

**Minivator 1000 series**

**Owners operating instructions**

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### *Introduction*

Thank you for selecting a Minivator stairlift. Please read these operating instructions carefully. Your Minivator stairlift has been designed and built with careful attention to detail. In order to obtain many years of trouble free use please follow the instructions, paying particular attention to the care and maintenance requirements. Minivator recommend that you do not undertake maintenance tasks other than routine care and cleaning explained in this handbook.

Please contact your Minivator dealer or our Customer Service Department on 01384 408700 if your stairlift requires attention and we would be pleased to help you.

### *British Standards*

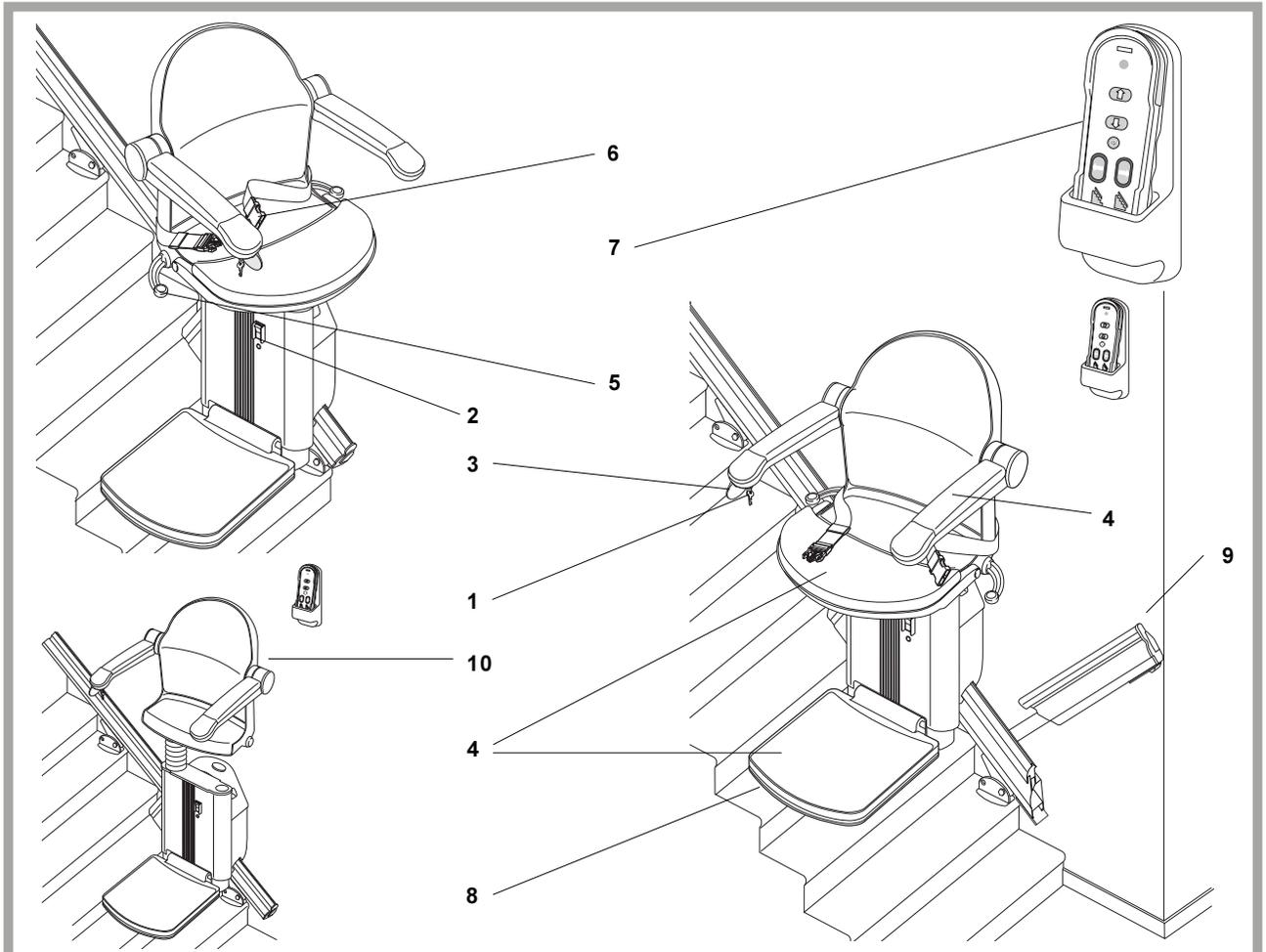
Minivator have been accredited as conforming to the international standard of manufacturing, recognised by the award of ISO 9001.

