

# WALKER MANUAL - KARIBU



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## **1.- Important**

Read the manual carefully before using this product and keep it in case of need.

If you cannot read or understand any warning, caution or instruction, contact the seller before using the product or you may be at risk of harm.

Consult your physician or orthopaedic specialist before use. They will advise you as to the most appropriate walking technique for you.

## 2.- Icons used on the label and in the manual

	Manufacturer details
	Date of manufacture
	Medical Device
	Observe safety instructions
	Maximum user weight in kg
	Declaration of Conformity
	Caution, danger of entrapment
	Check the user manual
	Product recycling information
	Recycling centre
<b>SN</b>	Product serial number
<b>LOT</b>	Product batch number
<b>REF</b>	Product reference or code

## 3.- Product use

Walkers are aids to help people with walking difficulties and assist them to support themselves and keep their balance while walking.

## 4.- Product description



1. Rubber grip
2. Adjustable grip tube
3. Height adjustment clip
4. Seat
5. Backrest
6. Front wheels
7. Rear wheels
8. Ferrule
9. Folding strip
10. Backrest
11. Bag
12. Basket
13. Legs platen
14. Step pad
15. Legs locking clip
16. Folding hook
17. Brakes platen
18. Locking star
19. Brake-handle adjustament

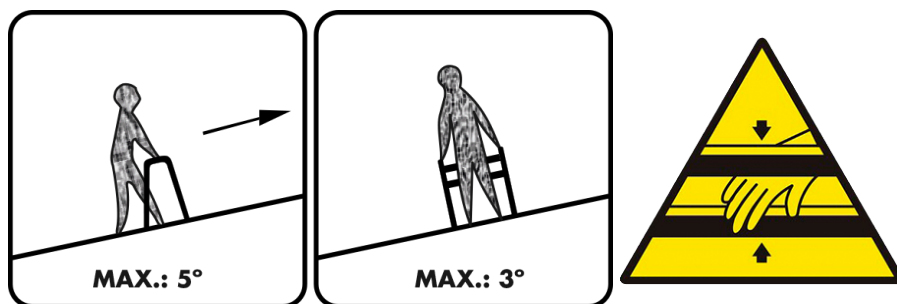
## 5.- Warnings and safety

Failure to follow these safety precautions may result in serious injury.



- Do not exceed the maximum weight limit of 120 kg.
- Make sure all parts are securely fastened and in good working order before using the walker.
- Make sure the walker is completely open and the seat is securely fastened before use.
- Make sure that the two grips are fixed by the adjustment clip and are both at the same height. Check that the walker is stable before putting your full weight on the handles.
- Do not use the seat when the walker is on sloping or uneven ground. Only use the walker on flat, solid surfaces.
- Replace the wheels and ferrules if they are badly worn or damaged.
- Do not use the walker to overcome obstacles of a height above 15cm.
- Do not move the walker while you or another person is sitting on it. This product is a walking aid and should not be used for transporting anything.
- Do not use the walker on stairs or escalators.
- Use only original Forta brand accessories and parts.
- Do not use the walker to walk backwards, in the opposite direction to the direction you are facing.
- Do not make any adjustment or change to the walker while it is in use.
- All wheels and ferrules must be in contact with the ground at all times.
- Do not use the walker to mount curbs or sidewalks.
- Do not use the product on wet, icy or snowy inclines.
- If any part is damaged, broken or worn, contact your distributor for a replacement.

