

D Ring Loops



User Manual

EN Instructions for fitting and use

Thank you for choosing

D Rings Loops from BraunAbility!

The following manual is an important part of the product, providing you with information on how to achieve maximum performance and safe operation. Keep the manual in a safe place so that you can refer to it when necessary.

If you have any questions about your equipment, please contact us.

Once again, thank you for placing your confidence in our products!



Safe vehicle adaptation solutions
*For your safety BraunAbility products are
designed and tested according to current
directives and standards.*

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Safety Information

Limitation of use

The development of BraunAbility wheelchair tie-down is a continuous process. Applications are added on a regular basis. For more details contact BraunAbility or look on the BraunAbility website.



The “D” Ring Loops are designed to fit between the wheelchair tie-down positions and the top end of the wheelchair tie-downs. They must be used as a pair.



They are used when the tie-down cannot be directly attached to the wheelchair. They should not be used with wheelchair weight greater than 100kg.



In addition to the details given in these instructions, users of BraunAbility wheelchair & occupant restraint kits must refer to the wheelchair manufacturer’s ‘Instructions for Use in Transport’ for full details of tie-down attachment points on the wheelchair, plus any other specific instructions relating to use in transport.



Wheelchair users and their carers must make sure that their wheelchair is recommended for use in transport, including any ‘add-on’ components such as power tilt or recline options.



Safety Information

General guidance

- Wheelchair Accessories that have not been approved by the Wheelchair Manufacturer must be removed from the wheelchair and secured in the vehicle during transport to reduce the potential for injury. Refer to 'Instructions For Use in Transport' provided with the wheelchair or contact wheelchair manufacturer for further guidance.
- These wheelchair accessories comply with all applicable requirements of ISO 10542, including a 48km/h, 20g frontal impact test using a forward facing 85kg surrogate wheelchair and an ATD (test dummy) with a mass of 76.3kg. The test dummy was restrained by both a pelvic and upper-torso restraint. Use of a pelvic only belt may compromise the performance of the WTORS system and should be avoided.
- If the installation is to be used with an occupant head rest anchored to the vehicle, then a vehicle-anchored back rest must be provided to minimise rearward deflection of the wheelchair seatback, preventing neck injury.
- Regular inspection of all parts is recommended and the equipment should be used only if all components are in good condition.
- **Warning:** protect webbing from contacting sharp edges and corners. Replace equipment if the webbing does becomes cut, contaminated or frayed.

- Any equipment which have been subjected to a crash situation from which the vehicle must be towed should, in the interest of safety, be replaced.
- Do not attempt to modify the equipment. For further advice on the installation and use of this tie-down, please contact BraunAbility. Please read this manual fully before use.
- Avoid contact with corrosive liquids. Care should be taken to prevent contamination of the webbing with polishes, oils and chemicals.
- The restraint kit anchorages should be installed by an experienced technician/vehicle converter. Anchorages should not be installed into unsound materials such as corroded metal, wood, plastic and fibre glass panels, without additional and suitable reinforcement.
- The equipment has been tested in a configuration similar to that recommended by BraunAbility, and any deviation from the recommendations here is the responsibility of the installer/user. These instructions refer use with both our rails and Solo anchors, however the equipment may be used with any BraunAbility proprietary rail product.

Before using the D Ring loops

- Ensure that the wheelchair is correctly maintained and that the settings of any adjustable parts are made according to 'Instructions for Use in Transport'.
- Whenever possible remove any items of luggage etc that may be attached to the wheelchair and secure or store separately during transport in order to reduce the potential for injury to other passengers travelling in the vehicle.
- Extra care must be exercised when using vehicle boarding aids such as passenger lifts or ramps during the loading process. Refer to 'Instructions For Use' for information on safe slopes.
- Position the wheelchair facing forward - centrally in the designated region of the vehicle.
Ensure the wheelchair brakes are applied.
- To minimise the potential for head injuries in an impact, allow a clear space of at least 400 mm behind and 650 mm, (FCZ, front clear zone), in front of the head of the wheelchair user, (Fig A). The shoulder belt anchorage must be roof or side-wall anchored at a height level such that the belt webbing passes over the midpoint of the occupant shoulder and at a height that is at or just above the level of the occupants shoulders so as not to impose downward loads on the spine.
- A height provision (HHT) ranging from 1000mm to 1550mm should be made, depending on the size of the passenger. There should also be 200 mm of clear space either side of the wheelchair centre line. If these clear space dimensions cannot be provided then any should be adequately padded and comply with impact performance requirements of ECE Regulation 21 'FMVSS 201'. All vehicle padding should comply with the flammability requirements of ECE Regulation 118 'FMVSS 302'.

