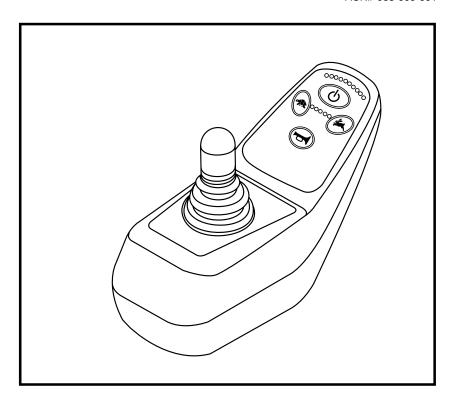
# BASIC OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

# FLIGHT<sup>™</sup> Controller

ACN# 088 609 661





# INFORMATION LABELING

The symbols below are used throughout this owner's manual and on the power chair to identify warnings and important information. It is very important for you to read them and understand them completely.



WARNING! Indicates a potentially hazardous condition/ situation. Failure to follow designated procedures can cause either personal injury, component damage, or malfunction. On the product, this icon is represented as a black symbol on yellow triangle with black border.



MANDATORY! These actions should be performed as specified. Failure to perform mandatory actions can cause personal injury and/or equipment damage. On the product, this icon is represented as a white symbol on a blue dot with a white border.



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Read and follow the information in the owner's manual.



Avoid exposure to rain, snow, ice, salt, or standing water whenever possible. Maintain and store in a clean and dry condition.



Disposal and recycling - Contact your authorized Pride Provider for information on proper disposal and recycling of your Pride product and its packaging.

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#### INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to Pride Mobility Products Corporation (Pride). The product you have purchased combines state-of-the-art components with **safety**, comfort, and styling in mind. We are confident that the design features will provide you with the conveniences you expect during your daily activities. Understanding how to **safely** operate and care for this product should bring you years of trouble free operations and service.

**Read** and **follow** all instructions, warnings, and notes in this manual and all other accompanying literature before attempting to operate this product for the first time. In addition, your **safety** depends upon you, as well as your provider, caretaker, or healthcare professional in using good judgement.

This manual is to be used in addition to the power base owner's manual that came with your power chair. If there is any information in this manual which you do not understand, or if you require additional assistance for setup or operation, please contact your authorized Pride Provider. Failure to follow the instructions, warnings, and notes in this manual and those located on your Pride product can result in personal injury and/or product damage and will void Pride's product warranty.

# **PURCHASER'S AGREEMENT**

By accepting delivery of this product, you promise that you will not change, alter, or modify this product or remove or render inoperable or unsafe any guards, shields, or other safety features of this product; fail, refuse, or neglect to install any retrofit kits from time to time provided by Pride to enhance or preserve the safe use of this product.

#### INFORMATION EXCHANGE

We want to hear your questions, comments, and suggestions about this manual. We would also like to hear about the safety and reliability of your new Pride product, and about the service you received from your authorized Pride Provider. Please notify us of any change of address, so we can keep you apprised of important information about safety, new products, and new options that can increase your ability to use and enjoy your Pride product.

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My authorized Pride Provider Is:

NOTE: If you ever lose or misplace your product registration card or your copy of this manual, contact us and we will be glad to send you a new one immediately.

Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:		
Purchase Date: _		

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#### FLIGHT CONTROLLER

The FLIGHT Controller is a modular electronic controller system that allows you to operate your power chair. It is designed to allow the user to have complete control over chair movement and speed.

The controller has been pre-programmed to meet a typical user's needs. The program is set using either a personal computer with software provided by the controller manufacturer or with a hand-held programmer, also provided by the controller manufacturer.



WARNING! The controller program can affect speed, acceleration, deceleration, dynamic stability, and braking. If it is programmed incorrectly or outside of the safe limits as determined by your healthcare professional, it can create a dangerous situation. Only the power chair manufacturer, an authorized representative of the manufacturer, or a trained service technician should program the controller.

#### PRECAUTIONARY GUIDELINES

Before operating the FLIGHT Controller, please read the following. These guidelines are provided for your benefit and will aid you in the safe operation of the controller system.

- Turn off the power to the controller when transferring to or from your power chair
- Follow all of the procedures and heed the warnings as explained in your power chair owner's manual.

Failure to heed the above warnings can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage.

# Electromagnetic and Radio Frequency Interference (EMI/RFI)



WARNING! Laboratory tests have shown that electromagnetic and radio frequency waves can have an adverse affect on the performance of electrically-powered mobility vehicles.

Electromagnetic and Radio Frequency Interference can come from sources such as cellular phones, mobile two-way radios (such as walkie-talkies), radio stations, TV stations, amateur radio (HAM) transmitters, wireless computer links, microwave signals, paging transmitters, and medium-range mobile transceivers used by emergency vehicles. In some cases, these waves can cause unintended movement or damage to the control system. Every electrically-powered mobility vehicle has an immunity (or resistance) to EMI. The higher the immunity level, the greater the protection against EMI. This product has been tested and has passed at an immunity level of  $20 \, \text{V/m}$ .

