

ValueCare Bed Series

Single Motor Semi-Electric Bed

DEALER: This manual must be given to the user of the bed.

USER: Before using this bed, read this manual and save for future reference.

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WARNING

DO NOT use this product or any available optional equipment without first completely reading and understanding these instructions and any additional instructional material such as owner's manuals, service manuals or instruction sheets supplied with this product or optional equipment. If you are unable to understand the warnings, cautions or instructions, contact a healthcare professional, dealer or technical personnel before attempting to use this equipment - otherwise, injury or damage may occur.

The initial set up of this bed must be performed by a qualified technician.

Procedures other than those described in this manual must be performed by a qualified technician.

For Dealers Only - Set-up and Assembly Instructions are in the rear of this manual.
These procedures must be performed by a qualified technicians only.

ACCESSORIES WARNING

Invacare products are specifically designed and manufactured for use in conjunction with Invacare accessories. Accessories designed by other manufacturers have not been tested by Invacare and are not recommended for use with Invacare products.

SPECIAL NOTE

For your convenience, the March 2006 version of the FDA's bed safety guidelines are provided in the Appendix. The information from the FDA's brochure, published by Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup, is reproduced verbatim, the latest revision of which is available at <http://www.fda.gov>.

NOTE: Updated versions of this manual are available on www.invacare.com.

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REGISTER YOUR PRODUCT

The benefits of registering include:

1. Safeguarding your investment.
2. Ensuring long-term maintenance and servicing of your product.
3. Receiving updates with product information, maintenance tips and industry news.

Register ONLINE at warranty.invacare.com

Please have your model number and purchase date available to complete your registration.

Any registration information you submit will only be used by Invacare Corporation and protected as required by applicable laws and regulations.

SPECIAL NOTES

Signal words are used in this manual and apply to hazards or unsafe practices which could result in personal injury or property damage. Refer to the table below for definitions of the signal words.

SIGNAL WORD	MEANING
DANGER	Danger indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
WARNING	Warning indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
CAUTION	Caution indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

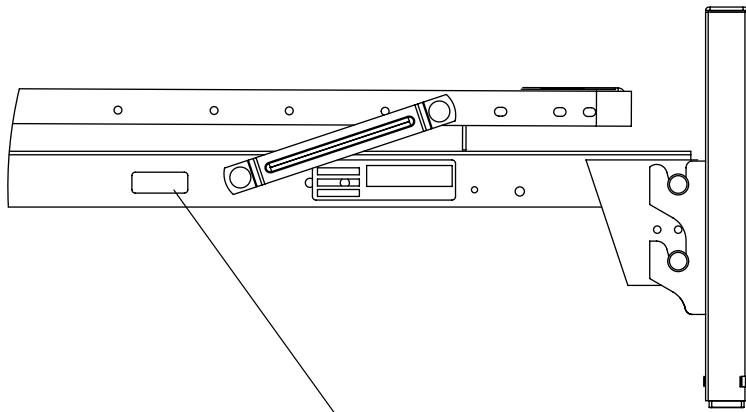
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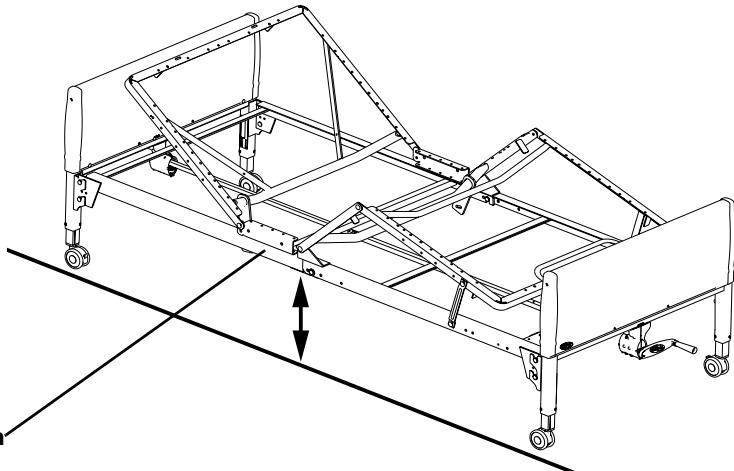
PENDANT OPERATION

A safety feature of this product includes protection against overheating caused by excessive or extended periods of operation. Depending on the duration, this includes multiple or repeated adjustments or the use of multiple functions at one time. To ensure trouble free operation, always allow a slight pause between multiple adjustments and avoid pressing more than one function button at a time. If thermal protection activation should occur, the bed will not respond to pendant commands. Given this situation, release the pendant button and allow the bed unit to sit for several minutes. This will allow the protection function time to reset and restore bed function. Depending on severity of the initial overheating, this could take up to 30 minutes.

LABEL LOCATIONS



WEIGHT CAPACITY
450 LBS. (205 kgs.)
REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL
P/N 1111018



TYPICAL PRODUCT PARAMETERS

ELECTRIC SPLIT SPRING BED SYSTEM

BED NO.	DESCRIPTION	SHIPPING WEIGHT
VC5310 (Single Motor Bed)	Semi Electric Bed with universal bed ends	153 lbs (69.4 kgs)

SPECIFICATIONS

VC5310	
BED END HEIGHT	
MINIMUM:	26.00 in (66.0 cm)
MAXIMUM:	34.00 in (86.4 cm)
FABRIC HEIGHT*	
MINIMUM:	15.00 in (38.1 cm)
MAXIMUM:	23.00 in (58.4 cm)
OVERALL LENGTH:	88 in (223.5 cm)
BED WIDTH:	36 in (91.4 cm)
SPLIT SPRINGS TO ENDS	
HEAD:	43 in (109.2 cm)
FOOT:	45 in (114.3 cm)
ELECTRICAL RATING:	VC5310 - 120V 50/60 Hz, 1.0A
WEIGHT CAPACITY:	450 lbs (204 kg.)
<p><i>*NOTE: Height from floor to bottom of mattress.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: This bed is for household/residential use only.</i></p>	

SECTION I—GENERAL GUIDELINES

⚠ WARNING

SECTION I - GENERAL GUIDELINES contains important information for the safe operation and use of this product.

Important Safety Instructions

When using the bed, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

Read all the instructions before using the bed.

DANGER - To reduce the risk of electric shock:

1. **Always unplug the bed from the electrical outlet before cleaning.**

WARNING - To reduce the risk of burns, fire, electric shock, or injury to persons:

1. **Unplug from the outlet before servicing.**
2. **Close supervision is necessary when the bed is used by, or near children and/or disabled persons.**
3. **Use this bed only for its intended use as described in these instructions. DO NOT use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.**
4. **NEVER operate this bed if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped, damaged, or dropped into water. Return the bed to a service center for examination and repair.**
5. **Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.**
6. **DO NOT use outdoors.**
7. **Use masked or nasal type oxygen administering equipment only in conjunction with this bed. The use of ANY other type of oxygen administering equipment can result in a fire hazard.**
8. **To disconnect, DO NOT depress pendant buttons.**
9. **Risk of electric shock - Connect this bed to a properly grounded outlet only. See Grounding Instructions.**
10. **Risk of injury to persons - DO NOT place video equipment such as televisions or computer monitors on bed.**

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Operating Information

DO NOT use near explosive gases.

Keep the product a minimum of 12 inches away from any direct heat source.

Close supervision is necessary when this bed is used by or near children and physically challenged individuals.

Possible fire hazard when used with oxygen administering equipment other than nasal or masked type.

Check all parts for shipping damage and test before using. In case of damage, DO NOT use. Contact a qualified technician for further instruction.