## 6.- Assembly and use

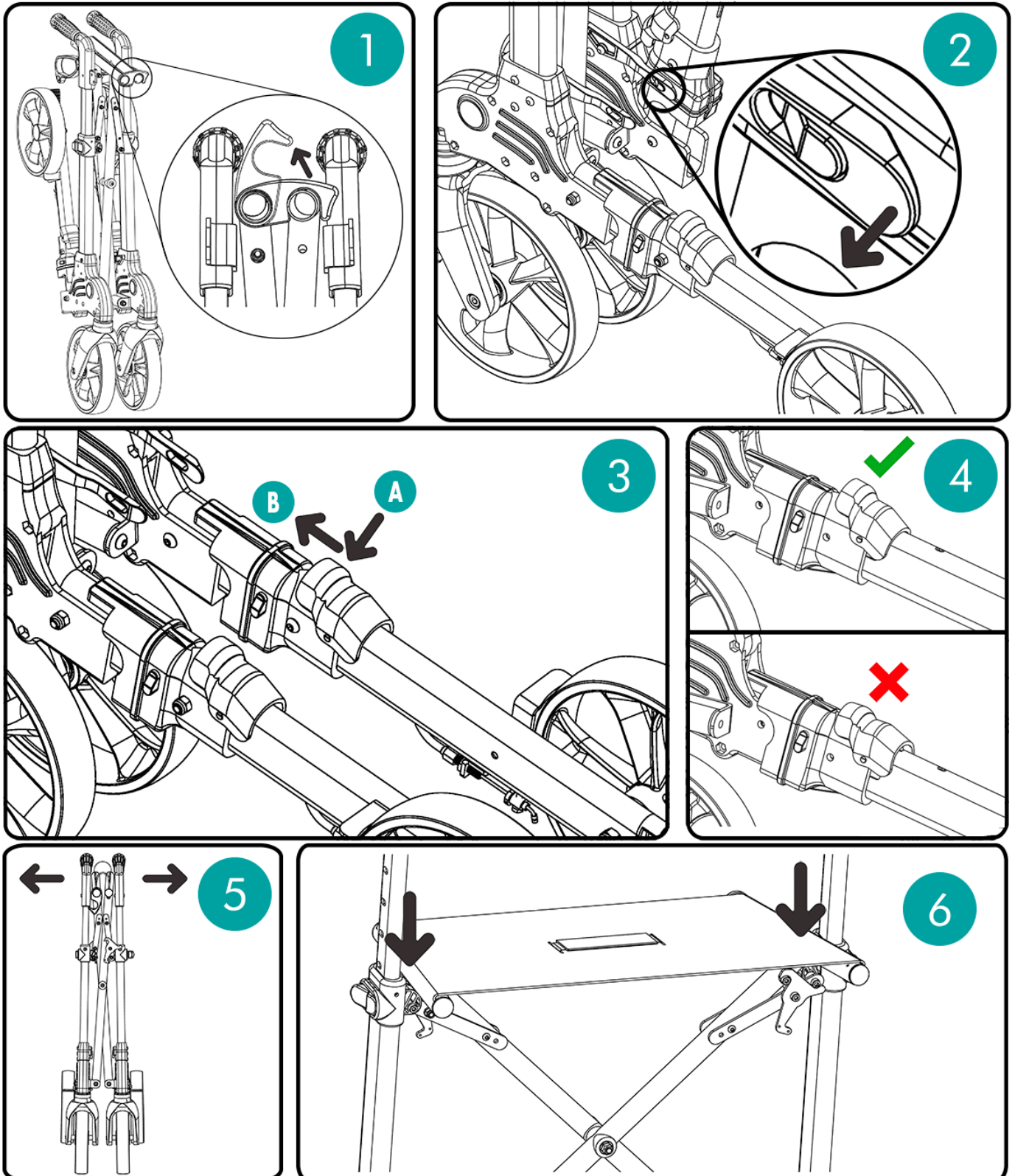


### Folding and unfolding of the walker

To unfold the walker, follow the instructions below:

1. Open the folding hook to allow lateral unfolding.
2. Holding the walker by the handle with one hand, release one of the legs by pulling the folding lock outwards.
3. Secure the leg with the folding lock by pressing it (A) and, then, pushing it towards the front part of the walker (B).
4. Make sure the security leg locking clip is locked. Repeat all previous steps to unfold the other leg.
5. Pull from the handles outwards slightly to allow lateral unfolding of the walker.

6. Using both hands, push downwards by the lateral bars of the crossbar until you hear a click sound indicating the walker is completely unfolded. Check that pulling the bars upwards the walker does not fold to make sure it is fixed correctly.

