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1 Preface

Congratulations! You are now owner of a Vermeiren rollator!

Thank you for your trust in the products of Vermeiren. To support you on the use of this rollator and its operating options, this manual is offered. Please read it carefully; it will help you to get familiar with the operation, capabilities and limitations of your rollator.

If you still have questions after reading this manual, do not hesitate to contact your specialist dealer. He/she will be glad to help you.

Important note

To ensure your safety and to prolong the lifetime of your product, please take good care of it and have it checked and serviced on a regular basis.

This manual reflects the latest product developments. Vermeiren has the right to implement changes to this type of product without any obligation to adapt or replace similar products previously delivered.

Pictures of the product are used to clarify the instructions in this manual. Details of the depicted product may deviate from your product.

Information available

On our website, <http://www.vermeiren.com/>, you will always find the most recent version of the information in this manual. Please consult this website regularly for possible updates.

Visually impaired people can download the electronic version of this manual and have it read out by means of a text-to-speech software application.

2 Your product



1. Handgrip
2. Brake lever
3. Underarm support
4. Backrest
5. Storage bag
6. Seat
7. Front wheel
8. Rear wheel
9. Brake cable
10. Tipping aid
11. Reflectors
12. Identification plate

3 Before use

3.1 Upon delivery

Unpack your product and verify if the delivery is complete. The following items should be included:

- Base frame with seat, front and rear section;
- Front wheels with support;
- Rear wheels with support and brake cable connection;
- Handgrips with brakes;
- Storage bag;
- Manual.

Verify your product for transport damage. If you find any damages after delivery, contact the transporter.

3.2 Intended use

Indications and contraindications: The rollator is meant as support of the leg function during walking. Do not use the rollator if you have other physical limitations that may cause unsafe use of your rollator, like a weak arm, balance disorders, impaired vision, limb loss, ...

The rollator is designed and produced solely to be used as walking aid for one person with a maximum weight of 200 kg.

The rollator will compensate the lack of adequate support by the legs by leaning on, or moving with, the rollator with usage of the upper limbs or chest. The rollator will provide better stability, support and safety during walking.

The rollator can be used indoors and outdoors.

It is not intended for transport of goods and/or more people than the user. It is also not intended to be used as a transport aid while sitting down.

It should only be used on surfaces where all four wheels are touching the ground. Do not use the rollator on rocky, bumpy or sandy terrain, or places with a steep inclination. The rollator may become unstable. Look for flat, stable areas, and bevelled kerbs to walk with your rollator.

The warranty on this product is based on normal use and maintenance as described in this manual. Damage to your product caused by improper use or lack of maintenance will cause the warranty to lapse.

Please check all technical details and limits of your rollator in §7.

3.3 Safety instructions

 CAUTION **Risk of injuries**

Please read and follow the instructions in this manual. Otherwise you may get injured, or your rollator may get damaged.

- Check that no stones or other objects block the wheels of the rollator.
- Make sure that both brake levers are in parking mode before you use the rollator as aid to stand up. When you are standing


comfortable and stable, you can unlock the parking brakes.


- While walking, keep both hands on the handgrips.
- Be aware that some parts of your rollator may get very hot or cold due to ambient temperature, solar radiation, heating devices, etc. Be careful when touching.
- Before every use, check that the height adjustments are firmly secured, see §4.4.
- Do not hold the handgrips with wet hands. If you do so, you can lose your grip and lose your balance.
- Do not proceed with your rollator into traffic. Always stay on the pavement.
- Take note of the instructions for care and service. The manufacturer is not liable for damage caused by improper servicing / care.

i Be aware that your rollator may interfere with some types of anti-theft systems, depending on the settings used. This may cause the shop's alarm to go off.

3.4 Symbols on the rollator

i Identification plate is located beneath the left handgrip at the inner side of the base frame

 Maximum weight of user in kg

 Type designation

3.5 Shipping and storage

The shipping and storage of the rollator should happen according to the technical specifications in §7. Make sure that the rollator is stored dry.

Provide sufficient covering or packaging to protect the rollator from rust and foreign bodies (e.g. salt water, sea air, sand, dust).

