

Shower Safety

Your Freedom portable shower safety is important to us. Please read and follow safety instructions below:

- Plug into a grounded 3-prong outlet only. (*Fig. 1*)
- Do not remove ground prong.
- Do not use an adapter.
- Use 3 wire extension cords if necessary.
- Unplug unit before doing any servicing.
- Remember that disposal water is not sanitary. Place the water disposal tube directly into drain, and sanitize disposal area after use. (*Fig. 2*)
- Make sure space is big enough for care attendant to move around the outside of the shower.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Operating Instructions & Setup

Your portable wheelchair shower comes packed fully assembled and ready for use. No tools are required. Your shower sets up in less than 5 minutes and weighs less than 30 pounds. The best location is in the kitchen of your home or in an area where both hot and cold water resources are available as well as a drain for removing the waste water.

Ensure that you have open space around all sides of the shower. You may slide the back of the shower closer to the water source during setup, but you should allow approximately three (3) feet of space in front and on the sides of the shower. This ensures easy patient access for family members or care attendants.

After unpacking your Freedom shower, stand the unit upright on its support legs. The white rubber protection pads on each of the support legs should be on the floor. (*Fig. 3*)

Pull the right shower wall toward you until it opens to a 90 degree angle (*Fig.4*) Do the same with the left shower wall until it opens to a 90 degree angle as well (*Fig.5*).



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Your portable wheelchair shower should now be set up in a horseshoe configuration with the dark blue shower pan facing you.

Your portable wheelchair shower comes with a dark blue vinyl water collection pan that is attached to the rear wall of your portable shower. A Velcro® strip is wrapped around the upper rear tubing arm for shipping / storage. By pulling up on the Velcro® strip, the blue vinyl water collection pan releases to lay flat on the floor between the rear, left and right shower walls. (Fig.6)

Attach the Velcro strips to the lower support tubing on the sides of the shower to hold the pan edges upright. Leave the front open until after the person in the wheelchair is rolled in.

The back of the shower should face your hot/cold water outlets. A flexible water hose for bathing will be attached to the water faucet later during this setup process (included in your kit). A drain source for bath water removal should also be available, as in your kitchen sink.

Your portable wheelchair shower comes with a support arm that is attached to the right shower wall. Make sure that the support arm on the right side of your portable wheelchair shower is lowered to attach to the left shower wall for additional support after the wheelchair is inside the shower stall. In its lowered position, the support arm sits approximately 6 inches off the floor aligned with the support rails for the left and right side walls as well as the back shower wall. **Special note:** *Do not lower the support arm or attach the front water collection pan to the support arm until the wheelchair and person are completely inside the shower (Fig. 7 & 8).*

Additional Velcro® strips are evenly spaced along the blue vinyl water collection pan. These Velcro® strips wrap around the lower support tubing arms located approximately 6 inches off the floor (Fig. 8). Once these Velcro strips are attached, the water collection pan forms a closed in area for the person and wheelchair. Your water collection pan is designed to be raised slightly in front to allow for bath water to flow to the rear of the collection pan for easier removal by your shower's water pump.



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

Note: *As stated earlier, the front support arm should not be lowered or attached to the front of the collection pan until the person and the wheelchair are completely inside the portable shower.*

There is a standard quick connect shower hose with a flow control shower head available for the Freedom showers (*Fig. 12*). This shower hose has a snap-on attachment for the sink faucet, a 15 foot long hose, and a shower head which has a blue adjustment lever which allows for water to be turned on or off at the shower head as well as at the faucet. There are also special water flow options on this shower head.

The shower head can be attached to the moveable bracket, or it can be hand held. The shower head bracket is a 12 inch aluminum section which snaps to the shower frame on one end, and clamps to the shower head on the other end. (*Fig. 11*)

Your Freedom shower's water pump is attached to the rear wall on the right side of your shower approximately 26 inches off the ground. The spun aluminum cap with off/on switch for your water pump is located on the top side of your water pump. **Note:** *By pushing the switch to the up position, the water pump will activate. By pushing down on the switch the water pump will shut off.* (*Fig. 13*)

The water pump has two drain hoses connected to it. The bottom hose going to the collection pan removes the bath water. The open end of the bottom hose should be placed inside the mesh pocket located at the back of the blue shower pan to hold it in place for suctioning the water from the pan (*Fig. 14*). *It is very important to keep this bottom suction hose inside the*

