or Damage is not covered.

This warranty does not affect your statutory rights.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The information given in this instruction booklet must not be taken as forming part of or establishing any contractual or other commitment by Aidapt Bathrooms Limited, Aidapt (Wales) Ltd or its agents or its subsidiaries and no warranty or representation concerning the information is given.

Please exercise common sense and do not take any unnecessary risks when using this product; as the user you must accept liability for safety when using the product.

Please do not hesitate to contact the person who issued this product to you or the manufacturer (detailed below) if you have any queries concerning the assembly/use of your product.

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