

Included Features for a “Basic Wheelchair”, “Basic Modified Wheelchair” and “Specialized Wheelchair”

A Cheat Sheet for Clinicians

Wheelchair Feature/Attribute	Basic Wheelchair	Modified Basic Wheelchair	Specialized Wheelchair
Light-weight frame (typically <35 lbs)	✓	✓	✓
Variable seat heights (including super low)	✓	✓	✓
Upholstery/fabric back	✓	✓	✓
Adjustable padded arm rests	✓	✓	✓
Solid, pneumatic or semi-pneumatic rear wheels	✓	✓	✓
Front casters (any size)	✓	✓	✓
Wheel brakes with extensions as necessary	✓	✓	✓
Anti-tippers	✓	✓	✓
Swing-away foot rests	✓	✓	✓
Rear handles	✓	✓	✓
Seat belt for bus transportation	✓	✓	✓
Weight capacity up to 113.4 kg/250 lbs	✓	✓	✓
Reclining back	✗	✓	✓
Padded backs, contoured backs, supportive backs, back positioning devices, lateral back supports, lumbar supports	✗	✓	✓
Swing-away arm rests	✗	✓	✓
Lap trays (full or half), lap cushions, extended arm rests, elevating arm rests, comfort or gel arm rests, arm trays, modified arm rests, safety positioners	✗	✓	✓
Anti-roll back devices	✗	✓	✓
Articulating (i.e. elevating) foot rests	✗	✓	✓
Calf pads/supports, foot/leg troughs, footrest extenders, leg supports, leg straps, knee adductors, foot cradles, foot supports, amputee boards, toe straps	✗	✓	✓
Lap belts, safety belts, retainer straps, pelvic positioning devices, knee/thigh belts	✗	✓	✓
Chest harnesses, torso supports, posture supports,	✗	✓	✓
Head supports, neck supports	✗	✓	✓
Wheel grip covers, grip attachments	✗	✓	✓
Rear handle extensions	✗	✓	✓
Wheelchair alarms	✗	✓	✓
Oxygen holders, cane/crutch holders	✗	✓	✓
Flags, bags, drink holders, incontinence holders/bags	✗	✓	✓
Weight capacity >113.4 kg/250 lbs	✗	✗	✓
Tilt-in-space capacity	✗	✗	✓
Power mobility, accessories with electrical components	✗	✗	✓

✓ - Included in definition ✗ - Not Included in definition

N.B. While each “ ✓ ” indicates that the feature is included in the definition, every feature may not be necessary for every wheelchair prescribed to every resident.