



Because Life is a Moving Experience™



2007 Chrysler Foldout
CompanionVan™

*Operator's
Manual*

Congratulations

We at The Braun Corporation wish to express our fullest appreciation on your new purchase. With you in mind, our skilled craftsmen have designed and assembled the finest lowered floor vehicle available.

This manual includes safety precautions, operating instructions, manual operating instructions, and instructions for maintenance and lubrication procedures.

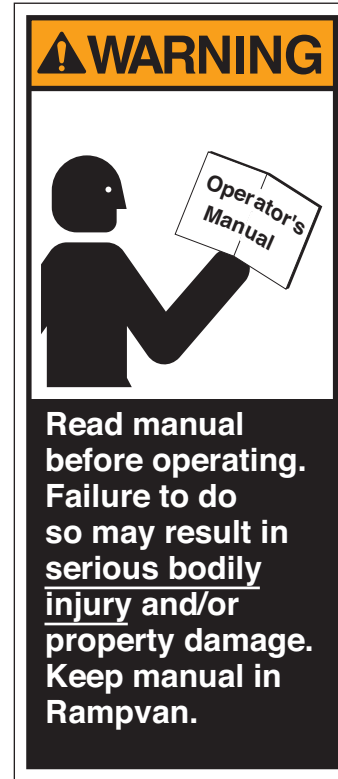
Your CompanionVan™ is built for dependability, and will bring you years of pleasure and independence, as long as the maintenance is performed regularly and the Companion-Van™ is operated by an instructed person.

Sincerely,

THE BRAUN CORPORATION



Ralph W. Braun
Chief Executive Officer



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WARRANTY AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your CompanionVan™ for any damage. Should any damage have occurred during delivery, notify the carrier at once with any claims.

The warranty/registration card shown here is supplied with each Companion-Van™. Review the delivery checklist and fill out the warranty/registration information with your sales representative and mail it to The Braun Corporation.

A detailed Warranty section is provided within this manual. The **warranty card must be processed to activate the warranty.**

Record the last eight digits of the vehicle identification number (VIN) in the space provided for future reference. **This information must be provided when filing a warranty claim or ordering parts.**



Note: Attached to glove box door.

DELIVERY CHECKLIST

Customer Name: _____
VIN: _____
Delivery Date: _____ Braun Dealer #: _____
Dealership/Sales Consultant: _____

Pre-Delivery (to be completed by Sales Consultant prior to Customer being present)

- Vehicle is equipped as indicated in the sales contract
- Vehicle title/transfer clear
- Delivery appointment verified (if applicable)
- VIN and customer paperwork prepared
- OEM and Braun ownership manuals and other materials in glove box

Delivery (to be reviewed by Sales Consultant with Customer present)

Exterior

- Inspect exterior to ensure it's clean and damage-free
- Spotter tire and jack location
- Operation of remote control
- Magnetic entry (if applicable)
- Exterior operation and activation of power doors, locking and ramp
- Manual operation of door and ramp from exterior

Interior

- Gages and instrumentation
- Location of starter switches to operate accessible features
- Manual extension of ramp from interior
- Operation of air doors
- Operation of all handle-making (if applicable)
- Operation of seat belts
- Location of brake controller

Additional

- Review both OEM and Braun ownership manuals
- Discuss recommended maintenance and service schedules
- Advise Customer of dealership service team
- Complete and mail warranty registration (Return to activate warranty)

Sales Consultant: All items checked have been reviewed with the customer.
Customer: I acknowledge that all items checked have been reviewed with me.

Consultant Signature / Date: _____ Customer Signature / Date: _____

WARRANTY REGISTRATION

Dealer Information

Dealer Purchased From: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Date of Purchase: _____

Owner Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

This registration card must be returned to The Braun Corporation to activate the Entrant's Three-Year Warranty.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) _____

The Braun CompanionVan™ lowered floor conversion is designed to provide years of pleasure and mobility independence. Familiarity with proper operation and maintenance procedures will help ensure safe, troublefree operation.

The Braun Corporation encourages wheelchair passengers and their attendant(s) to review the material contained in this manual with your CompanionVan™ sales representative, **before attempting operation**. Any questions or concerns can be answered by your sales representative at that time.

This manual addresses CompanionVan™ standard features as well as options. Refer to the instructions applicable for your package, and disregard the information that does not apply. Contact The Braun Corporation at 1-800-THE LIFT® if any of this information is not understood.

Store this manual in the vehicle along with your Chrysler owner's manual.

If you experience an operation problem or there is any sign of wear, damage, or other abnormal condition, contact your sales representative or call The Braun Corporation at 1-800-THE LIFT®. One of our national Product Support representatives will direct you to a Braun authorized service center.

COMPANIONVAN OPERATION QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

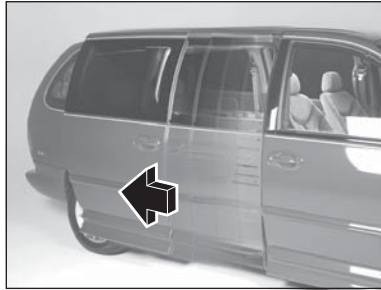
CompanionVan Operation Overview

This overview provides a simplified explanation of CompanionVan™ operation. Read the entire owner's (operator's) manual for complete details. Contact The Braun Corporation at 1-800-THE LIFT® if any of this information is not understood.

Operating Your New CompanionVan Couldn't Be Simpler . . .

Note: Operation shown without an attendant for clarity. The CompanionVan™ is a manual operation vehicle, an attendant is required for door and ramp operation!

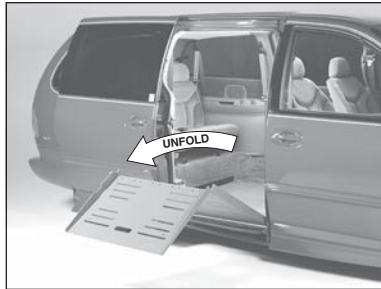
- 1 Open the slide door.



- 2 Make sure the door is opened fully.



- 3 Use the hand hold to deploy the ramp.



- 4 Allowing easy entrance!



Ramp: The CompanionVan™ features a 29-1/4" wide manually operated ramp.

