



Owners Manual

ShowerBuddy
SB6c & SB6w

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INTENDED USAGE:

The Showerbuddy shower/commode chair is a medical device indicated for use by persons with limited mobility who are unable to stand, walk and/or seat independently. The device is specifically designed for individuals who require additional support and stability during washing, toileting and other hygienic activities. It is a class 1 medical device, which is intended to be used only as a seating option for toilet issues, showering and bathing. Its purpose is to help physically handicapped people during their hygienic activities. Any other use is prohibited.

INDICATIONS:

The device is specifically indicated for individuals who (because of the wide variety of possible health problems) are unable to stand and /or walk and so they need an assistance device to maintain some or all daily hygienic tasks.

CONTRADICTIONS:

This type of device must not be used by a disabled person alone. The user should always be accompanied by a caregiver or assistance person. The device is not recommended for persons with flaccid paralysis or other diseases that cause serious body control problems. Such persons require special wheelchairs designed for extra stability and support of the user's body. The need for this type of specialty wheelchair should be always estimated and indicated by a physician or a physical therapist.

WARNING – Included in this packaging and fitted to the Showerbuddy chair are small parts, plastic wrap and polystyrene packing that could be dangerous to children under 5.

Keep children away from this device and do not let them play with any parts.

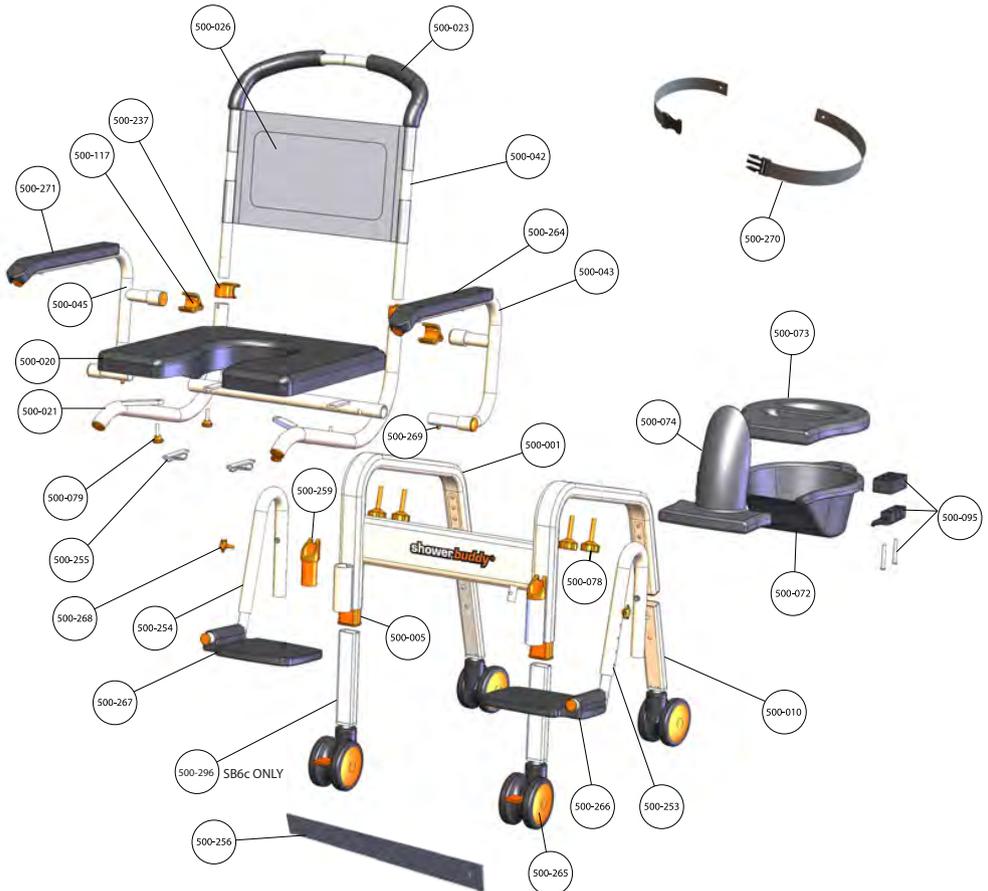


Be careful! Fingers or other body parts of a user and/or assistant can be trapped between the device's parts during folding, unfolding or adjusting of the device. Be extremely careful when adjusting the device. Observe the dimensions of gaps between the device's parts to avoid trapping your fingers or other body parts.

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This Shower Chair is a Class 1 Medical Device designed to support people with disabilities or users with reduced mobility during toileting and showering.

