Read and follow the instructions contained within carefully before use. Retain this guide in a safe and easily accessible place for future reference.

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Stroller Assembly/Opening

Remove the stroller from the carton and dispose of all packaging immediately including the black rubber protectors on either side of the brake bar and front wheel protector. The front wheel forks, rear wheels, front bar and hood all need to be installed prior to use.

1. Lay the stroller flat on the floor and carefully cut the cable tie which holds the frame.
2. Lift the handle upward to a vertical position.

1. Lift the front wheel housing upward so that the stroller frame unfolds from beneath.
2. Press down on the locking hinge with your hand or foot.

1. Secure the frame closed by swinging the fold latches (located on both sides of the frame) and fully engaging them tightly onto the frame.

**IMPORTANT WARNING:** Always test that all latches are securely engaged before use.

Installating/Removing the Rear Wheels

1. Pressing on the centre hub button, insert the SQR axle through the outside of the metal hub in each wheel.
   **IMPORTANT:** Insert through outside of the wheel - the side which does NOT have the nylon brake cog)

1. Pressing the axle button, insert the protruding long axle into the opening in the tube at the rear of the stroller chassis.
2. Repeat this procedure for the other side.

1. To remove the wheel simply press the axle button in the centre of the wheel hub and simultaneously pull the wheel outward.

**IMPORTANT WARNING:** Always test that the axles/wheels are securely engaged before use.
Installing/Removing and using the front wheel forks

Your Runabout stroller utilizes our unique and revolutionary new DURAGLIDE™ front swivel system:

1. To install the front fork, tilt the stroller frame upward on the rear wheels.
2. Line up the fork shaft and insert it into the DURAGLIDE housing till it "clicks" into place.

IMPORTANT: Test that the fork is securely engaged in the housing.

To remove the front fork:

1. Simultaneously turn and push the DURAGLIDE™ release button.
2. The fork will then be released.

HINT: You may need to apply a little downward pressure for the fork to fully disengage.

The simple yet effective HEXLOK™ wheel locking system is perfect for rough terrain and beachside use.

1. To lock your wheel, rotate it wheel so that it is beneath the chassis (as in normal use).
2. Grasping the HEXLOK™ on either side, slide the sleeve downward over the hexagonal top of the wheel fork, as far as it will go.
3. To disengage, reverse the process.

Folding/Opening your stroller

1. Fold the hood back up against the handle.
2. Release the locking clamps at either side of the stroller.
3. Simultaneously lift the secondary safety catch and swing the handle forward.

1. To open, unhook the frame locking strap.
2. Holding on to the side of the footrest, with your foot stopping the rear wheels, lift the handle so that the frame begins to unfold.

4. Holding the frame at the rear, press down with your foot on the rear basket tube. This will disengage the side hinge locks.
5. Continue pushing the rear of the basket, moving the rear wheels forward beneath the frame.
6. You can lock the frame closed by stretching the locking strap over the frame, placing the metal catch over the rivet on the chassis.
IMPORTANT WARNING: Always test that all latches are securely engaged before use.

Adjusting your seat

STANDARD MODEL
(not available in all markets)

1. Press down on the side locking hinges (on the basket) to lock the frame in the open position.

2. Secure the handle the frame by engaging the locking clamps on both sides.

NOTE: Special care must be taken when adjusting the seat position with a child in the stroller. Before adjusting the zippers, place your hand beneath the seat at its current position and lift it slightly. This will relieve pressure on the zippers and make them easier to adjust.

Your seat can be adjusted to 4 positions using the zip system

3. To recline, pull one of the zippers located on the seat side downward.

4. Do the same to the corresponding zipper on the other side of the seat.

5. For more recline, release more zippered sections.

6. For seat incline simply reverse this procedure.

BE SURE THAT ALL ZIPPERS ARE OPENED/CLOSED FULLY BEFORE USE.

Adjusting your seat

DELUXE MODELS
(not available in all markets)

In addition to the 4 adjustment positions using the zip system, your stroller has an additional 5th position which raises the seat to an even more upright sitting position.

