

# Staebel Bedside Commode User Manual

Product Code: 7952PA



### **Thank you for choosing our Stael Bedside Commode.**

We aim to ensure you are satisfied with your chair in terms of both performance and durability. We therefore kindly ask you to spend a few minutes reading through these user instructions to ensure you can take the best possible care of your chair.

If you have any questions that are not answered in these user instructions, please contact us at Stael. You will find our contact details on the bottom page of these user instructions.

## **SAFETY WARNINGS**

### **General Safety Instructions**

This manual **MUST** be read and understood before use of this product.

The warranty will **not** apply if the product has been used incorrectly.

The manual does not override the OH&S Policy of any organisation using this product. Please refer to your organisation's OH&S Policy before using the product.

- Please check that the max user weight specified, on your Stael product, is applicable to your personal requirements.
- Do not use your bedside commode until it is properly adjusted and secure.
- Adjust the legs to the desired height before use. Make sure all four legs are set at the same height and the spring pins are fully engaged in the adjustment holes.
- Do not sit on the commode if it is on an angle or uneven.
- To prevent the risk of tipping, only use the bedside commode on as level or flat hard surface.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of the bedside commode as this may pose the risk of damaging the bedside commode.
- Users with limited physical strength should be supervised or assisted while using the commode.
- If the user requires assistance during transfers to the bedside commode, the aids must be particularly aware of the risk of performing unsafe lifts or movements when placing the user on the bedside commode. This applies whether the transfer is effected by means of a lift, slide board or support device.
- This Stael Bedside Commode is for indoor use only and not be used in the bath/shower or as an over toilet aid.
- The toilet seat must be in a down position before use. Failure to do so may result in breakage and possible injury.
- Only use Stael parts on the bedside commode.
- Always test to see that the bedside commode is properly and safely locked in place BEFORE using.

**WARNING:** This product has been designed and manufactured for general use with safety and function in mind. For those clients with special requirements, who may find this product unsuitable, please contact your health professional.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Please read all instructions before use.

Please note: These are our recommendations however you should approach a Health professional who is familiar with your needs to discuss. Eg. Occupational therapist/Physiotherapist.

### How to Assemble

1. Remove packaging
2. Attach the backrest by inserting the metal ends into the metal tubing on the base frame until the push pins are fully protruding in the hole.
3. Lift plastic toilet seat and place bowl on the metal runner and put the seat down.
4. Place the padded seat cover on top of the plastic toilet seat.
5. Adjust the seat height to the correct height for the user, see instructions below.

### Adjusting the Height

The seat height needs to be suitable for the user. The ideal height is when the user's feet rest flat on the ground, with thighs parallel to the ground or slightly angled with hips just above knee level. Knees should never project above the upper legs. Extra height may be needed following hip surgery.

### Spring Button Adjustment

1. Press the button in
2. Push the leg as if to shorten
3. Turn the leg slightly
4. Extend the leg to the required position, turn and re-locate buttons into the appropriate hole
5. Check the spring pin is fully located in the adjustment hole.
6. Repeat for other legs
7. Make sure all four legs are set at the same height, level and stable

### Sitting Down

- Check to ensure the commode is level and stable before sitting down.
- Remove the padded seat cover
- Ensure the lid on the bowl is removed, the bowl is under the toilet seat the plastic toilet seat is down.
- Turn round in front of the commode and feel the chair behind you with your legs.
- Reach back for the Armrests. Place both hands gently on the chair arms, with even pressure on both sides to prevent tipping.
- Bend slightly forward at the waist, slowly lowering on the seat gently.

### Standing Up

- Place both hands on the armrests, lift your body weight by using your legs and pushing up with your arms on the armrests, slowly raise yourself from the commode. Use even pressure on both sides to prevent tipping.

## GENERAL SAFETY

- Remove any obstacles such as loose rugs and worn floor coverings
- Ensure lighting is adequate
- Wear flat supportive shoes
- Avoid wet floors
- Do not store this product in temperatures below freezing
- All equipment should be regularly inspected for any damage or significant signs of wear.
- Regular cleaning is recommended, DO NOT use bleach or solvents.

## GENERAL CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

### General Cleaning

- Clean the commode regularly and the bowl after each use to keep it hygienic.
- It is recommended the frame be cleaned after heavy use or at least once a week.
- Dispose of waste into the toilet after each use.
- Clean the commode include the bowl with a non-corroding, mild washing agent and warm water. Rinse the bowl well.
- The toilet seat can be removed for cleaning.
- Do not use harsh abrasives, bleach based cleaners, solvents, or utensils (such as a wire brush) as this may cause damage or discolouration.
- Dry commode with a clean cloth.
- Keeping some water in the bottom of the bowl may make emptying and cleaning the bowl easier.

### General Maintenance

All equipment should be regularly inspected for any damage or significant signs of wear.

1. Check for, bent or damaged tubes, cracks at the tube joints, cracks in the toilet seat, cracks in the vinyl, worn/broken & non serviceable spring buttons, adjustment holes that have enlarged, smooth worn or split rubber tips.
2. Replace any broken, damaged or worn items immediately.
3. Check for cracks in the bucket. Replace if cracked or leaking.
4. Make certain that the height adjustment spring pins are fully engaged at the same height hole on all 4 legs and that the rubber tips touch the floor simultaneously.
5. If bedside commode frame is bent or shows signs of fatigue, DO NOT USE THE BEDSIDE COMMODOE.

## **WARRANTY**

### **Warranty Conditions**

A general one year warranty covering faulty workmanship or defective materials is provided. This warranty is valid for twelve months from the original purchase date, and to the original client.

This warranty does not apply to wear and tear, inappropriate or incorrect use, nonobservance of User Instructions, defective set up by the user or third party, negligent or careless treatment, use of unsuitable or unapproved spares or unauthorised alteration. This warranty does not extend to non-durable components such as rubber tips, castors and arm rests which are subject to normal wear and need periodic replacement, consequential costs resulting from fault clearance, loss of earning or expenses.

Should the product prove to be defective, the seller's and manufacturer's only obligation shall be at their election to repair or replace the product provided to be defective. Neither seller nor manufacturer shall be liable for any injury, or loss or damage, direct, indirect or consequential, arising out of the use of or inability to use the product.

The warranty referred to above is subject to the following:

1. The product must be returned at the client's expense to the dealer with proof of purchase.
2. Use and care instructions for the product must have been complied with.
3. No unauthorised repairs or alterations have been made to the product.
4. The warranty does not extend to any costs associated with delivery, handling, freight or transport of the product or any parts of it requiring replacement. All freight charges to and from the manufacturer and/or seller will be the responsibility of the client.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Before using the product, the client will determine the suitability of the product for the intended use. The client will assume all risk and liability whatsoever in connection with the suitability for use of the product. No statement or recommendation relating to the product, its suitability for the client or its use will have any force or effect unless set out in writing signed by the representatives of the seller and/or manufacturer. The clients nursing care should never be neglected. When StaebeL products are in use, continual assessment should be carried out to ensure the products are appropriate for the clients condition. Regular care, maintenance and inspections of the products are necessary. Damaged products should be withdrawn from use until rectified.