Exploded Parts



Parts List

- 500-001 Leg Frame
- 500-043 LH Arm Assembly
- 500-270 Safety Harness
- 500-073 Commode Lid
- 500-074 Commode Deflector
- 500-095 Commode Bucket Connectors
- 500-072 Commode Bucket
- 500-010 Rear 4" Caster Leg
- 500-253 LH Foot Support
- 500-078 Frame Fixing Knobs
- 500-266 LH foot tray
- 500-269 Push Pin
- 500-020 Commode Cushion
- 500-023 Foam Hand Grip
- 500-026 Sling Seat Back
- 500-264 LH Arm Pad
- 500-042 Back Rest Frame
- 500-045 RH Arm Assembly
- 500-117 Arm Lock
- 500-237 Arm Lock Clip
- 500-005 Caster Leg Sleeve
- 500-259 Leg Tube
- 500-021 Seat Frame
- 500-296 Front 4" Caster Leg
- 500-079 Seat Fixing Knob
- 500-255 Deflector Clip
- 500-268 Footrest Adjust Knob
- 500-254 RH Foot Support
- 500-267 RH Foot Tray
- 500-265 4" Caster Wheel
- 500-256 Calf Strap
- 500-271 RH Arm Pad

SB6w only

- 500-052 Wheelchair Axle
- 500-049 Wheelchair Main Bracket
- 500-059 Wheelchair Brake Assembly
- 500-035 Anti Tip Leg
- 500-036 Anti Tip Foot
- 500-275 24" Wheel
- 500-236 WW24 front caster leg



Assembly Instructions

If you have purchased the SB6w model, please refer to the rear wheel assembly instructions on page 18.

Some factory assembly may have been carried out for you, which may differ slightly from the following instructions.

Step 1

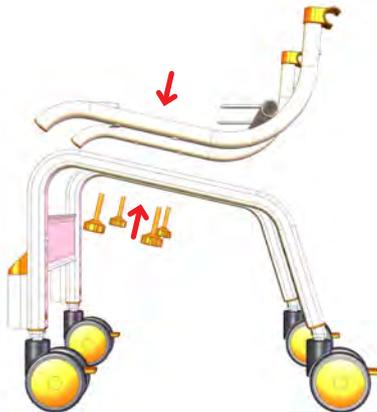
Insert Caster Legs (part #500-296 Front and 500-010 SB6c only rear) into Leg Frame (part #500-001).

SB6 caster legs differ between front & rear. Ensure the correct ones are used. Ensure all push pins are set at the same height location to ensure the wheeled base is level and does not rock when sitting on all 4 caster wheels.

Step 2

Sit Seat Frame (part #500-021) on top of Leg Frame (part #500-001) and secure in position by screwing in 4 x Fixing Knobs (part #500-078).

Note: This part may come pre-assembled from the factory.





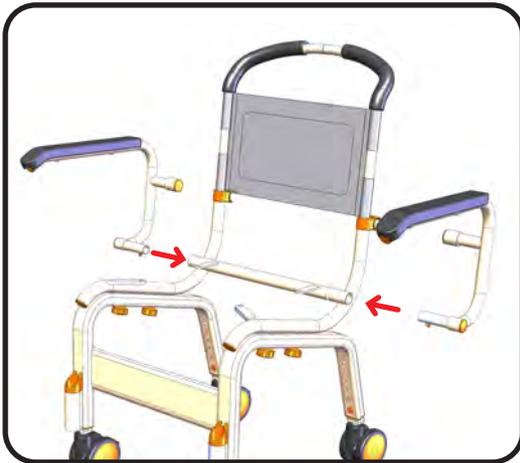
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Slide Back Rest Frame (part #500-042) down through Arm Clips (part #500-237) and into the Seat Frame (part #500-021). Make sure that push pins are fully depressed before inserting the back rest frame.

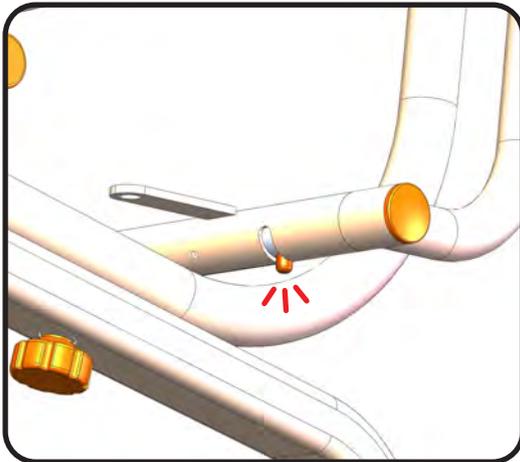
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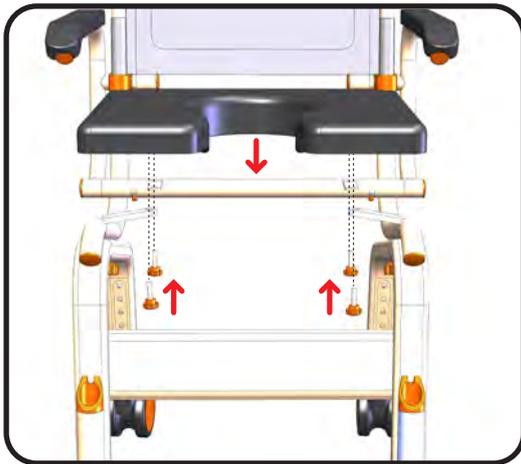
Fit Left Hand Arm (part #500-043) and Right Hand Arm (part #500-045) by positioning the axle (smaller diameter) part of the tube against the hollow tube across the rear of the Seat Frame (part #500-021) and sliding into this tube.

The Push Pin (part #500-269) will need to be pushed in (depressed) to allow the arms to be fully inserted into this tube.



Once fully inserted the Push Pin will “pop out” into the formed slot to lock the arm into position. This prevents the arm from being removed again without depressing the Push Pin.