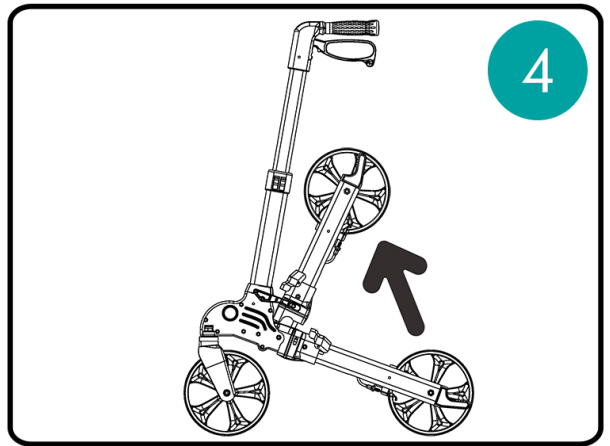
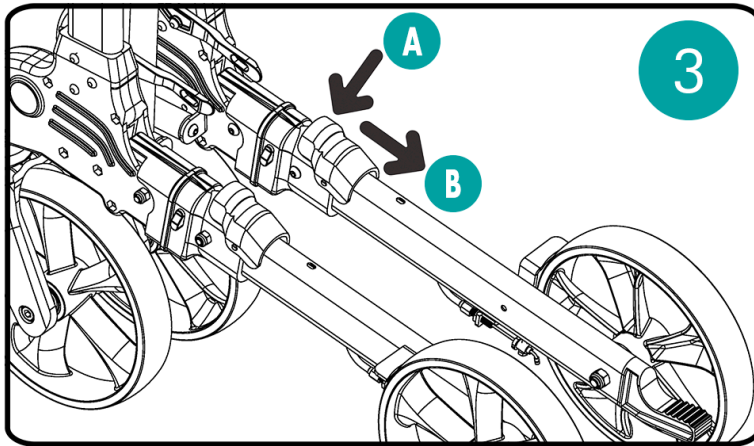
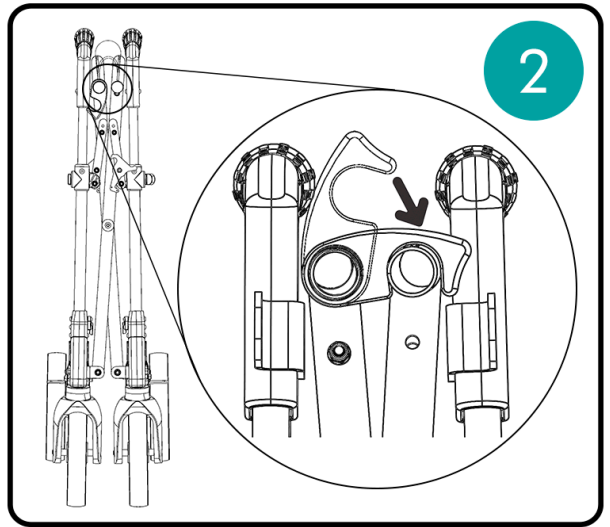
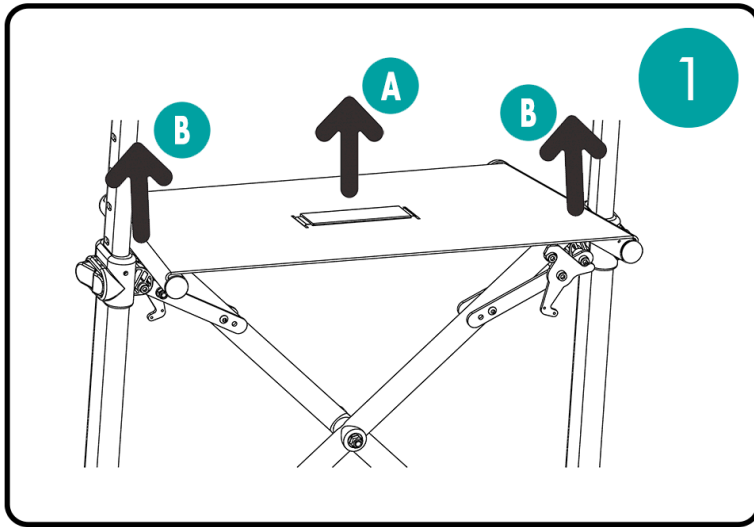


To fold the walker, follow the instructions below:

1. Pull the strap upwards to unlock the crossbar (A). Then, pull from the lateral bars of the crossbar to fold the walker laterally (B).
2. Once the walker is laterally folded, lock it using the locking hook to then securely fold the legs avoiding the unfolding of the walker.



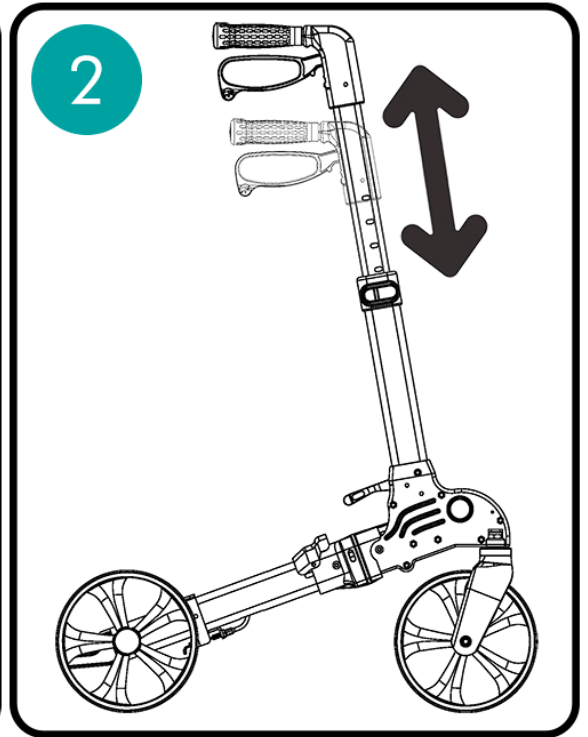
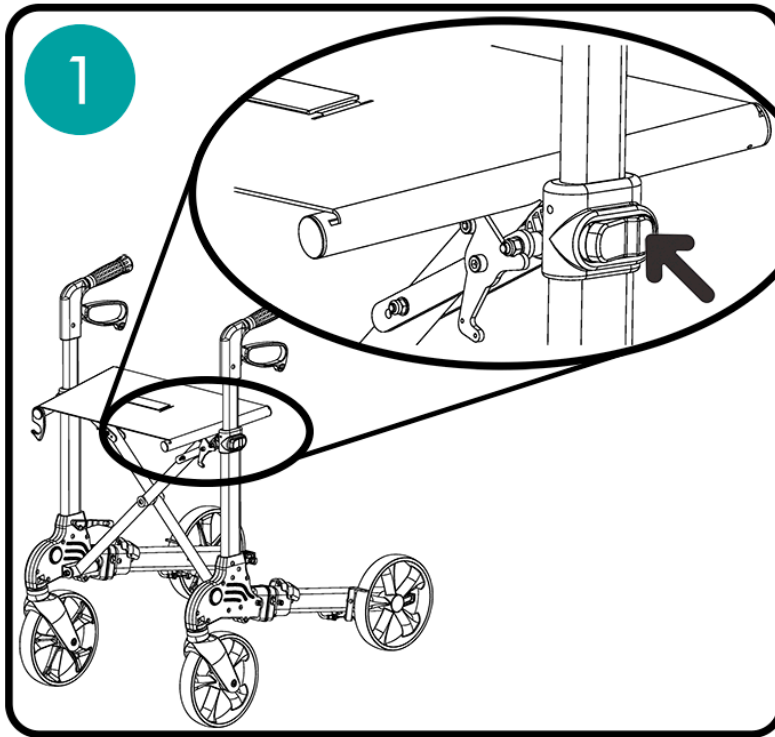
3. Release the security leg locking clip pushing it (A) and pulling backwards (B). Make sure the clip is on the right position.
4. Pull the leg upwards until you hear a click sound when the leg will lock itself automatically. Repeat the previous step and this one to fold the other leg.