All Minivator stairlifts are built and designed to comply to the British Standard for stairlifts (BS5776) : 1996 as well as ISO 9386-2 and also carry the CE mark.

Minivator are audited regularly to ensure we continue to conform to ISO 9001 and this provides you with the assurance of using a high quality and well manufactured product.



# Features of your Minivator 1000



**Important information about your stairlift which should be completed by the installation engineer.**

Installed by: ..... (Company Name)

Serial No .....

Date of Installation .....

First service due .....

Dealer Stamp



# Operating your Minivator

## Key Switch

Your Minivator stairlift is fitted with a key switch (Fig. 2).

The stairlift cannot be operated unless the key is inserted and turned to the operating position.

- ⚠ The keyswitch is provided to enable you to lock the stairlift to prevent it being used by others (for example children).

However it can be left in the operating position if desired.

- ⚠ If you remove your key for safety reasons, please ensure you put it in a safe place.

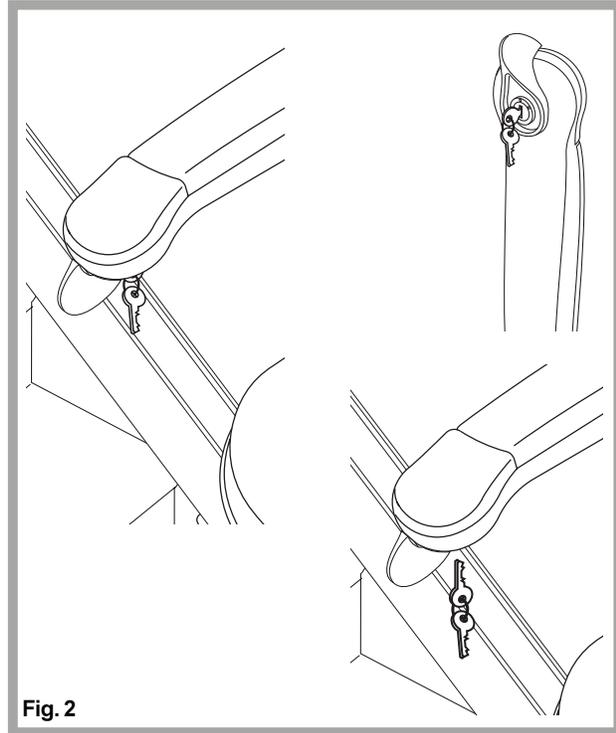


Fig. 2

## On/Off switch

As well as a key switch your stairlift is fitted with an Off/On switch (Fig. 3) on the front panel of the lift (below the seat).

- ⚠ Ensure that this is left in the 'ON' position which is indicated by the green light being illuminated.

