

Know and Maintain Your Power Wheelchair

Wheelchair maintenance can reduce wheelchair breakdowns, injury and related consequences, as well as costs for repairs and replacement.



Note: The diagram shows common wheelchair parts. Your wheelchair may not have all the parts shown here. Refer to your wheelchair's manual for guidance.

Maintenance Schedule

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<https://msktc.org/sites/default/files/MSKTC-Wheelchair-Maint-508.pdf>

DAILY
Frame
Inspect Shroud
Electrical System
Charge batteries; Inspect controls, indicators, horn, motor sound, motor
WEEKLY
Wheels
Inspect tires
Cushion
Inspect cover
MONTHLY
Frame
Inspect welds and suspension
Cushion
Wipe down cushion and cover
Wheels
Inspect drive wheels, caster wheels, anti-tip casters; Clean caster axle
Supports
Inspect positioning belts, arm, foot, leg, back and other supports

Visit the [Wheelchair Maintenance Guide on MSKTC.org](https://msktc.org/sci-topics/wheelchair-information) for more resources about wheelchair inspection and maintenance: <https://msktc.org/sci-topics/wheelchair-information>

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