

TRAVEL MOBILITY SCOOTERS BUYERS GUIDE

Travel Mobility Scooters can be broken into two distinctive types; Disassemble and Folding. Each type has its benefits and drawbacks. You will need to decide which type is going to work best for you. To help you decide which type will best suit your needs, we have given some basic information below. Once you have decided which type is most appropriate then you will be able to choose which model (disassemble or folding) will suit your needs best.

Disassemble Travel Mobility Scooters

This type of mobility scooter has been around for many years. They tend to be larger, heavier and more capable than the newer folding mobility scooters - on the downside, they need to be disassembled into parts when you want to travel.

The Benefits

- Some have bigger wheels and better ground clearance
- The heaviest single part is lighter than a folding travel scooter (Heaviest part no more than 16kg)
- Greater user weight rating some models up to 170KG
- Sealed lead acid battery replacement is cheaper

The drawbacks

- Longer and more time consuming to assemble and disassemble each time
- Not easy to travel with on aeroplanes with lead acid batteries
- Bigger footprint so not so great on cruise ships or in tight spaces



Disassembles into 5 pieces for convenient transport

Folding travel mobility scooters

This type of mobility scooter is newer to the market. Their great advantage is that there is no disassembling - you (or your helper) can very simply fold it up - some even come with an electric auto fold and unfold function! The main downside to this type of mobility scooter is the weight. Although advertised as 'lightweight' most are between 20kg and 30kg making them difficult/awkward to lift in and out of the car for the average user.

The Benefits

- Easy to unfold and fold.
- Small footprint. Great on cruise ships.
- Some come with a travel case.
- Longer life Lithium-ion battery.

The drawbacks

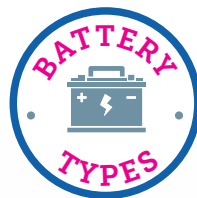
- Can be heavy to lift. Between 20-30kg.
- Lower user weight rating (max 115kg).
- Smaller wheels and less ground clearance. Really best suited to urban areas (shopping malls, airports etc).
- Lithium-ion battery replacement is expensive.

Once you have established whether you want to buy a folding or disassemble travel mobility scooter, you will then be able to start looking at individual models. Although many designs may look the same, the differences for the user will make an obvious difference in how the mobility scooter performs. The best way to choose is to try each model. Here at Mobility Plus we have a great range for you to try on our indoor mobility scooter test track. We can also demonstrate how each model will (or will not!) fit into the boot of your car.

* 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.



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