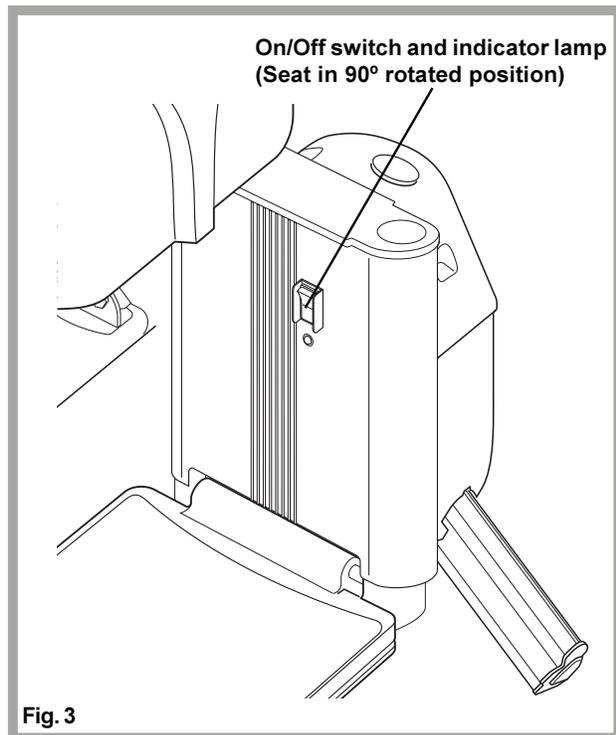
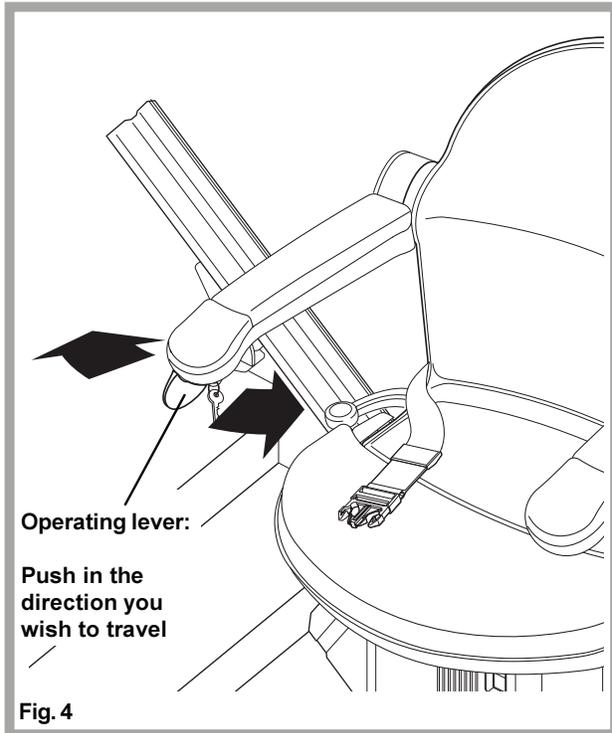


Fig. 3



### Operating lever

Before using your stairlift, **MOST IMPORTANTLY** please ensure the stairs are clear of other people, pets or any objects which may obstruct your stairlift. Then next, ensure arms, footplate and seat are folded down for use, as in the interests of your safety, the stairlift will not operate if they are not in their operating position (Fig. 5).