After any adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure all attaching hardware is tightened securely.

If bed is equipped with wheel locks, ALWAYS use wheel locks except when moving the bed. Inspect for correct locking action on wheel locks before using bed.

DO NOT let any individual underneath the bed or in between the raised bed frame components at anytime.

When bed is not to be used for an extended period, unplug electric bed from the wall outlet.

The bed is not designed to be used as a patient transport. When transporting a patient, use an approved patient transport. Otherwise, injury or damage may result.

After the bed has been assembled, always test to make sure that all sections of the bed are properly and securely in place before using.

Make sure head and foot springs/sections are connected securely to the universal bed ends before use.

If the unit is not working properly, call a qualified technician to examine the unit and repair it.

The electric bed is equipped with locking casters. When transferring into or out of the electric bed, always lock the locking caster(s). Inspect the wheel locks for correct locking action before actual use. Even with casters properly locked, some flooring surfaces such as tile or wood, will allow the bed to move under some conditions. Use on surfaces such as these must be evaluated by the care provider.

Always remove manual crank(s) before performing electronic functions. Otherwise, the crank(s) will turn when the motor is on and could cause personal injury or damage to the bed.

⚠ ENTRAPMENT WARNING

Proper patient assessment and monitoring, and proper maintenance and use of equipment is required to reduce the risk of entrapment. Variations in bed rail dimensions, and mattress thickness, size or density could increase the risk of entrapment. Visit the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov> to learn about the risks of entrapment. Review “A Guide to Bed Safety”, published by the Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup, located at www.invacare.com. Use the link located under each bed rail product entry to access this bed safety guide.

After any adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure all attaching hardware is tightened securely. Assist rails with dimensions different from the original equipment supplied or specified by the bed manufacturer may not be interchangeable and may result in entrapment or other injury.

Mattress MUST fit bed frame and assist rails snugly to reduce the risk of entrapment.

Replacement Parts/Accessories

Use masked or nasal type oxygen administering equipment only in conjunction with this bed. The use of any other type of oxygen administering equipment can result in a fire hazard.

When using nasal or masked type oxygen administering equipment, the oxygen or air tubing MUST be routed and secured properly to ensure that the tubing does not become entangled and/or severed during normal operation of the bed.

Always test to make sure that the side rails are properly and securely in place before using the electric bed.

Invacare recommends that the mattress be centered on the bed frame. Otherwise, individuals may become entangled between the bed rail and the bed frame.

Physically challenged individuals who cannot prevent themselves from rolling/climbing out of the this bed may require alternative safe means of restraint.

After raising/lowering the head/foot end of the electric bed, check the distance between the bottom of the bed rail and the mattress. If there is excessive distance between the bottom of the bed rail and the mattress in which individuals may become entangled, adjust the height of the bed rail (if applicable), or provide alternative means of patient protection.

DO NOT use the side rails as push handles for moving the electric bed.

Traction units MUST be securely fastened to head/foot ends of the bed. These units are to be used only for immobilizing a patient in various traction setups or assisting the patient in repositioning or transferring in or out of the bed.

Trapeze units are to be used only for immobilizing a patient in various traction setups or assisting the patient in repositioning or transferring into or out of bed.

NEVER allow patients to use trapeze or traction units as a total individual weight support.

When operating this bed, ALWAYS ensure that the individual utilizing the bed is positioned properly within the confines of the bed. DO NOT let any extremities protrude over the side or between the bed rails when performing these functions.

Keep all moving parts, including the main frame, mattress deck (head and foot springs/sections) and all drive shafts free of obstruction (i.e. blankets/sheets, heating blankets/pads, tubing, wiring, etc. and other types of products using electric cords which may get tangled around the bed, side rails or legs) during operation of the bed.

Replacement mattresses and bed side rails with dimensions different than the original equipment supplied or specified by the bed frame manufacturer are not interchangeable. Variations in bed side rail design, width and thickness or firmness of the mattress could cause/contribute to entrapment. Use only authorized Invacare replacement parts and/or accessories otherwise the warranty is void. Invacare will not be responsible for any damage or injury that may result.

Accessories Information

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Bed Rails

These bed rails are intended to prevent an individual from inadvertently rolling out of bed. DO NOT use for restraint purposes.

Although bed rails are not rated to any specific weight limitation, the bed rails may become deformed or broken if excessive side pressure is exerted on the bed rails. This bed rail is not an assist rail for getting into or out of bed. DO NOT use the bed rails as push handles when moving the bed.

After any adjustments, repair or service and before use, make sure all attaching hardware is tightened securely. Bed rails with dimensions different from the original equipment supplied or specified by the bed manufacturer may not be inter-changeable and may result in entrapment or other injury.

To reduce the risk of entrapment make certain that the bed rail crossbraces DO NOT exceed the width of the mattress. Mattress MUST fit bed frame and side rails snugly to reduce the risk of entrapment.

Electrical

DANGER

When using an extension cord, use only a three wire extension cord having at least 16 AWG (American Wire Gauge) wire and the same or higher electrical rating as the device being connected. Use of improper extension cord could result in a risk of fire and electric shock. Three prong to two prong adapters should not be used. Use of three prong adapters can result in improper grounding and present a shock hazard to the user.

DO NOT unplug power cord from motor housing.

If a liquid is spilled in or around the electric bed, unplug the electric bed before cleaning. Clean up the spill and allow the electric bed or the area around the electric bed to dry thoroughly before using the electric controls again.

The pendant and power cords MUST be routed and secured properly to ensure that the cords DO NOT become entangled, pinched and/or severed during operation of the electric bed.

NEVER operate if the unit has a damaged cord or plug. If it is not working properly, call a qualified technician for examination and repair.

Keep all electrical cords away from heated or hot surfaces.

Ensure all cables and cords are routed such that they will not become entangled or pinched. Otherwise, damage or injury may result.

NEVER operate the unit if these cords are damaged.

Refer servicing to qualified personnel only. Grounding reliability depends upon a properly grounded wall outlet.

Repair or Service Information

DO NOT open assemblies such as the motor, pendant, or gear boxes. No user serviceable parts are inside. Only qualified technicians are permitted to repair these parts. If unqualified individuals perform any work on these beds, the warranty is void.

Unplug the power cord from its power source before performing any maintenance on the bed.

Servicing of Double-Insulated Products

In a double-insulated product, two systems of insulation are provided instead of grounding. No grounding means is provided on a double-insulated product, nor is a means for grounding to be added to the product. Servicing a double-insulated product requires extreme care and knowledge of the system, and is to be done only by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts for a double-insulated product MUST be identical to the parts they replace. A double-insulated product is marked with the words "DOUBLE INSULATION" or "DOUBLE INSULATED". The symbol (□) is also able to be marked on the product.

Radio Frequency Interference

Electronic equipment may be influenced by Radio Frequency Interference (RFI). Caution should be exercised with regard to the use of portable communications equipment in the area around such equipment. If RFI causes erratic behavior, unplug the electric bed immediately. Leave unplugged while transmission is in progress.

Weight Limitations

The total weight limit of this 36-inch (91.4 cm) wide bed (including accessories, mattress, occupant and any other person/object positioned on the bed) is 450 pounds (204 kgs); 350 pounds (158 kg) patient weight.

DO NOT permit more than one person on/in the bed at any time.

Body weight should be evenly distributed over the surface of the bed. DO NOT lay, sit or lean in such a way that your entire body weight is placed only on raised head or foot sections of the bed. This includes when repositioning or transferring in or out of bed.