Step 5

Note: This part may come pre-assembled from the factory.

Fit Commode Cushion (part #500-020) by positioning onto the Seat Frame (part #500-021) and align the 4 fixing locations.

Fix down using 4 x Seat Fixing Knobs (part #500-079) and tighten.

The Cushion will have the Commode Bucket Connectors (part #500-059) pre-fitted at the factory.

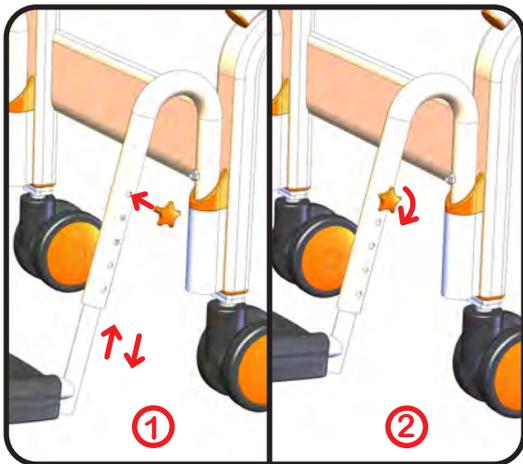


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The Footrest Assemblies will come pre-assembled from the factory.

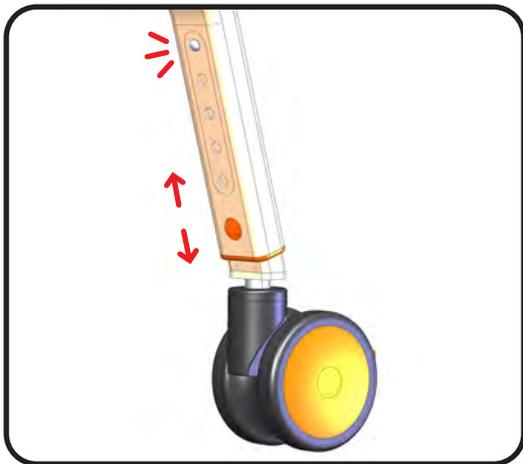
To install these assemblies insert the Left and Right hand Footrest Support Tubes (parts #500-253 and #500-254 respectively) into the Seat Frame (part #500-021) as shown on the diagram.

Ensure the location pins are seated inside the location groove shown (part #500-259)



Adjust the Footrest height to suit the user as shown ensuring that the screw lock is fully tightened and the foot supports are level.

Note: The Footrest to Seat Cushion distance can be increased further, if required, by raising the seat height.



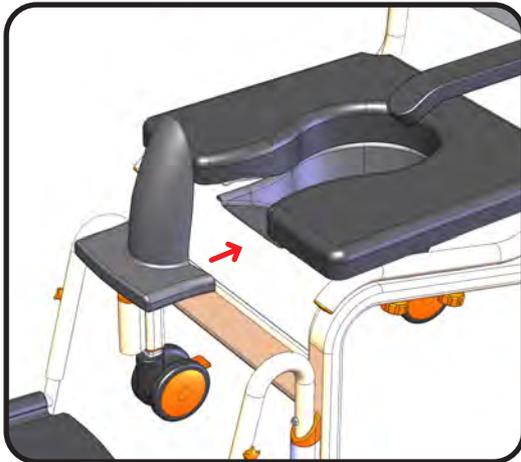
To adjust the Seat Height adjust the Caster Legs (part #500-296 front & 500-010 rear) by using the Push Pins in the legs and ensure that the push pins fully engage the height adjustment holes evenly.

Step 7



The Commode Bucket (part #500-072) can be pushed into position from the rear of the chair and is held in position by the Commode Bucket Connectors (part #500-095) pre-fitted to the cushion at the factory.

The Commode Bucket lid is for use after the bucket has been removed from the chair.



A Commode Deflector (part #500-074) is able to be fitted to the Commode Bucket after the bucket is fitted to the chair. The deflector may be fitted after the User is seated to allow easier transfers of the User to and from the chair.

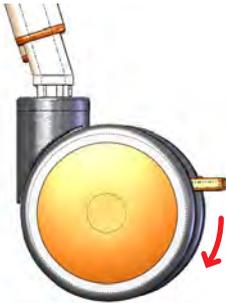
You can also fit the deflector without the bucket by sliding it into the factory fitted clips (part #500-255) on the seat base

The chair is now fully assembled and ready for use.

Operation

Caster Wheels

All caster wheels can be locked and unlocked by depressing the foot brake pedal on each caster wheel. All caster wheels should be locked during the transfer of the user to and from the chair.



The caster wheels should be rotated outwards towards the front and rear of the chair to make the chair more stable during transfers.



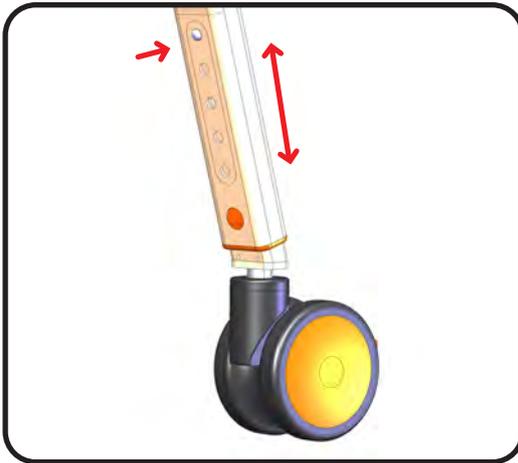
Seat Height Adjustment

To raise or lower the seat height depress the push pin in the caster leg as shown and move the caster leg up or down to suit the user height requirement.