Note: seated head height (HHT) ranges from as low as 1000mm for a 6-year-old child to 1550mm for a tall adult.

- Wheelchair users, their carers and family are advised to check vehicle specifications to ensure that sufficient floor space is available to accommodate the wheelchair and tie-down system. These distances are based upon the desire to maintain clear zones for potential head excursions of occupants provided with both upper and lower torso restraints.
- Users of heavy powered wheelchairs are also advised to check vehicle carrying capacity. If in doubt consult the vehicle supplier for further details.
- Any airbag, as fitted to the vehicle, shall be used only as a supplementary occupant restraint if designed to be used in combination with the wheelchair tie-down.
- Installers of this tie-down should take note of any vehicle airbag position when planning the installation. Airbags can cause serious injury if a wheelchair-seated occupant is seated too close to an airbag position. If in doubt contact the vehicle manufacturer or your National Automotive Regulatory Body for advice.

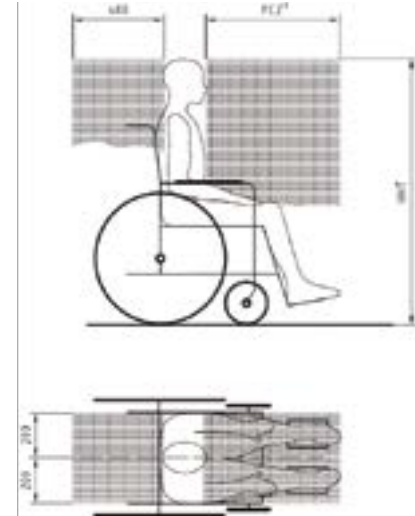


Figure A

Fit and use

Fitting and using the D Ring loops

Fitting the D-Ring loops

1. Position the webbing of the “D” Ring loop around the wheelchair attachment point, stick the webbing ends together using the Velcro, (Fig 1) and fit the karabiner/hooks onto the two “D” Ring loop (Fig 2).
2. Tension the restraint system as normal.
3. Repeat with the second D Ring loop.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Removing the D-Ring loops

1. Unfasten the restraint system and remove karabiner/hook from the D Ring loops.

After care

Equipment storage and maintenance

- Store the D-Ring loops safely off the floor to avoid damage and ensure that it cannot become a projectile in an accident. This can be achieved by using wall mounted storage bag such as SLR111.
- Regularly inspect the D-Ring loops for damage, wear or malfunction. If any problems are identified replace it immediately.
- All webbing and components can be cleaned as necessary, but care should be taken to prevent contamination of the webbings with polishes, oils and chemicals, particularly battery acid.
- To clean the straps use warm soapy water and a clean soft cloth. Rinse with clear water and allow to air dry. To disinfect, use a mild spray disinfectant and do not use products containing bleach.
Important: when cleaning or disinfecting, do not immerse or flood D-Ring loops, in the disinfectant or water.
- If the vehicle is involved in an accident when any restraints are deployed, remove them from service and replace immediately. If in doubt please contact BraunAbility.

Warranty

BraunAbility products are extensively tested using BraunAbility anchorage systems, and our full warranty normally only applies to BraunAbility equipment when used with BraunAbility branded anchorages or as instructed.

BraunAbility have also participated in test programs with other manufacturers anchorage products and will support warranty on the BraunAbility products when used in conjunction with such jointly tested systems.

For further details on specific applications please contact the Sales Office. In other situations, using BraunAbility products, for which BraunAbility has not participated in a joint test program, a limited BraunAbility warranty will apply.

Declaration of conformity

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