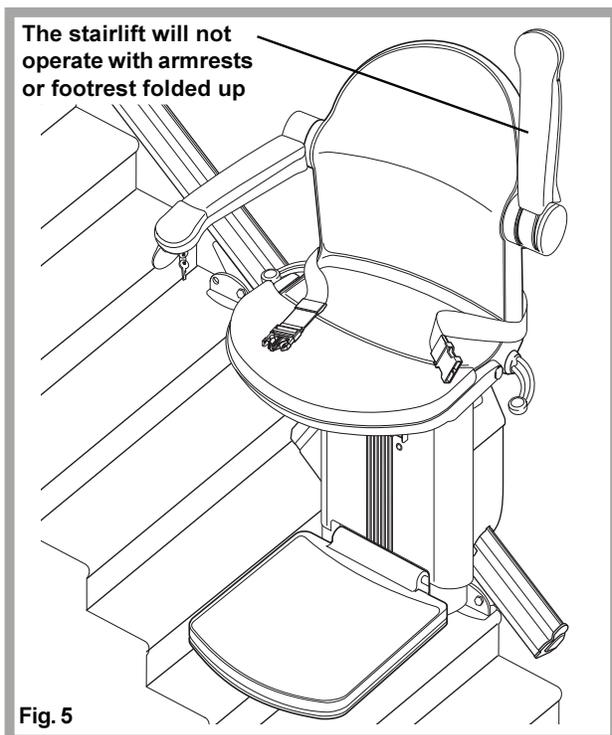
**⚠ BEFORE OPERATING YOUR STAIRLIFT ALWAYS FASTEN YOUR LAP BELT.**

Your Minivator stairlift is operated by simply pressing and holding the operating lever in the direction you wish to travel (Fig. 4). The stairlift will automatically stop when the switch is released or the stairlift has reached the end of its travel.

### ⚠ PLEASE NOTE:

In the interest of safety, initial activation of the stairlift is delayed by 1 second from pressing and holding the operating lever, to avoid accidental operation. If the switch is released while the lift is in motion, the lift will stop and a delay of 1 second will occur before the switch will re-start the lift.

When changing the direction of travel the delay will be 3 seconds before the lift begins to move



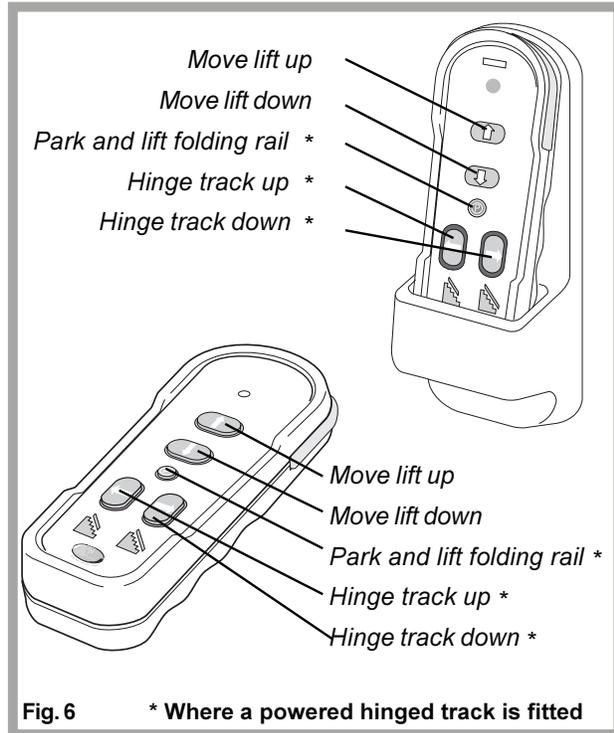
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## Hand Control

The hand control (Fig. 6) is used to call the lift to either the top/bottom of the stairs or to operate a powered folding hinge where fitted. The control may also be used as an attendant control where the user is unable to operate the stairlift themselves.

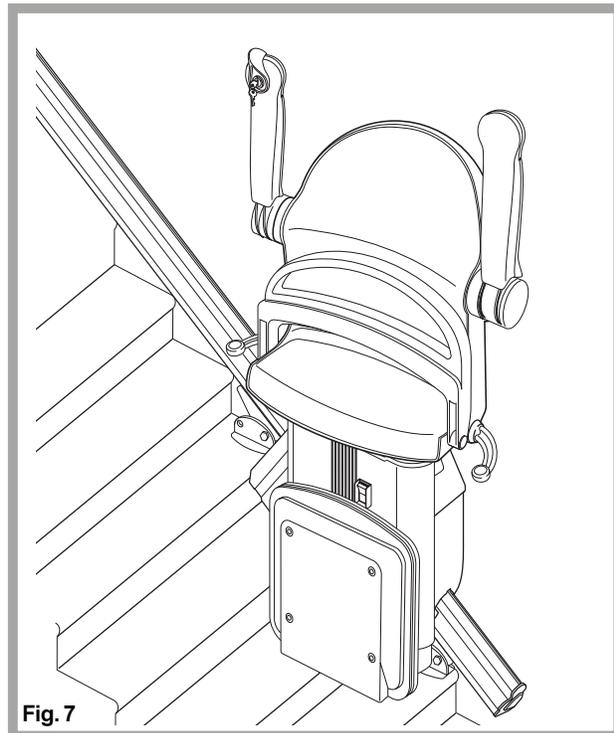
Please note the hand control can be wall mounted, if required.