Make sure no objects are stored on or against the rollator to prevent damage.

4 Assembly/disassembly and adjustments


CAUTION
Risk of injuries

Assemble the rollator completely, before adjusting its height.

4.1 Assembly

4.1.1 Mounting the front and rear wheels


CAUTION
Risk of falling

- Always set the four wheels to the same height.
- When mounting the front wheels, make sure they are installed on the correct side. The wheel axles must be vertical, see illustration.

i When mounting the rear wheels, check that the brake cable connection (4) is positioned to the inside of the rollator.

1. Put the rollator on the front/back.
2. Press and hold the spring button (1) on the wheel support.
3. Slide the wheel support (2) into the frame tube (3) until the spring button pops out of the desired adjustment hole.
4. Repeat for the other wheels. Make sure that all four wheels are well secured.



4.1.2 Mounting the handgrips

1. Place the rollator on four wheels. Make sure that it is standing stable.
2. Push and hold the spring button (5) on the handgrip.
3. Slide the handgrip into the frame tube (6) until the spring button pops out of the desired adjustment hole.

4. Repeat for the second handgrip. Make sure that both handgrips are well secured, and that they are set to the same height.
5. Insert the star knob (7) in the top hole on each side for extra rigidity.



Cable clamps

To prevent the cable from being trapped between moving parts of the rollator, secure the brake cable to the frame using the cable clamp (8).

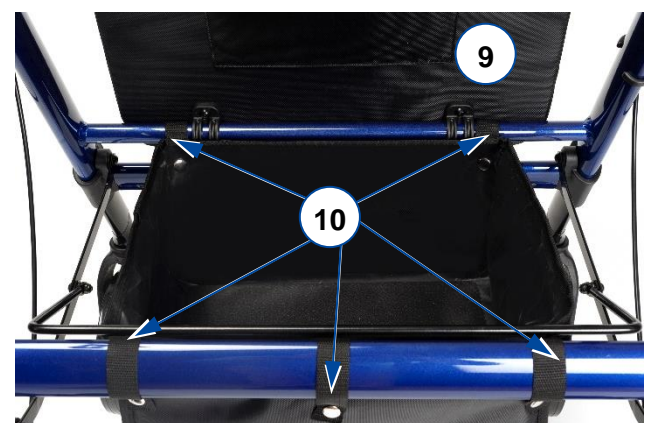


4.1.3 Mounting the storage bag


CAUTION
Risk of falling

Do not overload the storage bag.

The maximum carrying weight of the storage bag can be found in §7.



The storage bag is meant to be mounted below the seat, on the two horizontal tubes on which the seat rests.

1. Fold the seat (9) open.
2. Mount the storage bag on the frame tubes with the five snap fasteners (10).
3. Fold the seat down again.

4.1.4 Mounting/Removing the backrest

Removing

1. Turn the locks on both sides of the backrest to “open” position [A] by turning the lever (11).
2. Slide the backrest upwards and remove.




Mounting

1. Make sure that the locks on both sides of the backrest are placed to “open” position [A].
2. Slide the backrest sides on the support (12), as far down as possible.
3. Adjust the locks on both sides of the backrest to “lock” position [B] by turning the lever (11). Make sure that the backrest is well secured into position before sitting down!



4.1.5 Handgrip position

 CAUTION Risk of falling

Do not exceed the maximum range as marked on the handgrip support.

The position of the handgrips can be steplessly adjusted to suit the user's needs. To make adjustment easier, 5 positions have been marked on the handgrip support (13).

1. Loosen the lever (14) below the underarm support.
2. Slide the handgrip forward/backward until the desired position.
3. Tighten the lever.
4. Repeat for the other handgrip and make sure that the handgrips are well secured.



4.2 Disassembly

CAUTION

Risk of damage

Pay attention to the position of the brake cables. Don't pull the handgrips too high to prevent damage to the brake cable.

The disassembly of the rollator is conducted in reverse order to the assembly:

1. Storage bag: Open snap fasteners (10) and remove the bag.
2. Cable clamp (8) (2x): Carefully pull from the frame tube.
3. Handgrip with brake lever (2x): Remove the star knob. Press and hold the spring button (5), and pull the handgrip out of the frame.
4. Front and rear wheels (4x): Press and hold the spring button (1), and pull the wheel out of the frame.

