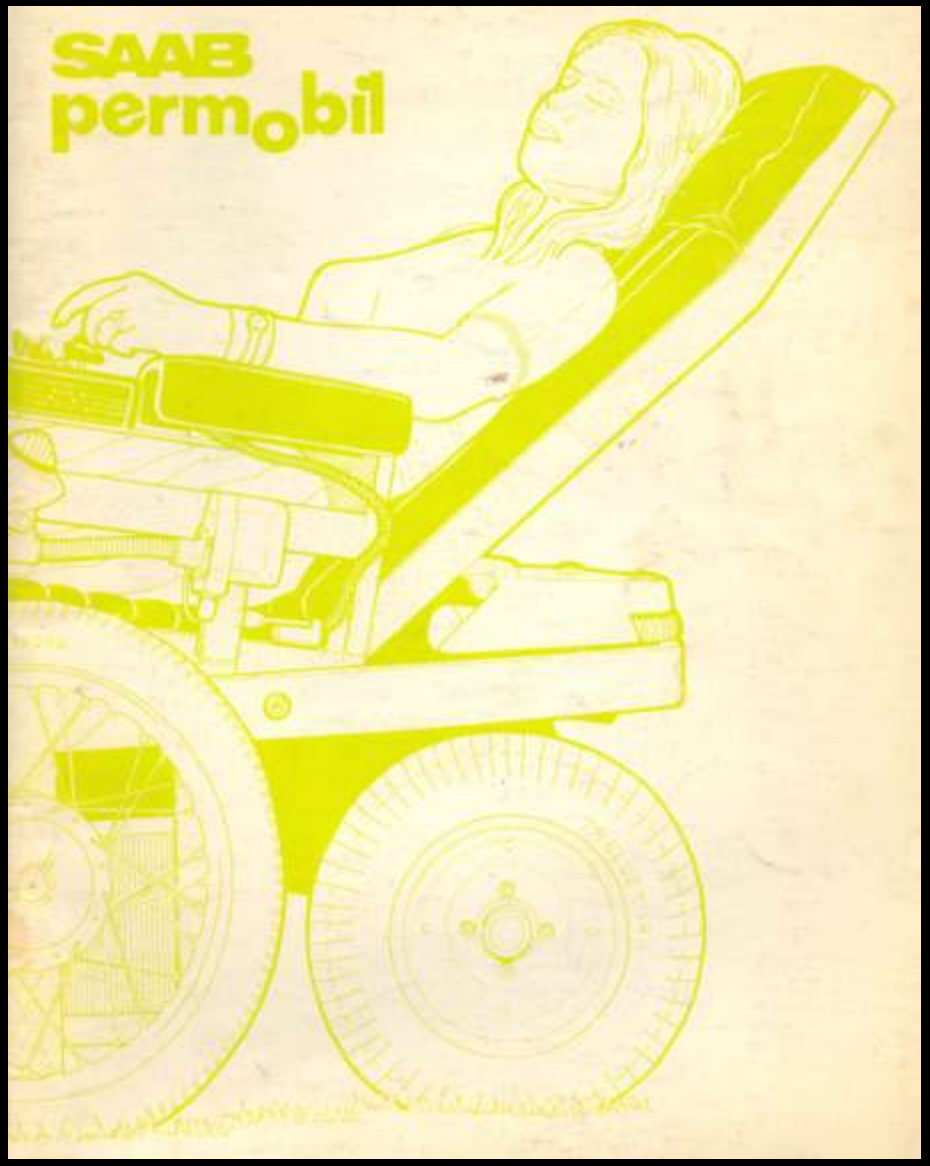
Permobil - 1979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Safety - Advanced design

Center of gravity important

The lower the center of gravity on a wheelchair with driver, the less risk there is that the wheelchair will tip forward when braked during forward travel, or backward when braked while reversing.

All Permobils greatly reduce the risks in everyday situations such as braking when driving forward up or down a steep inclined ramp.

