

FOOTBOARDS AND FOOT-BOXES

Fitting and User Guidelines

(Including Putney Style
Foot Dividers)



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GENERAL NOTES

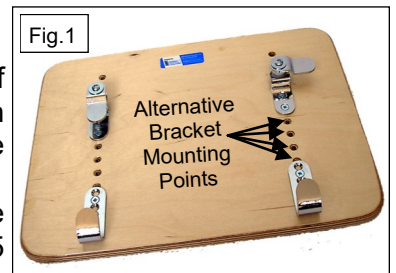
- Please read these instructions thoroughly before attempting to fit this product.
- Where the enclosed Footboard, Foot-box or Foot Divider has been supplied to your specification the method of attachment will be to suit your application.
- For safety, correct support and user comfort, the initial installation and any adjustments should be carried out by a suitably qualified person.
- If the fitment of this device, in conjunction with other devices alters the position of the user, this may affect the wheelchair stability. We therefore recommend an appropriate stability test be carried out by a suitably qualified person if necessary.
- In view of there being various methods of attaching Footboards, Foot-boxes and Foot Dividers either by preference or suitability, the two common methods of fitment have been covered in these instructions.*
- **Please record the Batch Number of this product from the packaging, together with the date of installation.**

TOOLS REQUIRED: 3 and 4mm Hexagonal Keys, 10mm spanner and for Individual and fixed One-piece Footboards, a Power Drill with 6.5 mm drill bit, (5.5mm required for Foot Dividers and Foot Boxes)

NOTE: Some Footboard brackets may have M5 Pozi-drive screws, in which case a Pozi-drive size 2 screwdriver is required.

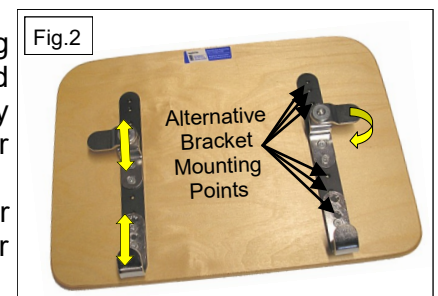
* FITTING: Hook and Lock Bracket

- If the Footboard or Foot-box has been supplied with this method of attachment (Fig.1), simply hook the brackets over the rear edge of each existing footplate, in the lowered position and secure in place by turning the Lock Plate round until it is located under the footplate. Check security.
- The brackets are adjustable to suit the size of the footplates they are to be fitted over, by using a Pozi-drive (size2) screwdriver to remove the M5 screws and re-positioning the Hook and/or Lock bracket.
- The Lock Plate gap can be adjusted from 12 to 26mm, to suit the height of the footplates, by rotating the Lock Plate through 90° and/or re-positioning the nylon washers above or below the Lock Plate.



NOTES:

- Where the "One-piece" Footboard is fitted with additional Mounting Plates (normally finished in Black) (Fig.2). These should remain attached to the Footboard in their received position, irrespective of any adjustments required to the Mounting Brackets to suit the wheelchair footplates.
- The Mounting Plates have a series of M5 pre-tapped holes along their length, to allow the installer sufficient adjustment to suit most wheelchair applications.
- Positioning and adjustment of the Hook and Lock brackets will be the same as detailed above*
- The installer is reminded to ensure there is sufficient clearance at the rear of the Footboard, to allow full rotation of the Front Castor Wheels.



FITTING: Permanent Screw Fixing (Fig.3)

- If the Footboard or Foot-box is to be attached by the use of screws, unless otherwise specified, we would recommend attachment is made by drilling and screwing through one existing footplate only as this will allow you to remove both footrest hangers if required.
- Drill four 6mm clearance holes in one existing footplate to coincide with the captive nuts fitted to the Footboard or Foot-box. Four M6 pan head screws are enclosed for this purpose.
- If two separate Footboards are supplied, drill and screw each footplate as described above using two M6 screws in each board.
- Loctite 243 or similar thread-locker liquid should be used sparingly on screw threads.



FITTING: Putney Style Foot Divider

* **NOTE:** If a Footboard and Foot Divider are to be installed at the same time, the Divider should be attached to the Footboard prior to installation. However, if a Footboard has been installed previously, it will be necessary to remove this to enable attachment of the Divider.

The RMS Putney Style Foot Divider has two M5 pre-tapped fixing points built into the bottom face during construction. These can be felt through the vinyl covering.

- Locate the Divider on the Footboard and mark hole positions. Drill two 5.5mm dia. holes at 125mm centres countersinking holes on the underside of the Footboard sufficient to accommodate fixing screw heads.
- Using the M5 countersunk headed screws supplied, with thread-locker liquid, attach the Divider and fully tighten the screws.

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Please read these instructions thoroughly prior to use.

- The Footboard/s, Foot-box or Foot Divider have been supplied to offer a special type of support, always ensure the device is secure before use.
- Your field of vision may be impaired when manoeuvring the wheelchair, especially if these devices are fitted to footplates mounted on Elevating Leg rests. Extra care should be taken when negotiating doorways or moving in confined areas.
- Avoid impact to the edges of Footboards, Foot-boxes or Dividers. Do not use them for opening doors or pushing objects out of the way.
- Never use these devices for transporting children, pets or other objects such as shopping bags.
- Care should be taken not to damage the device by heat or smoking. Any damage however caused should be reported to your supplier immediately.
- To maintain hygienic use, the device should be cleaned on a regular basis by sponging with warm soapy water with a little disinfectant added, or car type upholstery shampoo. Either can be wiped off with a clean dry cloth.