Ensure all push pins are set at the same height location to ensure the wheeled base is level and does not rock or feel unstable. The chair must sit on all 4 caster wheels.

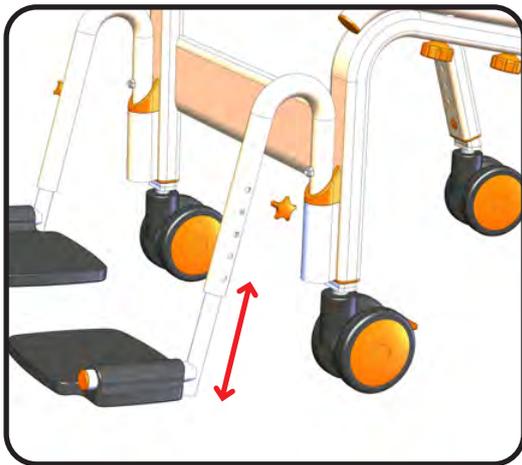
WARNING

If you find a push pin is not fully engaging or “popping out” into position after use **DO NOT** use the chair. Consult your supplier for adjustment.



The chair may be adjusted to have a higher seat height at the front and lower at the back to suit user requirements. This can be accommodated by adjusting the front caster leg only to be extended further than the rear caster leg. Under no circumstances should there be more than 1-adjustment position difference between front and rear (approximately 20mm).

In every circumstance the chair must be adjusted with all caster wheels set to touch the ground at the same time otherwise the chair will rock and will not be stable. **DO NOT** use the chair unless all 4 caster wheels are firmly on the ground.



Footrest / Height Adjustment / Fold Away

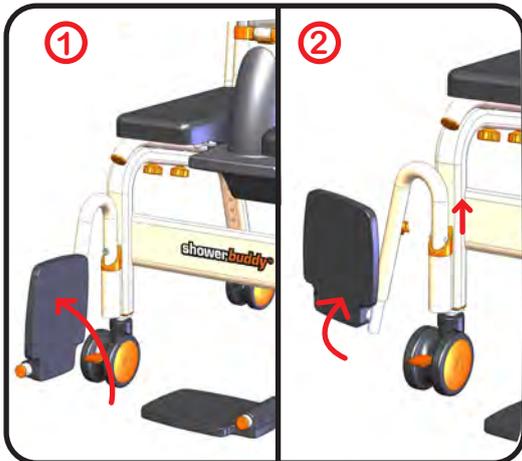
The tray style footrests fitted to your chair are not designed to carry user weight. They are designed for a user to rest their feet.

WARNING - DO NOT STAND on the footrest as the chair may become unstable and tip forward causing injury to the user.

To raise or lower the footrests unscrew the locking knob in the footrest supports (parts #500-253 and part #500-254) and move the footrest supports up or down to suit the user height requirement.

Should the user be very tall and require additional seat cushion to footrest adjustment, raise the seat height (as detailed earlier) while having the footrest support at the lowest setting.

The footrests can be folded and swung away when not in use or during transfers.



1. Lift the footrest plate and fold it up until required to be lowered again.

2. Lift footrest assembly and rotate to swing the entire leg out and away should more room be required.

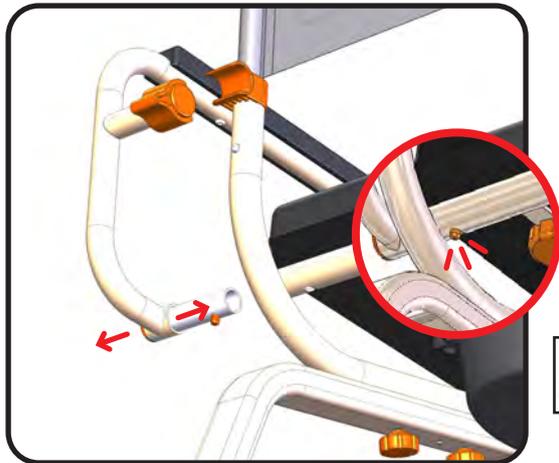
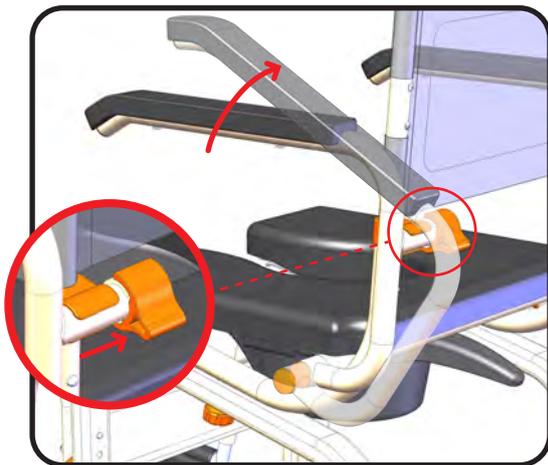
To remove completely simply lift away from the main seat assembly.

