

# **USER MANUAL**

### VOGUE FOREARM WALKER

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VOGUE LIGHTWEIGHT WALKER





VOGUE CARBON FIBRE WALKER

Congratulations and thank you for choosing this Aspire Vogue Walker.

Aspire Vogue Walkers are manufactured with the utmost attention to quality. Enjoy your independence with peace of mind, in style.

This user manual contains a description of the product and important guidelines to ensure correct and safe use. It is important to read this manual carefully prior to use. It is especially important to read the safety requirements and follow these.

Aidacare continuously improves products and reserves the right to change the specifications and functions of products without notice.

If you have any queries please contact your dealer or Aidacare directly. Contact information is located on the last page of this manual.

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# **1. INTENDED USE**

Aspire Vogue Walkers are specifically designed for individuals who, due to a wide variety of reasons, require additional support while walking. It should be used as a tool to assist people who have mobility difficulties with standing, walking or sitting independently.

The Aspire Vogue Forearm Walker is specially designed for individuals who cannot support weight on their wrists but can still use their forearms for support.

With an Aspire Vogue Walker a user can stand, walk and rest more easily, allowing them to fulfil most daily tasks and routines without assistance from others. Any other usage is not advised.

# **2. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

The Aspire Vogue Walker is a four wheel, lightweight walker with a cross folding frame. The product is made of aluminium, so it is light and easy to store or transport. The walker offers great manoeuverability and stability and its handles / forearm supports are height adjustable for a customised fit. It is equipped with a fabric seat, soft backrest and a weatherproof shopping bag which allows the user to rest and to carry small items.

# **3. WARNINGS**

WARNING! This User Manual must be read before using the walker. The manufacturer does not take any responsibility for damage and/or injuries caused by the fact that the User Manual has not been followed.



WARNING! The walker must not be used by users with serious difficulty balancing or whose muscle strength is too low to stand and walk, even with the extra support of a walker.

WARNING! The decision to use a walker should always be guided by a qualified Health Care Professional, who can also advise and assist with the correct height adjustment and usage instruction.

#### LIMITATIONS FOR USE

- Safe Working Load is 150kg.
- The shopping bag has a Load Limit of 5kg.
- The walker is to be used indoor and/or outdoor on flat surfaces.
- The walker is not intended to be self-propelled while seated.
- Ensure the walker is opened fully before use.
- The brakes MUST be in the locked position BEFORE sitting on the seat.
- Use the walker only for the purpose it is intended for.
- Use the walker only in good technical condition.
- Avoid modifying the walker without the manufacturer's written acceptance for such modifications.
- DO NOT stand on the walker.
- DO NOT use in place of a wheelchair or patient transport device.
- All wheels MUST be in contact with the ground at ALL TIMES during use.



NOTE: Fingers or other body parts can be trapped between the walker's parts during folding, unfolding or adjusting of the walker. Be extremely careful when adjusting the walker. Observe the dimensions of gaps between the walker's elements to avoid trapping your fingers or other body parts.



# **4. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**



### VOGUE LIGHTWEIGHT WALKER - WAF705300WH (WHITE), WAF705300RE (RED)

OVERALL	OVERALL	OVERALL	FOLDED	SEAT	SEAT	SEAT	WHEEL	TOTAL	BAG	S.W.L
HEIGHT	LENGTH	WIDTH	WIDTH	DEPTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	SIZE	WEIGHT	S.W.L	
695 – 920mm	680mm	600mm	225mm	190mm	460mm	550mm	8"	6.7kg	5kg	150kg

### **VOGUE FOREARM WALKER - WAF705400**

OVERALL	OVERALL	OVERALL	FOLDED	SEAT	SEAT	SEAT	WHEEL	TOTAL	BAG	S.W.L
HEIGHT	LENGTH	WIDTH	WIDTH	DEPTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	SIZE	WEIGHT	S.W.L	
1020 - 1270mm	660mm	620mm	225mm	190mm	460mm	620mm	8"	9kg	5kg	150kg