- ⚠ Note:- the stairlift must be in its normal operating position (i.e unfolded) before the hand control will work.
- ⚠ The attendant should always remain off the staircase until the stairlift is stationary.



## Folding your stairlift

Your Minivator 1000 seat, armrests and footrest can be folded to allow easier passage up and down stairs when it is not in use (Fig. 7).



## **Operating the Swivel. (Not on perch models)**

A swivel seat is provided to enable you to mount/dismount the seat more easily at the top or bottom of the stairs by swivelling you on to the landing.

**⚠** To operate the seat swivel, wait until the stairlift has stopped.

The lever (Fig. 8) needs to be held up or down whilst you start to swivel. If you release the swivel lever, the seat will lock first at 45°, then at 90°.

You should not attempt to leave the seat until it as firmly 'clicked' into its locking position (Fig. 9).

### **⚠ SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

**NEVER**

Swivel the seat without the lap belt fastened.

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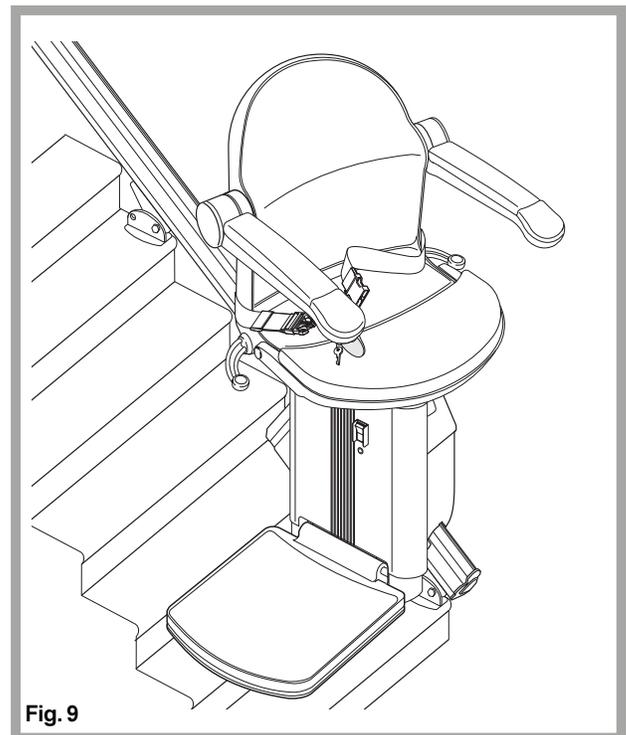
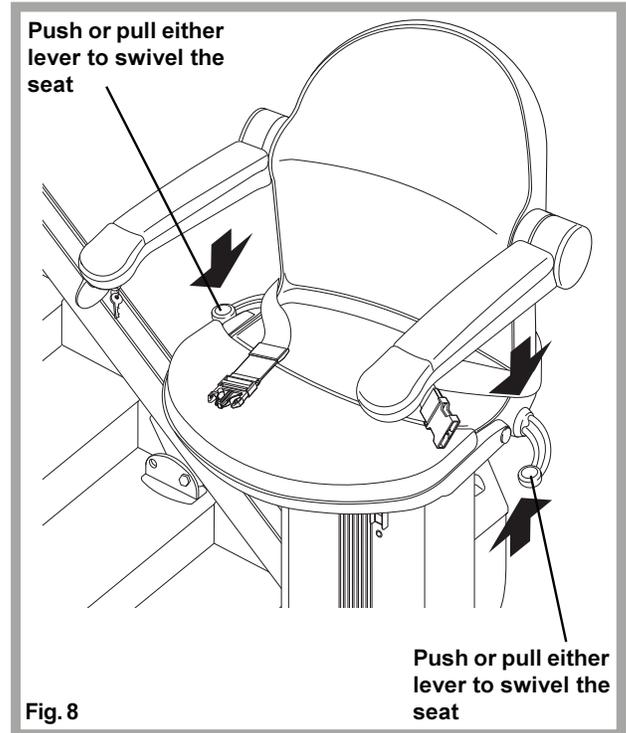
Mount or dismount the swivel seat unless it is locked in position

