Garaventa EVACU-TRAC CD7

Emergency Evacuation Chair

Owner's Manual
1 Safety First!

The safety warning symbol shown to the left is used throughout this manual to draw your attention to instructions that must be carefully followed to avoid possible dangers.

The following procedures are important to ensure the safe operation of Evacu-Trac:

CHECK THE STAIRWAY
Do not use Evacu-Trac on curved or spiral stairs, irregular or insecure stairs, or stairs with loose carpeting. Use extra caution on wet or slippery stairs.

DO NOT OVERLOAD
Do not use Evacu-Trac with a passenger heavier than 136 kg (300 lbs).

ENSURE SEAT LATCH IS LOCKED
Do not place a passenger in the Evacu-Trac unless the seat frame is fully opened and locked. Check the indicator window. If it is blue, the seat is properly locked.

SECURE THE PASSENGER
Do not use Evacu-Trac without securely restraining the passenger using the safety straps provided.

WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR
Do not wear high-heeled or slippery shoes when operating Evacu-Trac.
2 Terminology

Note On Leg Safety Strap:

On more recent units the Leg Safety Strap has been repositioned to allow it to be used across the passenger's upper or lower legs, depending on leg length. This position also allows the legs to be held together in a more secure position.
3 Operating Instructions

INTRODUCTION

To ensure the safety of the passenger and operator, read these operating instructions carefully and view the Operator Training DVD. Practice sessions should be held on a regular basis (monthly is recommended) to maintain operator proficiency. In addition, building occupants for whom the Evacu-Trac is provided should be familiar with and comfortable in using Evacu-Trac.

Descent speeds for lighter or heavier passengers will vary. If your passenger is heavy and you feel the descent speed is too fast, the operator should partially release the brake by lightly squeezing the Brake Release Bar until a comfortable descent speed is attained. Speed can also be reduced by increasing the track tension. See Page 11.

SET-UP AND LOADING

1. Place the unit on a flat surface. Grasp the end of the Handle. Pull it out and up in a quick, smooth motion. On completion of this motion the seat will latch into its locked, open position.

2. Ensure Evacu-Trac is properly locked in the open position. Check the Indicator Window on the side of the aluminum track frame. If it is blue the seat is properly locked.

3. Transfer the passenger into Evacu-Trac.
4. Fasten the Safety Straps. If you cannot be certain that the passenger’s arms will remain in his or her lap, the arms should be wrapped inside the torso safety straps.

OPERATING ON STAIRS

Caution:

When operating Evacu-Trac on stairs always wear footwear with flat soles.

1. To roll on a flat surface push down on the handle.

2. Then squeeze the Brake Release Bar with both hands. This will deploy the Front Auxiliary Wheels, making Evacu-Trac easier to push.

Do not try to lower the Front Auxiliary Wheels by pulling the Brake Release Bar without first pushing down on the Handle. This may stretch the Brake Cable.
3. To turn on a flat surface, press down on the Handle and pivot Evacu-Trac on the Rear Auxiliary Wheels.

4. Position Evacu-Trac at the top of the stairs, at a right angle (90°) to the stairway, with the passenger facing towards the stairs. Operating Evacu-Trac near the inner core of a stairway will facilitate turning corners at landings.

5. Push Evacu-Trac forward until the Front Auxiliary Wheels drop off the top step. At this point Evacu-Trac will stop. To prevent Evacu-Trac from immediately beginning to descend the stairs, release your grip on the Brake Release Bar. This will engage the Track Parking Brake until you are ready to descend. Lift the handle and tilt Evacu-Trac to the angle of the stairs.

6. To descend the stairs, squeeze the Brake Release Bar. To slow the descent speed, if desired, simply loosen your grip on the Release Bar. This will partially engage the Brake.

7. To stop Evacu-Trac on the stairs, slowly release the Brake Release Bar.
8. At landings, push down on the Handle and turn Evacu-Trac with all the weight on the Rear Auxiliary Wheels. Keep to the inside of the corner for maximum turning clearance. Align the machine at a right angle to the stairs and proceed down the next flight.

9. Find a flat surface to park Evacu-Trac. Let go of the Brake Release Bar. This will lower the front section of the Tracks to the floor, preventing the unit from rolling. Remove the passenger.

10. Unlock the Seat Latch by pushing down on the red Seat Latch Release Bar. Push down and forward on the Handle to fold Evacu-Trac closed.