

# EV150

Evacuation Chair Operation Handbook



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# Use of the **versa** evacuation chair

The **exitmaster versa** has been carefully designed and manufactured to provide an easy, safe and dependable, one operator method of evacuating persons downstairs who are, (or may become) unable to use normal exit routes to safety in event of a fire or emergency.

**FOR AUTHORISED USE BY TRAINED OPERATORS**  
**These instructions must be read and followed in detail**



## **Evacuation Plan**

The use of the evacuation chairs must be part of an Evacuation Plan that meets current legislative requirements.

## **Passengers**

Where possible, persons that the evacuation chairs are provided for should be familiar and comfortable with the use of the product.

## **Operators**

Operators must have adequate physical and communication ability to carry out the tasks involved safely and competently. Appropriate clothing, including stout closed toe and flat soled footwear should be worn.

## **Stairway / Route**

Stairways and exit routes should be in good condition, clear of obstructions and litter and previously checked for compatibility with the evacuation chairs.

## **Manual Handling**

Correct manual handling techniques must be used.

## **Product Training**

Operator training and refresher training are available through the supplier and will be tailored to suit customer's requirements. Training includes the operator riding as a passenger. A regular practice routine must be maintained and records of trained / authorized operators retained. In all cases the suitability of an operator is at the discretion of a certified instructor.

## **Cascade / Peer Trainers**

Suitably experienced operators with relevant knowledge of building / premises management and Health and Safety issues may be nominated by the customer and trained as cascade / peer trainers.

## **Liability**

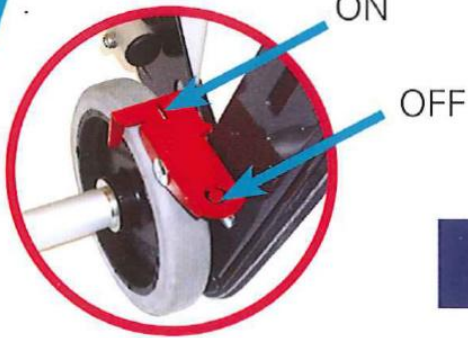
The manufacturer accepts no liability for any use outside of the intended and published correct use(s) and specification of this product.

# Prepare for use...

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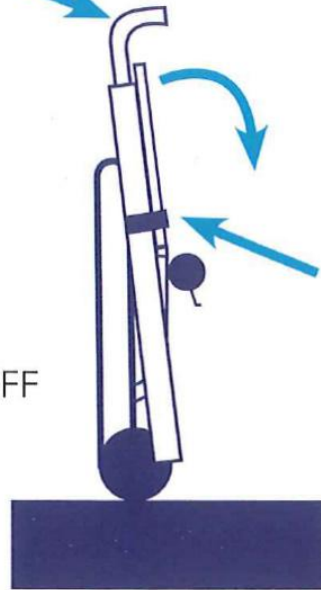
1. Grip handle

Apply foot brakes as required.



3. Lower front of seat.

2. Release strap.

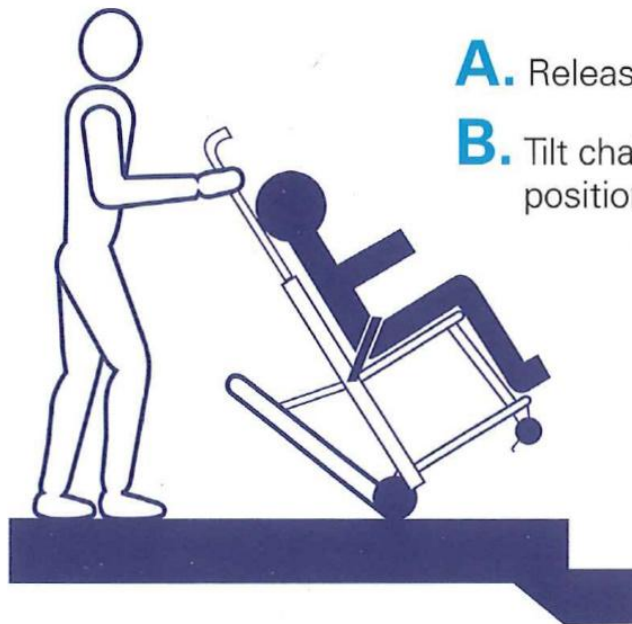


# Stairway evacuation...

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A. Release brakes.