Arm Rests / Locking and Release Mechanism

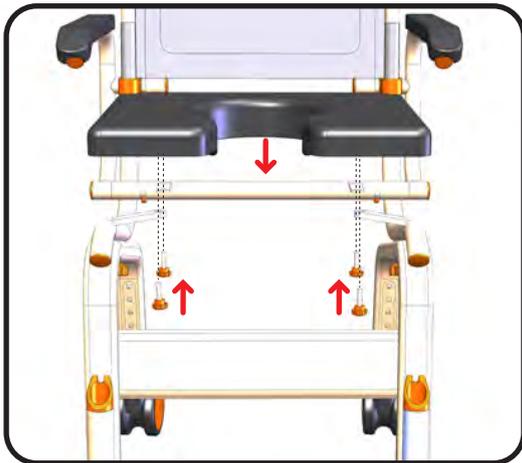
You can easily swing the armrest up and out of the way or secure the armrest in the down position. To unlock the armrest slide the arm lock (part# 500-117) in towards the centre line of the chair back as shown, to allow the arm to be moved upwards and out of the locked position. To lock the armrests just push the armrest back down into the lowered position and slide the lock back to its original position. Ensure the slide lock is fully over the plastic clip.

To fully remove an arm rest from the chair,

depress the push pin (part #500-269) fully allowing the arm rest to be pulled outwards from the seat frame tube. To re-fit the arm, reverse this action.



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Seat Cushion

The seat cushion can be removed for cleaning or to change from open front to one of the accessory options with open side or closed front by releasing the seat fixing knobs (part #500-079) underneath the seat cushion.



Commode Bucket and Commode Deflector

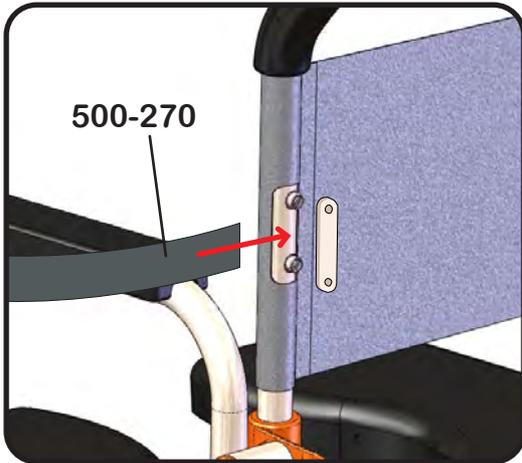
Connectors (part #500-095) hold the commode bucket (part #500-072) to the chair and are factory-fitted to the underside of the cushion. Slide the commode bucket in from the rear of the chair and locate the bucket into the slide / connectors. Push the bucket in until it stops against the connector end.



A Commode Deflector (part #500-074) can be fitted to the front of the commode bucket if required, after the bucket has been fitted to the chair, allowing the user to transfer easily to the chair prior to fitting the splash guard.

The commode cover (part# 500-073) should be used when transferring contents to the toilet to avoid spills.

Safety Restraints

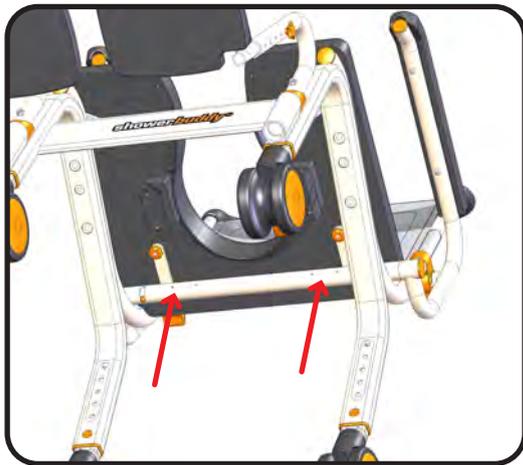


A safety restraint (part# 500-270) is supplied with the chair and should be used, it can also be used as a waist restraint if preferred. You can also purchase an additional harness if you require waist and chest restraints.

To fit or remove the restraints unscrew the clamp and remove the belt. Make sure the clamp is tight enough to prevent the belt pulling though when refitting.

Clamp bars (part #500-106) are fitted to the chair back (part #500-022) and at the lower lap area on the seat frame (part #500-021).

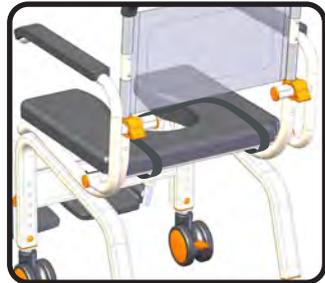
Before use, adjust the length of the safety restraints to suit the user.



Fit your harness to the holes shown here if you prefer to use it as a waist restraint.

Fitting two harnesses adds extra support should it be needed.

Fit your waist harness as shown below



Leg Restraint

An addition calf strap (part# 500-256) is supplied with your chair. We recommend that the supplied harnesses are installed and used at all times.

To fit, simply wrap your harness around the footrest support arm as shown, making sure that the harness is above the locking knob, this will prevent it slipping down during use.