SECTION 2—OPERATION AND ADJUSTMENT

Raising or Lowering the Entire Bed

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2.1.

1. Pinch ears on the input drive shaft cover to open the cover.
2. Flip the input drive shaft cover up and push until it attaches to the gear box. The cross pins will now be accessible.
3. Connect the manual crank to the cross pins until the spring engages the cross pins.
4. Unfold the handle on the hand crank.
5. Turn the hand crank to raise or lower the bed.

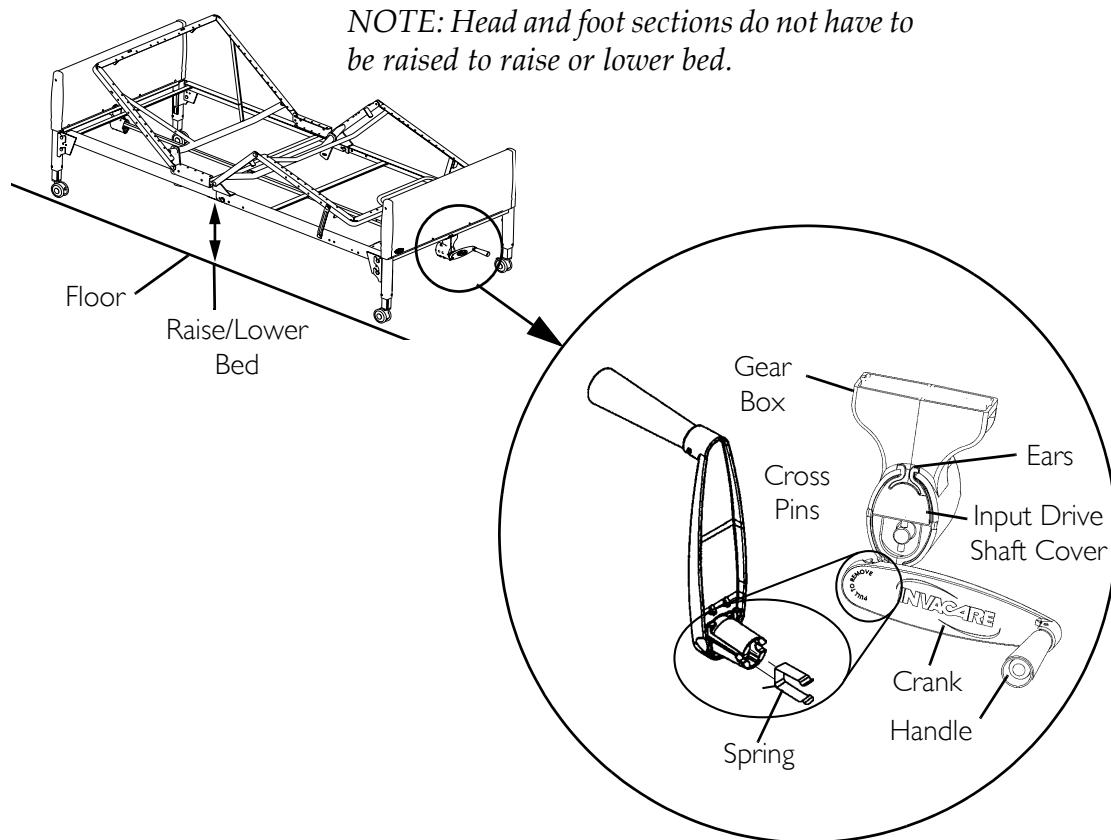


FIGURE 2.1 Raising or Lowering the Entire Bed

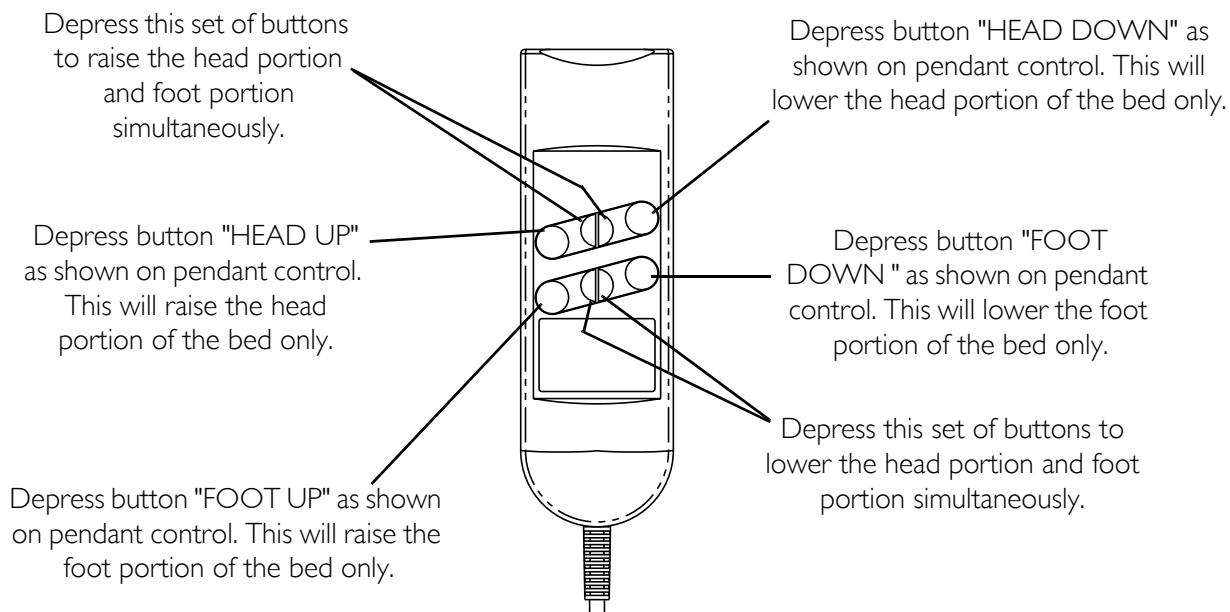
Using the Pendant

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 2.2.

NOTE: This bed uses a four function pendant for head and foot spring functions.

1. With the bed unoccupied, operate the bed through all phases of its operation as shown in FIGURE 2.2.
2. If any problems arise during test, recheck all electrical connections and mechanical hook-ups.
3. Repeat STEP 1. If the bed still does not function, contact a qualified technician or Invacare Customer Service.

