

AIR TRAVEL WITH A MOBILITY SCOOTER FITTED WITH LITHIUM ION (LI-ION) BATTERIES

The IATA (International Air Transport Association) oversees which batteries can be taken onboard aeroplanes. Special Allowance is made for Medical Mobility Devices Accompanying *Handicapped Passengers. This allowance permits one main battery of up to 300Wh. In addition, one spare battery of up to 300Wh or two 160Wh spares.

All lithium-ion batteries must be tested per UN38.3 by an internationally recognized facility, and this must be displayed on the battery. **Most airlines adhere to the IATA guidelines, but a few, mostly small, airlines deviate and allow only one 160Wh battery.

Batteries must be placed in a suitable case and taken into the cabin of the plane. They are not permitted in the hold of the plane.

(Battery capacity is determined by multiplying Volts (V) by Ampere-hours (Ah) to get Watt-hours (Wh), which has been adopted as the measure for air transport).

Before you travel you **must** contact each airline you are considering travelling with and explain that you will be travelling with a mobility scooter fitted with lithium-ion batteries. Although each airline adheres to the IATA rules, they may also have their own additional rules.

Full details can be found on the IATA website;

<https://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Documents/mobility-aid-guidance-document-2019-en.pdf>

Air New Zealand Travelling with lithium batteries;

<https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/travelling-with-lithium-batteries>

**(the IATA's word choice, not ours).*

** Prior to traveling with any mobility scooter, you must consult with your travel agent and the airline as different countries may be subject different regulations. All information in this guide is given in good faith by Mobility Plus Ltd. Full details of air travel can be found on the IATA website.