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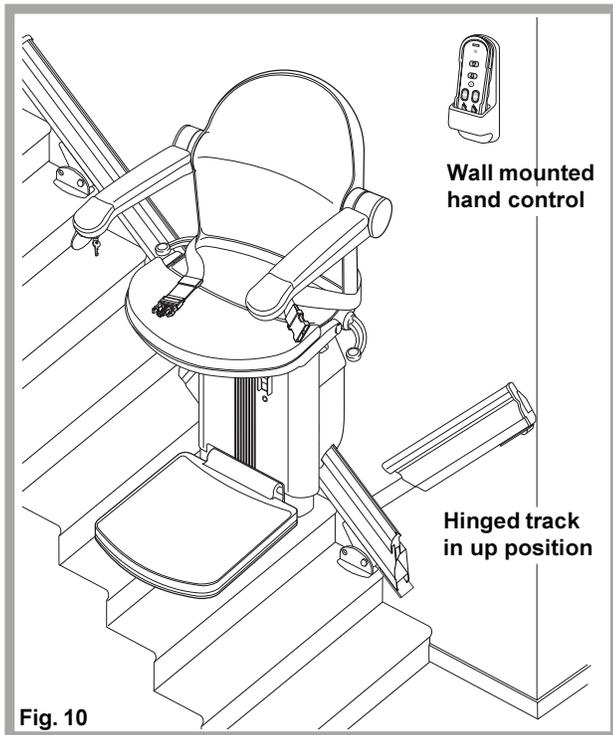
Try and operate the swivel seat whilst the stairlift is in motion. (As a safety precaution, should you try to use it whilst the lift is in motion, it will cause the lift to stop).

**ALWAYS**

Use the swivel seat to travel up or down the staircase in the correct position (i.e. facing directly across the staircase).



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## Hinged Track - Powered (Optional)

In some installations a hinged track (Fig. 10), option may be necessary, usually to move the track out of the way of the doorway at the foot of the stairs.

Before raising the hinged track use the hand control (Fig. 11) to park the stairlift on the charge points, above the hinge, or at the top of the stairs.

To raise/lower the hinge track, use the buttons on your hand control (see Fig. 11). The hinged track will raise/lower slowly and stop when it locks into place. Your stairlift will not work unless the track has been lowered.

Your hand control is fitted with a park button (see Fig. 11) which will automatically move the stairlift to the charge points, then raise the track.