Standard Pendant



Six Button Pendant

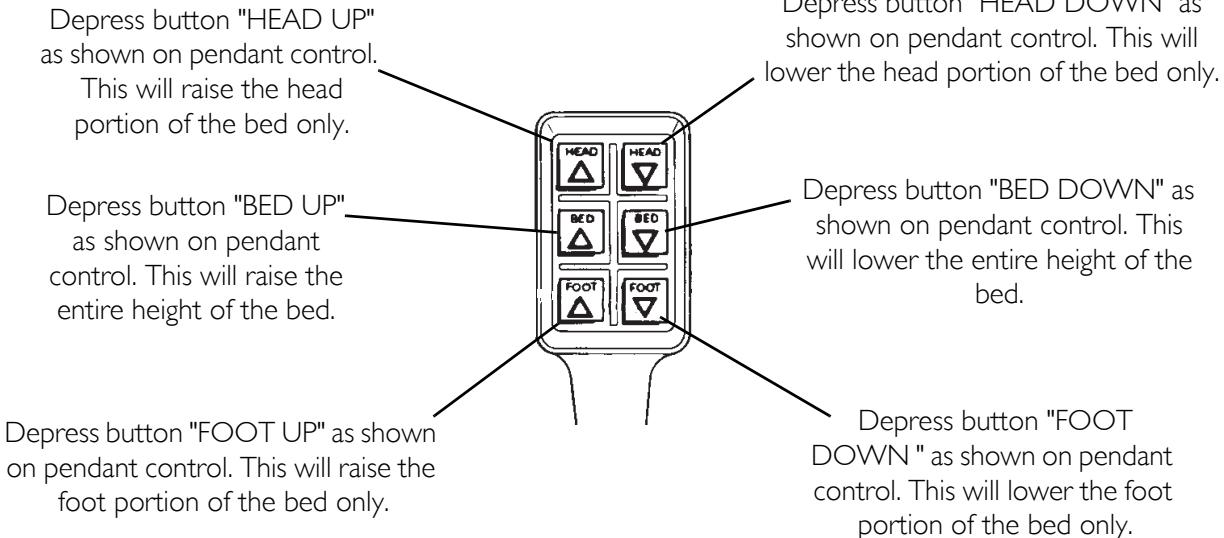


FIGURE 2.2 Using the Pendant

SECTION 3—TROUBLESHOOTING

Troubleshooting Electrical

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
Bed spring does not move.	End of stroke reached.	Operate opposite button.
Hi/Lo function does not work.	Bed not plugged in.	Ensure power cord is plugged into power source.
	Pendant not functioning.	Ensure Pendant is correctly connected. Ensure Pendant cable not entangled/pinched.
	Cables	Ensure cables are not entangled/pinched. Call the dealer for repair/replacement of cables and/or motors.
	Household fuse or breaker blown.	Check household fuse/breaker box.
	Motors are not functioning.	Call dealer.
	Hi/Lo Motor.	Ensure cables are not entangled or pinched. Call dealer.
	Thermal Protection Activated.	Allow bed unit to sit for 30 minutes and retry.
Bed spring does not stop moving.	Pendant.	Check for depressed/stuck buttons. If button is stuck, call dealer for repair.
Bed Hi/Lo movement does not stop.		Check cables, if damaged call dealer.
Bed is producing unusual sounds, burning odors, or movement deviations observed in the controls, motors, or the limits switch functions.		Call dealer.

Troubleshooting Mechanical

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
Bed does not stay in place.	Locking Casters.	Lock Casters.
Bed springs do not move.	Pull tube.	Check pull tube(s) for binding. Call dealer for repairs.
Bed ends move in opposite directions.	Drive Shaft connected to wrong gear box shaft.	Call dealer.
Hi/Lo function does not work.	Drive shaft disconnected.	Call dealer.

⚠ WARNING

Read all general guidelines, warnings and cautions before performing any repair/maintenance on the bed. All repair and maintenance on the bed should be performed by a qualified technician.

Maintenance Checklist

Invacare recommends the following maintenance and cleaning procedures be conducted between users and at least once every three years. This form is provided as a guide to help with documentation.

Mechanical Inspection and Maintenance

- Inspect all bed components for damage or excessive wear.
- Visually examine all welds for cracks.
- Inspect the head and foot springs for bending, warping or damage.
- Inspect mounting hardware for bending, damage or excessive wear.
- Inspect all bolts and rivets to ensure that they are securely tightened and functioning properly.
- Check sleep surfaces to ensure all links are intact.
- Inspect bed height adjustment pin for excessive wear.
- Ensure that casters are free of debris.
- Check that all labels are present and legible. Replace if necessary.

Electrical Inspection and Maintenance

- Check pendant, power and motor cords for chafing, cuts or excessive wear.
- Make sure all plugs are fully attached and free of damage.
- Check all functions:
 - Head raises and lowers properly.
 - Foot raises and lowers properly.
 - Bed Ends raise and lower properly.

Cleaning and Disinfecting the Bed

- Unplug the power cord of electric beds before performing maintenance.
- Wipe down with disinfectant. Allow to dry completely.

ASSEMBLY, MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENT SECTIONS - FOR DEALERS ONLY

⚠ WARNING

The procedures in the following sections **MUST** be performed by a qualified technician.

Overview of Procedures

Receiving

Unpacking

Inspecting

Set-Up

- Assembling the Head and Foot Spring Sections
- Assembling the Spring Fabric
- Adjusting and Reconnecting the Head Section Pull Tube
- Installing the Casters
- Installing the Motors
- Installing the Battery for Emergency Operation
- Installing the Bed Ends
- Assembling and Installing the Drive Shaft

Storing the Beds

SECTION 4—PACKAGING, HANDLING, AND SET-UP

Receiving

1. Count cartons before signing shipping papers.
2. Designate someone at the facility to receive and inspect all merchandise. Use the master order acknowledgment to check off items as they are received.
3. Compare the number of cartons shipped with the number of cartons actually received and note such on the consignee copy of the freight bill. Make sure to have the truck driver sign the copy acknowledging the count.
4. If shortage occurs, IMMEDIATELY contact Invacare Customer Service Department.

Unpacking

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT plug the power cord into a power source until assembly is complete. To do so could result in damage or personal injury.

DO NOT attempt to operate bed controls prior to completion of assembly otherwise damage to bed components may occur.

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.1 on page 20.

1. Remove any loose packing from the cartons.
2. Carefully remove all components from the cartons:
 - Foot Spring carton includes:
 - One foot spring section, pendant, motor and cord.
 - Head Spring carton includes:
 - One head spring section.
 - Bed End carton includes:
 - Two bed ends.
 - One drive shaft.
 - Casters - two locking, two non locking.
 - Hand crank.

