Breeze 3 & Breeze 4 Operating Instructions and Owner’s Handbook
1. INTRODUCTION

The Breeze – Outdoor Powered Scooter: Thank you for purchasing from TGA. We hope your Breeze will bring much freedom and pleasure to your life.

This handbook provides important information on the most common operational and maintenance concerns that the user should be familiar with. It is very important that the user is familiar with the driving technique and is able to operate the controls competently before venturing far from where there is assistance. The handbook will draw your attention to important safety related issues by Care! Warning Labeling. Keep this handbook for future referral.

* Do not ride your Breeze without fully reading and understanding this instruction manual first.
* Do not exceed the maximum gradient/slope of 21°.
* Do not carry passengers or exceed the maximum carrying weight (see Technical Specifications).
* Do not get on or off your Breeze unless it is switched off.
* Do not switch your Breeze on with the speed control lever depressed.
* Do not back your Breeze into uneven inclines or surfaces. Be cautious when traversing slopes.
* Do not drive your Breeze in a confined space unless the speed adjustment is set to low.
* Do not turn suddenly at full speed, especially on uneven or hilly ground. Failure to observe this may result in tipping of the scooter.
* Do not drive your Breeze unless the seat is locked into the driving position.
* Do not drive your Breeze over deep, soft terrain (e.g. soft dirt, deep grass, loose gravel).
* Do not operate your scooter when under the influence of alcohol or certain drugs, which may impair your safety.
* Do not climb or descend curbs that exceed the Breeze’s capability.
* Do not turn when negotiating curbs. Always approach curbs at low speed and straight.
* Always stop fully before changing direction (forward or reverse).
* Always keep your feet on the vehicle when driving.
* Always proceed carefully while riding your scooter, especially as you approach the downgrade of a ramp or hill.
* Always proceed carefully while riding on uneven surfaces.
* Do not sit on your Breeze while being transported in a moving vehicle. Always restrain the scooter so that it cannot move in the vehicle and transfer yourself to a vehicle seat.
* Do not drive your Breeze through deep water or clean with a high pressure hose.
* Never attempt to freewheel down a slope as all braking will be lost.
* Safe driving tips for scooter users have been printed in the back of this manual. For your own safety and that of others please ensure that you thoroughly read and understand this and in addition always obey the rules of the road.

Intended Purpose

The Breeze is intended for outdoor use and is fitted with large wheels and fully active front and rear suspension making it ideal for rough terrain and cross country as well as normal use. It is capable of climbing slopes up to 21% and negotiating obstacles up to 12cm. Care must be taken when using in these conditions.

Pavement Use

The speed of the Breeze is dependant on the weight of the occupant, incline and the type of surface. Tested with a weight of 18 stone (114.55kg) the Breeze had a speed of 7.5/8mph on the flat, on high speed setting. When used on the pavement, the UK law limits the speed to 4mph. For pavement use make sure 4mph is selected, and drive with care.
2. ASSEMBLY (WHERE NECESSARY)

The Breeze was pre-delivery inspected and tested prior to dispatch. The batteries may have been disconnected for delivery purposes only. Remove all the items from the carton and strip the protective packaging materials off each item. Returns are only accepted when the product is shipped in the original cartons with the original packing material installed.

Breeze 3 will have had the front wheel and the seat removed. Replace the front wheel into the forks using the components supplied and refit the front brake cable. Ensure the wheel nuts are securely tightened. Next fit the seat plate to the base of the seat with the four allen headed bolts, making sure the adjustment levers are to the front.

Breeze 4 will just have the seat back and tiller folded down.

**Removal and Replacement of seat** – To remove seat, release the seat locking lever, fig 5.1, and turn seat through 180° so that it faces to the rear. Now lift seat straight up and out. Replacing the seat is just a reversal of the above.

**Tiller Adjustment** – Release the tiller adjusting lever by pushing downwards, then move the tiller up or down to your choice. Make sure it locks in before use, fig 3.6

**Rear Cover Removal** – Remove seat, then unscrew the two black fixing screws located at the top rear of the cover. Remove cover. Replacement is just a reversal of the above, ensuring the cover locates correctly.

**Batteries** – For safety in transit the main supply leads may have been disconnected from the batteries. The black lead would have been disconnected from one battery and the red lead from the other. These will be taped to the batteries in an obvious position as will the fixing bolts. Simply reconnect the leads ensuring the bolts are correctly tightened.