B. Tilt chair backwards and position square to stairs.



**Tip: Use the balance point for ease at this stage.**

**Safety Note: Use additional operators for small spaces, uneven surfaces etc.**

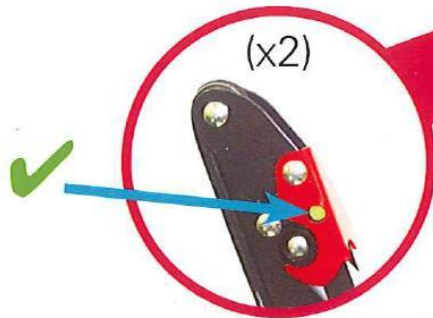
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**2.** Pull strap to release handle.



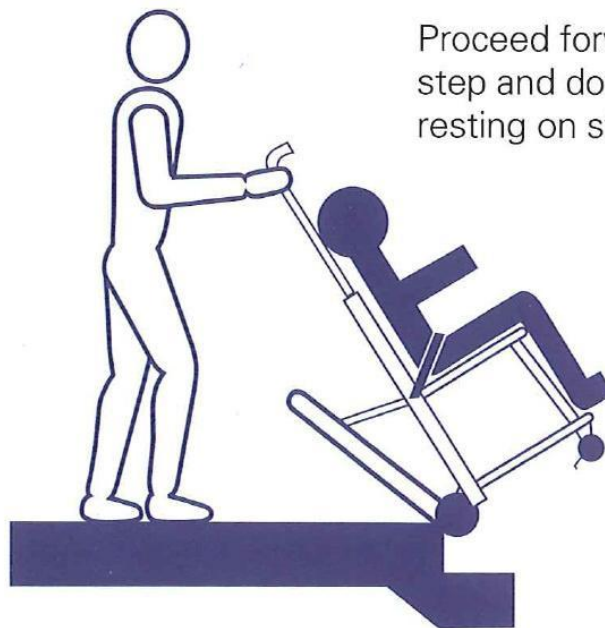
**3.** Raise handle and release strap.

**1.** Lock fully open with the **two** safety catches.



**Safety Note: Do not release safety catches or adjust handle with passenger seated.**

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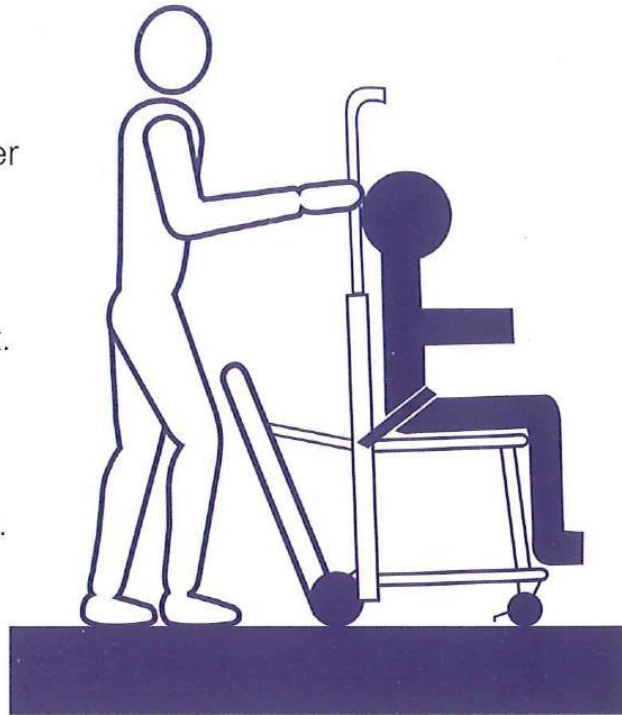


Proceed forward over top step and down with tracks resting on stair nosings.