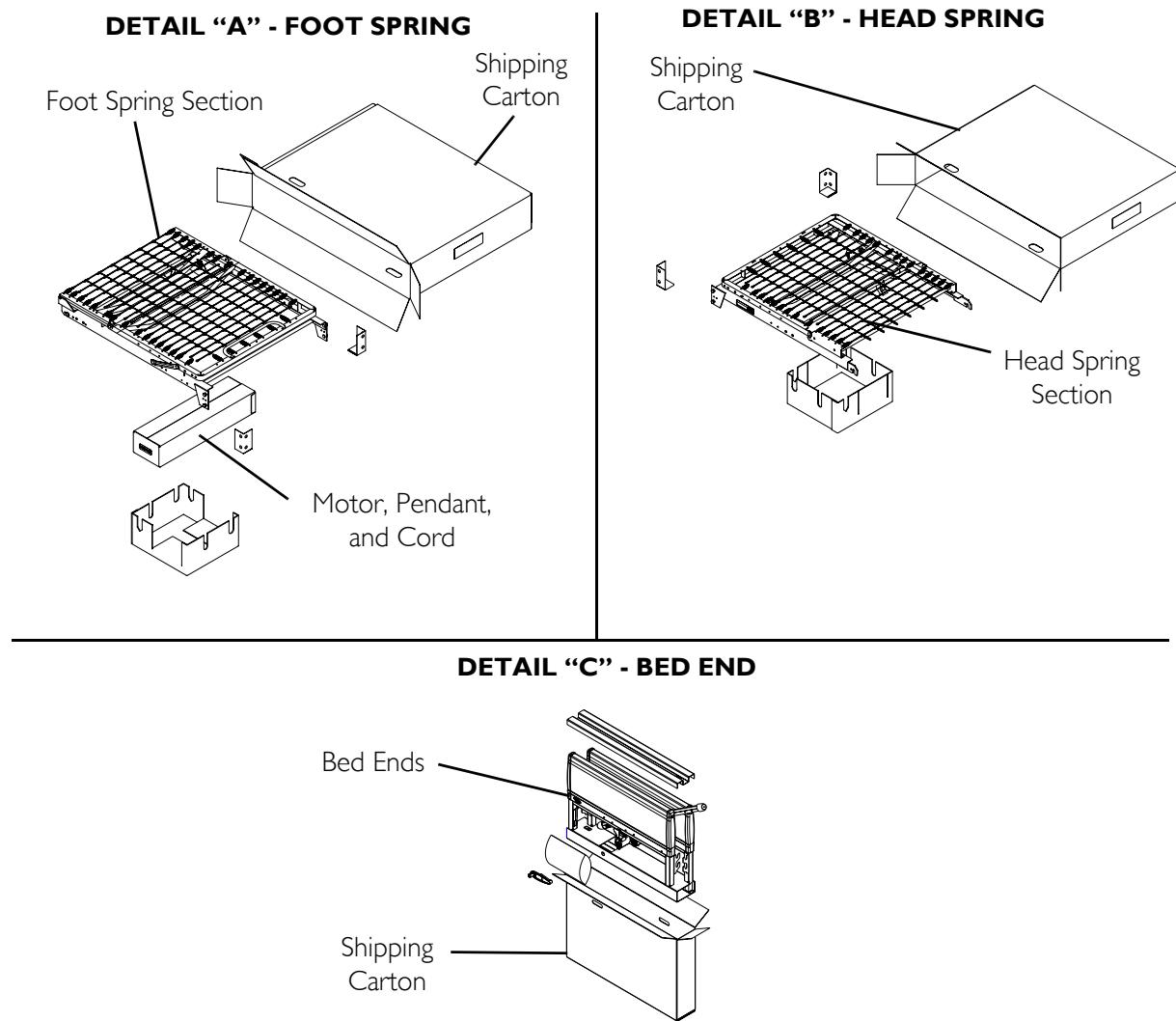


FIGURE 4.1 Unpacking

Inspecting

1. Examine each item carefully for scratches, nicks, dents or any other apparent damage.
NOTE: Check all parts for shipping damage. In case of shipping damage, DO NOT use. Contact Dealer/Carrier for further instruction.
2. Inspect the power supply cord and cables for cuts or damage to the cord or plug.

Set-Up

Assembling the Head and Foot Spring Sections

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT attempt to operate bed controls prior to completion of assembly as damage to bed components or personal injury may occur.

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.2 on page 22.

NOTE: Right and left are determined by facing the springs of the head and foot spring sections (Detail "A").

1. Place the head spring section on its side to your right so the center mounting latches are as shown in Detail "A".
2. Open the head spring section to a 45° to 90° angle to support the spring section.
3. Place the foot spring section on its side on your left so the center mounting rivets are as shown in Detail "A".
4. Place the head and foot springs approximately 90° from each other.
5. Hook the bottom head spring center mounting latch to the bottom center mounting rivet. Refer to Detail "B".
6. Hook the top head spring center mounting latch to the top center mounting rivet.

NOTE: It may be necessary to lift the head spring or foot spring slightly to secure the mounting latches and rivets.

7. After head and foot springs are connected, pull the springs into a horizontal (straight) position while keeping the springs on their sides.

Assembling the Spring Fabric

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.2 on page 22.

1. Lift the head spring away from the bed frame to give slack to the fabric (Detail "C").
2. Connect the spring fabric together with the links provided (Detail "C").

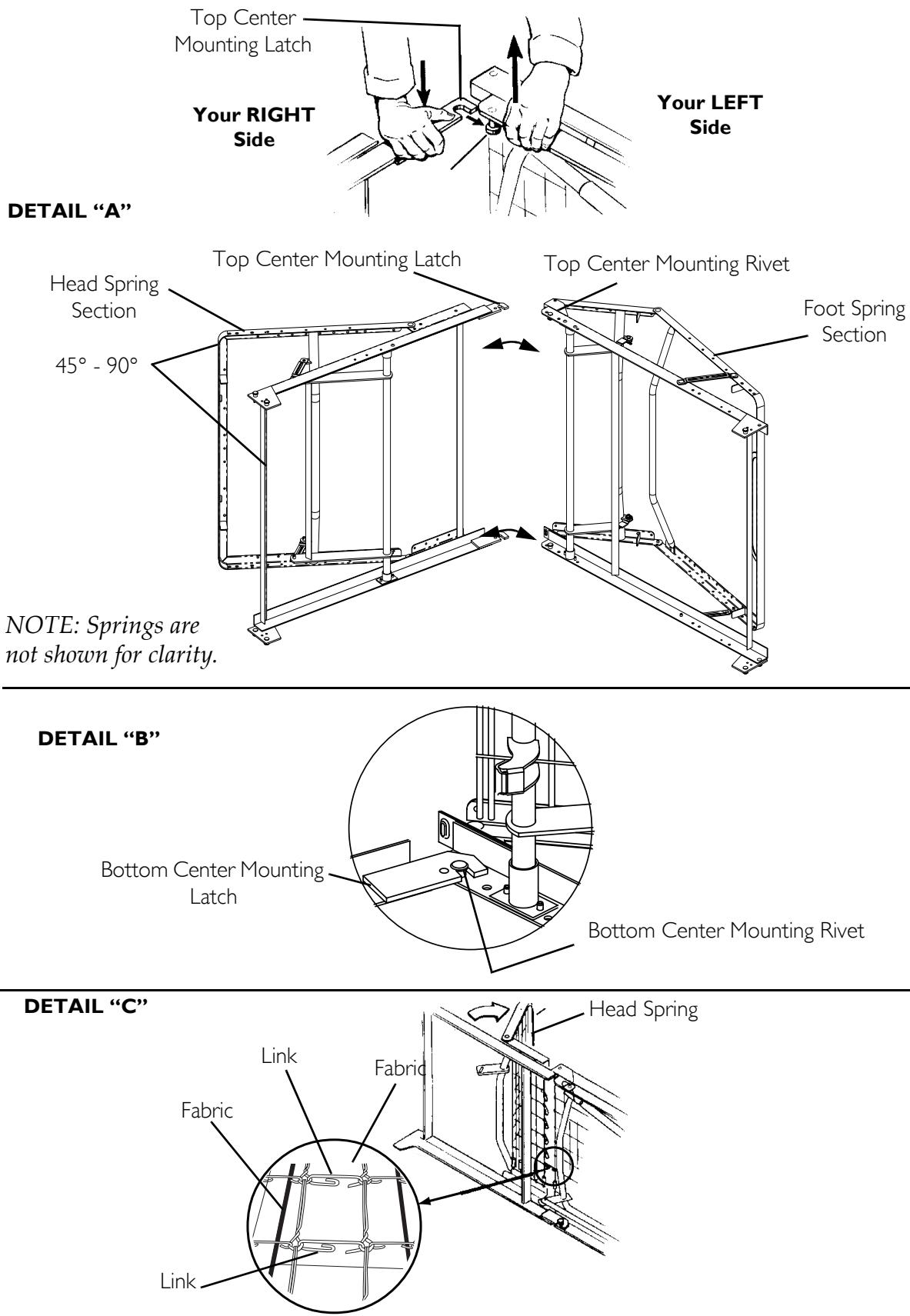


FIGURE 4.2 Assembling the Head and Foot Spring Sections

Installing the Casters

⚠ WARNING

Ensure that the two locking casters are installed diagonally opposite from each other and are locked. Otherwise, damage or personal injury could occur. Refer to Detail “A” in FIGURE 4.3.

Ensure that casters are locked and that the bed does not move before transferring. **DO NOT** transfer occupant if bed is not stable.

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.3.

NOTE: If optional casters were purchased and two locking casters are not included with the bed, contact a qualified dealer.

