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Urgent Field Safety Notice **Meteor Scooter** **Amendment To Instruction for Use (IFU)**

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Urgent Safety Information:

In the interest of customer safety we would like to bring your attention to amendments made to the Meteor Scooter, Instruction for Use (IFU), a copy of which was provided with every Meteor Scooter. For greater clarity and accuracy the following amendments have been made to provide safer use of the scooter, reference the use of the handbrake in the IFU:-

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Please ensure that this field safety notice and the appendices are forwarded or made available to all relevant personnel, scooter owners/users etc., within your organisation and/or customer base, and that awareness is maintained for an appropriate period.

Current revisions of the IFU for Meteor Scooters can be down-loaded from Invacare website – www.invacare.co.uk. Alternatively, please contact the Technical Service Department (see below), where you may request a copy of the latest revision of the Instruction for Use for your scooter.

It is important that you follow the guidelines in the IFU, failure to do so may result in serious injury.

If you have any questions relating to this bulletin, or should you require any additional information, please contact;

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Invacare confirms that the relevant Competent Authorities have been informed of this Field Safety Corrective Action.

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2 Safety Notes

- READ WELL BEFORE OPERATION!

2.1 General Safety Notes

Danger of injury if this scooter is used in any other way than the purpose described in this manual!

- Adhere strictly to the instructions in this user manual!

Danger of injury if the scooter is driven when your ability to drive is impaired by medication or alcohol!

- Never drive any vehicle under the influence of medication or alcohol!

Danger of damage or injury if the scooter is accidentally set into motion!

- Switch the power system off before you get in, get out or handle awkward objects!

Be aware that the motor brakes are automatically deactivated when the motors are disengaged. For this reason, freewheel operation is only recommended on flat surfaces, never on gradients. Never leave your vehicle on a gradient with its motors disengaged. Always reengage the motors immediately after pushing the vehicle.

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Danger of injury if the On/Off Button is pressed while the vehicle is in motion, due to it coming to an abrupt, sharp stop!

- If you have to brake in an emergency, simply pull the handbrake until the scooter comes to a halt! Only switch the vehicle off while in motion as a last resort!

Danger of injury if the scooter is transported in another vehicle with the occupant seated in it!

- Never transport the scooter with the occupant seated in it!

Danger of injury if maximum permissible load is exceeded!

- Do not exceed the maximum permissible load (see "Technical specifications" on page 63)!

Danger of injury when lifting heavy components!

- When maintaining, servicing or lifting any part of your scooter, take into account the weight of the individual components, especially the batteries! Be sure at all times to adopt the correct lifting posture and ask for assistance if necessary!

Danger of injury if you fall off the scooter!

- If restraining systems are installed (such as seat belts), use them each time you drive the scooter.

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4.4 Parking and stationary

When parking your vehicle or if your vehicle is stationary for a prolonged period:

- Switch the vehicle's power system off (key switch).
- Activate the parking brake (if available).

4.4.1 Using the handbrake as a parking brake (option)

Activating the brake

- Pull the handbrake lever (1) and hold it.
- While holding the handbrake lever, press the latching pin (2) down. The lever is latched in place.

Releasing the brake

- Pull the handbrake lever briefly and let it go. The latching pin pops up. The lever is released.

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6.2 Driving the Scooter

- Switch on the power supply (key switch). The displays on the Control Panel light up. The scooter is ready to drive.

NOTE

If the scooter does not respond after switching on, check the status display (see chapter "**Status display**" on page **28** and chapter "**Diagnostics and Troubleshooting**" on page **31**).

- Set the driving speed with the speed adjustment knob.
- Gently pull the right driving lever towards you to drive forwards.
- Gently pull the left driving lever towards you to drive backwards.

NOTE

The controller is programmed with standard values ex-works. Your Invacare® Dealer can program it to fit your requirements.

NOTE:

- To brake quickly, simply let go of the driving lever. It will automatically return to the middle position. The scooter will brake.

- To brake in an emergency, [follow the above and](#) pull the handbrake [lever](#) until the scooter comes to a halt.