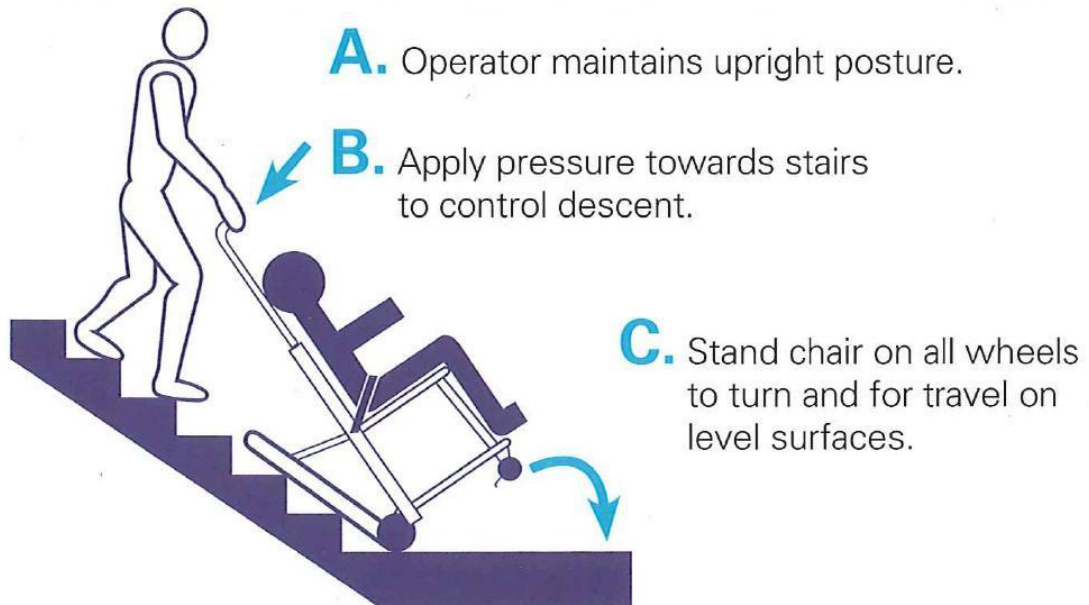
**Tip: Communicate with passenger at every stage for reassurance.**

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1. Assist passenger into chair.
2. Fasten seat belt.
3. Adjust headrest.



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A. Operator maintains upright posture.

B. Apply pressure towards stairs to control descent.

C. Stand chair on all wheels to turn and for travel on level surfaces.

**Tip: You may also turn the chair inclined at the balance point**

**Tip: To ease forward tilt, stop with the rear wheels approx. 8cm (3") above landing.**

**Safety Note: Apply brakes if leaving chair and passenger unattended on level surfaces.**

## Versa EV150 MKII

### Key Product Information:

Capacity:	150kg (24st)
Stair type / angle:	Straight flights 28-42°
Landing size:	From 90 x 90cm (35x 35")

### Technical Information:

Dimensions stored (HxWxL):	105 x 49 x 28cm (41 x 19 x 11")
Dimension deployed (HxWxL):	148 x 49 x 85cm (58 x 19 x 33;)
Weight:	14kg (31lb)
Operator weight Recommendation:	From 75% of passenger weight

### Optional Extras...

Steel storage cabinet:	EMSC
Security alarm:	EMSA
Transfer board:	EMTB

## To fold chair

1. Release safety catches
2. Grip handle and raise front of seat
3. Secure tight with seat belt

Folded chair can be wheeled or carried using the hand hold provided in the foot rest.

## Storage

The exitmaster versa evacuation chair should be stored in a clean, dry environment. A wall bracket is supplied which holds the handle of the chair centrally with the tracks away from the wall. Ensure that the wall bracket is securely fixed in a suitable location and use the fitted cover for further protection. A security alarm and robust storage cabinet are also available - see optional extras.

## Care / Maintenance / Parts

The evacuation chairs must be kept clean and accessible at all times. Any damage or malfunction should be reported and remedied immediately. Annual safety checks and ongoing maintenance programmes are available from your supplier. Use of aggressive cleaning products, solvents, oils etc. may damage the finish and function. Replacement parts are readily available and fitting can be arranged by an authorised technician through your supplier. Only manufacturer's genuine replacement parts should be used.

## Guarantee

A comprehensive 12 month guarantee applies within the scope of the products published use and specification. Misuse, neglect, damage, use of non genuine parts and unauthorised repair will void guarantee cover.



### Exitmaster Versa

Has been manufactured, tested and registered in conformity with the provision in:

- Council Directive 93/42/EEC

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