Permobils are also far safer than any other electric chair in connection with emergency braking.

Low center of gravity

The lower the center of gravity, the greater the safety margin. Permobil has a very low center of gravity even with a driver, thanks to the unusual high weight (350-500 lbs.)

Built for everyday hazards

Reduces risks at sudden steps down hills.
Reduces risks to tip forward due to a high curb.
Reduces risks to tip sideways if one wheel slips off the curb (hangs on the bottom plate).

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Safety – Advanced Design

Special Features

Carefully designed system solutions permit variation and individual adaptation, including numerous standard variants and a wide range of accessories and controls, including fingertip, foot, chin and suck and blow.

Service in the broad sense

Free service training for wheelchair dispensary mechanics.
A free service visit following delivery.
800 number for free telephone service.

Easy to bring into a van or station wagon

Can be driven up a short ramp into a station wagon. (Take steps of 25 - 35°). Couplings for easy detachment of the seat are available upon request.

Built-in charger

The built-in charger is automatic and double insulated for safety. Indicator lamps tell when charging is ready.

Permobil's specially developed automatic control system ensures low water consumption. Permobils can be charged in normal residential rooms that do not require special ventilation.

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Special Features

The Permobil user

Permobils are used by persons who need them for specific types of locomotion. This means, for example, that many persons who can walk, some even without support on level ground, may nevertheless be prescribed Permobils for cross-country travel. The prerequisite is that the locomotory dysfunction has lasted or is expected to last for more than six months.

Walks without assistance

Permobil Exterior are to used by dwarfism and the Permobil Superior by severely impaired rheumatics. Cardiac and asthma patients can also benefit by using Permobils. The asthma patient can even sleep in Permobil Superior during periods of severe attacks, thanks to the fact that the legs, seat and back angle can be varied electrically.

An orthostatic patient in a Permobil Superior durable with extra deep declining backrest has improved at work, probably as a result of orthostatic training through raising and lowering of her upper body, that she can now walk unassisted about distances.

Walk with a cane

Many cardiac patients who can walk with a cane, and some even without around outdoors with a Permobil Exterior.

Walk with crutches

A large number of Permobil Exteriors have been prescribed for patients who walk with crutches. A crutch holder is the most common accessory on Permobil Exterior and is attached to the rear fender.

Wheelchair-bound patients

Most of the 600 Permobil Superior users and about half of the more than 1,600 Permobil Exterior users belong to this group.

From 4 to 82 years

A 5 year old boy with a severe bone disease received a specially-built Superior. He not only can lift his seat and turn the backrest down, but also widen it sideways so that he can go to and from his bed.