1. Install casters by carefully lifting the bed ends approximately five inches (12.7 cm) from the floor and inserting the shaft of caster assembly into the caster socket.
2. To prevent excess movement of the bed, lock each of the two locking casters by pushing down on the side of the caster lock that is labeled on.

NOTE: Locking the casters may not prevent the bed from moving on slick or slippery surfaces.

3. To unlock each of the two locking casters by pushing down on the side of the caster lock that is labeled off.

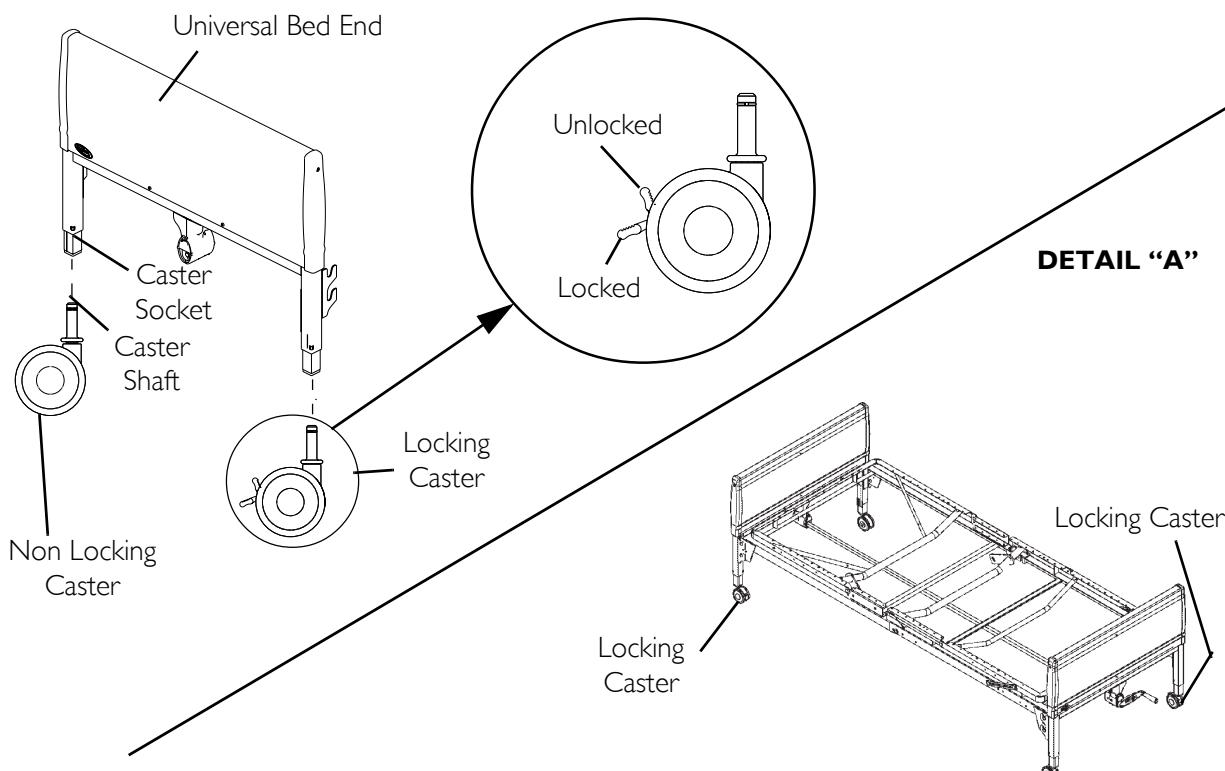


FIGURE 4.3 Installing the Casters

Installing the Motor

⚠ WARNING

Ensure motor assembly is properly oriented before installing. The motor has one end that operates the head section and one end that operates the foot section. If the motor is installed in the wrong direction, then the pendant functions will operate the reverse feature. This will possibly result in injury to the user.

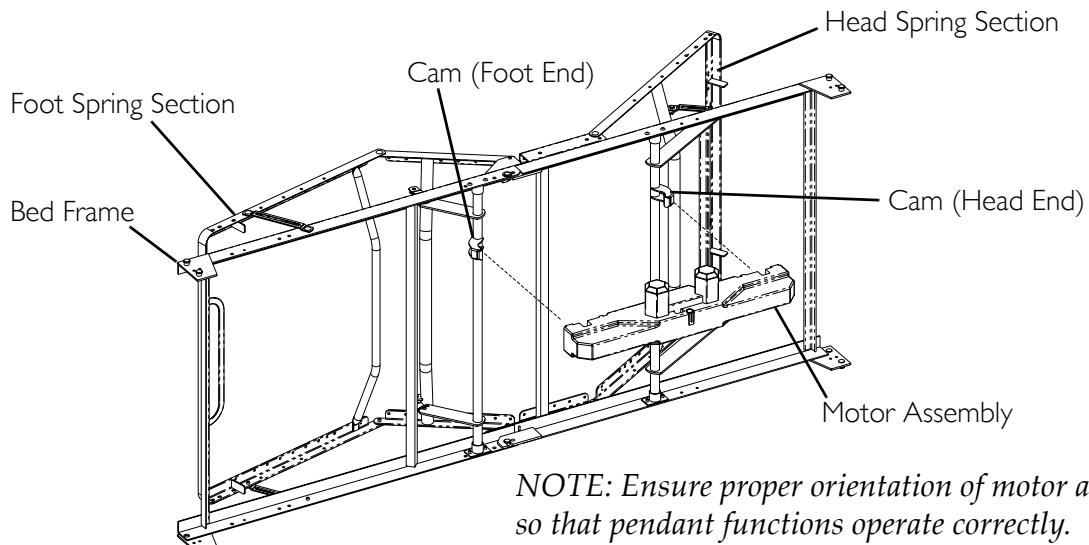
NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.4.

1. Align the motor assembly over the cams (Detail "A").

NOTE: If necessary, use a rubber mallet to tap the motor into position.

2. Snap the motor assembly onto the cams (Detail "B").
3. Place the bed frame flat with the springs facing up.
4. Install slide caps onto motor assembly (Detail "B").

DETAIL "A"



DETAIL "B"

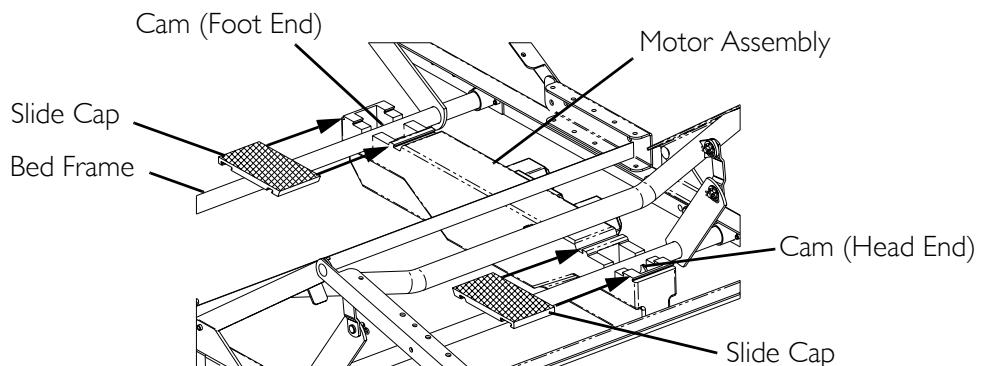


FIGURE 4.4 Installing the Motor

Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.5.

NOTE: The following procedure applies to ALL beds.

The drive shaft is composed of two sections. The inner shaft which has a positioning spring button, and the outer shaft, which has two positioning holes and one storage position hole. Together they make the telescoping drive shaft used on all electric Hi/Lo model beds.