**⚠ WARNING**  
BEFORE YOU OPERATE THE  
HINGE TRACK PLEASE CHECK  
FOR OBSTACLES

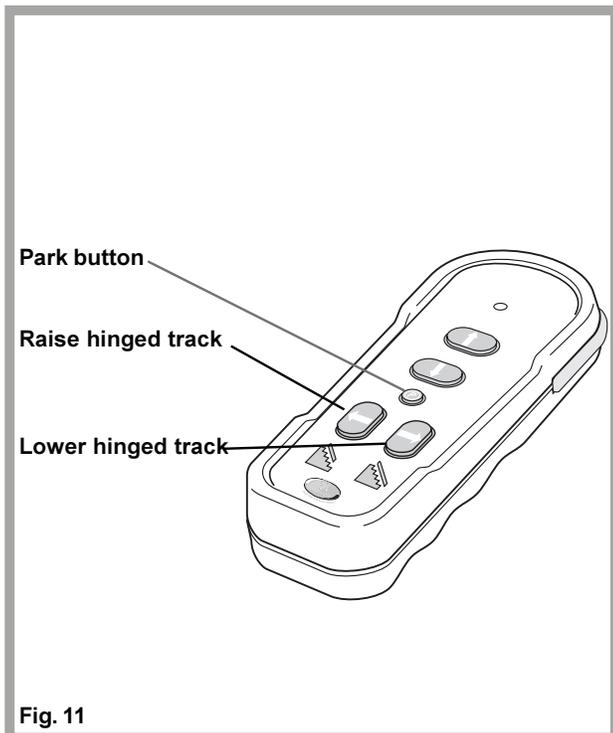
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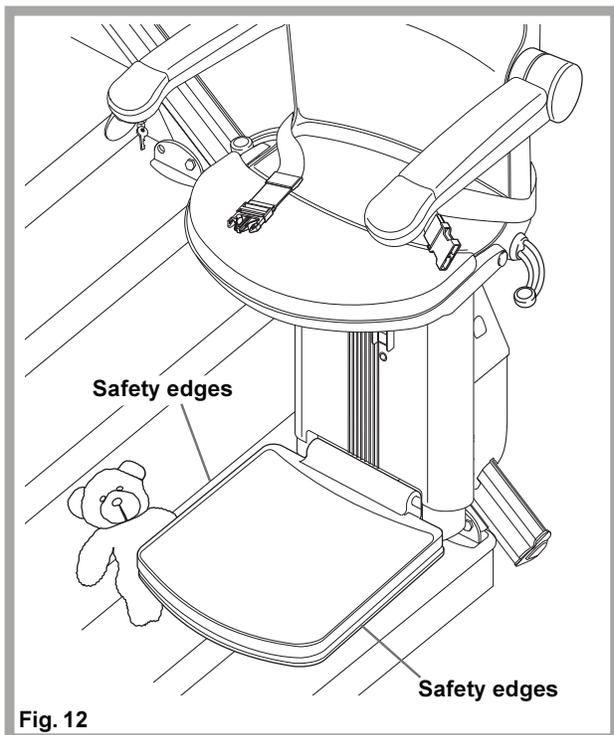
**⚠ NEVER**  
Leave the hinged track down when  
the stairlift is not in use. If it  
obstructs a doorway someone may  
inadvertently walk into it.

## Hinged Track - Manual (Optional)

Before raising the manual hinged track park the stairlift on the charge points, above the hinge, or at the top of the stairs.

**⚠** Your stairlift will not work unless the track has been lowered.

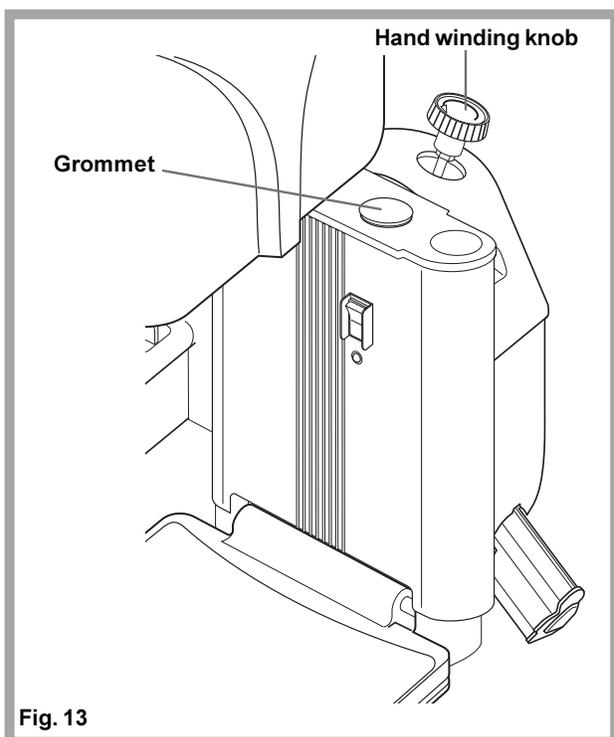




### Trapped articles

Your stairlift is fitted with safety edges on the bottom of the footrest and on the lift itself which will stop the stairlift should any article become trapped by the footrest.

