

## **Telescopic Channel Ramps**



# **Fitting and Maintenance Instructions**

Please read this manual before operation for maintenance instructions and safe usage of these ramps.

#### **CAUTION!**

Always risk assess any situation for any possible risks.

Only use these ramps with a qualified helper, never exceed the recommended weight limit during use.

Always back the wheelchair/scooter down the ramps and use a lap strap for safety.

Always check the wheelchairs/scooters owners' manual regarding the safe incline for any particular chair.

## N.B. This equipment must be installed by a competent person.

VA147F 4ft Channel Ramp VA147M 6ft Channel Ramp

Weight Capacity 180 kg (28 stone) using both ramps (90 kg/14 stone per ramp)

Do not exceed the weight limit stated – doing so could put the user at risk.

## **USING YOUR RAMP**

- Always fully extend the ramps before use to minimize the risk of injury, and also make any ascent or descent using the ramps easier.
- Select a place to use where the ramps have the minimum gradient possible. Ensure the gradient of the ramps is not beyond the ability of the wheelchair or occupant.
- Place the narrow end of the ramp on the ground or low point, and place the wide end of the ramp on the vehicle or high ground.
- Ensure the ramps are safe before use.

### **TO EXTEND**

• Slowly pull out the narrowest section of the ramp whilst holding the widest section, until it is locked in position.

WARNING! To prevent possible injury, please ensure when retracting or extending the ramp that both sections are held firmly or that the lower edge of the ramp is resting on the floor. DO NOT hold the ramp in a raised position over feet or toes. The narrow section of ramp will slide quickly down when the locking button is depressed.

- To extend the ramp to its full length, continue to pull the narrowest section of the ramp whilst pressing the button situated on the outside of the ramp. Do this until the section is locked in position.
- Repeat this for the other ramp.

#### **TO RETRACT**

- Position the narrowest section into the main body of the ramp. Do this by pressing the button whilst pushing the narrowest section into the body of the ramp.
- To complete the retraction operation, continue to push the narrowest section into the body of the ramp whilst pressing the button. Do this until the ramp is locked into position.
- Repeat this for the other ramp.

#### **MAINTENANCE & SAFETY**

- Regularly check your ramps for worn, loose or damaged parts If you find any of these to be damaged you must not use your ramps and you must contact your dealer immediately.
- Always use both ramps, and ensure they are level and parallel to each other.
- Ensure ramps are fully extended and locked in position.
- Do not attempt to use ramps at a gradient above 1 in 12. Please also check the gradient your wheelchair or scooter is capable of.
- Do not exceed the weight capacity of the ramps.
- Only allow one person/ mobility vehicle to use the ramps at once.
- The surface of the ramps may become slippery in icy or wet conditions.
  Please exercise caution in these conditions.
- Keep your ramps clean of any dirt or debris as this could interfere with its sliding motion.
- Always use the ramps in line with the wheelchairs/scooter manufacturer's guidelines; NEVER use it at a steeper gradient than recommended.
- Do not modify or add to your ramp as it could void any warranty claims.
- Do not use the ramp for anything other than its original intended purpose.
- Only clean your ramps with mild detergent.
- Use caution when adjusting the length of your ramps and avoid any pinch points.

## **CLEANING**

Clean your Ramps using a mild detergent with a slightly damp, soft cloth only. Only use a mild detergent or disinfectant; never use an abrasive cleaner.

After cleaning, leave the Ramps somewhere warm and dry to air or wipe over with a dry, soft cloth. Do not leave in direct contact with a heat source.