1. Remove the plastic caps from each end of the drive rod.
2. Depress spring button on the inner shaft and insert the inner shaft into the outer shaft.
3. Slide the inner shaft to the desired position for the type of bed being used and engage the spring button into the proper positioning hole.
4. Engage the spring button into the furthermost positioning hole in outer shaft.

NOTE: For full-electric models, engage the spring button into the positioning hole located next to the positioning hole in the outer shaft.

5. Connect the drive shaft to the bed by attaching either end of the drive shaft to the head end gear box.
6. Connect the other end of the drive shaft to the foot end gear box.

NOTE: The drive shaft will mount directly into the foot end gearbox output shaft.

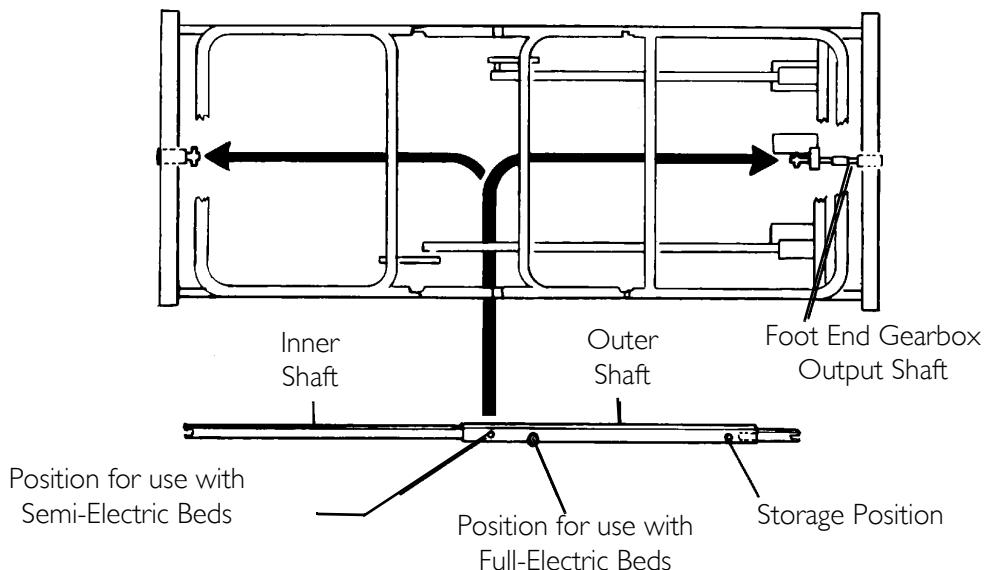


FIGURE 4.5 Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly

Installing the Battery for Emergency Operation

⚠ WARNING

Battery is to be used for lowering bed only. Battery **MUST be replaced after using or at least every twelve months.**

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.6.

1. Install 9V battery into battery mount location.
2. Connect 9V battery to the connector lead coming out of the motor.

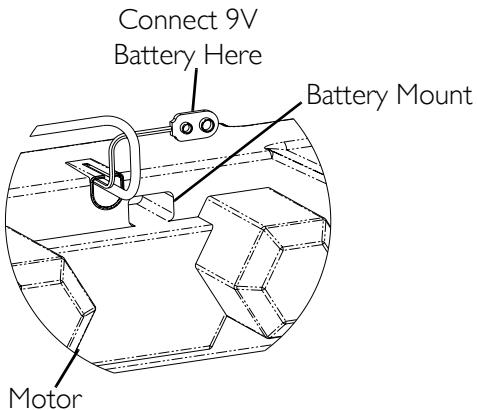


FIGURE 4.6 Installing the Battery for Emergency Operation

Installing the Bed Ends

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.7 on page 27.

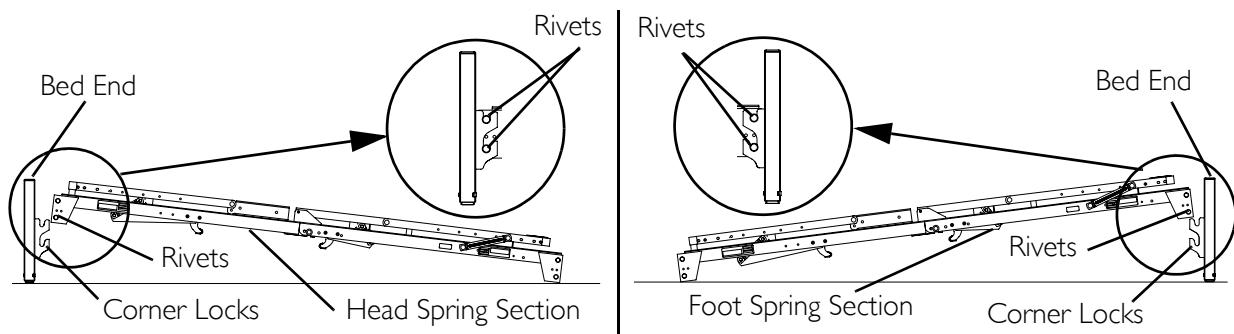
NOTE: The bed ends are universal and can be mounted to the head or foot end of the bed.

1. Stand one bed end as close to the head spring section as possible.
2. With one hand, grasp the head spring section and raise until the rivets on the corner plates are at the correct height to fit into the corner locks on the bed end.

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT place your hand between the head spring section and the bed end while assembling, otherwise injury may occur.

3. Tilt the bed end backward slightly and the rivets should slide into the corner locks more easily.
4. When the bed end is returned to its full upright position, the bed end will lock into place.
5. Repeat STEPS 1-4 to install the remaining bed end to the foot spring section.

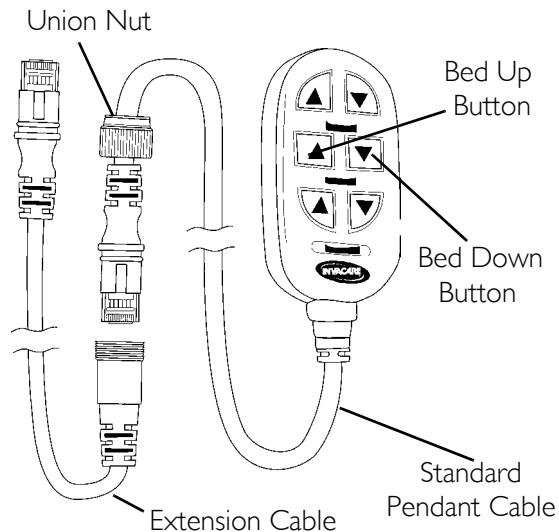
**FIGURE 4.7** Installing the Bed Ends

Installing/Removing the Pendant

NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.8.

For Canadian Customers who need to disable operation of electric beds: These Models have pendants that can be removed and stored in a secure place.

1. To disable operation of the electric bed, unscrew the union nut on the standard pendant cable that attaches to the extension cable.
2. Unplug the standard pendant cable from the extension cable.

**FIGURE 4.8** Installing/Removing the Pendant

Storing the Beds

⚠ WARNING

DO NOT place other objects on top of the cartons.

If bed is not being assembled immediately, retain the cartons and packaging for storage until ready for assembly.

Store the bed in a dry area.

SECTION 5—MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Invacare recommends the following maintenance and cleaning procedures be conducted between users or as needed. This form may be copied and used as a procedural guide and documentation.