1. With all zippers fully closed, lift the seat back further upward with your hand.

2. Secure the seat with the two sets of straps (one at the top and one at the bottom of the seat back), inserting each buckle into the corresponding buckle housing in the matching strap.

Installing / Removing the front bar

( STANDARD System)

1. Open the flap in the fabric at either side of the stroller and roll it backward, securing to the side fabric by aligning the 2 Velcro strips.

2. Clip the shaped clamp onto the inside of the stroller frame.

TIP: Be sure that the red adjustment button is on the top. If not press and rotate the clamp until it is.

3. Secure the handle to the carer frame by engaging each locking clip in turn.

4. Adjust the bar height by simultaneously pressing the 2 red buttons and swivelling the bar to the desired position.

IMPORTANT WARNING: The front bar IS NOT a restraining device

Installing your hood

1. Using the screwdriver provided, remove the screws and protective covers from the tube.

2. (a) ADJUSTABLE HANDLE MODEL: Attach the hood fabric to the frame using the rear zippers found on the inside of the hood at the rear.

(b) STANDARD MODEL: Insert the hood tube through the elastic loop on either side of the hood fabric. The rear section of your hood arrives pre-installed in the frame with a spring loaded securing bar. This needs to be removed when removing your hood.

3. Insert the hood tube end into each corresponding holding tube and secure each side with the original screw.

4. Place the hood against the fabric at each side (facing inward), locate the release “button.”

5. Press the release button inward while simultaneously pushing upward on the bar housing. Repeat for the other side.

6. Secure the handle the frame in the open position.

7. Be sure to sit up straight during use and adjust the hood to provide maximum comfort.

8. Adjust the front bar by simultaneously pressing the 2 red buttons and swivelling the bar (forward or backward) to the desired position.

9. To remove the front bar: Feeling the side of the nylon housing that sits below the frame at each side (facing upward), locate the release “button.”

10. Press the release button outward while simultaneously pushing upward on the bar housing. Repeat for the other side.

Deluxe models: Insert the hood tube through the elastic loop on either side of the hood fabric. The rear section of your hood arrives pre-installed in the frame with a spring loaded securing bar. This needs to be removed when removing your hood.
Using your brakes

1. Press down on the centre of the brake bar until the bar ends engage in the nylon brake cogs on the wheel.

   IMPORTANT: Always check that the brake is fully engaged before use.

2. To disengage, lift the brake bar upward till it locks in the upright position.

EXTRAS

Your Runabout is equipped with a tire pump that hangs in a special pocket found sewn beneath the seat at the rear.

Your tires should be kept at a pressure of 40 p.s.i. Under inflated tyres can cause excessive and uneven tire wear, greater susceptibility to punctures and greater difficulty in smooth operation.

Your Runabout is equipped with a removable "Head Hugger" and shoulder harness covers. The "Head Hugger" is designed to optimize the comfort of newborn babies within the stroller. The shoulder straps increase your child’s comfort levels when in the harness as well as keeping harness adjusters away from busy fingers.

Using your harness

Your Runabout stroller is fitted with two 5 point safety harness systems. Your child MUST always be harnessed while in the stroller.

TO SECURE YOUR CHILD IN THE HARNESS:

1. Insert Buckles (A) and (B) into either side of the Buckle Housing (C). Keep inserting until they click into place securely.

2. Carefully adjust the harness straps to snugly fit your child by adjusting the Sliders (D) located on all Shoulder Straps, Waist Straps and the Crotch Strap.

3. Your harness can be adjusted for even more comfort at the top of the seat for smaller or larger children by threading/removing the shoulder and crotch straps through the webbing sewn into the seat.

4. To prevent older children tampering with the strap adjustments and for greater child comfort, your RUNABOUT stroller is provided with 2 soft strap covers for each harness. To fit, disengage each shoulder strap from the central buckle housing and thread the strap through the cover. Re-install the straps to the central buckle housing.