3. PREPARE THE BREEZE FOR FIRST USE

If you receive your Breeze packaged and it has to be assembled see the section covering Assembly. The batteries will require charging - refer to Charging the Breeze for details.

**Care! Warning**
The Breeze is easy to drive but it is essential that you familiarise yourself with the controls and learn to drive it in a safe area with sufficient room to manoeuvre for your safety and that of others. The area should be free of obstacles and reasonably flat. Mark a practice course for straight line driving, turning in confined spaces, reversing and driving around obstacles.

4. THE CONTROLS AND INSTRUMENT PANEL

Figs 1-4 Provide details of the control system. Listed below are the various controls and their uses.

1. **Speed Control Levers** - The speed of Breeze is controlled by the lever located on the right hand handlebar and shown in Fig 1.1. Always use the lever gently, remembering that the more you squeeze the lever in the quicker you will go. To stop simply release the lever, the braking is completely automatic and when the machine has stopped the parking brake will engage and stay on until the machine moves off again. The lever is also fitted with a panic sensor which is activated if the lever is pulled in hard against the handlebar. If this happens all power to the motor will be shutdown and the brakes will come on immediately causing the machine to stop very suddenly. Please be aware of this fact and brace yourself accordingly. There are several reasons for this to be fitted. 1. to stop the throttle becoming pulled on accidentally causing a dangerous situation. 2. to stop intentional very rapid acceleration. 3. for emergency use. 4. it is possible that when in an emergency situation, instead of releasing the throttle some people will panic and pull the lever even harder. With this sensor fitted, in an emergency situation which ever direction the lever goes the machine will stop. In normal use take
8. Head Light Warning Light - Will come on when lights are in use. Lights will reduce range of scooter. Use only when necessary (fig 4.2).

9. Indicators - Left and right hand located on the L/H handlebar. Push the switch in the same direction as you need to turn. To stop the indicators, push the button forward. The buzzer can be enabled to sound whilst indicators are in use (deactivated as standard) (fig 3.2).

10. Forward/Reverse Switch - Located on the RH handlebar (fig 1.3). Select your desired direction by pressing either side of switch as marked. When using reverse the top speed is automatically reduced and a warning buzzer will sound. WARNING Always come to a complete stop before changing selector switch.

11. Speed Selector Switch - This is located on the RH handlebar (fig 3.5). It has two positions, ‘1’ which is the high speed (approx 8 mph) and ‘1/2’ which is the slow speed (approx 4mph). CARE WARNING – It is a legal requirement not to exceed 4 mph on footpaths or shopping areas. Always use the slow speed when driving inside buildings, crowded areas, sales, stately homes etc. Using the faster speed in these sorts of conditions presents a serious danger both to you and people on foot. Don’t forget these machines are very quiet and others may not be aware of your presence. The 8 mph speed is only legal for road or off road use.

12. Speed Select Light - Will come on when ½ speed (4mph) is selected (fig 4.4).

13. Brake Release Button – In addition to the manual brake release, the Breeze is fitted with a very convenient handlebar electronically operated device as well. To use, switch on the keyswitch and squeeze the button located at the front of the RH handlebar. This will release the brake and allow the scooter to be moved (fig 1.4).
14. **Battery Condition Indicator** — Consists of 8 individual segments and is located on the LCD Display (fig 4.6). All 8 segments lit shows a fully charged battery. When you reach 3 segments you should be thinking of recharging and when you get down to the last 2 lit is important to get it on charge as soon as possible. At this point there will be limited mileage left. It is impossible to be more specific than this as every rider and different types of terrain will achieve different results. It is important to only use Breeze on short runs to start with to explore the sort of range you will be achieving. When you are confident about range you can start going on longer journeys.

15. **Speed Indicator Display** — Located on the LCD display (fig 4.3) the Speed indicator shows the speed the Breeze is travelling in either mph or kph (fig 4.9).

16. **Mode & Reset Button** — The Mode and Reset button (fig 4.8) will change the digital reading (fig 4.3) from speed to distance or time travelled. The distance travelled can be shown in either miles of km and the time travelled is measured in hours (fig 4.9). To reset the travel time or distance simply press Mode until the time or distance is showing and then hold mode for 7 seconds. This button can also change the digital reading to a clock.