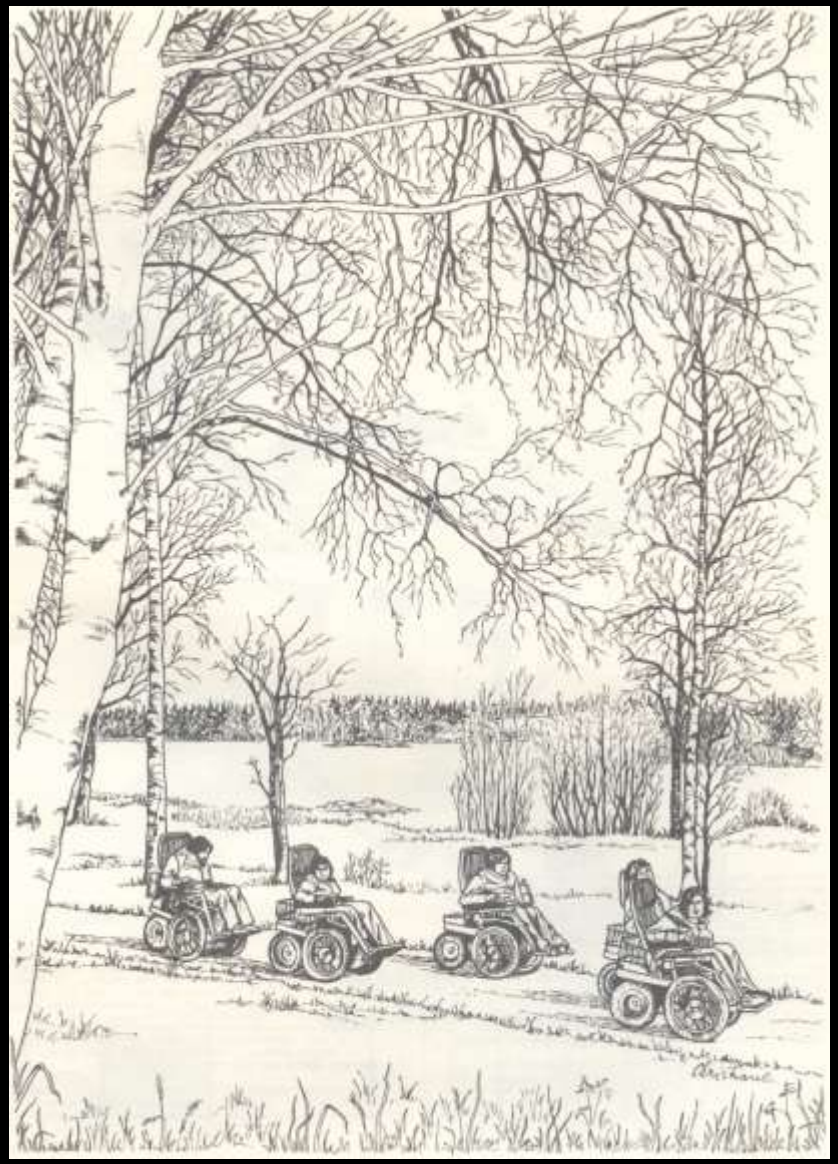
More and more children are being given Superiors with advanced steering systems, such as foot or chin steering.

In the spring of 1978, a 4 year old boy, also with osteogenesis imperfecta got a seat elevating Permobil Superior, that allowed him also to pick apples from the trees.

A normal 3 year old can learn to drive a Permobil quickly.

An 82 year old Jay Driver was recently given a Permobil Exterior EB with a special backrest. He is one of the half dozen Permobil users here in the past century. Instead of just sitting and looking out of the window, he can now live an active life with his Permobil.

The Permobil User



Permobil Superior - to live in

Physical indications

The patient cannot move from one chair to another.

Patients who need high sitting comfort, postural adjustment and pressure sore prophylaxis.

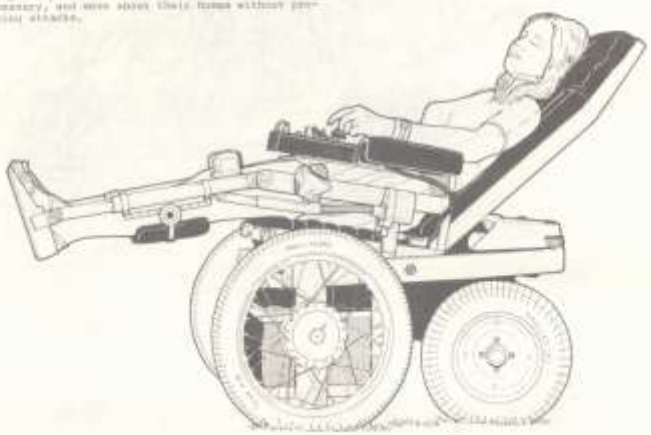
Special control or extensive anatomic adaptation unnecessary.

All patients who can enter and leave the chair themselves, thanks to foot-plate adjustment to the floor and adjustment of seat inclination.

All patients who are expected to need a fully servo-assisted chair soon.

Emphysema patients who can sleep in the chair when necessary, and move about their homes without previous attacks.

