RED STRAP FOR FOLDED WHEELCHAIR

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USER OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. LIMITATIONS OF USE

1. The red strap is only designed to secure a folded, empty, manual wheelchair in a vehicle as shown in the illustration. **It is <u>not</u> suitable for restraining unoccupied, powered wheelchairs, any occupied wheelchairs or any passengers.**
2. The strap is also suitable for securing other loose items in a vehicle which may become projectiles in an accident, for example: walking aids, suitcases, shopping bags and trolleys, etc. It should not be used to secure anything in excess of 40kg in weight.
3. Because the red strap is anchored into Unwin rail, Unwin rail must be fitted in the vehicle.

B. FITTING THE STRAP

1. The folded wheelchair can be secured flat on the floor using floor rails or, if a short section of rail is fitted to the side of the vehicle, the wheelchair can be secured upright, as shown in the illustration.
2. Undo the red strap buckle, take the blue plunger between fingers, press the centre button down and fit the plunger lengthways into the rail.
3. Push the plunger forward until it clicks securely into the rail. Repeat operation with other plunger.
4. Thread the red strap **through** the main frame of the folded wheelchair, then fasten with buckle and pull strap end to tighten.
5. It is important to ensure that the strap secures the item being restrained so that in the event of an accident it is held securely in place. This can be best achieved by ensuring that the strap is threaded through the item.
6. On removal, the strap should be secured to the rail or placed in a box so it does not become a projectile in an accident.

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C. MAINTENANCE

1. Regularly inspect the red strap for damage, wear or malfunction. If any problems are identified replace it immediately. Care should be taken to prevent contamination of the webbing with polish, oils or chemicals.
2. To clean, 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 - do not use products containing bleach.
3. If the vehicle is involved in an accident when the strap is in use, remove it and replace immediately.

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