17. **Set up Button** — The Set Up button is used to set up the time and date. To set up or change the time and/or date indicated on the clock simply press the Mode button until the clock is showing and then hold the Mode button for 7 seconds and you will enter set up mode of the clock. In set up mode use the Mode button to select each unit of time (hours or minutes) the selected unit will flash. Then use the Set Up button to increase the selected unit by 1 unit. Once you have set the desired unit press the Mode button to move on to the next.

5. **SEAT ADJUSTMENT**

1. For ease of entry and exit to Breeze the seat will swivel to the left or right with two lock in positions each side at 45° and 90°. The lever is located at the front of the seat (fig 5.1). Make sure the seat locks in before either getting on or off, or driving.

2. The seat adjustment lever located at the front of seat allows the seat to be adjusted forward or backward (fig 5.2).

3. Armrests can be raised or lowered allowing easier entry and exit.

4. Backrest can be adjusted by releasing the lever on left hand side of backrest.

5. Headrest can be made higher simply by pulling gently upward. To lower there is a small lever located on the top of the seat at the base of the left hand headrest support. Simply press the lever and adjust to preferred height.

6. The seat height is adjustable by altering the position of the seat stem. Remove the seat and rear cover and you will see the seat stem is held in its location by a single bolt. Remove the bolt and the seat stem can be adjusted up or down to any one of its fixing holes. Adjust to your preferred position and tighten bolt. Refit cover and seat.
6. **Driving**

Before driving make sure that the Battery is fully charged, check that the tyres do not appear to be soft, see Maintenance section for details of monthly checks and tyre pressures. Check that the Key is switched OFF before entry. When comfortably sat, ensure that the seat lever has locked the seat secure. Ensure that the armrests are in the down position.

1. Set the Breeze speed to slow. Hold the Tiller with both hands and gently squeeze the right control lever to move the Breeze forward. The more you squeeze the lever, the faster you will go. Always come to a stop before changing H or L speeds, or forward and reverse.

2. Releasing the control lever automatically operates the brakes to slow down and stop. Once stopped, the parking brake will automatically come on.

3. Use the Tiller to steer.

4. To go backwards, select reverse and squeeze the right control lever again. The speed in reverse is reduced automatically for safety.

5. To negotiate from pavement to road, or road to pavement, you should try to find a suitable slope. The Breeze will mount, or go down kerbs 12cm high, but you should approach a kerb at right angles (90°). You should stop just short of the edge and:
   * If you are going up; select the high speed setting then drive until both front and back wheels are on the pavement, then immediately lower the speed.
   * If going down, proceed slowly on low setting until on the road, then switch to a suitable higher speed to cross the road safely.

6. The Breeze is suitable for road use BUT great care must be taken and at the maximum speed of 8 mph, you may present a hazard to other faster moving road users. (See safe driving tips at the rear of this manual.)

7. Watch your Battery Indicator. The distance you can travel depends on many factors, the more slopes, the less distance you can travel. We recommend that you gradually explore going further each day.

8. Should the battery “run out” before you get home there are two things you can do to avoid being stranded. Stopping and switching off the KEY for 5 – 10 minutes will allow the battery to “recover” a little power so that you can proceed further. You can attempt this a number of times. If you are unfortunate and cannot return to home under the battery power there is a “Free Wheel” device that will allow someone to push the Breeze home (see Parking Brake Release).

9. Range is influenced by many environmental conditions, hills will substantially decrease the range. Establish what you can obtain around your locality by gradually increasing the distance and checking the battery indicators at the end of each journey.

10. Reducing the speed will also reduce the power. For climbing obstacles or hills you will need to increase the speed setting to give the power and then control the speed with the levers.

**Parking**

1. Before leaving the scooter, switch the ignition off, the battery indicator will then go off. Remove the ON/OFF Key for security.

2. If the Breeze has been used in the Free Wheel mode (see Parking Brake Release), it is VERY IMPORTANT to re-engage the drive to ensure that the scooter brake is on before you get off.

3. Flip up the armrest to make it easier to get up from the Breeze, or swivel the seat through 90°.
TRANSPORTING THE BREEZE – When transporting Breeze in a motor vehicle the height can be reduced by the removal of the seat and laying the tiller flat. Everything however must be securely strapped down including the scooter itself and anything removed from it. The user must never travel in a vehicle seated on Breeze but should transfer to a proper vehicle seat. CARE WARNING – All components are heavy, seek help if you think you may injure yourself when lifting.