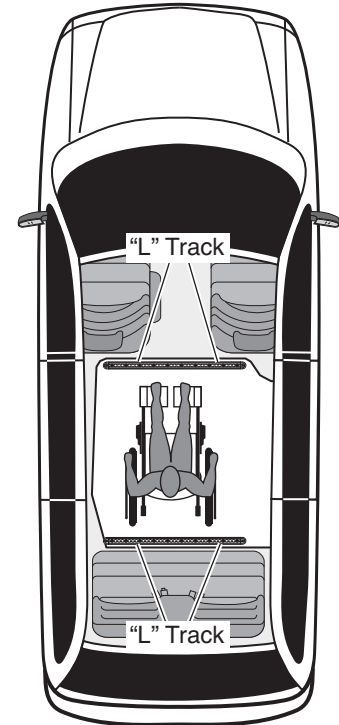
Lowered Floor from Rear Axle to Front Passenger Seats: This feature provides additional headroom (56-3/4" floor-to-ceiling at center of van), and further reduces the slope of the ramp when deployed. **Note:** The floor-to-ceiling height is reduced to 54-1/4" with OEM interior rail installed.

Ground Clearance: The lowered floor results in reduced ground clearance. Be aware of limited ground clearance.

Ground Effects: Exterior color-matched ground effect panels conceal the lowered floor and lowered sliding door.

Floor Track for Wheelchair and Occupant Securement in Midpoint Lowered Floor Area: Floor track is provided in the midpoint lowered floor area for restraint of the wheelchair passenger (shown at right).

Forward-Facing Wheelchair and Occupant Belt/Track System: One Forward-Facing Wheelchair and Occupant Belt Kit is supplied for the restraint of one wheelchair and occupant. The belt kit is used in conjunction with the floor track.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Safety Symbols

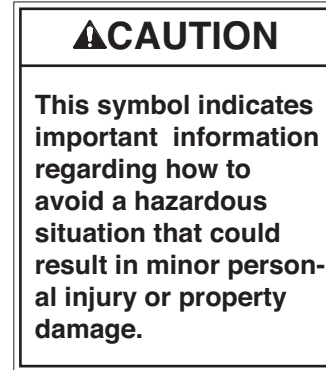
SAFETY FIRST! Know That...

A All information contained in this manual and supplements (if included), is provided for your safety. Familiarity with proper operation instructions as well as proper maintenance procedures are necessary to ensure safe, troublefree operation. Safety precautions are provided to identify potentially hazardous situations and provide instruction on how to avoid them.

B



C



D **Note:** Additional information provided to help clarify or detail a specific subject.

These symbols will appear throughout this manual and may appear on labels posted on your Companion-Van™. **Recognize the seriousness of this information.**

Whenever parking your CompanionVan™ and before utilizing CompanionVan™ features, always engage the vehicle transmission in Park “P” and engage the vehicle parking brake. The vehicle transmission **must** be engaged in Park “P,” before operating the CompanionVan™ features.

Terminology

The term deploy (unfold) indicates the lowering motion of the ramp to the deployed position. Stow (fold) is the raising motion of the ramp to the vertical (stowed) position.

Door Operation

Open the passenger side slide door **fully**.

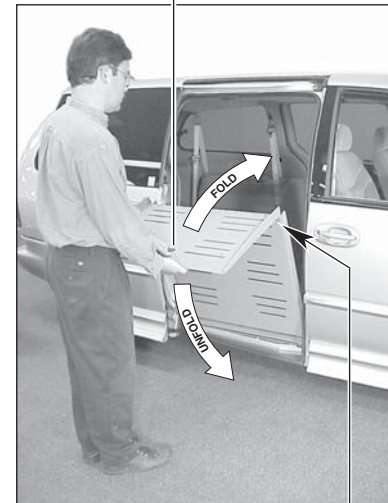
Ramp Operation

The ramp must be manually deployed and stowed by an attendant. An oval-shaped HAND HOLD slot is provided on the ramp (see photo at right). **Carefully** deploy and stow the ramp using the **HAND HOLD**.

Keep clear of the area in which the hinged ramp bifold extension folds and unfolds. Remember to use good body mechanics when stowing and deploying the ramp.

Read and become familiar with all ramp safety precautions.

Use the **HAND HOLD** to **carefully** deploy and stow the ramp.

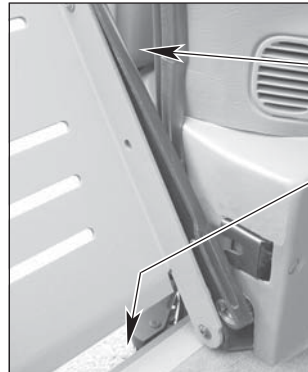
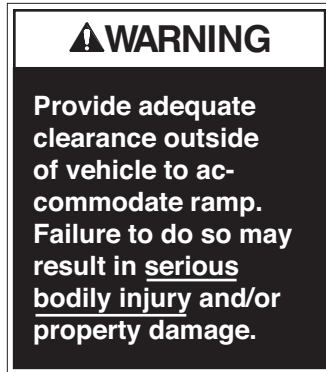


Keep clear of hinge area.

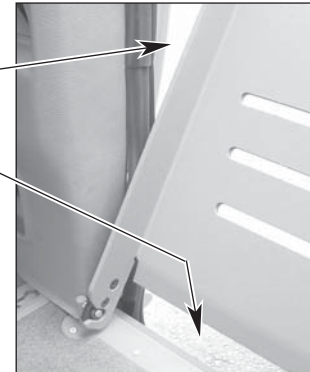
OPERATION

Ramp Operation Safety: Be certain there is adequate clearance outside the CompanionVan™ before deploying the ramp.

Keep clear of area in which the ramp operates. Be certain no person or obstruction is within the path of the ramp when deploying or stowing the ramp. Keep clear of all ramp moving parts. Do not attempt to grip or hold the ramp or ramp folding mechanism during operation. Do not release the ramp when manually deploying or stowing the ramp. The ramp will free-fall. Do not push the ramp out from inside the vehicle. The ramp will free-fall.



Keep body parts and obstructions clear of the area in which the ramp operates.



Ramp Passenger Safety

Wheelchair passengers and attendants (when applicable), must use basic common sense and good judgment regarding ramp safety. Each wheelchair passenger has a unique set of physical abilities, combined with the physical characteristics of his or her wheelchair, that dictate the method in which he or she will enter and exit the CompanionVan™. Consequently, the procedures for safe operation outlined in this manual are general in nature. Wheelchair attendants should be instructed on any special needs and/or procedures required for safe transport of wheelchair passengers.

Follow all safety instructions regarding torso restraints, stability, balance, weight distribution and use of attendants as specified in the owner's manual supplied with **your** wheelchair. Determine, establish and practice ramp boarding and exiting procedures under the direction of your health care professional, your wheelchair representative, and your CompanionVan™ sales representative to **ensure your ability to do so safely.**

Never board an CompanionVan™ ramp if you or your attendant are intoxicated. The wheelchair should be positioned in the center of the ramp at all times. You must be able to clearly view the ramp whenever boarding and exiting the vehicle. The wheelchair passenger and/or attendant must ensure the ramp is fully deployed before exiting the vehicle.

