

# Sentra Wheelchair Range

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## Introduction

The Drive Medical Sentra wheelchairs are available in chrome or black, and are available with self propel or transit wheels. They are designed for a single occupant up to 32 stone (200kg) and are suitable for in indoor and most outdoor environments. The wheelchairs are available with 20", 22" or 24" seat width.

## Parts Description



The following models of Sentra are available:

- Chrome Sentra with self propel mag wheels
- Black Sentra with transit wheels
- Black Sentra with self propel spoked wheels with quick release and cable brakes.

## Brake Operation



### Parking Brakes

To apply the parking brakes, push the handle on the brake unit until locked in place (see diagram). To release the brake, push the handle in the opposite direction.

Note: the model of brake on the wheelchair may be visually different from that shown.



### Cable Brakes

Apply the brakes by squeezing both left and right cable brake handles, as shown in the photograph. This will help slow down the wheelchair. Release the lever to stop the brake being applied.

Note: the cable brakes are only fitted to certain models of Sentra wheelchair.

## Leg Rest Adjustment



The height of the footplates on the Sentra leg rests can be adjusted to suit the user without tools.

To adjust the height, press the brass push buttons on the leg rest (as shown left). Adjust the footplate to the correct height. Release the push buttons and carry on adjusting the footplate until they lock in position with an audible click.

## Leg Rest Removal



To remove the leg rest, press the chrome lever on the leg rest whilst swinging the leg rest out (as shown left). This will now allow the leg rest to be lifted up and removed. To attach the leg rest, place the leg rest on the two receiver posts on the wheelchair frame. Then swing the leg rest inwards until it locks in position.

## Arm Rest Removal



To remove the arm rest, please the chrome button at the front of the armrest (arrowed) and pull up on the armrest.

To replace the armrest, push the armrest back in to the receivers and it will automatically lock.

## Quick Release Wheels



The Sentra fitted with cable brakes also feature quick release wheels. To remove the wheels, press the button in the centre of the wheel whilst pulling the wheel away from the wheelchair. To add the wheel, press the button whilst reinserting the quick release pin in to the wheelchair frame.

**Warning - Ensure the wheels are locked in position before use.**

## Operation and Propulsion

- The wheelchairs with self propel wheels can be propelled by the wheelchair user using the rear wheel handrims or by an attendant using the push handles.
- The wheelchairs with transit wheels can only be propelled by an attendant using the push handles.
- Apply the parking brakes when stationary. Refer to the section on parking brakes for operation instructions.
- Apply reverse pressure to handrims or push handles to slow the wheelchair during operation.
- Use slow speeds on gradients. Do not use on gradients more than 10°
- The wheelchair is only suitable for single occupancy.
- The wheelchair user should keep their feet on the footplates when moving. Do not stand on the footplates.
- Do not use escalators.
- Do not reverse down a gradient
- Maintain proper balance at all times. Users should not move their centre of gravity out of the seating area.
- Do not reach for items further than your arm will extend.
- Be aware of hazards in your environment, such as narrow doorways, steps, household appliances, children's toys, etc.
- We recommend you consult your healthcare professional for advice about transferring to and from the wheelchair. The parking brakes should always be applied when transferring.

## Using the Stepper Tube

Use the stepper tube to raise the front castors (when mounting a kerb for example). To use, push down on the stepper tube with a foot. Do not raise the front castors by pushing down on the push handles as this could result in damage to the wheelchair.

**To mount a kerb.** Approach the kerb head on. Then the attendant uses the stepper tube to raise the front castors, and lowers the front castors on the raised kerb. Finally the attendant should push the wheelchair forward, lifting it up slightly to mount the kerb if required.

**To go down a kerb.** Line up the front castors with the edge of the kerb. The attendant uses the stepper tube to raise the front castors and tip the user slightly back. Keeping the castors raised, slowly lower the wheelchair down the kerb.

**Warning:** When going down a kerb, the front castors must be raised to prevent the user from falling out. The above are only recommendations and may not be suitable for all events.

## Disassembly and Folding

Before folding, remove any quick release components if required. The Sentra wheelchair has been designed with an easy fold mechanism. To fold the wheelchair, ensure that the leg rests are removed, or in the forward position with the aluminium footplates flipped up. Holding the front and rear edge of the seat sling, pull the seat in an upward motion. The wheelchair will naturally fold up.

Please note though that the wheelchair may be too heavy for some users to lift. Also be sure to adopt the latest health and safety recommendations when lifting the wheelchair.

## Maintenance and Tyre Pressure

The Sentra wheelchair is installed with puncture proof solid tyres that will not require inflation.

Proper care and maintenance is important in order to keep your wheelchair in good working order. Be sure that your chair is in proper working order at all times. A qualified dealer or repair centre should be consulted for periodic inspections and repairs:

1. At least once a week, wipe down the frame using a clean soft cloth. If the chair is exposed to moisture, dry the chair immediately. The metal parts of the chair should be polished once a month with an auto wax.
2. Clean the upholstery with a mild soap solution, rinse and wipe dry. Worn or torn upholstery should be replaced promptly as it may not support your body weight.
3. Inspect the wheels at least once a month. Correct any side play by loosening the lock nut on the axle then tighten the axle just enough to remove anyplay.
4. Solid tyres require limited upkeep, but need to be cleaned periodically with a damp cloth. Solid tyres need to be replaced if they become cracked or severely worn.

## Warranty

Your Drive branded product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for one year from date of purchase. This device was built to exacting standards and carefully inspected prior to shipment. This warranty is an expression of our confidence in the materials and workmanship of our products and our assurance to the customer.

In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, we will at our option supply parts or replace the device. This warranty does not cover device failure due to owner misuse or negligence, or normal wear and tear. The warranty does not extend to non-durable components, such as rubber accessories, castors and grips, which are subject to normal wear and need periodic replacement.

If you have any queries or require full warranty conditions, please contact your Drive stockist.

This does not affect your statutory rights.



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