PARKING BRAKE RELEASE – In addition to the Electronic Brake Release (Section 4.14), the Breeze is fitted with a manual brake release. This is located at the rear of the Breeze just inside the right hand rear wheel (fig 5.3). The up position is normal use, pushed down releases the brake and allows the Breeze to be pushed. There will be no power to drive Breeze when the brake is in this position, however when switched on the Battery Indicator lights will flash (fig4.6) indicating a fault mode and the Alarm indicator (fig 4.5) will illuminate. Never release this lever when Breeze is on a slope.

SAFETY OVERLOAD SWITCH – The Breeze is protected electrically and electronically by 2 overload switches. They are designed to ‘pop-out’ should an overload or serious electronic fault occur. Possible examples that could cause the overload switch to activate could be, steep or very long slope or high kerb causing overloading and overheating or possible accident damage.

One of the switches covers the charging circuit and the other covers the drive side of Breeze. These are located between the right hand rear wheel and the battery cover (fig 5.3). Should these switch’s become activated for whatever reason it will cause a complete electrical shutdown and the parking brake will come on. Switch off, allow a few minutes and push the button in to reset. If it will not reset, leave a few more minutes and try again. If it refuses to reset get in touch with your dealer. Never attempt to hold the button in by any other means if Breeze will not charge, switch off, allow a few minutes and reset. If it will not reset follow the instructions above.

TIPS, CAUTIONS, PROBLEMS AND ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Stop Problems before they Start
If you detect an unusual vibration or noise in the operation of your Breeze, try to determine the cause. Be sure the power is off before investigating. If you cannot discover the cause of a problem contact your Breeze dealer for help.

Airline Checking
Sealed Lead Acid Batteries are permitted on aeroplanes. A sticker on the battery case states what they are. Airline personnel may insist on removing the battery cover to verify its contents. It is best to check with the airline before hand. An airline compliance certificate is available from TGA.

Storage
Avoid storing your Breeze in locations with extreme heat or cold. A cool dry location is ideal if possible. The following steps will help keep rust and corrosion from impairing your scooters function and appearance. Turn the key to the off position. Clean all exterior surfaces, touch-up any damaged paint. Check and inflate the tyres (see technical specification on page 10). Be sure the battery is fully charged before prolonged periods of storage and be sure to recharge every 6 weeks. Failure to comply may result in battery replacement.
11. BATTERY CHARGING

The battery charger supplied is special to your Breeze and so it may not be suitable for any other powered mobility product. Only use the charger supplied with your Breeze as other makes of chargers may permanently damage your batteries and would void the warranty.

To charge your batteries follow these simple steps.

1. Switch OFF your Breeze and remove the key.
2. Plug the charger lead into the socket located on the rear of the handlebar console (fig 3.7). Plugging the charger into Breeze automatically cuts all power to the electronics and the scooter cannot be driven.
3. Push the plug from the charger into a suitable wall outlet and switch on.
4. The red light will come on for "mains on" as will an amber light indicating the battery is charging. Green will light when the batteries are fully charged.
5. When the batteries reach their charged state, the charger will automatically stop charging. The lights will, however, still be on but the batteries cannot overcharge.
6. Although to get out of trouble the batteries can be put on charge for a short period of time, it is always best to go through a complete charge cycle each time. Excessive short period charging will be detrimental to battery life.
7. For the best results and to prolong battery life, try to run the battery down by at least 50% before recharging and in addition it is always best to go through a complete charge cycle each time.
8. Depending on the depth of the discharge, the minimum time taken to recharge serviceable batteries fully will vary up to 12 hours. Please note that this time may increase as batteries get older. During periods without use (perhaps during the winter) it is wise to charge the batteries every 4 to 6 weeks.
9. For the best results your batteries must be cycled for their first 10-15 charges. This means run them down as much as you safely can in use and then give them a full charge. They will not work at their best until this process has been carried out.

You will find that the distance that your Breeze can travel will gradually increase over the first few weeks of use as the batteries reach their optimum efficiency after approximately 12 cycles of discharge and recharge.

Care! Warning
* Do not smoke or use a naked flame while your batteries are being charged.
* Do not use the charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise misused in any way. Take it to a qualified technician.
* Do not dismantle the charger. This will void the warranty.
* Do not leave charger plugged into your Breeze with charger switched off as this may discharge your batteries.
* For a complete charge – Do not switch off, unplug or interrupt the recharge cycle until the charging cycle has completed.