WARNING! Be aware that cell phones, two-way radios, laptops, and other types of radio transmitters may cause unintended movement of your electrically-powered mobility vehicle due to EMI. Exercise caution when using any of these items while operating your mobility vehicle and avoid coming into close proximity of radio and TV stations.



WARNING! The addition of accessories or components to the electrically-powered mobility vehicle can increase the susceptibility of the vehicle to EMI. Do not modify your power chair in any way not authorized by Pride.

WARNING! The electrically-powered mobility vehicle itself can disturb the performance of other electrical devices located nearby, such as alarm systems.

NOTE: For further information on EMI/RFI, go to the Resource Center on www.pridemobility.com. If unintended motion or brake release occurs, turn your controller off as soon as it is safe to do so. Call Pride or your authorized Pride Provider to report the incident.

# **FLIGHT Controller Features**

Figure 1 provides information on the FLIGHT components and connections. Use this diagram to familiarize yourself with the function and location of each component before using the FLIGHT Controller.

The following functions are available with the FLIGHT Controller:

# Joystick Control

The joystick is used to control the direction and speed of the power chair.

#### Speed Adjustment

The user can increase or decrease the maximum speed of the power chair.

# ■ Sleep Mode

This feature is designed to preserve battery charge, and can be disabled through programming.

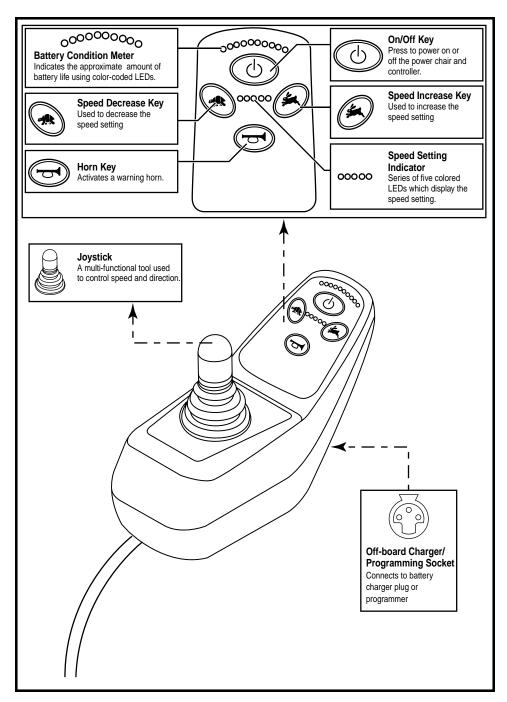


Figure 1. FLIGHT Components and Connections

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# **OPERATING THE FLIGHT CONTROLLER**

The FLIGHT Controller is used to operate your power chair and all of its components.

The FLIGHT controller consists of (see figure 2):

- 1. joystick
- 2. keypad
- 3. off-board charger/programming socket
- 4. controller connector
- 5. power module

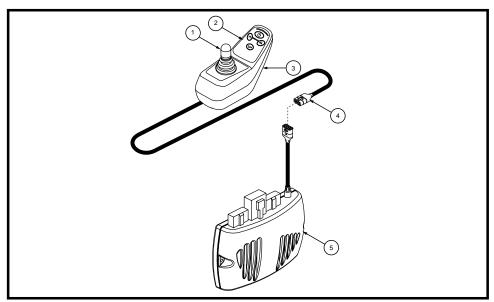


Figure 2. FLIGHT Controller

# **Joystick Control**

The joystick controls the direction and speed of your power chair. When you move the joystick from the neutral (center) position, the electromagnetic brakes release and allow your power chair to move. The farther you push the joystick from its neutral position, the faster your power chair moves. When you release the joystick and allow it to return to the neutral position, you engage the electromagnetic brakes. This causes your power chair to decelerate and come to a complete stop.

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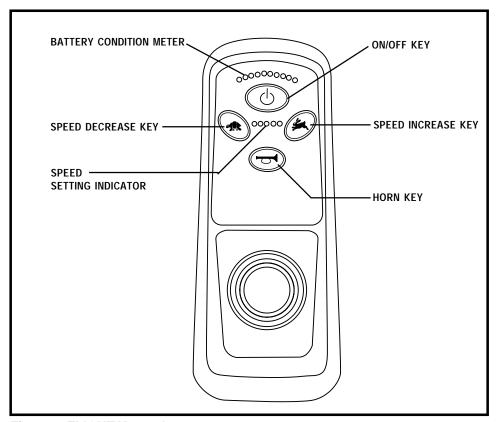


Figure 3. FLIGHT Keypad

# **Keypad**

The keypad is located directly in front of the joystick. It contains keys that you will use to control your power chair. See figure 2.