Accessories

A range of accessories are available for your SB6 chair. Installation of these is shown below.

24" Wheelchair Kit (Order code WW24)

If you have purchased the SB6w model, you will have this kits included already. This kit also converts your SB6c into a SB6w model



Step 1

If you have the SB6c model start by removing the Rear Caster Legs (part # 500-010) from Leg Frame (part # 500-001).

To do this, simply press the push pin inwards and slide the leg out from the bottom as shown.

If you have purchased the SB6w model continue to Step 2.

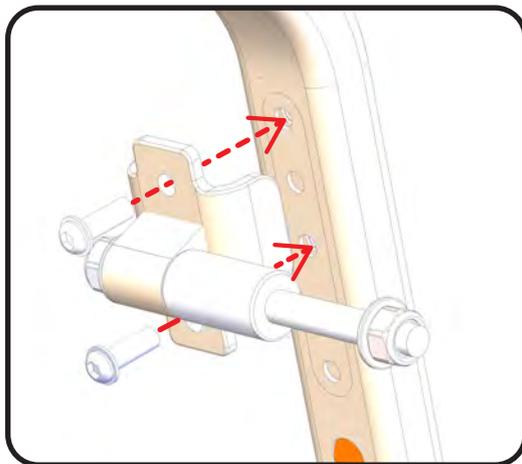


Step 2

Slide the anti-tip leg (part# 500-035) into the frame as shown. Line the bolt holes up with the desired holes in the frame for your chosen chair height setting.



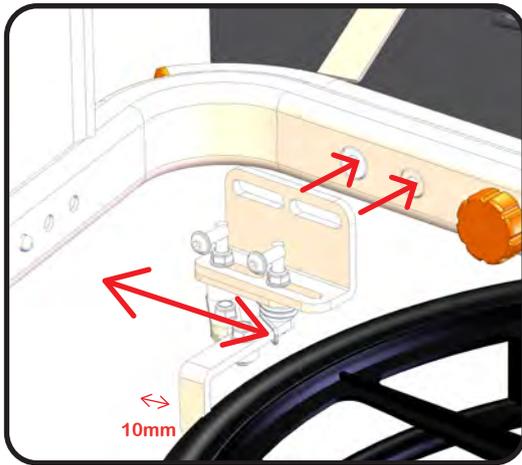
Your wheel kit requires 2 holes to be lined up as shown. This allows 2 possible height positions in Wheelchair mode.



Step 3

Using the M8 screws and supplied washers, fix the pre-assembled wheel and hub assembly as shown. Be sure to tighten the screws using the supplied tool so that there is no movement between the wheel assembly and frame.

Note: Periodic checks should be carried out and the M8 screws re-tightened if required.



Step 4

Now fit the brake assemblies using the supplied M8 screws and washers.

Before tightening be sure to set the brake up properly.

Step 1: Make sure the brake handle is released and pointing back

Step 2: Slide the brake in the slots until the arm is 10mm from the tyre.

Step 3: Tighten the screws and test the brake.

The brake arm should press into the tyre enough to prevent the wheel from turning.

If the wheel still turns repeat the steps above and reduce the gap before re-tightening.

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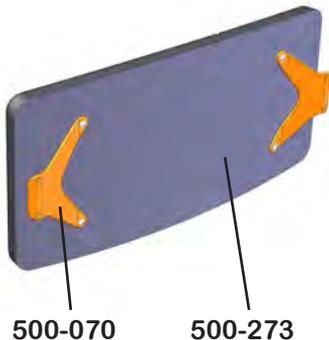
If you would like to increase the height of your SB6 WW24 by a further 25mm you will need to replace the front caster legs with the ones provided in the WW24 kit. Refer to the instructions that came with your WW24 kit to see how this should be done.

Some basic tools will be needed.

Step 5

Be sure to check all screws are tight and that the brake is fully functioning on both sides before using your SB6 shower chair with wheelchair kit.

500-272 - Back Rest Pad Kit



Accessories

Back Rest Pad

(Order code PBC)

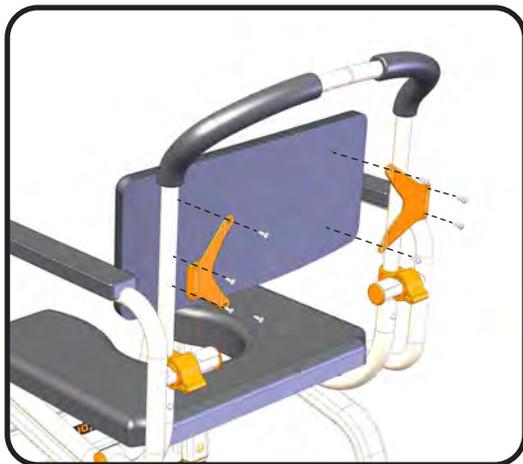
Your ShowerBuddy back rest pad kit (part# 500-272) has been designed to give the user additional support and comfort.

To install, simply remove the safety restraint clamp bars (part #500-106) and replace them with the two back rest support arms shown.