It is the responsibility of the wheelchair operator to enter and exit the CompanionVan™ on the ramp in the safest manner.

Wheelchair-Equipped Occupant Seat Belts: Wheelchair passengers should position and buckle their wheelchair-equipped seat belt (torso restraint), as

WARNING

Position and fasten the wheelchair-equipped occupant seat belt before loading onto the wheelchair ramp. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily injury and/or property damage.

OPERATION

specified by the manufacturer, **before** loading onto a wheelchair ramp.

Different types of disabilities require different types of wheelchairs and different types of wheelchair-equipped occupant restraint belt systems (torso restraint). It is the responsibility of the wheelchair passenger to have his or her wheelchair equipped with an occupant restraint (seat belt) under the direction of their health care professional.

Stabilizing Wheelchairs: Powered and manual wheelchairs are designed to remain upright and stable during normal operation. All activities which involve movement in a wheelchair have an effect on the combined center of gravity of the occupant and wheelchair. Be aware of the CompanionVan™ ramp slope (angle). The slope of the ramp has a direct effect on the center of gravity. Keep in mind your center of gravity and your ability to maintain stability and balance.



Do not operate your wheelchair on the CompanionVan™ ramp without assistance if you are unable to maintain stability and balance. Counterbalance devices (anti-tippers) may be available from your wheelchair representative to enhance stability and balance.

Do not tilt your wheelchair without assistance. Operate the wheelchair at a slow and constant speed when on the ramp. Do not accelerate suddenly when on the ramp. Do not raise the front wheelchair wheels (pull wheelie) when on the CompanionVan™ ramp.

The aid of an attendant stabilizing the wheelchair is recommended for **optimum safety**. Wheelchair passengers who intend to enter and exit their CompanionVan™ without the assistance of an attendant must determine the safest and most practical method and orientation of entering and exiting the CompanionVan™ based on the physical characteristics of their personal wheelchair and his or her physical capabilities to maintain stability while the wheelchair is in motion on the CompanionVan™ ramp.

Wheelchair Attendants: When assisting a wheelchair occupant, remember to use good body mechanics. When the wheelchair is on the ramp, the attendant must grasp the push handles (or other) securely. Detachable wheelchair parts such as arms or legrests must never be used for handholds or lifting supports. Doing so could result in the detachable parts being inadvertently detached from the wheelchair **resulting in possible injury to the wheelchair occupant and/or the attendant.**

Wheelchair Orientation and Securement During Transport: The wheelchair and occupant **must** face the front of the vehicle and **must** be secured using the Forward-Facing Wheelchair and Occupant Belt and Track System when riding in the CompanionVan™. See pages 13-21 for details.

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Floor Track for Wheelchair and Occupant Securement in Mid-point Lowered Floor Area: Floor track is provided in the midpoint lowered floor area for restraint of the wheelchair passenger. The CompanionVan™ is designed to accommodate one wheelchair passenger **only**. Positioning and securement details are provided.

Forward-Facing Wheelchair and Occupant Belt/Track System: One Forward-Facing Wheelchair and Occupant Belt Kit is supplied for the restraint of one wheelchair and occupant. The belt kit is used in conjunction with the floor track.

Refer to the following guidelines, illustrations, photos and instructions for proper use of the belt and track restraint system.

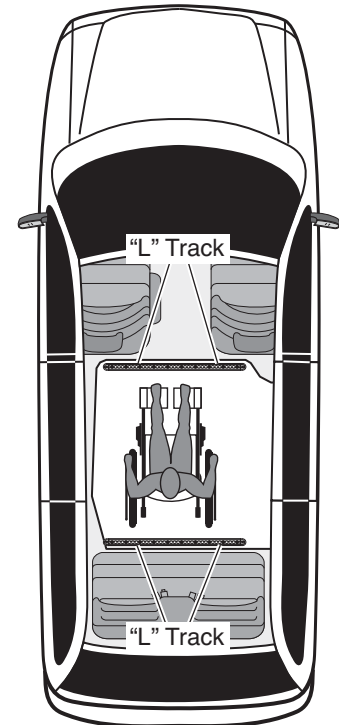


Figure 1

WHEELCHAIR AND OCCUPANT RESTRAINT

⚠️ WARNING

No product developed to date can guarantee successful securement of the wheelchair, even at low speeds, in the event of an accident. The Braun Wheelchair and Occupant Belt/Track System does meet the most widely referenced Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards used for contemporary restraint equipment. However, this equipment does not ensure stability of the wheelchair in the event of an accident at any speed.

Wheelchair Securement: Four adjustable over-center buckle belts are provided for securement of the wheelchair (two for the front and two for the rear).

The belts are equipped with one keeper fitting (attachment) which installs in the vehicle-mounted “L” track (details on pages 16 and 17). A hook is positioned on the opposite end of the belts for attachment to a solid frame member of the wheelchair. Do not attach belts to detachable wheelchair components such as armrests or leg rests. Front and rear belt tension is required.

Refer to the illustrations, photos and instructions on pages 16-21 for belt operation procedures.

Over-Center
Belts
(four supplied)



Lap
Belt
Extension



Wheelchair Passenger Securement: One adjustable lap belt extension is supplied for securement of the wheelchair occupant. The lap belt extension is equipped with a keeper fitting (attachment) which installs in the vehicle-mounted “L” track. A female receptacle is positioned on the opposite end of the extension belt for attachment to a Chrysler factory-installed upper torso lap and shoulder belt. See the illustrations on pages 18 and 19 and photos on page 21.

Operate the Chrysler lap and shoulder belt as instructed in your Chrysler owner’s manual. Follow all safety precautions. Connect the Chrysler lap and shoulder belt to the lap belt extension. Position the upper torso (shoulder) belt across the center of the shoulder. Position the lap belt low across the front of the pelvis (near hip). See the illustrations on pages 18 and 19 and photos on page 21.

