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# **Scalamobil S35/S38 Stair Climber**

## **Beginner's Guide**

### **Important Information!**

**Do not leave occupant unattended.**

**Review the Owner's Manual thoroughly before using the Scalamobil.**

**Practice climbing stairs with an unoccupied Scalamobil.**

**Operate the Scalamobil without a passenger up and down the stairs first.**

**Be sure all operators have been thoroughly trained.**

1. In the control panel on the motor module set the speed at #3, set the left button (S35) for stairs outside the house (see the icon) and set the right button for single step mode (broken line). The speed can be increased with operator experience. The single step mode can be changed to continuous with depending on stair configuration and operator experience. Wear good shoes and slacks or shorts. Do not operate with flip flops, sandals or bare feet.

**X3 Scalachair:** See the user manual for attaching and detaching the Scalachair. The folding chair model has a pull handle under the seat to fold the chair. Fold the seat first, then the footrest. Store the folded chair on its side, not upright. When loading or unloading or storing the chair, the front wheels should be braked and the chair tilted slightly forward by using the motor control. The Scalachair upholstery is removable and washable.

**X7 Scalaport:** See the special instructions for this component.

2. Turn the power on at the handlebar (the system turns off automatically if the device is not used after 1-2 minutes). The left control is for direction (up or down) and the right thumb control is the "go" button.

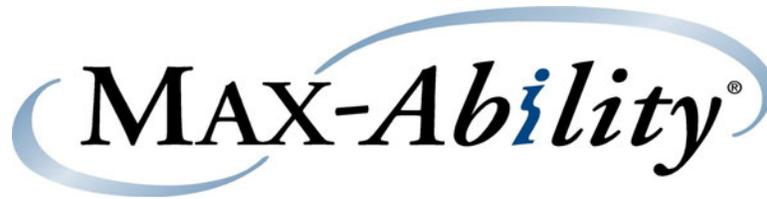


### **Beginner's Guide (cont.)**

3. Raise the handlebars to chest height. Make sure the four handlebar knobs are tight. The hand grips can be adjusted in and out to accommodate tight turns. Tilt the empty chair back to find a balance point where the chair is light and easy to roll on the floor. **The balance point is at approximately 45 degrees. Make sure the four big wheels are in line when on a flat surface (not on top of each other).**

Get the feel of the switch by pressing the control lever with the right thumb and letting the wheels run through the complete cycle. They should stop automatically after each cycle (single step mode).

4. When transporting, keep the handlebars at a balanced angle. Keep a firm grip on the handlebar. **Do not allow the handlebars to go forward beyond the balance point. The wheels should be in-line when transporting on a flat surface.**
5. When the device is tilted back 45 degrees, square with the upper step, and wheels lined up, push the Scalamobil forward until you feel the brakes engage. Hold the device there. **Do not allow the device to back up.** Put continuous light forward pressure on the handlebars while pushing the right thumb control lever until the device stops automatically on the next step. Continue the process going down. **Always allow the wheels to complete the single step cycle before going to the next step.**
6. **The wheels should be in line when proceeding. If the middle landing is small, stand the device upright and swivel to make the turn. At the lower landing, keep the Scalamobil reclined until the wheels are in line and both feet are also on the landing.**
7. When going up the stairs, the wheels must be in line and touching the back of each step. While pulling back lightly on the handlebars and keeping the



handlebars at a 45-degree angle engage the go button to climb to the next step. **Do not allow the wheels to drift forward while going up to the next step. Always complete the motor cycle before taking your thumb off the control lever. When going up and the operator's feet are on the upper landing it is important to not have the handlebars too low or the wheels will not clear the step to the upper landing.**

8. **After practicing with the empty chair follow the above procedure with a small person in the chair and another person below the chair.**

In an emergency the device and rider can be laid back onto the stairs. At this angle the brakes will be activated. **Do not allow anyone to operate the device without following the proper procedure. It is important to be in control of the operation of the device at all times.**

9. **Keep a firm grip on the handlebars. Do not be distracted. Practice, practice, practice.** The Scalamobil may be used for short distance transport on a flat surface (i.e., home to vehicle) **Do not use the Scalamobil for transport on a ramp or steep incline.**

10. When first transporting a person in the chair have a second person on the stairs below the device until comfortable with the procedure.

## **General Maintenance/Cleaning**

- Keep the batteries charged. Do not allow batteries to completely discharge. Do not plug the charger into a wall outlet while the low-voltage plug is in the Scalamobil battery pack (this may blow a fuse in the battery pack).
- The green indicator lamp on the handlebar will flash if the battery pack needs charging. A flashing red light warns of pending system shut-down.
- **We recommended charging the Scalamobil nightly and/or whenever the product is not in use.**
- Clean the wheels and undercarriage with a dry cloth occasionally.

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