### **VOGUE CARBON FIBRE WALKER - WAF705350**

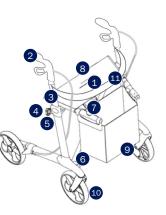
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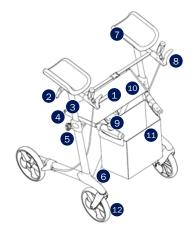
# **5. ACCESSORIES**

- Oxygen Bottle Holder Bag
- IV Pole
- Crutch and Cane Holder
- Meal Tray
- Night Light LED Lamp
- Single Hand Brake System

# **6. LIST OF COMPONENTS**

Aspire Vogue Walkers are supplied in boxes and come folded, for easier transportation. The contents include one complete folded Aspire Vogue Walker and one User Manual.





### VOGUE LIGHTWEIGHT/CARBON FIBRE WALKER

1	Lock release pulling cord (pull to fold)
2	Push handle and soft touch brake lever
3	Height adjustable profile
4	Seat tube (push here to open and lock seat)
5	Height adjustment locking knob
6	Folding cross bar
7	Fold-up lock button
8	Soft seat
9	Weatherproof shopping bag
LO	Ultra soft-ride wheels for all terrain
1	Padded and stable backrest

#### **VOGUE FOREARM WALKER**

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2	Push handle length adjustment locking knob						
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4	Seat tube (push here to open and lock seat)						
5	Height adjustment locking knob						
6	Folding cross bar						
7	Padded forearm supports						
8	B Push handle & brake lever						
9	9 Fold-up lock button						
10	Soft seat						
11	Weatherproof shopping bag						
12	Ultra soft-ride wheels for all terrain						

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# **6. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

#### **INITIAL CHECK**

• In the first instance remove the walker from the box and check the contents (using the picture above) to ensure nothing is missing. If you discover any component is missing or damaged do not continue to assemble the product. Contact your supplier immediately.

#### **OPENING THE WALKER**

- Press the fold-up lock button on the seat tubes to release walker from folded position.
- Simultaneously push both seat tubes down until you hear an audible "click" of the seat locking mechanism locking in place on the frame. If the frame is open and secured correctly, you should not be able to fold the frame back up by pulling on the seat tubes

### FOLDING THE WALKER

- Pull upwards on the lock release pulling cord (as shown in the list of components).
- Push seat tubes together until the fold-up lock button clicks together

WARNING! After unfolding or assembling the walker always ensure that the seat is securely locked and the frame does not move anymore.



WARNING! Always ensure that handles/forearm supports are securely locked in place by tightening the locking knobs to prevent the accidental sliding of the handles/forearm supports when forced.

WARNING! Always test to see that accessories are properly and safely locked in place (without play) BEFORE using.

WARNING! Failure to follow these warnings can result in personal injury.

#### ADJUSTING THE HEIGHT OF THE HANDLES/FOREARM SUPPORTS

- Release the handle height adjustment locking knob;
- Make adjustments to your desired height;
- Tighten the knob

### ADJUSTING THE DEPTH OF THE FOREARM SUPPORTS

- · Release the push handle length adjustment locking knob;
- Make adjustments to your desired length;
- Tighten the knob



WARNING! Both handles / forearm supports should be adjusted to the same height/length.

WARNING! Seek advice from a qualified health professional for the appropriate height/length level to suit your needs.

#### USING THE HAND BRAKES

- To stop the walker, activate the brakes by pulling the brake handles towards the hand grips.
- To start moving again, release the brake handles. They will drop down automatically and the brakes will be released.

WARNING! You should always engage the brakes when you don't want the walker to move.



WARNING! NEVER leave the walker without the brakes engaged when there is someone sitting in it.

WARNING! NEVER leave the walker on a slope without the brakes engaged.