12. A GUIDE TO SAFE AND LASTING BATTERIES

* For longest life, your batteries should be recharged after reasonable use.
* If your Breeze is not used for a period of time, a refreshing charge should be given every 4-6 weeks. Never leave your batteries in a discharged condition. This is particularly important to sealed batteries such as the type in your Breeze.
* If your Breeze is to be stored away for some time, make sure the batteries are fully charged before storing. Fully charge the batteries before re-using it.
* Every six months, check the connections on the batteries, making sure they are tight and clean.
* Breeze is fitted with sealed maintenance free batteries especially designed for powered mobility. They do not require topping up and will not leak out even if batteries are inverted.

Batteries carry a limited warranty from the original manufacturer, which is subject to a stringent wear and tear clause. Any battery faults due to a defect by the original manufacturer will normally become obvious within the first two months. Any gradual deterioration in performance after this period is normally associated with fair wear and tear; misuse or accidental damage is not covered by the manufacturer’s warranty.
13. MAINTENANCE

We recommend that the Breeze has an annual service and maintenance check by your Breeze Dealer or TGA. The following are weekly/monthly checks that will keep the machine in good running order.

- Do not apply oil or grease to any components. Sealed bearings and nylon bushes eliminate the need for lubrication.
- Keep all components clean and dry.
- Keep tyres inflated according to technical specification on page 10. Low tyre pressure will degrade performance so it is very important to check pressure frequently.
- Check tyres for wear. Replace as soon as there is any sign of excessive wear.
- The Breeze uses maintenance free batteries, they are leak-proof regardless of position. Charging the battery is the only maintenance required (refer to charging instructions). DO NOT leave the batteries flat, charge every 4-6 weeks if the Breeze is being stored and not used.
- Check the electrical cable connectors are fully home and secure.
- Battery Replacement is dependent upon use, the batteries generally last up to 3 years. When batteries loose power too quickly, it is likely they are due for replacement. If there is no dealer in your area, you may want to change the batteries yourself. Order batteries direct from TGA. Installation instructions are included with the replacement batteries.

**Seat Upholstery:** A damp cloth and a little soap will keep your seat, and backrest looking good. Do not use abrasive cleaners as this will damage the coating. Upholstery can be damaged by chemical cleaners. Ultraviolet light can also reduce the life of the upholstery coating material. This is a normal ageing process and cannot be guaranteed (see exclusion in the Warranty Terms section).

**Bodywork:** The bodywork on your Breeze can be lightly washed with clean soapy water. Car polish can be used to keep the paint and bodywork in pristine condition. Do not use abrasive cleaners or strong detergents as this will fade the colour.

**CAUTION:** Do not hose down your Breeze. Water could be forced into the electronics and cause permanent damage.

**DO NOT** store your Breeze in damp conditions. This may affect the electronics if left for very long periods of time.

**Electronics:** Servicing of the drive electronics and charger should only be carried out by your local TGA service dealer. These units are sealed and should not be opened. BROKEN SEALS WILL VOID YOUR WARRANTY.

**DO NOT** operate your Breeze in extreme weather conditions i.e. very heavy rain. **DO NOT** drive through deep water. This could damage the main electronic controller, or other electronics.

**Motor Brakes:** If the motor brakes are functioning correctly, you will not be able to push your machine when it is switched off or switched on with the speed control throttle in the neutral position.

If your machine can be pushed when as described above, the motor brake(s) may be faulty. **Do not use the scooter and contact your dealer.**

**SAFETY NOTE:** For your own safety, we recommend that you check the function of your brakes prior to every journey. **Driving Brake:** When you drive your Breeze and let go of the speed control lever, it should reduce speed very quickly. If you notice a change in the normal driving/slowing condition and your Breeze does not slow down quickly please do not use your machine and contact your dealer.

**Batteries:** Keep your batteries well charged (see Battery Charging section). Keep batteries clean and in a dry frost-proof place. Keep battery terminals tight.

**IMPORTANT:** It is not possible to predict the life expectancy of your batteries. This is mainly due to different workloads a battery can be subjected to.

Some Breeze users will use their scooter every day and for long periods of time. Their batteries will receive a near total and regular discharge and the life of their batteries will be short (12 months or less in some cases).

Other Breeze users will use their vehicles less frequently, putting their batteries through a less demanding discharge lifestyle. These batteries will probably have a longer life (24 to 36 months or longer).

