

Instruction for using the best folding cane or collapsible cane



Please read these instructions for use thoroughly, carefully follow the details and keep them for later use.

Purpose

Our best folding canes (walking aids) or collapsible canes serve walking disability people to compensate reduced capacity/ability of the lower limbs or as a coordination assistance with standing and walking. The application of the walking aids can be done inside and outside of the house. For details consider also strictly the safety instructions!

1. General Product-Information

Our folding canes (collapsible canes) are characterized by the following features:

- High load capacity.
- Easily adjustable by pushbutton.
- They are made of high-quality materials such as aluminum or precision -steel in conjunction with plastic (Pa).
- Collapsible canes are individually adjustable and therefore adapted to almost any body size.

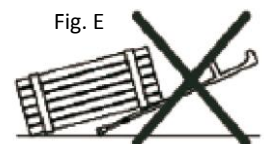


With us you will receive only products in accordance with the guidelines of the Medicine Devices Act. Of course, we are certified according to DIN EN ISO 13485 & 9001.

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2. Safety References

- Be briefed by your specialist dealer or medical personal in the use of the walking aids or the best folding canes or collapsible canes. **Fig. D** □ For the functional and ergonomically correct adjustment please contact your specialist dealer!
- Please note the maximum allowed body weight specified on the best folding cane or collapsible cane!
- It is not allowed to hang bags, pockets or any other items at your walking frame! (Fig. D) □ It is not allowed to make any mechanical changes at the walking frame, because we can't assume the liability and we can't ensure the security of the walking aids anymore! For same reason only original spare parts and original accessories may be used! □ Walking aids are only walking aids and may not be used for purposes than intended for example lifting or shifting furniture! (Fig. E)



- Folding canes or collapsible canes may not be abused as help to push light switches or elevator buttons!
- The adhesion of the underground is crucial for the secure hold of the walking aids!
- The secure hold is strongly reduced on loose surfaces such as gravel, sand or leaves!
- The rubber of the retractable cane capsule has no hold on wet ground or icy areas!
- Very dangerous are also unevenness or holes in the ground, because the best folding cane can slide off or sink thereby unexpectedly!
- Also loose laid floor coverings can slide away or work as stumbling point!
- During the pushbutton adjustment the button must stick out accordingly out of the hole!
- The holes for adjusting the collapsible cane are exposed to a certain amount of wear. It is important to ensure that the holes are not hollowed out, then it may be that a secure locking of the push-button is no longer guaranteed.

- All screw connections must be fixed strongly!
- Please control before every use if all screw connections are tight.
- The folding cane tip may not be worn out too much! If the cane tip is worn out too much please contact specialist dealer or the medical personal, so that they can exchange the cane tip.
- When there are external visible damages on your folding cane or collapsible cane, ask your specialist dealer or the medical personal! □ Please be extremely cautious on wet or icy surfaces, even damp floor tiles pose an unexpected risk of slipping off! □ Special attention is appropriate with insufficient lighting conditions, because unevenness in the surfaces are hardly visible then!
- Avoid snow or ice surfaces, when your walking frame is not provided with snow and ice capsules!

You need walking aids, because your usual mobility is restricted. Although the walking aids help you in this situation, nevertheless your basic mobility is still reduced! Please be aware of this circumstance constantly and be careful with the use of the walking aids all the time!

Better adhesion can be reached on critical surfaces with our adhesion buffers (Art. No. 938) or our fold-away Ice spike (Art. No. 1718).

3. Application and Adjustment the folding cane

The Folding Cane or Collapsible Cane is delivered in a transparent plastic box, which serves as a retail package and as a storage option. For transport in a purse, you can stick it together with a rubber band.

Please take the folding cane in the folded state out of the shell by surrounding the single tube sections by hand. Then you can unfold to the folding cane slowly piece by piece, the internal elastic band ensures that the individual pieces fit together. Please keep the folding cane during the process always in the middle of each tube section.

If enough space is available, you can also use the self-development of the stick: Simply take the cane in the folded state out of the shell. Hold the stick with one hand on the handle and with an outstretched arm retracted from the body. Don't hold the tube parts no longer together with the hand or remove the rubber band. The tube parts unfold through the internal elastic band by itself.