Position of the lap belt buckle, after adjustment, is to be located near hip position. The belt is to be worn low and snugly. Adjustment of the lap belt extension is to be made at adjuster buckle. Wheelchair

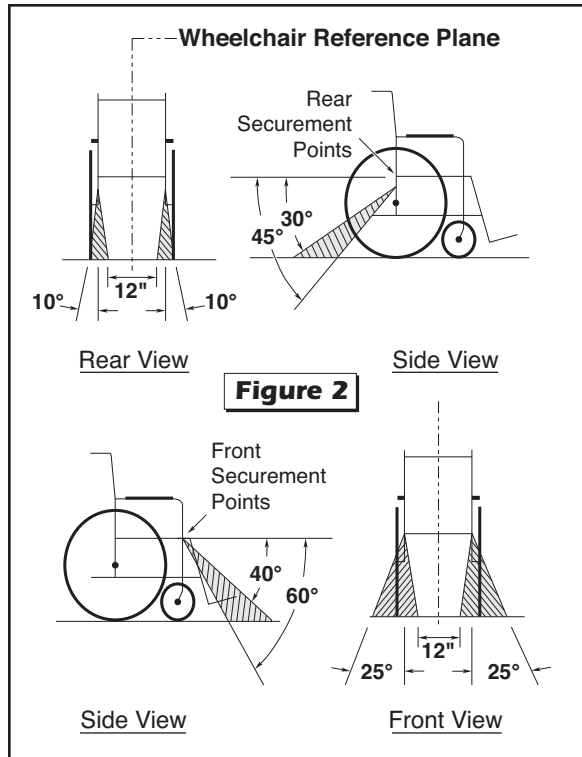
occupant restraints should not be held away from the body by wheelchair components such as armrests or wheels.

Keep belts clear of sharp objects. Do not alter belts. Do not interchange belts from one position to another. Keep the supplied belts together as a complete set.

Belt and Track Maintenance: Inspect belt assemblies frequently. Any defects such as belt cuts, fraying or malfunctioning call for replacement of the entire belt assembly. “L” track must be clean and not worn, bent or otherwise damaged (prohibiting proper belt attachment). If there is any sign of damage, wear, abnormal condition or improper operation of belts, belt hardware (hooks, keepers, latch plate, receptacle), or track, discontinue use and replace components immediately.

Severe conditions (weather, environment, heavy usage, etc.) may require more frequent inspections. Exposure to severe conditions will dramatically reduce the life of the system.

WHEELCHAIR AND OCCUPANT RESTRAINT

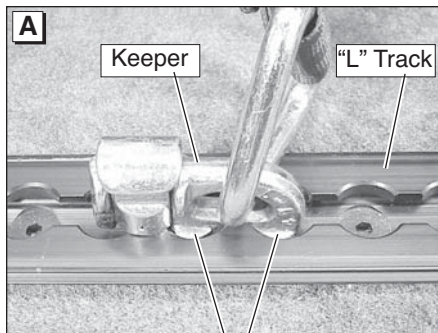


Restraint Belt Angles:

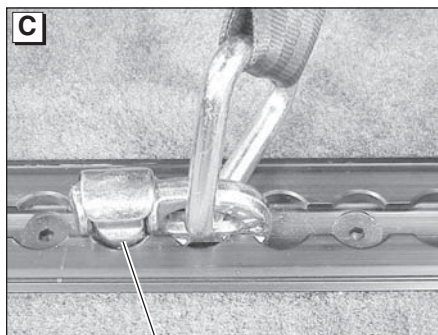
Locate wheelchair in forward-facing position centering wheelchair squarely within “L” track. The front and rear belts, when attached, should create angles approximately as shown in Figure 2. Preferred angles and locations of belts from wheelchair securement points to vehicle anchor points are shown. Front tie-downs should be angled out far for lateral stability when possible. **Note:** These are optimum angles and cannot be achieved in some cases.

Keeper Fitting and “L” Track Attachment Instructions:

The belts supplied in the Forward-Facing Wheelchair and Occupant Belt/Track System are equipped with keeper fittings (attachments) which engage the “L” track. Engage and release the keeper fittings as detailed and shown on page 17. **Note:** Lift to remove the “L” track plastic covers. Refer to pages 20 and 21 for belt attachment and release procedures.



Align engagement feet with holes.



Fully-engaged Keeper

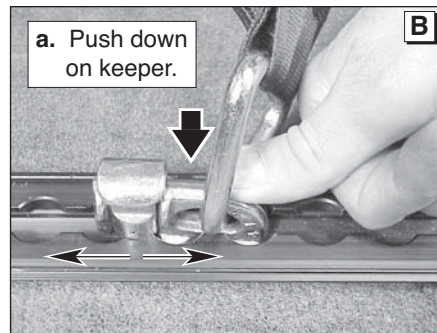
Keeper Fitting and "L" Track Attachment Instructions:

To Engage Keeper Fitting:

1. Insert keeper fitting into track (align two engagement feet with holes in track). See Photo A.
2. Push down on fitting and slide fitting 1/2 slot in either direction until it clicks and locks in position (see Photos B and C). Pull firmly on belt to ensure fitting is locked in track.

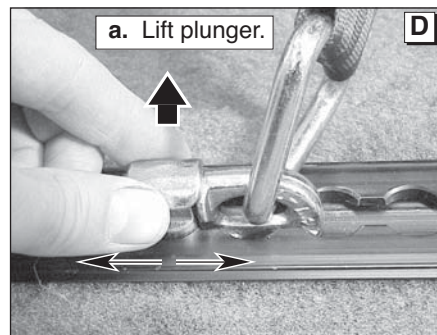
To Release Keeper Fitting:

1. Lift plunger and slide fitting 1/2 slot in either direction and lift fitting out of track.



a. Push down on keeper.

b. Slide keeper 1/2 slot in either direction.



a. Lift plunger.

b. Slide keeper and lift.