When you need to replace the batteries, always insist on the model fitted as standard equipment to your Breeze. If in doubt, consult with your local TGA authorized dealer.
14. TROUBLE SHOOTING

1. Your Breeze will not start:
   • Check it has not gone into sleep mode.
   • Make sure that the key switch is turned on. If it is, the battery condition gauge will be operating. If it is showing empty – recharge batteries.
   • Check overload switches
   • Check brake release is engaged

2. The battery condition gauge fails to operate when the key switch is in the on position, check the following:
   • Make sure the battery charger is not plugged to the wall outlet, this will prevent drive. Check brake release is not disengaged.
   • Check the battery connectors, battery terminal condition.
   • If none of the above contact your Breeze Dealer.

3. If your Breeze does not slow down or the variable speed control does not work:
   • Turn off the power on key switch.
   • Inform your authorized TGA dealer.

4. The Breeze stops and will not restart.
   • Check the overload switch, which can be reset by simply pushing the button in (Section 9. Safety Overload Switch).

CAUTION: If you find for any reason your Breeze does not reduce speed when you let go of the speed control lever, use the manual brake on the handlebars. If this fails to stop you, switch your Breeze off with the ON/OFF key. The parking brake will activate immediately and stop your Breeze. Beware the machine will stop very suddenly so brace yourself with the handlebars and sit back on your seat.

Care! Warning Care! Warning Care! Warning Care! Warning

This operation should only be carried out as on emergency; continual use of this procedure will damage the drive transmission and motor brake. Consult your authorized TGA dealer before using your scooter again if you feel for any reason that your Scooter is not driving correctly or making unusual noise, stop using the scooter. Be SAFE, contact your TGA dealer, they will be able to advise you.

15. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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The Breeze is manufactured in accordance with Safety Standard EN12184. It complies with CE Approval (Europe) and is approved by the TNO. TGA reserve the right to alter at any time without prior notice the design, specification, packaging or price of their products without incurring any obligation.
16. WARRANTY

This is to certify that your TGA product is warranted by TGA for a period of twelve months from the date of purchase subject to the following conditions:

1. This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser/user of the TGA product identified by the product serial number located on the frame. This warranty is not transferable.

2. TGA will repair or replace free of charge any part found upon inspection by an authorised representative of TGA to be defective in material and/or workmanship.

3. If a defect or fault is discovered, the dealer from where the product was purchased should be notified immediately.

Warranty Exclusions

• Tyres (these are normal wear components and replacement is not warranted)
• TGA will not be responsible for defects caused by abuse in return transit, vandalism, misuse, abuse, accident, negligence, alteration or misuse caused by non-observance of instructions set out in the Operators Manual
• This warranty does not cover commercial or rental use of the Breeze or any use other than normal.
• Upholstery and seating (these are normal wear components and replacement is not warranted)
• Returns are only accepted when the product is shipped in the original carton with original protective packing materials installed.
• Returned goods to be sent to TGA carriage paid. If a successful warranty claim is found TGA will pay return carriage. There is no other express warranty. Any and all other implied warranties are excluded. Your rights as a consumer are not affected.

Service Information: Only genuine TGA Spares should be used.
An authorised TGA dealer will service your Breeze under the terms of the above stated warranty. Servicing dealership personnel are trained professionals. They should be able to answer any question you may have. If you encounter a problem that a dealer does not solve to your satisfaction, please discuss it with the dealership’s management. The Service Manager or General Manager can help. Almost all problems can be solved in this way. If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by the dealership’s management, contact TGA for advice.
17. SAFE DRIVING TIPS FOR SCOOTER USERS

Scooters fall into two categories, Class 2 which is essentially a 4mph pavement vehicle and can only legally be used on the road when either crossing over or because there are no footpaths. A Class 3 vehicle is capable of 4 & 8 mph and provided it is fitted with front and rear lights, flashing indicators, horn and rear view mirror it is legal for use on the road. It can also be used on the footpaths but must not exceed 4 mph. Class 2 & 3 vehicles must not be driven on Dual Carriageways, Motorways, Bus Lanes or Cycle Tracks.

INSURANCE - There is no legal requirement for insurance but it is a very good idea to have cover for fire and theft, accidental and malicious damage, and also third party damages. Just phone Karen at TGA (01787 882244) and she will talk you through it.

BREAKDOWN & GET YOU HOME SERVICE - Again a very good idea and can take a load of worry off your mind. Just talk to Karen.

MOBILE PHONE - An essential item if you are out there alone. You never know, breakdown, accident, health - communication is a must.

