

ASSEMBLE A TENSION ADJUSTABLE BACKREST ON FOLDABLE WHEELCHAIRS



This document explains how to assemble a nylon or Active-Mesh tension adjustable backrest on Motion Composites foldable wheelchairs. This procedure can also be used to replace backrest straps or the backrest.

Wheelchair model(s)

Tool(s) and material required

- HELIO C2/A6/A7/XC2/Kids C2
- VELOCE
- MOVE

Hexagonal key (Allen key): 3 mm

PARTS AND DISASSEMBLY

- Before you start assembling the tension adjustable backrest, make sure you have all the parts on hand.
 - Parts must be ordered from your representative or from Motion Composites' Customer Experience team. Have the serial number of the wheelchair on hand before ordering.
- Disassemble the installed backrest:
 - Raise the rear folding part of the backrest
 - Unscrew the two screws at the top of the backrest (3 mm hex key)
 - Remove the double top strap assembly
 - Pull on the velcro of the straps to be removed
 - Remove the straps from the fabric loops on the back of the backrest
 - When all the straps have been removed, the backrest is also free



• NOTE: The example **shown** in this document shows an **Active-Mesh tension adjustable backrest.** The assembly of a nylon adjustable tension backrest is **identical.**

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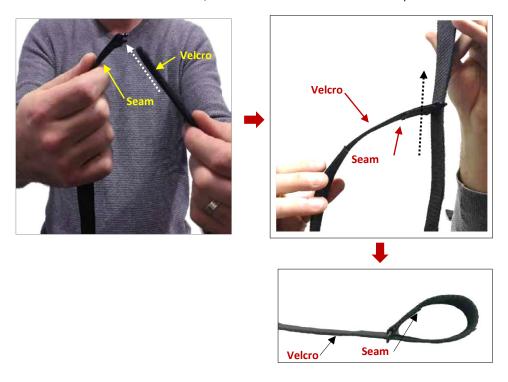
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PREPARE AND INSTALL THE BOTTOM STRAPS

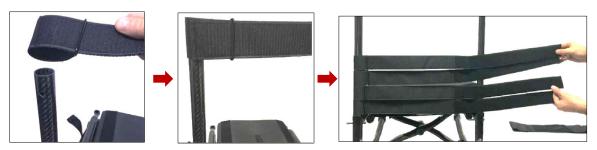
- Prepare each of the straps:
 - Most wheelchairs have four (4) straps at the bottom. The number of straps may vary depending on the height of the
 backrest
 - Unfold the straps that are folded over themselves (photo) and held by velcro.



- Hold the strap in your hands, the velcro side is outward
- Insert the strap into the rectangular metal ring, as shown below
 - The seam should be found inside, and the velcro on the outside of the loop thus formed



- Install the straps on the chair:
 - Hold the strap with the **loop** you formed to **the left** and the **velcro towards you**
 - Put the loop you formed around the left cane of the backrest



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PREPARE AND INSTALL THE DOUBLE TOP STRAP ASSEMBLY

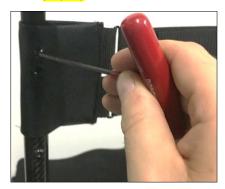
- Adjust the length of double top strap assembly to the width between the backrest canes:
 - Pull out the two velcro attached sections of each strap
 - Adjust to chair width
 - Close the velcro on the two straps



- Install the double top strap assembly on the chair:
 - Hold the double top strap assembly, the eyelets towards you and upwards.
 - Insert the left end into the backrest cane
 - Repeat this step on the right side.
 - If the chair does not have a **push handles**, insert the end of the double top strap assembly into the **closed side** (opening at the bottom only) of the lining. The material lining will hide the end of the backrest cane.
 - If the chair has push handles, insert the end of the double top strap assembly into the open side (opening on both sides) of the lining



- Screw the double top strap assembly on each side:
 - Place the <u>bottom eyelet</u> in line with the <u>hole in the backrest fixing screw</u>
 - Use the two (2) screws you have disassembled
 - Screw without tightening too much (3 mm hex key)
 - CAUTION: If the chair has folding push handles, screw the double top strap assembly into the top eyelet (photos below)
 - If the screws are screwed into the bottom eyelet, the handles will be obstructed by the fabric from folding down properly





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INSTALL AND STRETCH THE BACKREST UPHOLSTERY

- Raise the rear folding part of the backrest upholstery (two photos)
- Note the velcro strips on both sides of the top (pictured right)



• Install the backrest upholstery on the chair by aligning the velcro strips of the canvas with those of the double top strap assembly at the top of the backrest. They must be at the same height.



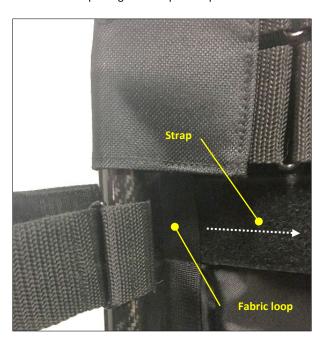


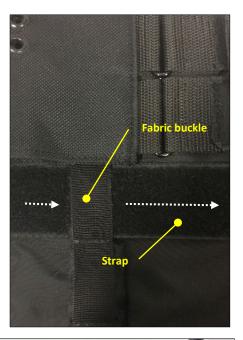
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- Insert the straps into the fabric loops of the backrest.
 - Notice how to start putting on a strap in the photo on the left





- The bottom straps are spaced as follows (example with 4 straps):
 - Two straps under the double top strap assembly
 - Free loops
 - Strap
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- This way of distributing the straps from top to bottom allows better support for the user's back
- **NOTE**: Depending on whether there are more or less straps, their distribution may vary



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- Apply tension to the straps:
 - Pull on the straps on the right side
 - Stretch the straps to apply the desired tension on the backrest canvas
 - Close the straps on themselves and press to fix the velcro of the straps
- WARNING: if the straps are too tight, it can prevent a folding chair from opening fully and the seat rails from locking into place



- Fold down the back of the backrest upholstery
- Stretch the canvas and press the bottom of the backrest canvas to attach it to the bottom velcro strip



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