# On/Off Key

The on/off key turns the system on and off.



WARNING! Unless faced with an emergency situation, do not use the on/off key to stop the chair. This will cause the power chair to stop abruptly.

WARNING! Always turn the power off when you are stationary to prevent unexpected movement.

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#### **Battery Condition Meter**

The battery condition meter consists of ten lights arranged in an arc over the on/off key. As the battery voltage drops, the number of lights reduces from right to left. When the battery capacity drops to 10% or below, the left red LED will flash.

- **Left Red LED Flashing:** Battery charge is low; charge the batteries as soon as possible.
- **Right-to-Left Ripple of LEDs:** FLIGHT is in lock mode; unlock the FLIGHT.
- Left-to-Right Ripple of LEDs Alternating with Steady Display: FLIGHT is in programming, inhibit, or charging mode.
- **Right Green LED Flashing:** FLIGHT is in speed limit mode.
- All LEDs Flashing Continuously: The joystick was not in the neutral position when the controller was turned on. If you get "all LEDs flashing continuously," turn off the controller, allow the joystick to return to the neutral position, then turn on the controller.
- All LEDs Flashing Quickly (Code): The FLIGHT has detected a fault; refer to the Error Code table.

# **Speed Keys**

There are two keys that control the speed. Press the speed increase key to increase the speed. Press the speed decrease key to decrease the speed. The speed setting is displayed on the speed setting indicator. If your power chair was programmed with a drive profile, contact your authorized Pride Provider for more information.

NOTE: We recommend that the first few times you operate your power chair, you set the speed to the slowest setting until you become familiar with your new power chair.

#### Horn Key

The horn key activates a warning horn.

#### CONTROLLER CONNECTOR

This connects the FLIGHT to the power module located on the power base.

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#### OFF-BOARD CHARGER/PROGRAMMING SOCKET

You may use an off-board charger to charge the power chair batteries through the 3-pin socket located on the front of the FLIGHT. If you use an off-board charger, the charger current should not exceed 8 amps. Contact your authorized Pride Provider for more information.



WARNING! Only chargers with Neutrik NC3MX plugs should be connected to the off-board charger/programming socket. See your authorized Pride Provider for more information.

NOTE: The socket may also be used for reprogramming the FLIGHT. Contact your authorized Pride Provider for more information.

# **LOCK MODE**

The Flight controller is equipped with a feature that enables you to "lockout" unauthorized users.

#### To lock the FLIGHT controller:

- 1. While the power is on, press and hold the on/off key for 2 seconds. The display will turn off immediately. After 2 seconds, all LEDs will flash briefly and the horn will sound a short beep.
- 2. The FLIGHT controller is now locked.

#### To unlock the FLIGHT controller:

- 1. While the FLIGHT is locked, press the on/off key to turn on the FLIGHT. All LEDs will flash briefly. The LEDs will then slowly ripple from right to left.
- 2. Press the horn key twice before the LED ripple has completed, approximately 10 seconds. The FLIGHT is now unlocked.

# **SLEEP MODE (IF ENABLED)**

The power chair controller features a sleep mode. Sleep mode is a built-in circuit that will automatically shut off the main power if the joystick is not moved in any direction for a period of time. This time factor is programmed into the controller. To restore power and continue, push any key on the keypad.

# **ERROR CODES**

The battery condition meter will flash error codes when the FLIGHT controller detects an abnormal condition in the electrical system. All of the battery condition meter LEDs will flash a number of times quickly, then pause, then flash again. The battery condition meter will continue to flash the error codes until the problem is fixed. The table below identifies the individual error codes. If any of these error codes persist or if you experience any other problem with your power chair, contact your authorized Pride Provider.

<b>Error Code</b>	Probable Cause	Possible Solution
1	Possible stall timeout or user error	Release the joystick.
2	Battery Fault	Check the batteries and cables. Try to charge the batteries. The batteries may need to be replaced.
3	Left Motor fault	Check the left motor, connections, and cabling.
4	Right Motor Fault	Check the right motor, connections, and cabling.
5	Left Park Brake Fault	Check the left park brake, connections, and cabling.
6	Right Park Brake Fault	Check the right park brake, connections, and cabling.
7	FLIGHT Controller Module Fault	Check the communications connections and wiring.
8	FLIGHT Power Module Fault	Check the communications connections and wiring.
9	FLIGHT Communications Fault	Check the communications connections and wiring.
10	Unknown Fault	Contact your authorized Pride Provider.
11	Incompatible Controller Fault	Contact your authorized Pride Provider.

# **CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

Refer to your power chair owner's manual for proper cleaning and disposal instructions.

#### **WARRANTY**

For two (2) years from the date of purchase, Pride will repair or replace at our option to the original purchaser, free of charge, the controller or any of its components found upon examination by an authorized representative of Pride to be defective in material and/or workmanship.

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