CARRYING LOADS

Do not overload. It may make the vehicle unstable and reduce its range. Place heavy loads inboard – in the middle – not behind the back wheel which can lighten the steering or can cause the front end to lift off the road on a bump, and not at the front which might make steering heavy.

WATCH YOUR BRAKES

Never try to drive, or even sit on your vehicle while it is in “free wheel”. The electronic brake will be out of action and the vehicle could run away with you.

MAINTENANCE

Do carry out the checks listed in this manual regularly and also have the machine serviced at least once a year.

TYRES

Keep tyres at the pressure recommended by the manufacturer. They will last longer and be safer. Replace when they become worn.

LIGHTS

Check bulbs regularly and replace when needed, use your lights frequently, at dusk onwards, on a dull or rainy day. However, remember the use of lights may reduce the range of your scooter.

SENSIBLE GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY

When using the footpath – Just because you are on the footpath or pedestrian precinct does not make you a pedestrian. If you are on a motorized vehicle you are no longer a pedestrian.

Remember pedestrians always have right of way! - Many people on foot will be kind and helpful to the drivers of a wheelchair or scooter, but not everyone!

In a crowded precinct, market area, or footpath - It is your responsibility to ensure you do not run into anyone or do any harm with your vehicle. While many people will make way for you, you cannot expect everyone to do so. Some will appear to not even realize you are there. They will climb round and even over your vehicle rather than allow you room to move. Also be very aware of people’s feet.
When climbing or descending kerbs – Always approach at right angles, with your front wheels straight on to the kerb. Do not climb or descend kerbs higher than the manufacturer recommends. Move carefully, to avoid traumatic bumps – to yourself or the vehicle.

Watch out for:

- Children – They may well run in front of you without warning. You may only be moving very slowly, but you could still injure a child.
- Elderly People – They may be unable to quickly move aside to let you pass. Give way to them
- Disabled people on foot – they too may be unable to dodge you
- People with visual problems or impaired hearing – Give them space and time
- Other motorised vehicle users – You may be doing all the right things. This does not guarantee they will do likewise

When you need help:

You may need to ask people to open doors for you. Most people are willing to help, if asked politely. Don’t struggle to do the impossible or even the very difficult things when there are people around who would help if asked.

Driving inside shops and buildings – This is where you have the advantage over car users! Not many supermarkets would welcome a car driving round their store. But bigger shops and even some quite small ones are accessible to wheelchairs and scooters. Once inside the store it is your responsibility to drive slowly and safely and not damage the fittings or the stock, or hurt other shoppers or store workers. You may need to ask for help. Again in most cases people are willing if asked properly. Don’t risk pulling down a whole display to reach the top shelf. ASK FOR HELP.

Speed in shops and buildings – Reduce it! – It is a good idea to set the speed control to a lower level to avoid any accident. Be especially careful if you need to reverse, that your way is clear of shop fittings and people. Three wheeled scooters with their maneuverability and lightness of steering are more suited to shopping.

On the Road – Remember you are not driving a car, but a very small and slow vehicle, which is therefore more vulnerable.

If it is possible, use the footpath. It is wise to avoid using roads, particularly busy ones.

WHEN DRIVING YOUR VEHICLE ON THE ROAD:

Remember although this is legal for all Class 3 vehicles it is not always safe or sensible to do so. You are responsible for your own safety and that of other road users. The normal rules of the road apply and you must observe the law about:

- Driving on the left side of the road. Never drive against the traffic.
- One way streets – Never drive against the traffic
- Giving way where cars would give way (details in the Highway Code)
- Obeying traffic lights and all other road signals and instructions
- Giving way to pedestrians on crossings.

But always remember your vehicle is not a car and is small and vulnerable – If you need to turn right across traffic, try to get on to the footpath before the turn and then use a safe pedestrian crossing or traffic light control crossing. Only try to turn right if you are completely sure it is safe to do so. Do not rely only on your mirror. It may give a false impression of distance. Always give clear indication of intention to turn left or right.
**Remember** – the car you can see when you look behind may appear a long way away, but it is almost certainly moving faster than you are, often deceptively so. It could well be upon you before you complete your maneuver. And it may not be able to stop in time.

**When passing a parked vehicle** – take great care you are not moving into the path of a faster moving vehicle coming behind you, or towards you. Always signal your intention to pull out.

In the event of a difficult or dangerous situation – Use your hazard lights – But do not drive with them on unnecessarily.
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