4.3 Mounting the walking stick holder (optional)

1. Click the cup (15) onto the provided support on the lower rear frame.
2. Remove the screw (16) from the top frame and place the screw that is delivered with the walking stick holder in its place.
3. Place the clip with nut on the other side of the screw, and tighten firmly.



4.4 Height adjustments

CAUTION Risk of falling or tipping over

Always set the four wheels to the same height.

- The rollator can be altered in height by adjusting the handgrips (5 positions, in steps of 25 mm)
- The seat can be altered in height by adjusting the front wheels and rear wheels (5 positions, in steps of 25 mm).

To adjust either of these:

1. Press and hold the spring button.
2. Slide the wheel or handgrip up/down in the frame tube to the desired height, until the spring button pops out of the corresponding adjustment hole.
3. Make sure that the spring button is well secured.
4. Insert the star knob in the top hole to extra secure the handgrip.

Make sure that

- both handgrips have been set to the same height.
- all 4 wheels have been set to the same height.

5 Using your rollator

5.1 Brake system

CAUTION Risk of falling.

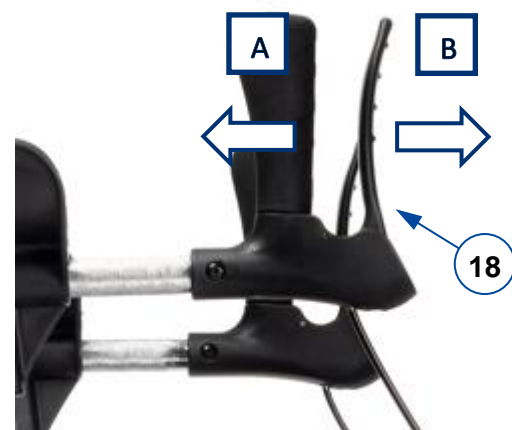
Check the working of the brakes to ensure your safety. The condition of the brakes is influenced by wear, oil and other contamination of the rear wheels and braking mechanism.

The rollator is equipped with brakes, operated by two brake levers (18). The brake levers operate in two modes: running brakes and parking brakes.

CAUTION Risk of damage

Do not push the rollator too hard while using the running brakes. This may cause damage to the tyres or brakes.

- To use the running brakes, pull both brake levers (18) simultaneously [A] in a squeezing motion. To stop braking, release the brake levers.
- To use the parking brakes, push both brake levers (18) away from the handgrip in locked position [B]. Always use both parking brakes simultaneously. To end the parking mode, pull both brake levers simultaneously upwards.



5.2 Unfolding / folding

CAUTION Risk of entrapment

Keep fingers, buckles, jewellery and clothes away from the folding mechanism.

CAUTION Risk of falling

Check that the rollator is completely open and that the frame is locked.



5.2.1 Unfolding rollator

1. Push both brake levers down to parking position, see §5.1.
2. Place the rollator with four wheels on the ground while holding the frame tubes.
3. Pull the front (19) and rear (20) frame tubes apart, and push the bars of the folding mechanism (21) as far down as possible. Prevent your fingers from being trapped in the mechanism!
4. Fold down the seat.
5. Mount the backrest, see §4.1.4.

5.2.2 Folding rollator

1. Stand behind the rollator.
2. Push both brake levers down to parking position, see §5.1.
3. Fold the seat upward.
4. Empty the storage bag.
5. Pull the brace (22) upward to close the frame a bit.
6. Close the frame completely by pushing front (19) and rear (20) frame tubes together.
7. Remove the backrest, see §4.1.4.

5.3 Negotiating kerbs



CAUTION

Risk of falling

Take kerbs straight, with both front wheels aligned to the kerb. Keep the rollator nearby.

To make it easier to take small obstacles, such as kerbs, the rollator is equipped with a tipping aid on the two rear wheels.

1. Make sure you are standing stable while holding both handgrips.
2. Use one foot and push on tipping lever (23) to lift the front wheels.
3. Keep the rollator in that position with the handgrips and move slowly forward until the front wheels are on the kerb.
4. Now lift the handgrips and move forward to place the rear wheels on the kerb.
5. When the rollator is standing stable, you can take the kerb yourself.