### Height adjustment

To adjust the handles height, follow the instructions bellow:

1. Push the clip to release the adjustment tube.
2. Adjust desired height, the clip will lock itself automatically at each adjustment height.

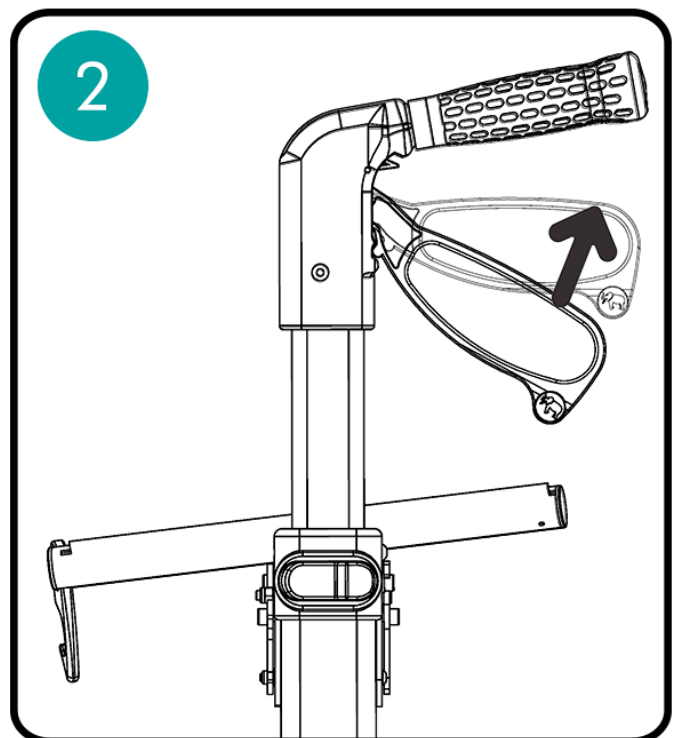
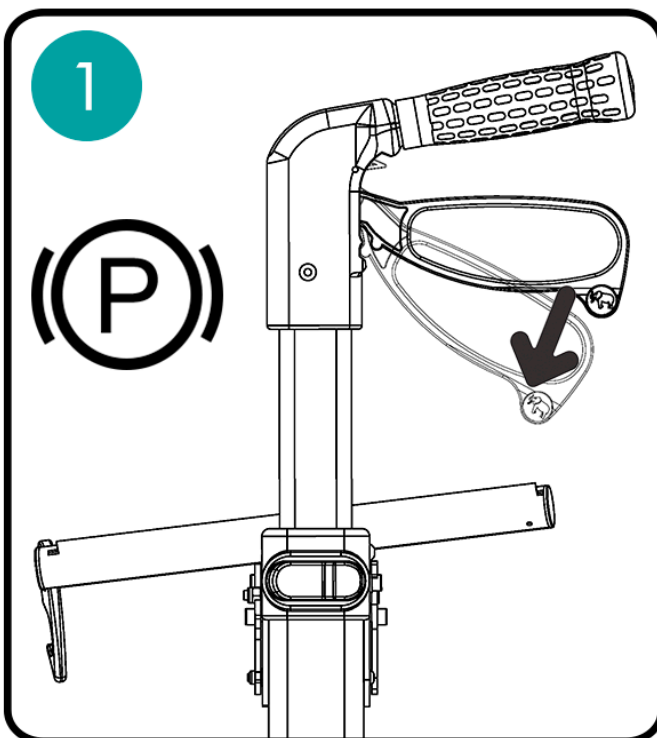


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## Brake handle use

Parking braking:

1. You must lock the braking system (using the Parking braking) before seating on the walker. To do that, push both brake handles downwards until they lock. The walker will be braked.
2. To continue moving, pull both brake handles upwards to release them.