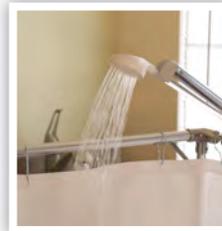


Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

mesh pocket at all times. If the mesh cover collects hair and or other foreign materials, remove it by wiping it up with a paper towel and depositing it in a trash receptacle. **DO NOT** pull the suction hose out of the mesh cover to remove any foreign material through the pump. This could cause the pump to clog and will void the warranty. The top hose allows the waste bath water to drain directly into your kitchen drain or bathroom toilet or any drain system convenient for bath water removal. (Fig. 15)



Fig. 15

The shower curtains are already pre-hung to three sides of the portable wheelchair shower. An additional section for the front curtain is attached to the left side of your portable shower. By unclipping the inside shower clip from the left rear side of the shower wall, the additional section of the curtain can be attached to the front right side shower wall for complete privacy. (Fig. 16)

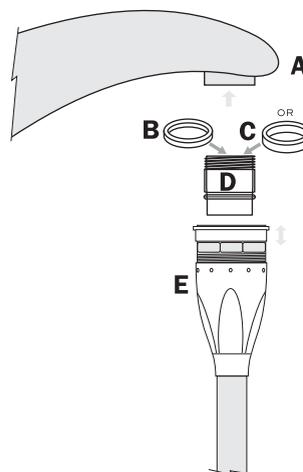


Fig. 16

Note: Make sure that all sides of the shower curtain are placed *inside* the blue drain pan before running water into the shower stall. **2nd note:** Once the person has completed their shower, be sure that the support arm is in the raised or up position and that the front vinyl mat is laying flat in front of their wheelchair's wheels before rolling them out.

One Time Installation:

1. Remove your faucet's aerator from spout (A).
2. If spout is threaded on the outside, place thinner washer only (B) inside enclosed aerator. If spout is threaded on the inside, place thicker washer only (C) inside enclosed aerator.
3. Twist aerator (D) onto the spout (A).



Connect Hose:

4. Snap "quick connector" (E) on aerator by holding down white ring while pushing hose onto aerator.
5. Turn on water. Press sprayer to start water flow.

Disconnect Hose:

6. Turn off water. Disconnect hose by holding down white ring on "quick connector" and pull down to detach hose from aerator.
7. Hold hose end over sink, then elevate sprayer and press sprayer button to drain remaining water in hose.

Electrical Requirements

Your portable wheelchair shower comes with an 11 foot power cord terminated with an automatic ground fault interrupter (GFI) plug. This power supply cord is attached to the shower's water pump and hangs from a plastic storage strap when not in use to keep it dry and safe from damage.



The pump operates on 115 volts AC, 50/60 cycle and draws 1.50 amps. The GFI must be plugged into a 3 wire, *grounded*, 115 volt outlet. The ground path ***must not*** be defeated by the use of a 2 wire cord, a 3 wire to 2 wire adaptor, or the removal of the ground pin.

If a grounded 3 wire outlet is not available, it is the customer's responsibility to have a 3 wire grounded outlet installed. If in doubt, contact a licensed electrical installer to have the proper receptacle installed. All installations must be in conformance with the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, latest edition, and all local codes and ordinances. Copies of the code may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269.

Location

Check the location where your portable wheelchair shower will be installed. Proper installation is your responsibility. Make sure you have everything necessary for correct installation.

The location should provide:

- Grounded electrical outlet within four to six feet of the portable shower unit. Use 3 wire extension cord if necessary.
- Free movement around the portable shower unit, approximately 3 feet around all sides of your wheelchair shower unit and a least 9 feet of space from front to end of your Recliner Shower. (*Fig. 16*)
- Do not install the portable shower unit where the shower curtains will be exposed to heat sources that will raise the panel surface temperature above 120 degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees Celsius).



Fig. 16

Tools Required

- None

Accessory Bag

- The blue mesh utility bag can be used to hold other personal hygiene products, such as shampoo or soap. (*Fig. 17*)



Fig. 17

Ordering Replacement Parts

You may order the following replacement parts for your Freedom portable shower from your local authorized dealer

Freedom Showers 1-877-947-7769

- Shower curtains
- Shower hooks
- Accessory bag
- Drain pan
- Hoses
- Pump



**Enjoy your
Portable shower**