5.4 Sitting down, standing up and walking



CAUTION

Risk of falling

- **Make sure that both brake levers are in parking position before sitting down, see §5.1. Keep the brake levers in this position until you start walking again. Keep your feet between the rear wheels.**
 - **Do not propel the rollator while seated.**
1. Push both brake levers down to parking position.
 2. Check whether the backrest and seat are turned down and secured into place.
 3. While leaning on the handgrips, turn around and sit down on the seat.
 4. To stand up again, lean on the handgrips and turn around.
 5. Pull both brake levers up and use the running brakes.
 6. Release the brake levers and step forward with the rollator close to your body.

6 Maintenance

i Regular care ensures that your rollator is preserved in a perfectly functional condition. For the maintenance manual, refer to the Vermeiren website: www.vermeiren.com.

6.1 Cleaning

Use a soft, damp cloth and lukewarm water with a mild household soap to clean the rollator. Avoid soaking.

Do not use abrasive cleaning agents to clean.

6.2 Disinfection



CAUTION

Risk of damage

Disinfections may only be undertaken by trained persons. Consult your specialist dealer.

Use a soft, damp cloth and lukewarm water with a mild household disinfectant to clean the rollator.

6.3 Inspection / Service / Repairs

The expected service life of your rollator is 5 years. The lifespan of the rollator is influenced by its use, storage, maintenance, service and cleaning.

Before you resume use of the rollator, it should be inspected on the following points:

- Completeness.
- Folding mechanism: functioning well.
- Bolts and nuts: tightly fastened.
- Brakes: functioning well.
- Wheels (stability, tracking, fixing screws).
In case of regular contact with wires, hair or other residues, the wheels may get blocked. Check regularly that the wheels rotate freely and that they are in good condition.
- Frame (deformation, stability, connections).
- Handgrips (safe locking of height adjustment system, good support of handgrips).
- Seat, backrest and storage bag (wear or damage).

Your rollator is constructed of aluminium and plastic components. We recommend to have your rollator inspected at least once a year,

but the service frequency depends on the frequency and intensity of use. Consult your specialist dealer to make an agreement on service frequency.

Repairs and replacements may only be undertaken by trained persons, and only genuine replacement parts of Vermeiren should be used. Do not hesitate to use the services offered by your specialist dealer. He/she will be glad to assist you regarding any service and repairs.

6.4 Reuse

Before each reuse, have the rollator disinfected, inspected and serviced according to the instructions in §6.2 and §6.3 .

6.5 Disposal at end of life

At end of life, you need to dispose your rollator according to the local environmental legislation. The best way to do so, is to disassemble the rollator to facilitate the transport of recyclable parts.

7 Technical specifications

The technical details below are only valid for this rollator, at standard settings and optimal ambient conditions. Take these details into account during use.

Brand	Vermeiren
Type	Rollator
Model	Goliat Artro

Description	Dimensions
Maximum user weight	200 kg
Maximum weight of storage bag load	5 kg
Overall length	750 mm
Folded length	400 mm
Overall width	650 mm
Folded width	650 mm
Overall height	1140 - 1310 mm
Handgrip height	1140 – 1310 mm
Recommended body height	1650 – 2000 mm
Distance between handgrips	580 mm
Seat height	490 - 560 mm
Seat width	470 mm
Seat depth	410 mm
Total mass - without basket	12,35 kg 12 kg
Wheel diameter	8"
Brakes	Running & parking brakes
Turning width	1050 mm
Max. inclination forwards	15°
Max. inclination backwards	7°
Max. inclination sideways	3,5°
Storage temperature	+5°C - +41°C
Storage humidity	30% - 70%
We reserve the right to introduce technical changes. Measurement tolerance +/- 15 mm / 1,5 kg / 1,5°.	



Service registration form

This product (name):

was inspected (I), serviced (S), repaired (R) or disinfected (D):

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Instructions for specialist dealer

This instruction manual is part and parcel of the product and must accompany every product sold.

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