#### LOCKING/UNLOCKING THE HAND BRAKES

- To lock the brakes push the brake handles down until you hear an audible "click".
- To unlock the brakes pull the brake handles up until you feel them loosen



WARNING! When using the walker in a stationary position, the hand brakes MUST always be locked.

### SITTING ON THE WALKER

- Ensure the hand brakes have been activated.
- While holding onto the handles turn with your back facing the seat and pull the walker towards you until it can be felt against the backs of your legs.
- · Slowly and carefully lower yourself onto the seat.

WARNING! ALWAYS sit centrally on the walker, avoid leaning heavily in any direction as this may cause the walker to become unstable.

WARNING! You should NOT sit (partly) above the shopping bag.



WARNING! ALWAYS sit up right on the walker while resting your forearms or hands on the push handles.

WARNING! NEVER propel yourself with your feet using the walker as a transportation device – it is NOT designed for this purpose.

WARNING! NEVER allow another person to push you along while seated on the walker – it is NOT designed as a transportation device and is NOT a substitute for a wheelchair.





# 7. CARE & MAINTENANCE

#### GENERAL:

- Clean the walker regularly with a damp cloth.
- Use a mild washing agent and warm water for excess dirt build up.
- DO NOT use harsh abrasives or bleach based agents which may cause damage or discolouration.
- Dry with a soft cloth.

#### WHEELS:

- Clean wheels with a mild washing agent and warm water. Remove hair and other dirt from axles.
- · Lubricate with multi-purpose oil periodically or if wheels begin to squeak.

#### MAINTENANCE:

- Ensure that every part of the walker is secure at ALL times.
- Check all screws for tightness. If not, tighten if necessary.
- Replace any broken, damaged or worn items immediately.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Weekly	Periodically	Yearly	Serviceable Components
<ul> <li>Check brake function</li> <li>Check all wheels are secure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check handgrips for wear</li> <li>Check frame bolts are secure</li> <li>Check folding hinge bolts are secure</li> <li>Check front and rear axle bolts are secure</li> <li>Check for wear or cracks</li> <li>Check wheels for splitting or damage</li> <li>Check seat upholstery for wear and seat base for cracks and that it is secured to frame</li> </ul>	Take your walker to an authorised repairer for a full check, clean, service and lubrication of all moving parts.	<ul> <li>Wheels</li> <li>Bag</li> <li>Hand grips</li> <li>Forearm Supports</li> <li>Brake Cables</li> <li>Seat</li> <li>Brake Handles</li> <li>Bearings</li> <li>Nuts &amp; Bolts</li> </ul>

# 8. COMPLIANCE

Aspire Vogue Walkers are manufactured to strict quality control standards.

As part of Australian Standards compliance, safety stickers are located on the frame of this walker. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with these prior to use.

This product complies with Australian Standards ISO11199-2:2005.

As the importer of this product Aidacare maintains records of all testing reports and compliance certificates.

# 9. WARRANTY

Aidacare provides a 12 month warranty subject to reasonable wear and tear. Aidacare is bound by Australian Consumer Law in respect to "Warranty Against Defects" on this product. A copy of the Aidacare "Warranty Against Defects" Statement is available on our homepage (www.aidacare.com.au). Any contact pertaining to warranty matters should be directed to Aidacare Customer Serivce on 1300 133 120 where support will be provided.

Should any part of the walker brake, fatigue or show defects that may be due to manufacturing issues or error, Aidacare will replace the affected components free of charge and reserves the right to replace the entire walker should this be more economical for Aidacare. All warranties are back to base, which requires the user to return the walker or the affected part to an Aidacare Service Centre. For the location of your nearest service centre call 1300 133 120.

For all warranty claims, proof of purchase must be provided by the customer. Aidacare warranty does not cover any product or component damaged or broken due to neglect or misuse. Aidacare does not honour this warranty for any product that has been modified from its original state. Aidacare will bear no freight costs for the return of any items under warranty.

The suggested service period for all walkers is every 12 months.



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