



Understanding your Patient Lift

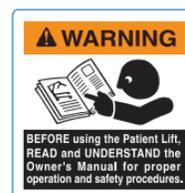
Basic Patient Education



Purpose: Patient lifts are designed for caregivers to lift and/or transfer an individual. This lift is ONLY designed to transfer a patient from the bed to a chair, wheelchair, or commode that is bed side. It is NOT designed to be used as a transport device. Moving a person suspended in a sling over ANY distance is NOT RECOMMENDED. DO NOT attempt to use the lift unless you have been shown how to properly do so by the delivery person, physician, nurse, or physical therapist. The weight limitation for the Invacare 9805(P) lift is 450 lbs.

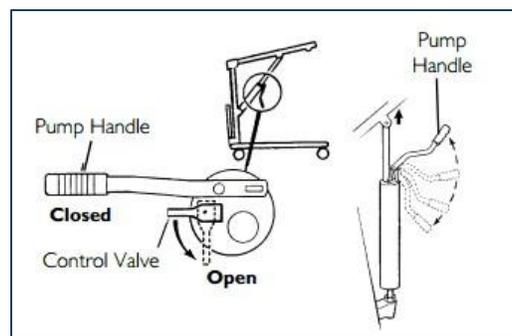
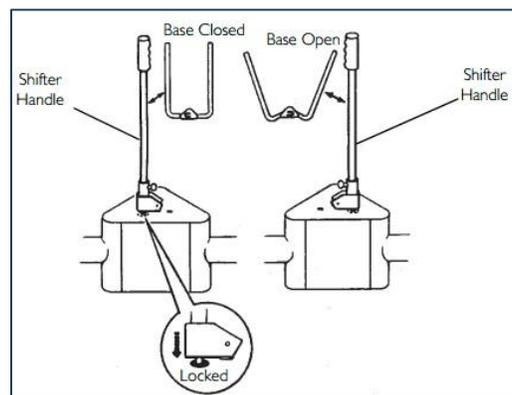
Warnings:

- ONLY operate this lift with the legs in maximum open position and locked in place. The base legs MUST be locked in the open position at all times for stability and patient safety when lifting and transferring a patient.
- It is recommended that two caregivers use a patient lift to transfer a patient.
- DO NOT roll caster base over deep carpet, raised carpet bindings, door frames, or any uneven surfaces that may cause the Patient Lift to tip over.
- DO NOT lock the casters of the Patient Lift when lifting an individual. Casters MUST be left unlocked to allow the Patient Lift to stabilize during lifting procedures.
- Use common sense while operating lifts. Special care MUST be taken with people with disabilities who cannot cooperate while being lifted.
- DO NOT use a sling that is not designed for this type of lift. Refer to the manufacturer's owner's manual for recommendations and use guidelines.



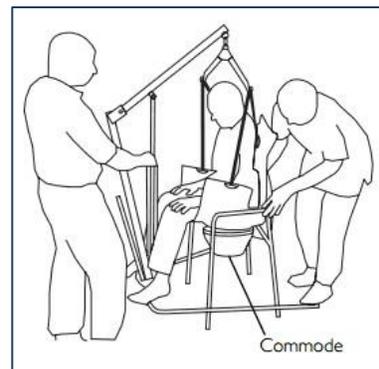
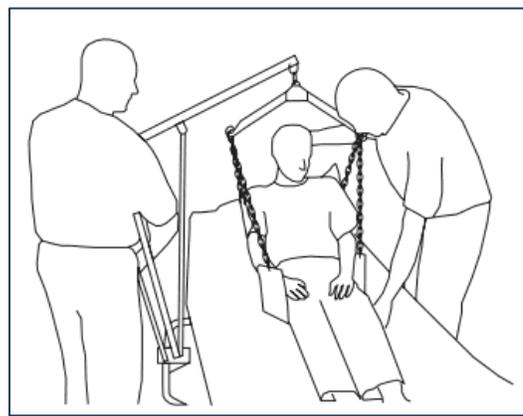
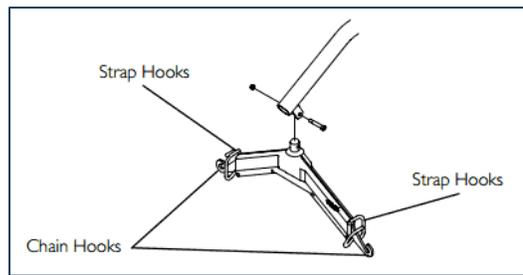
How to Operate the Patient Lift

1. First you must open the legs of the adjustable base. To do this, push the shifter handle to your right to release the lock pin. Turn the handle clockwise until you can secure the lock pin into the opposite mounting hole to fully open the legs of the base. NOTE: If the shifter handle is NOT vertical and the lock pin is NOT seated in the socket assembly, do not use the Patient Lift until they are properly seated. The base MUST be in the "Open" position.
2. **Raising/Lowering the Lift:** There are two controls on the pump assembly; the control valve and the pump handle. The control valve must be in the closed position (valve positioned towards the pump handle, see diagram), then move the pump handle up and down to elevate the boom and the patient. Turn the control valve in the open position (facing away from the pump handle) to lower the boom and the patient. NOTE: There is a safety feature that keeps a slow, constant descent of the boom even when the valve is opened to keep the patient from dropping too fast.





- Using the steering handle, push the patient lift underneath the bed. Lower the boom so that it is easier to attach the sling to the carriage. Be careful not to hit the patient with the boom.
- If using a sling with straps, the straps **MUST** be attached to the strap hooks on the carriage, **NOT** the chain hooks. If using a sling with chains, they must be attached to the chain hooks, **NOT** the strap hooks.
- Pump the lift handle to raise the patient above the bed. Elevate the patient just high enough to clear the bed. No higher. Once the patient is elevated a few inches, check again to make sure that the sling is correctly and securely attached to the boom carriage. If **ANY** attachment is not properly in place, lower the patient back on the bed and correct the problem.
- Once you have verified that everything is secure, swing their legs off of the bed. Then use the steering handles of the lift to move the patient away from the bed. Turn the control valve to the “open” position to lower the patient for a lower center of gravity. This provides stability and makes it easier to pull or push the lift.
- The patient’s feet should rest on or over the base of the lift, straddling the mast. (see right)
- Now guide the lift to the bedside wheelchair, commode, etc. Elevate the patient high enough to clear the height of the seat, and position the open base around the wheels of the wheelchair, or legs of a commode. **NOTE:** If transferring to a wheelchair, make sure that the wheel locks are engaged to prevent the wheelchair from moving. Then carefully lower the patient onto the item.
- Reverse the procedures to return the patient to the bed.



The basic information given in this handout does not replace the manufacturer’s suggested use guidelines. For more information go to <http://therapysupport.com/info> for the complete owner’s manual. Please contact Therapy Support @ 877-885-HEAL for any questions, service, or repairs.