Please check before use that all the tube sections are fitted together well!

The height is adjusted by push-button system:

The folding canes are 5-way height adjustable in 2 cm intervals, that means, you can adjust the overall length by a total of 10 cm. Please press the push-button to the inside and pull the upper part of the stick to the top – for a longer setting, or push it down – for shorter settings.

At the hole in which the desired height is wanted to be fixed, you can return the push-button again by a click. If the push-button is “disappeared”, it comes back to the fore with a slight twist and pushing back and forth of the tube.

For the folding of the stick, you start at one end: Hold a tube part with one hand, pull out the next tube section with your other hand and put together the two parts.

Then please enclose the folded parts with the hand and pull the next tube section and fold it together. In this way fold together the cane piece by piece. Please hold the tube sections still firmly in the middle, not at the ends. Please make sure that you always hold the already folded parts with one hand, so that the stick cannot develop unintentionally again. Then you can pack the folding cane in the folded condition into the shell or hold it together with a rubber band.

Replacing the cane tip:

Worn or damaged cane tips withdraw and slide back the new capsule. Pay attention to the associated size of the capsule and firm fit.

Notice!

Make sure that there is a metal plate in the cane tip. It protects against that the capsule can be pierced by the tube of the cane.

The result could be otherwise a damage of the floor.

4. Use

The use of the folding cane or collapsible cane can be very different and depends on the individual restrictions on the ability of walking! In the application of the walking aids you are instructed by the qualified personnel!

- Walking aids should not be used in water. The penetrating water may cause corrosion or oxidizing of the tubes (steel or light-metal) which increases the risk of breaking. Permanent contact of walking aids with moisture should be avoided. In the presence of moisture the walking aids should be dried accordingly.
- The correct handling of the walking frame takes a little practice. Therefore we recommend, that you should be supported by an auxiliary person additionally at the beginning.
- If possible, the going up stairs with the walking aids should be introduced to you by qualified personnel!
- Always use the support on the other side with the injured or the gentle treating leg!
- Use the best folding cane or collapsible cane always close to the body, not slanting outward!
- Please grasp the grip of the folding cane with the full hand completely and firmly!
- Place the walking frame always as straight as possible on the ground, so you do not slide off!
- To sit look for chairs with armrests. While standing up you can use the armrests by pushing yourself up!
- If possible wear comfortable shoes with flat heels, so that the leg can bear additional load better! □ While walking the walking frame must be placed on the ground as upright as possible. (Fig. A) □ So don't place the walking aids too far away from your body to the ground. Otherwise you can fall!
- In the case you fall nevertheless: Let the folding cane or collapsible cane fall away sideways from your body as possible, so that you do not fall on them!
- If possible be accompanied and lean on an auxiliary person, so that this person can catch you in case you must fall!
- When you go up stairs and using one walking frame (Fig. B), please strictly hold with the free hand on the railing!
□ When you go up stairs and using two walking frame, please take both walking aids together in one hand and strictly hold with the free hand on the railing! (Fig. C)

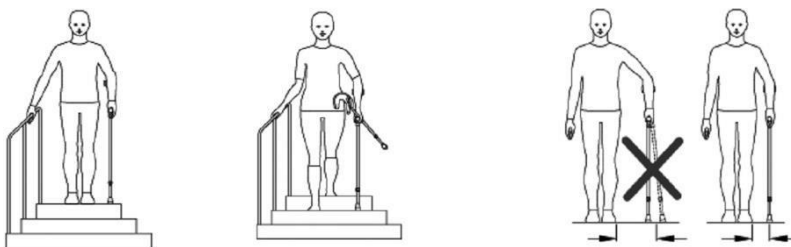


Fig. B Fig. C Fig. A

False! Right

Warning!

Stairs without railings pose an increased risk and should be used only under extreme caution!

5. Precautionary measures

By using a collapsible cane or best folding cane for individual body parts may result unusual load!