The harness should be snugly fitted to the baby’s body, tight enough so that the baby cannot wriggle itself free of the straps but loose enough so as not to cause the baby any discomfort.

TO OPEN THE HARNESS:

1. Release the Buckle Prongs – Squeeze on the top and bottom prongs simultaneously and pull apart from the Buckle Housing.

This process may be difficult, as your buckle system has been designed to meet very stringent safety standards to ensure that a child cannot release the harness unaided.
**OPTIONAL/ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES**

**Toddlersseat**
Available in versions for both Single and Twin Runabout models, the optional toddlersseat sits firmly inside the chassis. Perfect for twins and an older sibling (Twin model) or when a new baby comes along and junior still likes to go for a ride! Both Twin and single models even fold totally out of the way with the stroller! See your local specialist retailer for more info and suitability.

**Sunstopper (Universal fit)**
The unique SUNSTOPPER provides the ultimate protection from the suns harsh rays, while providing a comfortable open environment for the child. The unique roll up blind system means that the child can be shielded from the sun without being fully enclosed, and folds up into its own self enclosed pouch for easy storage.
The VALCO HITCHHIKER is a boon to any parent with a child who is old enough to walk but young enough to need to rest along the way. Made of high quality and extremely sturdy materials (maximum weight 30 kg’s / 66 lb’s), the HITCHHIKER is easily adjustable for height, width and distance from the stroller which makes it fit most brands, makes and models of strollers. The handy “hang up” system means it can hang out of the way when not in use, while the unique quick release systems allows for quick and easy removal.

All this and more makes the HITCHHIKER the perfect option for that “in between” age child. See your local specialist retailer for more information.
WARNINGS

Your child’s safety is your responsibility ........

Be sure to check that all clamps and buckles are securely fixed and in place before use.
Check all parts for breakage or fatigue before use. Discontinue immediately if any part is found to be damaged or broken.
The maximum weight of the child for which this stroller is intended is 22 kg’s (48 lbs)
Can be used from birth +. A cocoon specially designed to be used with a stroller is recommended when any fully reclining stroller is used with a newborn.
NEVER jog with a newborn baby in any pram or stroller until the child can sit up unassisted (approximately 6 months).
ALWAYS ensure that the child is clear of all moving parts when adjusting the stroller.
ALWAYS engage the brake system when the stroller is at rest.
NEVER leave any child unattended in the stroller.
NEVER use on escalators or stairs.
When in the stroller the child must ALWAYS wear the safety harness, correctly fitted and adjusted, at all times.
DO NOT hang shopping bags from the handle as this may affect the stroller’s stability.
Always use the basket provided, the maximum weight in the basket is 6 kg’s (13 lbs)
Do not carry additional children. It may be unsafe to use any accessories other than VALCO approved ones.
ALWAYS be aware of the risks provided by fire and other significant sources of heat such as radiators etc. which may be in the immediate vicinity of your stroller.
This product is intended for domestic use only. It is not intended for commercial use.
Continued and extended exposure to sunlight and the elements can change the colours of many materials. To avoid fading, always cover and store in a shaded area.

Caring for your stroller

Moving parts may be lubricated with silicone based lubricants – do not use oil.
Regularly check wheels for loose spokes – tighten as necessary.

Your Runabout chassis is made of aluminium alloy but does include some metal parts. Special care must always be taken to avoid rust. If this pram is used near the ocean or salty air environments, spray the chassis and seat frame with water and dry thoroughly. This is particularly important for parts such as wheel spokes and springs. We recommend rust inhibiting product should be applied to prevent accelerated rust and fatigue of these metal parts!
We recommend that you wipe down axles and lubricate the wheels every 3 months, particularly the front wheel and housing. Sand and dirt can grind down axles so, if you live, walk or run near/on the beach or in a dusty environment, you must remove and wipe down the axles and wheels, then lubricate them MONTHLY.

AXLES AND MOVING PARTS ARE BEST LUBRICATED WITH SILICONE BASED PRODUCTS. DO NOT USE OIL BASED PRODUCTS.

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