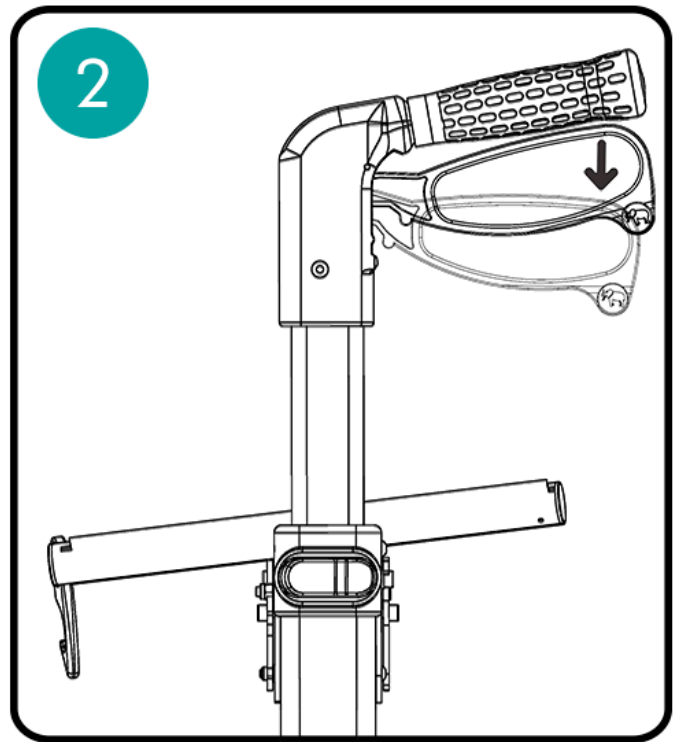
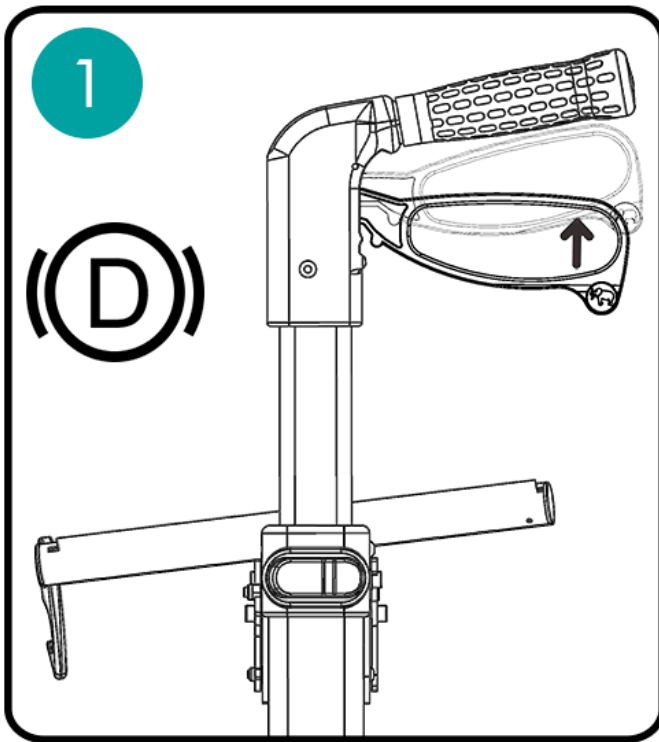


On going braking:

