



PRODUCT NOTIFICATION

February 23, 2007

ATTENTION REHAB DEPARTMENT: VARILITE Back Support Notification

Dear VARILITE Dealer,

You may have purchased a VARILITE back support in the past.

The purpose of this letter is to share new product safety warning information which has been added to VARILITE back support systems. These warnings will address the misuse of our equipment inside a motor vehicle and also wheelchair compatibility, and are designed to increase consumer safety and awareness.

VARILITE Back Systems are not designed to be used as seating in a motor vehicle. Due to the forces of motor vehicle travel, including the forces during a motor vehicle accident, the seat back may be damaged or disconnect and lead to serious injury or death.

We are unaware of any motor vehicle accidents involving VARILITE products.

VARILITE will be adding the following warnings to our product instructions (Fig. A, Fig B.).

These addendums (Fig A., Fig B) will be inserted into all product instructions for the Evolution Back™ Regular, Evolution Back™ Tall, Evolution Back Deep™, and Talon™ beginning March 1, 2007. In addition, the next revision of the product instructions will include these warnings.

VARILITE requests that you inform your customers of these new warnings. We understand this requires extra effort on behalf of dealers and we appreciate your cooperation very much. Please contact VARILITE customer service at 1-800-827-4548 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Randall Willett'.

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Fig. A

**Evolution Back™ Regular, Evolution Back™ Tall,
VARILITE® Evolution Back Deep™**

Installation Instructions Supplement for Dealers and Seating Specialists

The Evolution Back Regular, Evolution Back Tall, and Evolution Back Deep were not designed or tested for use as seating in a motor vehicle. As a result, the performance of the back in combination with wheelchairs that are labeled for transit use when used in a motor vehicle is unknown. VARILITE recommends that users not occupy a wheelchair in a motor vehicle when using the Evolution Back Regular, Evolution Back Tall, or Evolution Back Deep.

⚠ WARNING

Do not use any Evolution Back as seating in a motor vehicle. Because of the forces of motor vehicle travel and because of the risk of motor vehicle accidents, the seat back may unexpectedly disconnect and lead to serious injury or death.

Wheelchair Compatibility

VARILITE Evolution Back Regular, Evolution Back Tall, and Evolution Back Deep are designed to be compatible with most wheelchairs, noting the following exceptions:

The systems cannot be attached to wheelchairs with cane diameters greater than 1.0 inches (25.4 mm)

The systems cannot be attached to wheelchairs with non-round canes.

Wheelchairs are not required to have stabilizer bars (as shown in figures 9-14) provided the canes can maintain their position.

For questions and further information, please call our Customer Service Department at (206) 505-9500, or toll free at (800) 827-4548, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Pacific Standard Time. Updated brochures, instructions and product information can be found online at www.varilite.com.



Fig. B

VARILITE® Talon™

Installation Instructions Supplement *for Dealers and Seating Specialists*

The Talon back was not designed or tested for use as seating in a motor vehicle. As a result, the performance of the back in combination with wheelchairs that are labeled for transit use when used in a motor vehicle is unknown. *VARILITE* recommends that users not occupy a wheelchair in a motor vehicle when using the Talon back.

⚠ WARNING

Do not use the Talon Back as seating in a motor vehicle. Because of the forces of motor vehicle travel and because of the risk of motor vehicle accidents, the seat back may unexpectedly disconnect and lead to serious injury or death.

Wheelchair Compatibility

The *VARILITE* Talon back system is designed to be compatible with most rigid frame wheelchairs that include a stabilizer or spreader bar. The diameter of the spreader bar must be 0.75 inches (19mm) for proper installation. In addition, the spreader bar must be an integral component to the wheelchair frame for secure mounting.

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