This can cause the following unwanted side effects:

- When you use two walking aids, carry the entire body weight with your arms and shoulders! Note that this may lead at the beginning or during a longer liability to pain and overexertion! Grant yourselves enough breaks!

6. Storage and Care

- Never store the sticks and the walking aids in closeness to heat sources such as stoves, heaters or in a car on the shelf!
- Don't leave the walking aids and sticks for an extended period of time in the sun! Strong solar irradiation or heat destroys the plastic!
- Protect your walking frame or stick against falling down and against damages of defects in paint work (use stick loop or stick holder).
- The rubber buffer is a abrasion part and must be exchanged regularly.
- After an extended period of non-use, the walking aids may not be used again without a prior examination by qualified personnel! □ The suitability of storage is limited to 2 years if stored properly.

Caution!

- Grips and rubber capsules never clean with oily substances! Slip hazard! (Fig. J) □ If necessary clean the dirt on the walking frame with a mild cleanser and a soft cloth. Never use solvent containing cleanser, as they may damage the plastic!

Note:

Should a disinfection be necessary, please use a suitable disinfectant. Please observe the manufacturer's specifications.

Fig. J



7. Usage Restriction

- The walking frame may be loaded only according to manufacturer's instructions.

Consider the maximum permitted body weight specified on the product note!

- For larger load or in case of doubt please contact your specialist dealer.
- Bent or damaged walking aids may not be reused under any circumstances, because they don't have the required stability anymore!
- Because in danger of rapture bent walking aids also may not be remake! In this case contact your specialist dealer for replacement.
- Defective and old walking aids do not belong in municipal waste! Please inquire with your refuse disposal company, where and how you can dispose of the walking aids.

8. Further use (rental business) / application duration

We do not assume liability under the product liability law for the first time - in - traffic - bring our products. A second crop we agree only if the product has already been tested by us. The life of the forearm crutches is limited to 2 years. Beyond this date, is the continued use of crutches in the responsibility of the user.

9. Disposal

Please inquire with your specialized dealer about the regional waste disposal.

10. Warranty and Liability

You have purchased a high-quality Ossenberg product. If you have a justified complaint, despite highest quality standards in our manufacturing, we are entitled, at our discretion – within a 12 month warranty period - to repair the defective product or to replace it with a non-deficient one.

Please note that for our products, especially custom products, stricter legal regulations do apply. We cannot assume liability for damages resulting from modifications made to our products.

Not covered by the warranty are damages resulting from ordinary wear and tear or inappropriate use. Wearing parts are excluded from warranty.

For the entire range of Ossenberg products original spare parts and accessories are available. For spare parts, accessories and repairs, please contact your specialized dealer.

11. Technical Data

Product					
Folding Canes					
Article	Material	adjustable	Weight	Length folding size	Max. Capacity
17001-17002-17003-17004-17005-17006-17017-17018-17019-17020-17021-17022	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	350 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17007-17008-17015-1701617009-170010-17011-17012-17013-17014	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	370 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17301-17302-17313-17314-17303-17304-17305-17306-17307-17308-17309-17310-17311-17312	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	370 g	ca.30 cm	100 kg
17601-17602-17603	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	350 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17604-17605-17606-17607-17608-17609-17610-17611	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	370 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17612-17613-17614	light alloy tube	75 cm – 85 cm	270 g	ca. 29 cm	100 kg
17615-17616-17617	light alloy tube	79 cm – 86 cm	275 g	ca. 24 cm	100 kg
17618-17619-17620-17621-17622-17623	light alloy tube	89 cm – 95 cm	350 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17801-17802-17803	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	370 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17804-17805	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	360 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
17624-17625-17626	light alloy tube	85 cm – 95 cm	360 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
16301-16302	Carbon	86 cm – 96 cm	305 g	ca. 32 cm	100 kg
13601-13602	Carbon	85 cm – 95 cm	245 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg
13801-13802	Carbon	85 cm – 95 cm	310 g	ca. 30 cm	100 kg

Optional Accessories	Article-No. 660 Stick-Strap	Article-No. 938P Adhesive Capsule with Vulkolan-bearing-surface
	Article-No. 1855P Stickholder	Article-No 1718 Ice-Claw



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