1. To brake or reduce speed while moving, push the handles upwards.

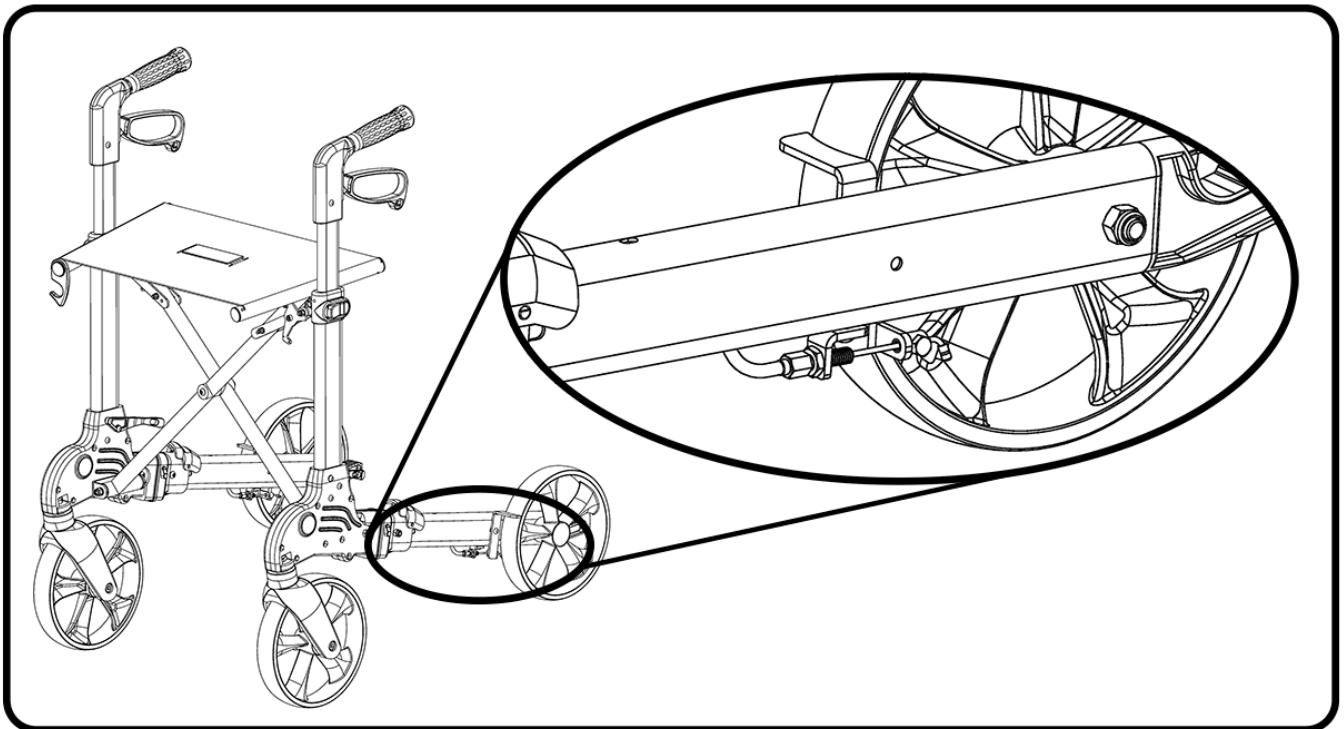


2. To release simply let go of the handles and the walker will move normally.



### Braking system adjustment

This system has an adjustment tensor in each leg (see image). These tensors, with time, must be checked as the cables can lose tension when used. To do that, adjust the nut and make these checks:



- When using the brakes handles check that the wheels are completely locked, as indicated in the *Brake handle use* section above.
- To adjust the cable tension, turn the tensor until finding the desired handle tension.
- Check that the piece that locks the wheels, without pushing the handles, is located at a distance from 2 to 4 cm from the surface of the wheel. If not, adjust it to this distance

using the tensor. With a wrong adjustment of the braking system there may be wheels locks or lack of braking.

- Make sure the piece that locks the wheels is not damaged or curved as this may cause the malfunctioning of the braking system.