WHEELCHAIR AND OCCUPANT RESTRAINT

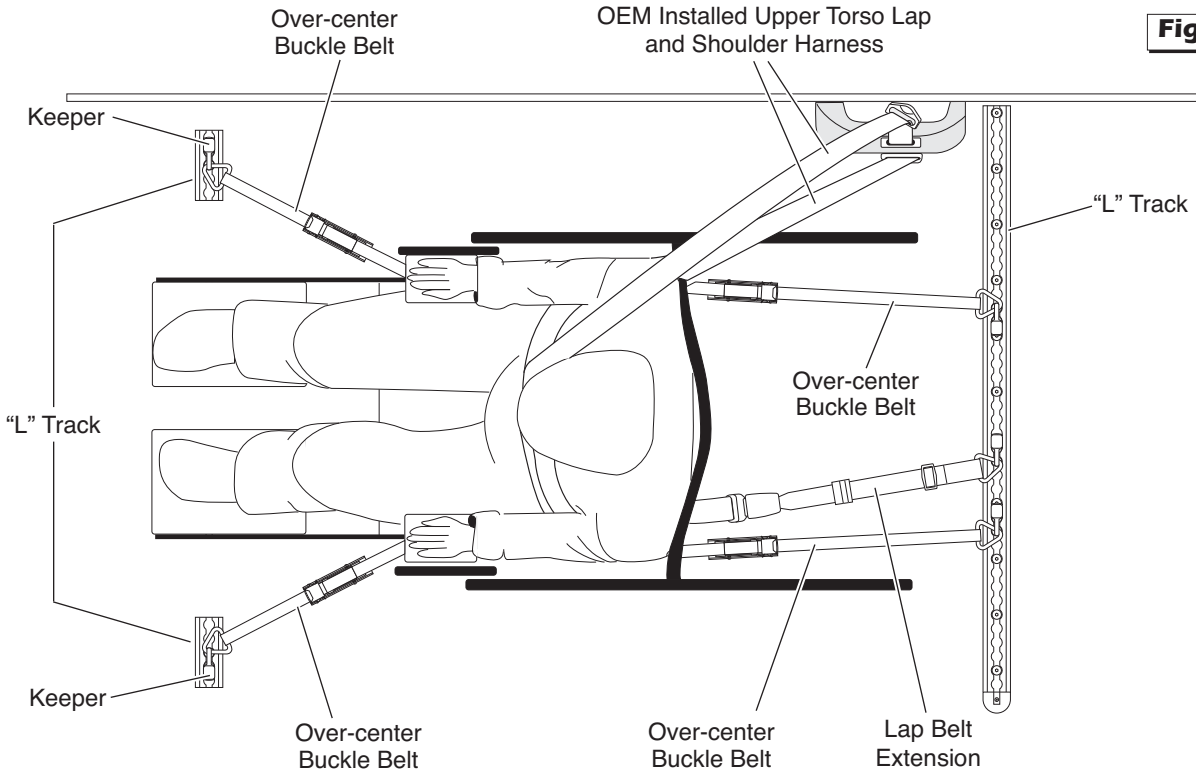


Figure 3

WHEELCHAIR AND OCCUPANT RESTRAINT

Note: Generic seat position shown. Attachment procedures are identical for all positions. Photos on pages 20 and 21 depict securement of wheelchair in midpoint position.

Keeper attachment details are provided on page 17.

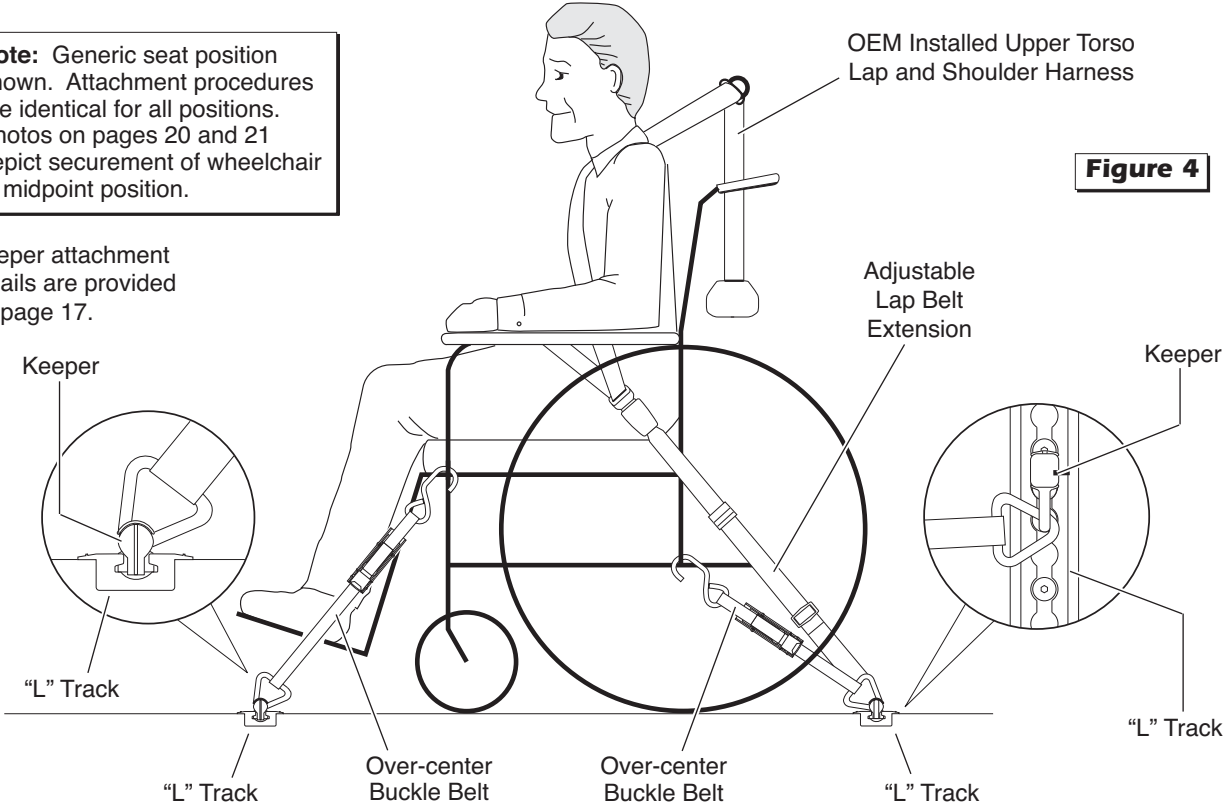
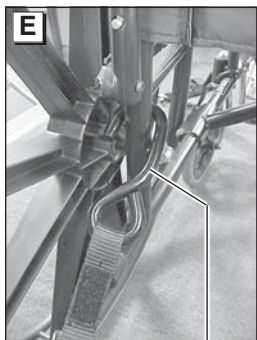


Figure 4

WHEELCHAIR AND OCCUPANT RESTRAINT



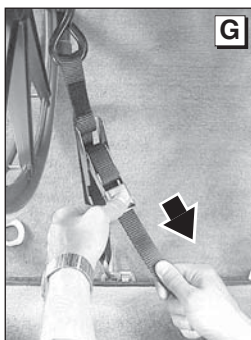
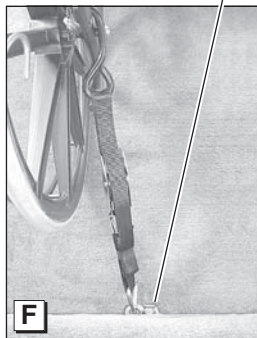
Over-Center Belt Attachments

1. Connect chair hook to a solid frame member of the wheelchair (as shown in Photo E).

2. Position and connect belt keeper fitting (attachment) to appropriate track anchorage point (slots). Attach keeper as detailed on page 17.

Pull firmly on belt to ensure fitting is locked in track.

Note: Belt angles should be as shown in Figure 2.