Outdoors and indoors: Permobil Superior is the only chair that is designed to be used both outdoors and indoors. One of the main social indications is therefore the patient's inability to transfer himself from one chair to another.



Note that the fingertip control is designed for severely handicapped persons and for outdoor driving. Balancing from 0 to full speed and at the same time direction of travel is possible for a healthy hand, but is not appropriate for a severely functionally impaired hand, especially on uneven surfaces.

A bump must not be permitted to disturb the balance of the hand so that sudden acceleration occurs and directions are changed. Permobil therefore, has an on-off system with an acceleration circuit. The mechanically speed-limited slow steering system prevents uncontrolled and sudden changes of course.

Foot-plate control also permits a practically feasible regimen for pressure sore prevention. By means of diagonal raising and lowering of the foot-plate, pressure on the thighs, and to a lesser extent on the sacrum, is alternated. This increases the turnover of air in the foam rubber in the seat cushions and facilitates the evaporation of water vapor exuded by the skin.

Double-handicapped children

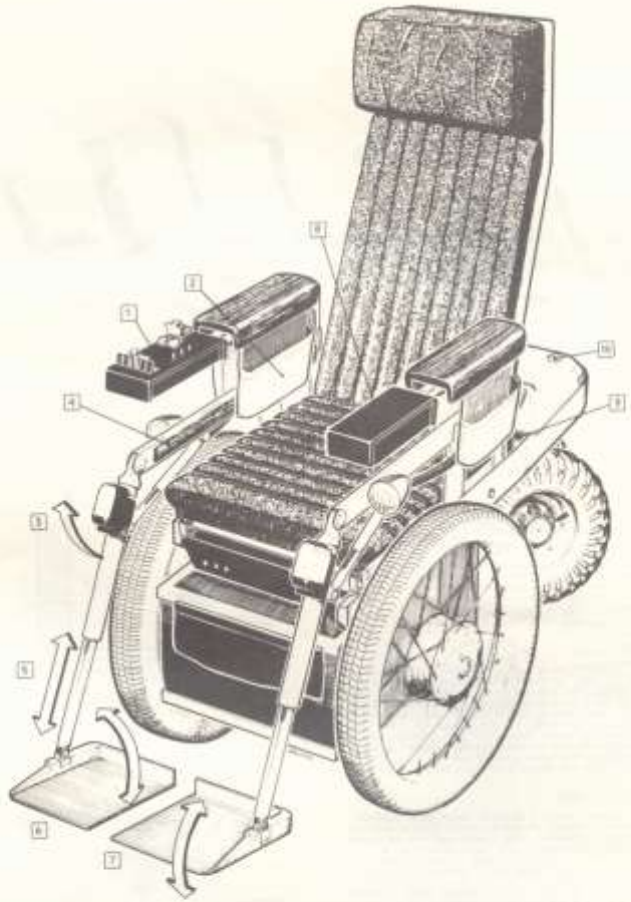
Even severely paralytically impaired persons can get a great deal of pleasure out of driving in areas which do not entail hazards for themselves or their environment.

As far as such patients are concerned, it is important that they are activated and that it is possible for their nearest friends and relatives to take them on long walks. Side control is described on page 40.

It is therapeutically valuable to activate a person with brain damage. He should feel that he is able to get about on his own.

The current trend is to regard an electric wheelchair not as something final and definite, but rather as a state in the process of rehabilitation.

Permobil Superior



Turnhill Superior has unequalled sitting comfort, owing in part the simple, electronically operated tipping of the patient-bearing section around an axis below the patient's centre of gravity. The backrest is tilted back at the same time as the front edge of the seat is lifted. This tilt does not have any "jacket effect". Naturally, backrest inclination can also be adjusted independently of seat inclination.

The demand that the knee joint should be in the right position was solved by the use of openable side units. Concern for the patient's comfort and attention to detail, is exemplified by the padding on the link between the armrest and the knee joint, which serves as a thigh support. The screws for regulating the footplates are also padded and thereby non-irritate knee supports.