



A User Guide to **Mobility Scooters**

Mobility Scooters Buyer's Guide

Ever since the invention, the mobility scooters are helping millions of the individuals to get out and about with ease. They are used to make those individuals mobile who otherwise cannot get around without assistance.

Mobility scooters are used worldwide by Elderly and people with difficulty mobilizing. There is no need to do pre-planning for everything, with the help of a mobility scooter you can go to local shops, parks, neighborhood at anytime you want.

Mobility scooters provide safe, reliable and convenient transportation if you are thinking to buy a mobility scooter for yourself or a loved one there a few things that you must consider before making a purchase. This mobility scooter guide will highlight different types of scooters and their standard characteristic to help you choose the perfect scooter.

What is a Mobility Scooter?

Mobility scooters are motorized vehicles that run on a power supplied by a battery. They are the safe, reliable and efficient mode of transport. However, it is very important that you choose a product that suits your weight and height.

You should also make sure that before you actually start riding your Mobility scooter you understand and know the safety features of the scooter such as brakes, lights, indicators etc and how to operate them.

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When do you need a Mobility Scooter?

Well, it is entirely your decision. Mobility scooters are generally used by those individuals who have difficulty walking or driving. They offer a safe, reliable and convenient ride and can be used as a primary mode of transportation. With time the mobility scooters have gone through many technological advances and now come with powerful motors, batteries and a set of safety features.

They also came in various shapes, sizes, and colors and some of them can also be folded and dismantled, making them super portable.

Before making a purchase it is extremely important that you ask yourself a question, do you have the ability and confidence required to drive a mobility scooter. Although the mobility scooters offer great convenience, you should not drive a scooter if you think you are not ready as doing so can put you and other pedestrians in danger.

How can I learn to drive a Mobility Scooter?

Mobility scooters are generally easy to operate and our Technician will verbally explain to you all the features of the scooter at the time of purchase. The operational manual will also be supplied along with the scooter. It is recommended that you read the instruction manual before driving the scooter.

You should also have the following skills:

- ✔ Be able to operate hand controls and turn left or right.
- ✔ Have a good understanding of the safety features of your scooter
- ✔ Have a clear vision to look for pedestrians and other traffic.
- ✔ Ability to concentrate on trips
- ✔ Have the ability to respond quickly to uncertain situations.
- ✔ Able to maintain balance on an uneven, steep or rough terrain.
- ✔ Be able to get on and off the mobility scooter and walk short distances without assistance.



Which scooter will suit me best?

On our website mobility scooters are divided into different categories, small portable mobility scooters, Medium size Mobility Scooters, All terrain scooters, and power chairs.

Small portable Mobility Scooters

Designed for everyday short trips, portable foldable travel scooters offers a great ride with convenience. The small lightweight frames are designed to make them easy to maneuver and steer through narrow passages. As the category name suggests the portable foldable scooters can be easily pulled apart or can be easily folded to fit into the boot of your car. Their compact design allows users to take them along on cars, buses, trains, ships and some of them can even be taken along to airplane. Due to their compact design they can only accommodate smaller batteries and have short drive range of upto 20kms on a full charge.



Medium Size Scooters

Perfect for those who want to travel to local shops or neighborhood. The medium size scooters come with decent size motor and a solid frame providing reasonable power and stability on outdoor terrain. Also, the bigger tires and padded captain seat come as standard on these scooters making the ride more enjoyable and comfortable. They have reasonable drive range and can be driven up to 30kms on a full charge.

All Terrain Scooters

All-terrain Scooters or large scooters are more substantial than others in terms of size, power, drive range and capability. These scooters are ideal for those who want to make mobility scooter their primary mode of transportation. All Terrain scooters come with padded captain seat, armrests and engineered overall suspension, that can handle rough terrains with ease hence giving you enjoyable, comfortable and a safe ride. They have an excellent drive range of up to 50kms on a single charge.



Power chairs

Power Chairs also called electric wheelchairs are an ideal choice for those having severe mobility Impairments. They come in various designs and accessories such as electric seat raisers, recline and foot raisers. Power Chairs can be used all day comfortably. Users can choose from our extensive indoor and outdoor power-chairs range.



Using your Scooter

When you get your mobility scooter we highly recommend you to first use your scooter on an even surface free of any obstacles. You should test all the features of the scooter such as moving forward and backward, apply the brakes, use indicators, headlights, horn etc.

Looking after your Scooter

Goodlife Mobility recommends you to get your vehicle service at least once a year, this will safeguard the manufacturer warranty as well as will keep you safe. We have technicians providing door service in every major city in Australia so you can get your vehicle maintained and serviced at the comfort of your house.

The other important component of your scooter is the battery, if you look after them they should last you for as long as 2 years. There are multiple factors that can affect the life of the battery.

Here are a few tips that you can use to extend the life of your battery.

- ✔ You must only use an original manufacturer supplied battery charger. The mobility scooter deep cycle batteries require a cyclic charge which is provided by an original charger. The generic charger (car or bike charger etc) do not provide cyclic charge and therefore can damage the battery.

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- ✔ The batteries should not be left in a discharged state as it can damage the battery permanently.
- ✔ The batteries will last longer if they are charged regularly so it is advised that after using the scooter you should put it on charge.

Staying Safe

The following tips can be used to keep yourself and others surrounding you safe.

- 1) Make sure that your headlights and indicators are in the working order
- 2) The battery is fully charged
- 3) It is recommended to add a hi-visibility flag to get spotted easily by other pedestrians and the traffic.
- 4) You should be aware of the route or should have a navigating device.
- 5) If you use your scooter everyday or for long distanced it is recommended that you get a break-down assistance.

Mobility scooters can be driven on footpaths and anywhere else pedestrians are allowed to go. They are not allowed to be driven on roads except on crossings and when there is no footpath. Goodlife Mobility advises users to check with local authorities about the rules and regulations before driving the mobility scooter.

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