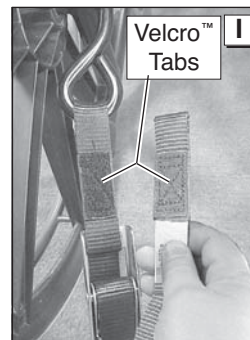
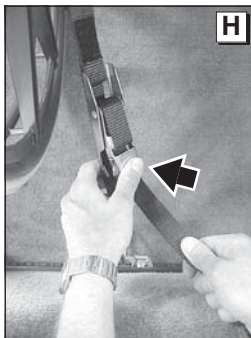


3. With buckle open, pull loose end of belt until tight (see Photo G). While holding the loose end with one hand, close the lever of the clamp (buckle) down until it locks. See Photo H.

4. Connect Velcro™ ▶

Repeat procedures for all belts.

Note: Check to see that front and rear belts are tight and the chair is secure enough that it does not have any movement. Lock wheelchair brakes.

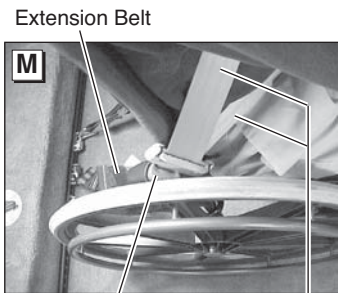


Belt Release: Press lever clamp (lock) to release tension on belt.





Extension Belt



Receptacle

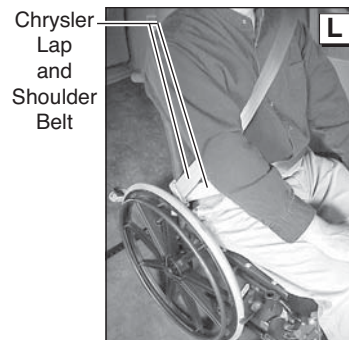
Chrysler Lap and Shoulder Belt

Lap and Shoulder Belt Attachments

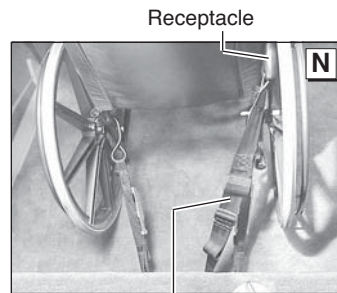
Refer to Photos K-N.

1. Position and connect the adjustable lap belt extension keeper fitting (attachment) to appropriate track anchorage point (slots). Attach keeper as detailed on page 17. Pull firmly on belt to ensure fitting is locked in track.
2. Connect the lap and shoulder belt to the lap belt extension (insert latch plate in female receptacle). Position the upper torso (shoulder) belt across the center of the shoulder. Position the lap belt low across the front of the pelvis (near hip). See Photos K-N.

Wheelchair occupant restraints should not be held away from the body by wheelchair components such as wheelchair armrests or wheels.



Chrysler Lap and Shoulder Belt



Extension Belt

SEAT REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Third Row Seat Removal and Installation

Modified third row seat bases are equipped with two front-facing hook type attachments (see Figures 1 and 2). These attachments engage floor-mounted securement slot (channel). Two rear mounting brackets are secured with bolts. Remove and install the bolt-in seat bases as outlined.

Note: Seat removal and installation procedures are typical for both sections of third row 60/40 split seats.

Third Row Seat Installation:

1. Position seat, engage front hooks (tabs) into securement slot and align rear mounting brackets with the mounting holes in the vehicle floor).
2. Shift seat base **fully** forward (be certain the front-facing hook plates **engage the securement slot fully**).
4. Lower the rear of the seat base over the mounting holes in the vehicle floor.
5. Secure the rear mounting brackets using the mounting bolts (insert bolts through mounting bracket slots and into weld nuts provided in the vehicle floor). **Tighten securely.**

Third Row Seat Removal:

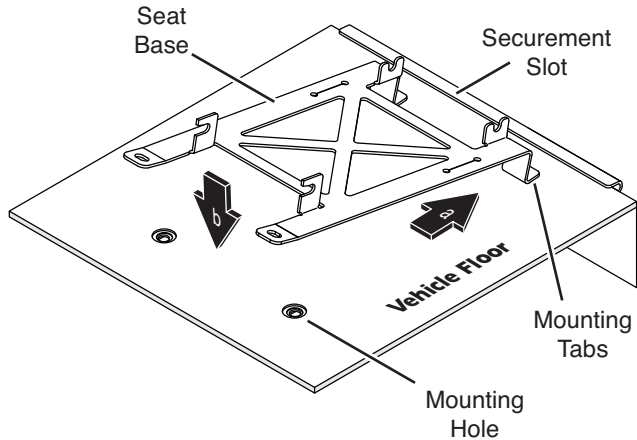
Reverse installation procedures.

WARNING

Install seats as specified before occupying seats or operating vehicle. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily injury and/or property damage.

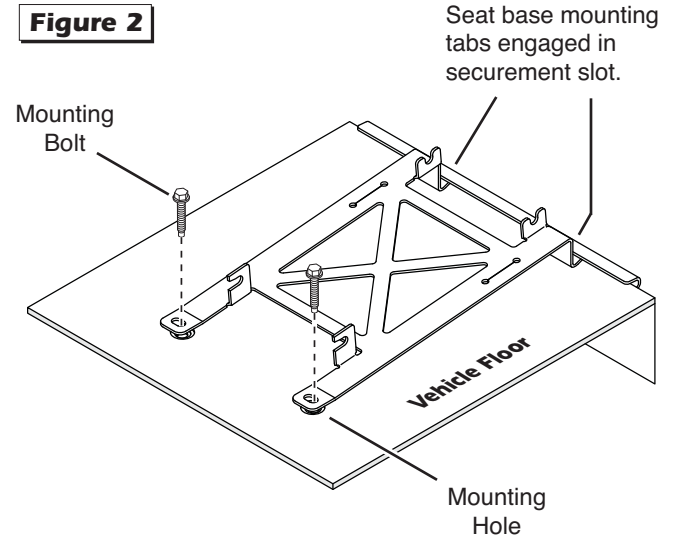
Third Row Seat Removal and Installation

Figure 1



Slide seat forward (a) to engage front mounting tabs in the securement slot, lower rear of the seat base (b) into position over the mounting holes.

Figure 2



Insert mounting bolts. **Tighten securely.**
Note: Illustrations depict seat base only.

WARRANTY

☐ In accordance with the Chrysler 5 year/100,000 mile corrosion warranty, The Braun Corporation warrants to the purchaser of its CompanionVan™ conversion that the metal fabrication on or of the frame, floor and lowered door extension are free from defects in material and factory workmanship for a period of 5 years or 100,000 miles on the odometer, whichever occurs first. The Braun Corporation further warrants to the purchaser that the remainder

of the modifications and alterations for associated parts are free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 36 months or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first. For clarification purposes, the following chart outlines The Braun Corporation CompanionVan™ warranty coverage. Refer to your Chrysler warranty information booklet for all Chrysler OEM (factory) limited warranty details.