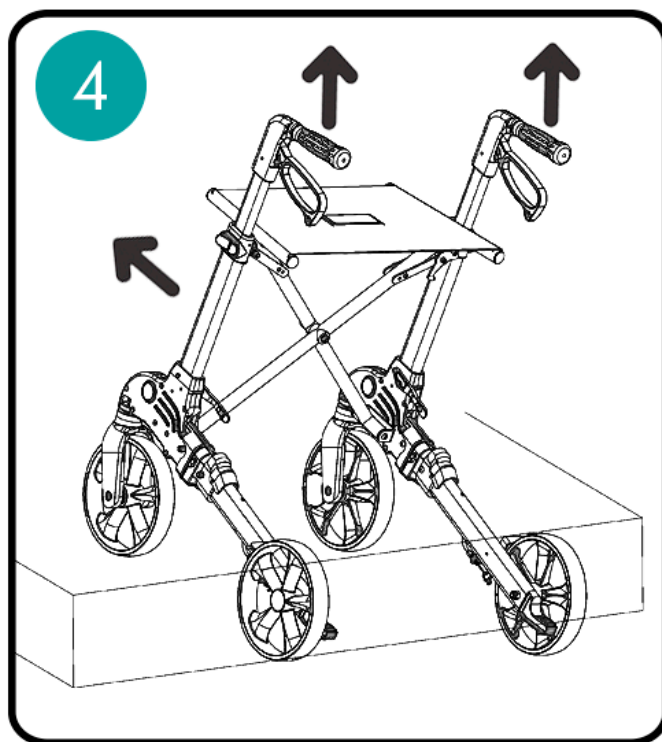
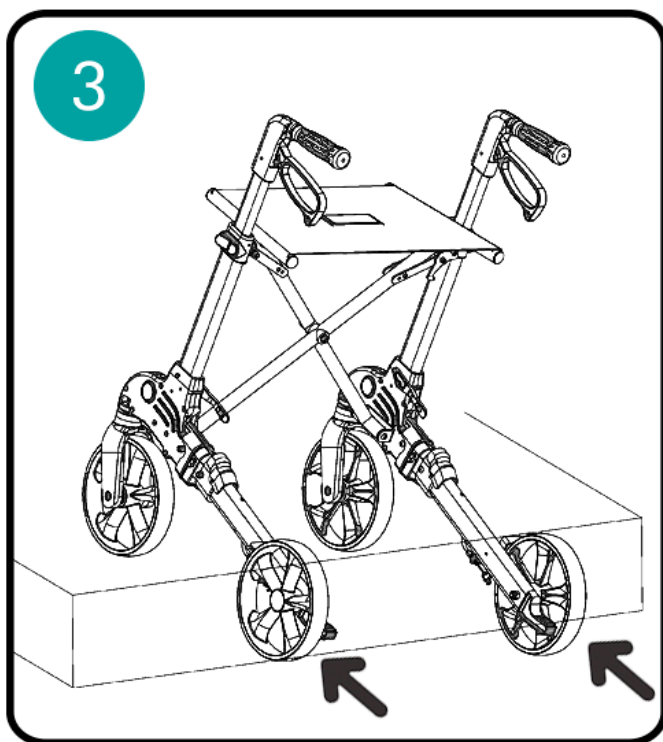
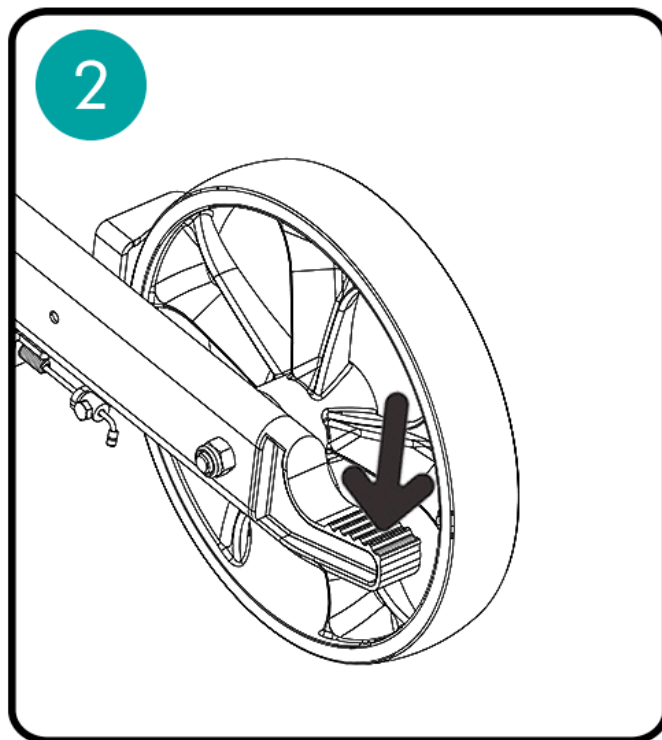
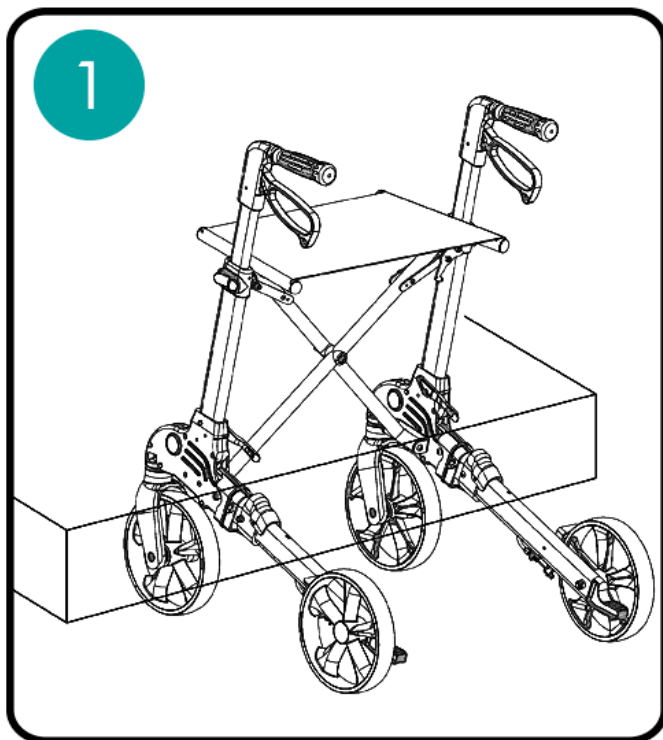
## **Elevation step pad**

Location:

- The elevation step pads are located alongside the rear wheels. The walker has two of these step pads, one on each side.
- When using the step pad, it is important to lean the foot on the rugged part of it to avoid slipping.

Use:

1. Before using the step pad, move the walker to get the front wheels as close to the obstacle to overcome as possible.
2. Put a foot on the step pad and push to elevate the front wheels above the step. Use the brake handles to control the movement of the walker.
3. When the front wheels are on top of the step, push the walker until the rear wheels touch the obstacle to overcome.
4. Elevate the walker from the handles, pushing it forward until the rear wheels overcome the obstacle. Again, use the brake handles to control the movement of the walker.



