



Commode Suitability Information Sheet

Ezee Life™ rehab shower commodes are designed to be used by people who suffer from a variety of conditions and disabilities.

Our Non-Tilt Series (models: 150, 180, 185, 186)

These are conventional rehab commodes that are suitable for people who have sufficient upper body control to sit upright and don't have a high risk for skin breakdown. The flip down arms on the 180 series will aid the user in maintaining posture and the seat positioning belt will help prevent sliding out of the seat but this series is not suitable for users who lack the weakness to sit normally or suffer from uncontrolled movements. The 180 series commodes have a short wheelbase to make them more maneuverable.

Our Tilt Series (models: 155, 190, 195)

These tilting models are suitable for a wider variety of users. These tilting rehab shower commodes reduce the chances of developing pressure sores by distributing the user's weight over a larger area and allowing the caregiver to dynamically adjust the seat angle and change pressure points. The tilt feature provides a solution for those who lack the ability to sit upright, helps to relax users who suffer from involuntary movements, moderate spasticity and high muscle tone providing a more secure seated position. A multi position headrest is provided with all tilting rehab commodes to support and control the user's head movements.

Steps to improve stability

1) Seat height will have an effect on safety during standing transfers. In order for the user to sit back as far as possible when doing a standing transfer the seat height can't be too high. The optimal height will vary depending on the user's leg length but if they can't sit down with the back all the way back against the backrest then either the seat depth is too deep or the seat height is too high. Since the commodes are only 18" deep the depth shouldn't be an issue for most adults.

2) Swivel casters by nature have to "trail" to roll and swivel properly. If the caregivers ensure the casters are swivelled and locked forward during transfers or when there is a danger the user may lean forward the chances of forward tipping will be greatly reduced. By swivelling the casters forward you'll probably gain about 5" of wheelbase length.

Additional Features and Attributes

The calf strap on all models of Ezee Life™ rehab commodes can be used to prevent the feet from falling back under the commode or positioned in front of the shins to prevent the user from kicking forward and the seat positioning belt will prevent sliding, reduce shearing and keep the user securely seated.

Using a commode with a closed front, or an open front commode seat with an opening insert, will provide more support for the client and prevent thin or spastic users from slipping into the opening.

Below is a list of features or attributes that may be needed by an institution to meet the needs of their population. The products and features listed below are examples of features available as aftermarket products and/or from other manufacturers.

- Lateral supports
- Hip guides
- Head supports
- Tilt feature
- Lap belt
- Calf strap
- Toe straps
- Closed front seat
- Solid seat
- Oval seat
- 4 way seat
- Horseshoe seat
- Bariatric sizes 24", 26", 28" and 30" seat widths
- High weight capacity 300lb, 400lb, 500lb, 600lbs +
- ELR (Elevating leg rests)
- Power tilt commode
- 4 way seat

Additional Information

All our current commode models are designed to be suitable for the majority of clients. Our non-tilt models are a good choice for low needs clients who are aware of their situation and can be relied on to practice some level of common sense while seated. Our tilt models are designed for those users with higher needs and incorporate gravity to help keep the user secure and safe and provide pressure relief while seated on the shower commode.

While these two designs of commode will be suitable for a large variety of clients, There will always be clients who need commodes with different features and attributes. There is not a single commode that will meet the needs of all clients and institutions will need to have a variety of commode models and styles on hand to meet the needs their entire patient load.

In some cases there are aftermarket accessories available (lateral supports, hip guides, chest straps, etc.) that can be added to our commodes to make them more secure for patients who require added support. People with special needs that are not normal to most applications in institutional and homecare might not be suitable clients for our commodes. Our commodes are designed to suite most applications setting in hospital, nursing home (institutional) and homecare environments.

In some cases the attendance of two care givers may be the only solution for safe bathing/showering/toileting of high needs clients. If there is any doubt as to the features and methods needed to bath/shower/toilet a patient safely for both the client and the staff, a healthcare professional should be consulted for their assessment.