Years/Miles in Service	Specific Area Covered
<p style="text-align: center;">36 Months or 36,000 Miles (whichever comes first)</p>	<p>CompanionVan™ frame and floor structural components</p> <p>CompanionVan™ ramp, door and associated structural components</p> <p>CompanionVan™ electrical components including but not limited to switches, wires, connectors and the controller</p> <p>CompanionVan™ electromechanical kneel systems including but not limited to electric actuator, chain, pulleys and associated hardware</p>

Years/Miles in Service	Specific Area Covered
<p>36 Months or 36,000 Miles (whichever comes first)</p>	<p>CompanionVan™ appearance items including but not limited to interior floor covering and slide door lowered extension assemblies.</p>
<p>Corrosion Warranty</p> <p>Outer Panels</p> <p>5 Year or 100,000 Miles (whichever comes first)</p> <p>All Panels (Exceptions)</p> <p>3 Years/Unlimited Miles</p>	<p>Corrosion Warranty:</p> <p>Outer Panels: CompanionVan™ frame, floor and lower door modification metal fabrication corrosion applies to perforation only. CompanionVan™ lower slide door modification corrosion applies to outer-body sheet metal and paint. Perforation is a rust-through condition such as an actual hole in the metal.</p> <p>All Panels (Exceptions): Cosmetic or surface corrosion (resulting from stone chips for example) would not be covered or repaired under this coverage. If corrosion does not cause holes, and is not the result of usage and/or environmental conditions, repair coverage lasts for 3 years/unlimited miles.</p>

WARRANTY

Both the 5 year/100,000 mile corrosion and the 3 year/36,000 mile warranties described on previous page commence on the date the conversion is put into service, providing the warranty registration card is completed and received by The Braun Corporation within thirty days of the purchase.

The Braun Corporation agrees to repair or replace any of its CompanionVan™ factory-installed parts found to be defective within the appropriate warranty period or mileage. This warranty also covers the cost of labor for the repair or replacement of said parts for three years provided that the repair is authorized by The Braun Corporation and carried out by an authorized service establishment (a Braun labor schedule determines the cost allowance for repairs). The Braun Corporation will not honor any warranty claim for repairs or replacement of parts unless the claim is submitted with the appropriate factory warranty authorization data and the repairs or replacement of the parts are completed by a factory-authorized repairman. The factory authorization data, together with the name and location of the fac-

tory-authorized repairman, can be obtained by either written or telephone contact with The Braun Corporation at the addresses appearing in this manual.

The return authorization procedure must be adhered to in order to process any warranty and repair claims (details on following page).

The Braun Corporation reserves the right to designate where any warranty work is to be performed.

The Braun Corporation also reserves the right to examine any defective workmanship or part prior to any authorization of necessary repairs. This CompanionVan™ warranty is not intended to replace or substitute any other warranties issued by the original manufacturer of the vehicle or other suppliers of components. This warranty shall not apply to any part or workmanship that may become defective due to misuse, neglect, accident or other casualty, modifications or alterations or unauthorized repairs. Further, this warranty shall not extend to parts or workmanship that may become defective because of the failure of

anyone to operate the same in accordance with the printed instructions of The Braun Corporation or because of operation of the same beyond its capacity.

This warranty does not cover normal maintenance, service, or periodic adjustments necessitated by use or wear.

Second buyers of a Braun CompanionVan™ conversion may transfer the remaining warranty, if any, by obtaining a transfer of warranty application from The Braun Corporation. This application must be returned to The Braun Corporation within thirty days from the date you purchase the vehicle and proof of the date of purchasing must be supplied with the transfer of warranty application. There will be a minimum warranty transfer fee.

The Braun Corporation shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages resulting from any breach of warranty.

The Braun Corporation shall not be liable for towing charges, travel and lodging, or any other expense incurred due to the loss of use of vehicle or other reason.

Return Authorization Procedure

When processing any warranty claims (parts, repairs, ect.), all requests must be processed through the Braun Corporation Product Support Department. Call 1-800-THE LIFT® during working hours. Product Support will issue a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number and detail the procedures required for processing returns and/or authorizing credit.

The last eight digits of the vehicle identification number (VIN) **must be provided when filing a warranty claim or ordering parts.**

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Normal vehicle maintenance must be performed as outlined in the Chrysler-supplied owner's manual. This maintenance is not the responsibility of The Braun Corporation. Refer to the warranty section of this manual for details regarding The Braun Corporation CompanionVan™ Warranty.

WARNING

Perform preventive maintenance procedures as detailed in this manual. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily injury and/or property damage.

Maintenance is necessary to ensure safe and troublefree CompanionVan™ operation. General preventive maintenance consisting of inspections of your CompanionVan™ systems along with cleaning and lubricating procedures should be a part of your routine (lubrication requirements are minimal). Regular preventive maintenance procedures will increase the service life of the CompanionVan™, as well as enhancing safety.

Ramp Access Door

Keeping the passenger side slide door lower track pan free of debris, ice and snow is one of the most effective preventive maintenance practices to exercise. Inspect and clean routinely.

Ramp

CompanionVan™ ramps are equipped with sealed bearings and Teflon™ bushings to decrease wear, provide smooth operation and extend the service life of the ramp. A “dri-film” style of light oil should be applied to the ramp inboard pivot points and the outboard ramp extension hinge (goes on wet then dries).

Lubricants of this type are available that do not attract dust or debris. Clean the components and the surrounding area before applying lubricants. Use of improper lubricants can attract dirt or other contaminants which could result in wear or damage to components.

Generally inspect the ramp assembly, fold arm and fold arm bearing for positive securement, alignment, wear or other possible damage. **Discontinue ramp operation** if there is any sign of damage, wear, abnormal condition or improper operation.

Wheelchair Occupant and Restraint System

Inspect wheelchair and occupant restraint belt assemblies frequently. Any defects such as belt cuts, fraying or malfunctioning call for replacement of the entire belt assembly. "L" track must be clean and not worn, bent or otherwise damaged (prohibiting proper belt attachment). If there is any sign of damage, wear, abnormal condition or improper operation of belts, belt hardware, or track,

discontinue use and replace components immediately.

Inspect and clean as detailed frequently and routinely (minimum four weeks or 100 cycle intervals). Lubricate the ramp as specified approximately every three months. **Note:** These intervals are a general guideline and will vary according to frequency of use and conditions. Exposure to severe conditions (weather, environment, heavy usage, etc.) may require inspection and maintenance procedures to be performed more often.