## 7.- Technical Specifications

Dimensions, load-bearing capacity and weights are listed below:

HEIGHT	LENGTH	WIDTH	FOLDED LENGTH
850 - 960mm	610mm	570mm	260mm
SEAT MEASUREMENTS	HEIGHT TO SEAT	FRONT WHEELS DIAMETER	REAR WHEELS DIAMETER
400x260mm	550mm	150mm	75mm
INSIDE WIDTH		WEIGHT	MAXIMUM LOAD
430mm		4,140kg	120kg

## 8.- Care and maintenance



Failure to care for and maintain the product in perfect condition may lead to the risk of an accident.

- Clean the product regularly with warm water and a soft cloth. Do not use abrasives, detergents or solvents.
- Wipe dry with a clean, soft, dry cloth.
- Make sure there is no build-up of dirt or hair around the axle or wheels.
- Do not use cleaning agents containing phenol or chlorine, which might damage the materials.
- If the wheels squeak, lubricate them with a little oil.
- In the event of a fault, do not repair the walker yourself. Consult an authorised distributor.

## 9.- Recycling the product



When the product has become unusable and requires disposal, contact your specialist dealer. If you want to recycle it yourself, ask your local waste management company or nearest recycling centre for advice on disposal.

## 10.- Storing the product



If not correctly stored, the product may be damaged leading to the risk of an accident.

- Do not store this product for an extended period of time near a heat source or in the sun (e.g. in front of a window or near a radiator) or near a cold source.
- Keep the product away from flames and sparks.
- Store the product as follows:
  - Store the product in a dry, cool place.
  - Protect the product from dust and rust by packaging or bagging it.
  - Store all removed parts or components together in one place so they do not get mixed up with anything else or get lost.
  - Do not place any weight on any components (do not place heavy objects on the product or on any component).

## 11.- Useful life

The expected useful life of the product is 1 year in normal conditions of use, safety and maintenance. After that time, the product can be used as long while it remains in perfect conditions of use and maintenance. Some parts or components may in any event have to be replaced due to normal wear and tear within less than this time.

## 12.- Warranty and after-sales service

Warranty terms and conditions:

Only original Forta products purchased from authorised dealers are covered by the warranty against defects in parts and workmanship.

The warranty runs from the date of purchase for 3 years for structure and components subject to the following conditions:

- Only original FORTA products purchased from authorised dealers will be covered by the warranty against defects in parts and workmanship.
- The purchasing establishment must give notice of any defect in the product immediately.
- The manufacturer will not have any liability for defects caused by improper handling, negligence or failure to follow the instructions set out in this manual.
- During the warranty period, any part that proves defective due to faulty assembly or materials will be repaired or replaced free of charge by Forta.
- The warranty will be absolutely void if incorrect modifications or adjustments are made to the product or if parts or options not supplied for the product model are fitted.
- Damage from rust caused by misuse or negligence or the action of any liquid or gas that may damage the product are excluded from the warranty.

**THE WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY TRAVEL PROBLEM, IN PARTICULAR ISSUES RELATING TO TRANSPORT, LOSS OF PROFIT, EXPENSES, ETC.**

**Forta will have NO liability in the following circumstances:**

- Normal wear and tear of the product or inappropriate or incorrect use.
- Defects in any assembly or repair carried out by the purchaser or a third party.
- Negligent handling or maintenance or use of unsuitable parts.
- Repairs or modifications carried out in non-official workshops.
- Forta will have no liability for any harm or loss suffered by the user or any third party as a result of any modification to or alteration of any product.
- The warranty also excludes modifications made other than with original Forta parts.

The warranty certificate must be sent to FORTA, S.L. together with a photocopy of the purchase invoice within 15 days from the date of purchase. To validate the warranty, the user must submit the warranty certificate bearing the stamp the seal of the outlet that sold the product. You can download the warranty certificate here: <https://www.fortasl.es/manuals/doc/GARANTIA%20CONTRACTUAL.pdf>.

## 13.- Tests and trials carried out

FORTA products comply with Annex IV to MDR (EU) 2017/745, are CE marked and have been designed and tested in accordance with UNE-EN ISO 11199-2:2021. Forta is obliged to certify compliance by its products with a number of essential requirements. There is a standard

that specifies the inspection and testing methods to show compliance of the products with those requirements. The standards that the product complies with are listed below:

Brief description of relevant law	Current law
Information provided by the manufacturer	UNE-EN ISO 20417:2021
Quality management system	UNE-EN ISO 13485:2018
Risk management	UNE-EN ISO 14971:2020
Testing of medical devices and walkers	UNE-EN ISO 21856:2023 UNE-EN ISO 11199-2:2021
Biological assessment of medical devices	UNE-EN ISO 10993-1:2021
Maximum load	120 kg

14.- Manufacturer details

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