For additional strength holding on the retaining strap you can retain the clamp bars by fitting them over the top of the back rest pad arms (part# 500-070)

You can fit your back rest pad with or without removing your SB6 sling seat back (part# 500-026)

If you do wish to remove the sling back, simply remove your back rest frame and slide it off from below.



500-274
Lateral Support Kit



Accessories

Lateral Supports (Order code LAT)

Your ShowerBuddy Lateral Support kit (part# 500-274) has been designed to give the user additional support and comfort should it be required.

Step 1

Open the soft plastic tube protector and place it around the handle frame as shown. You can now place the clamp over the tube protector before installing the arm in step 2.

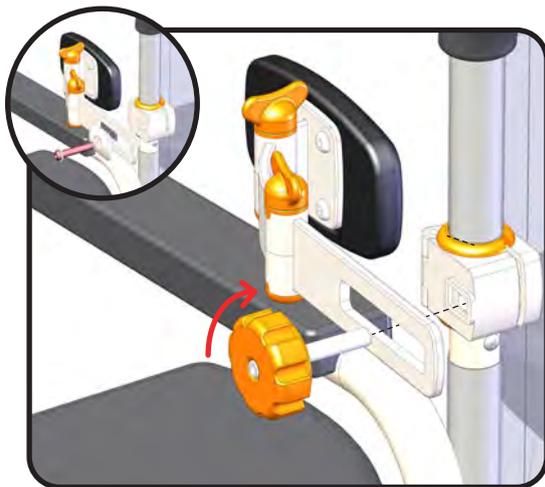
Step 2

Install the pre-assembled arm as shown and tighten up the locking knob.

You can adjust the arm by simply undoing each arm joint and positioning in the desired area for the user to have the most support.

Ensure all areas have been tightened before use.

Should you prefer, we also supply a clamp plate to replace the knob, which provides a stronger clamp for larger users.



Accessories

Seat Cushions

Your ShowerBuddy chair already comes with a comfortable seat cushion but we can also supply other options to make your SB6 even more adaptable.

To fit each cushion below, simply refer to the instructions on fitting the seat cushion in this manual on page 15

500-075 (Order code SCOC) is a seat cover and works in conjunction with your standard forward opening seat cushion. This removes the commode bucket hole, should you not require this feature.

500-066 (Order code SCFF) is still capable of being used with a commode bucket and has a solid front section to the seat.

500-067 (Order code SCRO) & 500-071 (Order code SCLO) have side openings for those users needing this option rather than a front opening cushion.

SCOC



SCCF



SCLO



SCRO



Cleaning and Maintenance

It is recommended that your shower chair is serviced annually by your Showerbuddy Dealer or an authorised, competent service agent. In addition:

1. Regularly inspect all parts of the chair for defects. Any defective part should be attended to promptly by an authorised service agent.
2. Clean the seat using a damp cloth and a mild cleanser. Always read the manufacturers instructions prior to applying the cleanser. When using Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) on the seat, a solution of 0.1% Sodium Hypochlorite should have no adverse effects on the cleaning of chairs. However, when using a solution of 1.0%, care should be taken to rinse the chairs thoroughly with clean water after application. Over a period of time bleaching may occur, but the integrity of the product will remain unaffected.
3. Dry off the shower chair after use.
4. Do not oil or grease any parts.
5. Keep the castors free from lime scale, soap residue and hair by cleaning after use in the shower.

Caring for stainless steel.

Stainless steel has excellent corrosion resistance, but it is not stain or rust proof. Regular maintenance will keep stainless steel clean and free of contaminants. In most applications stainless steel will not rust or stain even after many years of service, but when used in certain environments such as concentrated chlorine or other corrosive elements stainless steel requires proper care and maintenance. Do not leave stainless in contact with iron, steel or other metals.

1. Clean stainless steel frequently with soap and water. Any cleaner safe for glass is usually safe for stainless steel; apply with a cotton cloth.
2. Use a coating such as a good wax to help safeguard the stainless steel.
3. Remove discolouration or rust spots as soon as possible with a brass, silver or chrome cleaner. Irreversible pitting will develop under rust that remains on stainless steel for any period of time. Apply a mild cleaner such as Ajax or an equivalent with a wet cotton cloth. Rinse thoroughly and wipe dry. Do not use abrasives such as sandpaper or steel wool on stainless steel.
4. Do not clean with mineral acids or bleaches.
5. Do not store near any chlorine product.

Safety Instructions

Safety Warning!

Failure to comply with these safety instructions may result in injury or damage!

It is important that the user(s), and/or the caregivers of the user(s), learn how to safely operate the Showerbuddy SB6 shower chair.

The following must be read before using the shower chair to ensure the safe operation.

The Owner(s) Manual must be read and understood before using the shower chair. If you don't understand any parts of the Owner(s) Manual, clarification should be sought prior to using the product.

For further clarification of any part of the Owner(s) Manual call your local dealer or visit www.showerchairs.co

Transfers to and from the Showerbuddy shower chair can be dangerous. Consult a Physical or Occupational Therapist to ensure safe and reliable transfer techniques is practiced.

Individuals who have not learned these skills must have assistance during transfers.

Do not use the Showerbuddy shower chair for any application outside of the manufacturers intended use, this can result in damage to the shower chair and components. Not complying with the manufacturer's instructions can result in injury to the user(s) or caregiver. Showerbuddy will not be held responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the misuse or inappropriate operation of the Showerbuddy shower chair.