If there is any sign of damage, wear, abnormal condition or improper operation, **discontinue CompanionVan™ use immediately.** Contact your sales representative or call The Braun Cor-

WARNING

Contact your CompanionVan service facility immediately if there is any sign of damage, wear, abnormal condition or improper operation. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily injury and/or property damage.

poration at 1-800-THE LIFT®. One of our Product Support representatives will direct you to an authorized service technician who will inspect your CompanionVan™.

BELOW FLOOR OBSTRUCTIONS

Below Floor Obstructions

When installing an electrical tie-down, power seat or other auxiliary electrical device in an CompanionVan™, obstructions below the floor must be avoided. Obstruc-

tions include wiring, fuel system, brake lines, etc. Installers must be aware of these obstructions.

Refer to the illustration on the following page when installing aftermarket equipment to avoid contacting or damaging vital components under the floor. **Drilling or cutting into such obstructions may result in potential hazards as well as property damage.**

Note: Some wiring harnesses shown may not be present. Avoid all harness locations.

WARNING

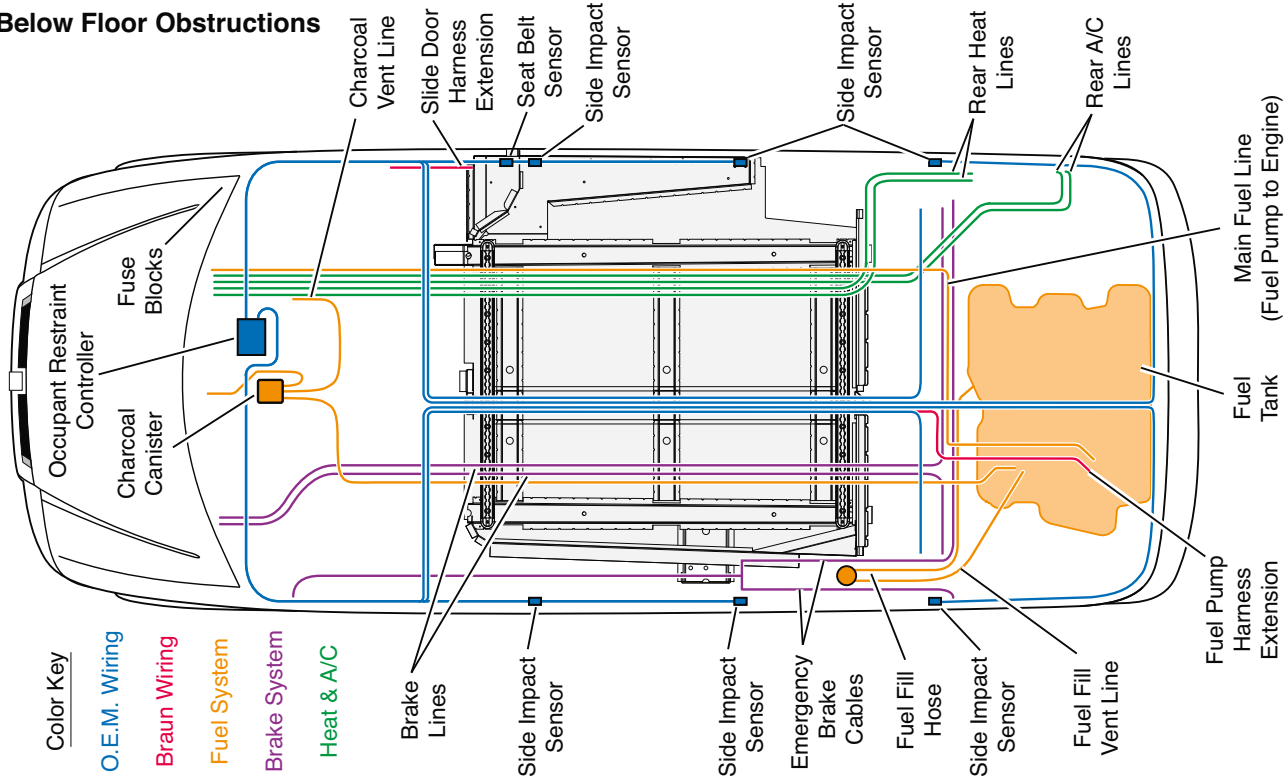
Check for obstructions such as wires, gas lines, exhaust, etc. before drilling or cutting through floor. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily injury and/or property damage.

WARNING



Risk of electrical fire!
Install and electrically terminate auxiliary electrical device as specified by device manufacturer.

Below Floor Obstructions



TOWING / JACKING AND TIRE CHANGING

Towing with a CompanionVan™

Use of this lowered floor conversion vehicle for towing is **prohibited**.

If your CompanionVan™ Needs Towed

If case of service, The Braun Corporation recommends that this lowered floor conversion vehicle be transported on a trailer rather than towed with one set of wheels suspended and the other set of wheels remaining in road contact.



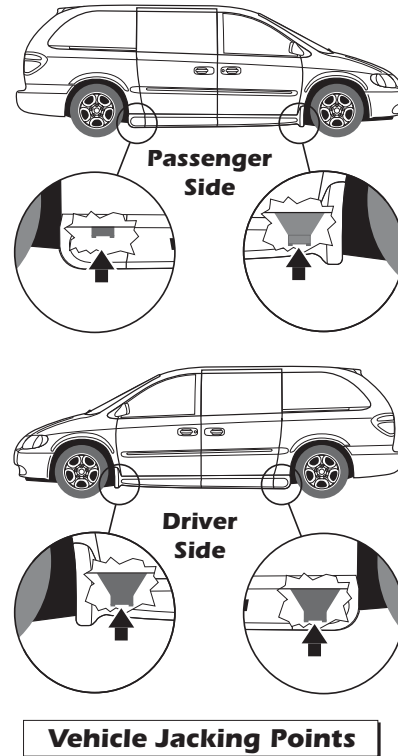
Jacking and Tire Changing

Front and rear jack points have been modified during conversion procedures. Brackets are provided that seat into the jack (shown).

The spare tire and jacking equipment are located in the original OEM positions. Jacking and tire changing procedures have not been affected by the conversion.

Detailed tire changing instructions are provided in the Chrysler-supplied owner's manual.

Refer to the Chrysler-supplied manual for tire changing instructions and safety precautions, as well as instructions regarding other roadside emergencies.



Reporting Safety Defects to the United States Government

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying the Braun Corporation.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer or the Braun Corporation.

To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Auto Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-800-424-9393 (or 366-0123 in Washington, D.C. area) or write to:

NHTSA, U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from the Hotline.

Reporting Safety Defects to The Braun Corporation

In addition to notifying NHTSA we certainly hope you will notify us. Please call us at 1-800-THE-LIFT®, or write:

The Braun Corporation
631 West 11th Street
P.O. Box 310
Winamac, IN 46996 USA

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