

## Power Chair or Scooter: Which is Right for You?

To determine whether a Power Chair or Scooter is the best solution for your needs, you should consider your physical condition and abilities, where you will use the equipment and your personal safety.





## **Powerchairs**

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Steering	Joystick Steering. Provides maximum control with minimal arm or hand strength. Armrests offer more support for arms and hands.	User Control	Handlebar Steering. Requires extensive use of arms, greater upper body strength and wider range of motion.	
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Seating	Adjustable Seating. Comfortable seat with a contoured back and adjustable height, armrests and seat back angle delivers all-day comfort.		Limited Seat Adjustmen ts. Low-back seat is less appropriate for extended daily use. Does not recline. Cannot be adapted to fit changes in your condition over time.	2-3
Controls	Customized Controls. Programmable to fit your unique abilities, needs and comfort level.	Attendant Control (Carer Only	Standard Controls. Cannot be programmed to fit your unique needs.	TOTAL STATE OF THE
Location	Indoor/Outdoor		Outdoor Use	

Turning Radius	Turning Radius	Minimum	
	can be as Small as	32"	
	18". Offers tight	Turning	
	turning in small	Radius.	
	spaces, narrow	Requires	
	hallways and	more space	
	bathrooms.	to	
		maneuver.	
		Cannot turn	
		tightly.	
		Often	
		requires 3-	
		point turns.	

Maneuverability	Highly Maneuverable. Able to pull up to a table or desk. Allows for easy transfers to toilets, beds, chairs, etc	Less Maneuvera ble. Non- removable tiller on front of unit hinders ability to pull up to a table or desk, or transfer safely to toilets, beds, chairs, etc.	
Stability	Six-Wheel Stability. Anti-tip wheels and enhanced suspension for traveling over thresholds and other uneven surfaces.	3-wheel design requires more even surfaces for optimal stability and performance . Has an increased risk of tipping over.	