Date _____ Bed Model # _____ Bed Serial # _____

Troubleshooting Electrical

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
Bed spring does not move.	End of stroke reached.	Operate opposite button.
Hi/Lo function does not work.	Bed not plugged in.	Ensure power cord is plugged into power source.
	Pendant not functioning.	Ensure Pendant is correctly connected. Refer to Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly on page 25. Ensure Pendant cable not entangled/pinched.
	Cables	Ensure motor cable(s) are correctly connected. Refer to Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly on page 25. Ensure cables are not entangled/pinched. Call Invacare for repair/replacement of cables and/or motors.
	Hi/Lo Motor.	Ensure Hi/Lo motor cable is correctly connected. Refer to Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly on page 25. Ensure cables are not entangled or pinched. Ensure Drive shaft is correctly installed.
	Thermal Protection Activated.	Allow bed unit to sit for 30 minutes and retry.
	Pendant.	Replace pendant. Refer to Installing/Removing the Pendant on page 27.
Bed Spring does not stop moving.		
Bed Hi/Lo movement does not stop.		Check cables, if damaged, replace. Refer to Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly on page 25.
Bed is producing unusual sounds, burning odors, or movement deviations observed in the controls, motors, or the limits switch functions.		Call Invacare.
Full Electric Bed: Hi/Lo function does not work.	Bed not plugged in.	Ensure power cord is plugged into power source.

Troubleshooting Mechanical

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
Bed does not stay in place.	Locking Casters.	Lock Casters. Refer to Installing the Casters on page 23.
Bed springs do not move.	Pull tube.	Check pull tube(s) for binding. Call dealer for repairs.
Bed ends move in opposite directions.	Drive Shaft connected to wrong gear box shaft.	Reinstall drive shaft. Refer to Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly on page 25.
Hi/Lo function does not work.	Drive shaft disconnected.	Reinstall drive shaft. Refer to Installing the Drive Shaft Assembly on page 25.

WARNING

Read all general guidelines, warnings and cautions before performing any repair/maintenance on the bed. All repair and maintenance on the bed should be performed by a qualified technician.

Maintenance Checklist

Invacare recommends the following maintenance and cleaning procedures be conducted between users or as needed. This form is provided as a guide to help with documentation.

Mechanical Inspection and Maintenance

- Inspect all bed components for damage or excessive wear.
- Visually examine all welds for cracks.
- Inspect the head and foot springs for bending, warping or damage.
- Inspect mounting hardware for bending, damage or excessive wear.
- Inspect all bolts and rivets to ensure that they are securely tightened and functioning properly.
- Check sleep surfaces to ensure all links are intact.
- Check mechanical integrity of motor to bed joint. Periodically lubricate riveted joints using a light weight oil.
- Inspect bed height adjustment pin for excessive wear.
- Ensure that casters are free of debris.
- Check that all labels are present and legible. Replace if necessary.

Electrical Inspection and Maintenance

- Check pendant, power and motor cords for chafing, cuts or excessive wear.
- Make sure all plugs are fully attached and free of damage.
- Check all functions (head and foot sections raise and lower properly).

Cleaning and Disinfecting the Bed

- Unplug the power cord of electric beds before performing maintenance.
- Wipe down with disinfectant. Allow to dry completely.

Pass/Fail

- PASS: Bed and all components have passed all of the preceding inspection criteria and are ready for placement in a client's home.
- FAIL: Bed or any of its components has failed any of the preceding inspection criteria. Tag the bed or component with a complete description of the failure(s) and have the bed serviced.

NOTES

APPENDIX

SPECIAL NOTE

For your convenience, the March 2006 version of the FDA's bed safety guidelines are provided in this section. The information from the FDA's brochure, published by Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup, is reproduced verbatim, the latest revision of which is available at <http://www.fda.gov>.

A Guide to Bed Safety Bed Rails in Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Home Health Care: The Facts

Bed Rail Entrapment Statistics

Today there are about 2.5 million hospital and nursing home beds in use in the United States. Between 1985 and 2005, 691 incidents of patients* caught, trapped, entangled, or strangled in beds with rails were reported to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Of these reports, 413 people died, 120 had a nonfatal injury, and 158 were not injured because staff intervened. Most patients were frail, elderly or confused.

**NOTE: In this brochure, the term patient refers to a resident of a nursing home, any individual receiving services in a home care setting, or patients in hospitals.*

Patient Safety

Patients who have problems with memory, sleeping, incontinence, pain, uncontrolled body movement, or who get out of bed and walk unsafely without assistance, must be carefully assessed for the best ways to keep them from harm, such as falling. Assessment by the patient's health care team will help to determine how best to keep the patient safe. Historically, physical restraints (such as vests, ankle or wrist restraints) were used to try to keep patients safe in health care facilities. In recent years, the health care community has recognized that physically restraining patients can be dangerous. Although not indicated for this use, bed rails are sometimes used as restraints. Regulatory agencies, health care organizations, product manufacturers and advocacy groups encourage hospitals, nursing homes and home care providers to assess patients' needs and to provide safe care without restraints.

The Benefits and Risks of Bed Rails

Potential benefits of bed rails include:

- Aiding in turning and repositioning within the bed.
- Providing a hand-hold for getting into or out of bed.
- Providing a feeling of comfort and security.
- Reducing the risk of patients falling out of bed when being transported.
- Providing easy access to bed controls and personal care items.

Potential risks of bed rails may include:

- Strangling, suffocating, bodily injury or death when patients or part of their body are caught between rails or between the bed rails and mattress.
- More serious injuries from falls when patients climb over rails.
- Skin bruising, cuts, and scrapes.
- Inducing agitated behavior when bed rails are used as a restraint.
- Feeling isolated or unnecessarily restricted.
- Preventing patients, who are able to get out of bed, from performing routine activities such as going to the bathroom or retrieving something from a closet.

Meeting Patients' Needs for Safety

Most patients can be in bed safely without bed rails. Consider the following:

- Use beds that can be raised and lowered close to the floor to accommodate both patient and health care worker needs.
- Keep the bed in the lowest position with wheels locked.
- When the patient is at risk of falling out of bed, place mats next to the bed, as long as this does not create a greater risk of accident.
- Use transfer or mobility aids.
- Monitor patients frequently.
- Anticipate the reasons patients get out of bed such as hunger, thirst, going to the bathroom, restlessness and pain; meet these needs by offering food and fluids, scheduling ample toileting, and providing calming interventions and pain relief.

When bed rails are used, perform an on-going assessment of the patient's physical and mental status; closely monitor high-risk patients. Consider the following:

- Lower one or more sections of the bed rail, such as the foot rail.
- Use a proper size mattress or mattress with raised foam edges to prevent patients from being trapped between the mattress and rail.
- Reduce the gaps between the mattress and side rails.

Which Ways of Reducing Risks are Best?

A process that requires ongoing patient evaluation and monitoring will result in optimizing bed safety. Many patients go through a period of adjustment to become comfortable with new options. Patients and their families should talk to their health care planning team to find out which options are best for them.

Patient or Family Concerns About Bed Rail Use

If patients or family ask about using bed rails, health care providers should:

- Encourage patients or family to talk to their health care planning team to determine whether or not bed rails are indicated.
- Reassure patients and their families that in many cases the patient can sleep safely without bed rails.
- Reassess the need for using bed rails on a frequent, regular basis.

To report an adverse event or medical device problem, please call FDA's MedWatch Reporting Program at 1-800-FDA-1088.

For additional copies of the brochure, see the FDA's website at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/beds/>

For more information about this brochure, contact Beryl Goldman at 610-388-5580 or by e-mail at bgoldman@kcorp.kendal.org. She has volunteered to answer questions.

For information regarding a specific hospital bed, contact the bed manufacturer directly.

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