If any part of the Showerbuddy shower chair requires maintenance please don't hesitate to contact your dealer. Any problems that could affect the safe operation of the chair **MUST** be attended to immediately. The **MAXIMUM** user weight for this Showerbuddy shower chair is: 300lbs (136kg)

ALWAYS ensure that your Showerbuddy shower chair is capable of manoeuvring over surfaces that will be encountered, prior to operating the shower chair with any user(s). This chair is only intended for use indoors, on flat surfaces, without thresholds, steps, curbs or obstacles.

ALWAYS lock the castor wheels when the chair is stationary. To do this step-on the lever that activates the wheel locks.

DO NOT STAND or step on the footrest, as the chair will tip forward possibly causing injury to the User. The footrests are not load bearing and are not intended or designed as a step.

DO NOT lean forward or sideways out of the shower chair as this may cause the chair to tip.

DO NOT wheel the shower chair down an incline without a caregiver who can control the chair during its descent.

DO NOT use the shower chair castor wheel locks as brakes when travelling down inclines.

DO NOT position the Showerbuddy shower chair sideways on a slope as this could cause it to tip.

Important!

Although every effort has been made by the Showerbuddy team to ensure the stability of the Showerbuddy shower chairs during use, it is important to recognize that the most dangerous part of using any shower chair is the transfer. If you are unsure of how to perform transfers in a way that can be performed safely, then contact a Physical or Occupational Therapist who is familiar with transfer techniques and options.

The wheel locks on the castors are designed to prevent the castor wheels from rotating when the shower chair is stationary. These **DO NOT** and **CANNOT** prevent the wheels from sliding if the floor is slippery. A slippery floor can be caused by dust, water, soap or any substance that doesn't allow the tires (tyres) to grip. Transfers should never be attempted with the Showerbuddy shower chair positioned on slippery surfaces since the wheel locks can only prevent the wheels from rotating. It is recommended that transfers be performed on clean, dry non slippery surfaces. When transferring onto a Showerbuddy Shower Chair always lock all castors in their outward position (front castors positioned in the forward and out position / rear castors positioned to the rearward and out position) for maximum chair stability.

Never use the foot rest to assist with transfers. This could cause the chair to tip forward. The footrest should be folded away during transfers to provide unobstructed access to the shower chair.

DO NOT stand on the footrest as this is designed to provide support for the user's feet while seated and not

to act as a load bearing component when the user mounts or alights from the chair. Standing on the footrests could cause the chair to tip forward.

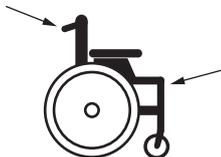
The fasteners – Knobs, nuts, bolts, washers – should be checked periodically to ensure that they are securely fastened. Your dealer should be called to check the fasteners and other components at least once per year.

All Showerbuddy shower chairs are supplied with chest and lap restraining belts that ensure the correct and safe operation of the shower chair for both the user(s) and the caregiver. It is important that these straps are used every time the shower chair is operated. Your Showerbuddy shower chair is equipped with fitting points so that these can be easily and effortlessly attached.

Important!

ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD NEVER BE ATTEMPTED WITH THE USER(S) IN THE CHAIR!

Your authorized Showerbuddy dealer can help you with any adjustments you may want to make on your Showerbuddy shower chair or can provide clarification on any of the information contained herein.



How to lift the chair

Lift the wheelchair up using the push handles and the front upper corners of the wheelchair frame, where the footrests are placed.

WARNING! It is not allowed to lift the wheelchair up by gripping the footrests or armrests! We recommend to detach footrests before lifting the chair

Warranty Information

2 Year Limited Warranty

Showerbuddy warrants all Showerbuddy shower chairs for two years from the date of purchase by the user. Proof of purchase from an authorised Showerbuddy Dealer is required for any claim.

This warranty covers any defects in materials and workmanship on all Showerbuddy shower chairs except those listed in the Warranty Exclusion below:

Warranty Exclusions

- Product or parts failure from normal wear and tear
- Damage caused by failure to adhere to the Owner's Manual
- Damage from improper assembly, use or repair
- Seat cushions and padded arm rests
- Any chair not purchased from an authorised Showerbuddy Dealer

Limitations

- The warranty is VOID if the original serial number tag is removed or altered
- The warranty is VOID if the shower chair sustains damage from unnatural causes
- The warranty is VOID if the weight limit of 300lbs (136kg) is exceeded
- The warranty is VOID if the shower chair has been subjected to neglect, improper maintenance, storage, cleaning or operation as defined in the Owner's Manual
- The warranty is VOID if the shower chair is modified without Showerbuddy's written consent
- This warranty applies to the original purchaser only, from the date of the purchase.

Your Responsibilities

- If your shower chair requires warranty service, please contact the dealer from which you purchased the Showerbuddy shower chair.
- If you do not receive satisfactory dealer service, contact Showerbuddy at the address below
- Do not return the shower chair to Showerbuddy without first obtaining a Return Authorization Number from Customer Service
- A defective shower chair must be shipped to Showerbuddy within 14 days of issuance of a Return Authorization Number by Customer Service