- ⚠ To remove the article reverse the stairlift away from the object then have the object removed from the staircase. Proceed on the stairlift as normal



### Emergency hand winding instructions

In the unlikely event that the lift has a total power failure or runs on to the final track stops there is an emergency hand winding procedure. Please follow these steps:

1. Switch off the stairlift with the key.
2. Rotate the seat through 90°.
3. Remove the grommet from the top of the power pack.
4. Insert the emergency hand winding knob (Fig 13).
5. Turn the knob in the direction indicated for the required movement.
6. When the desired position is reached remove the hand winder, replace the grommet, rotate the seat to the normal position and switch the lift on.

If in any doubt contact your local Minivator Approved dealer or ring Minivator direct on 01384 408700

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## ***Safety and Servicing***

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### **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- ⚠ NEVER**  
Allow more than one person to use the stairlift at any one time.  
The maximum carrying capacity is 137kg (21 stone).
- ⚠ NEVER**  
Allow children to play on or with the stairlift.
- ⚠ NEVER**  
Allow water to come into contact with the components in the stairlift. If you have to transport liquids **DO SO WITH CARE.**
- ⚠ NEVER**  
Place objects in the track, or leave objects on the stairs, where they could come into contact with the lift in operation. Your stairlift is fitted with sensitive side edges and undertray on the footplate, which will automatically stop the lift if it detects any obstructions.
- ⚠ NEVER**  
Use the stairlift without using the lap belt, or any other safety belts or harnesses fitted.
- ⚠ NEVER**  
Use the stairlift in a standing position unless it has been specifically designed for this i.e. perch model.
- ⚠ ALWAYS**  
Keep your **FEET ON THE FOOTPLATE** whilst the stairlift is in motion, and try to avoid your feet hanging over the edges of the footplate.
- ⚠ NEVER**  
Swivel the seat until the lift has come to a stop at the top or bottom of the staircase.

### **SERVICING**

We advise that your stairlift is serviced after the first 6 months and thereafter **AT LEAST EVERY 12 MONTHS.**

This work must be carried out by a competent person, i.e a Minivator approved dealer. If in doubt, please contact the Minivator Service Department on 01384 408700.

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## *Battery care and routine care and cleaning*

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### **Battery Care and Charging**

Your Minivator stairlift is battery powered and will continue to work for a period of time even if you have a power cut. You should normally be able to travel up and down the stairs at least 10 times without needing to charge the batteries, however you should always ensure that there is sufficient lighting to allow safe travel, especially at each end of the track where you get on and off the lift.

After each journey the stairlift should automatically park on the charge points at the top or the bottom of the rail. To ensure this happens keep the operating lever engaged until the stairlift stops itself.

If a beeping sound occurs this indicates the stairlift is not on its charge point.

If this happens drive the stairlift away from the end of the track and back again until it stops.

 **Note:** Always leave the stairlift on the charge points when it is not in use.

### **Routine Care and Cleaning**

Before cleaning any part of your Minivator stairlift, please ensure you have removed the key.

The Minivator stairlift is manufactured from a variety of materials, all with easy “wipe clean” surfaces. The seat and body covers can be wiped over with a damp, NOT WET, cloth and a small quantity of washing up liquid.

 **PLEASE DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners, bleach or solvent based cleaners, as these will damage the seat.

To clean the track, first send the stairlift to the top of the stairs. The track can be cleaned with a damp cloth. When most of the track is clean, move the stairlift to the bottom of the stairs and finish cleaning the track making sure that none of the cleaning debris falls on to it.

To maintain your Minivator stairlift in good mechanical order, it is recommended that services are carried out by qualified service engineers.

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