ENTRY-LEVEL WHEELCHAIRS IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Which entry-level wheelchairs are available in South Africa? What are their merits? Here's the lowdown on all the chairs on the market

COMPANY	WHEELCHAIR MAKE AND NAME	COMPLIANCY AND CERTIFICATION	WEIGHT	MATERIALS USED	REMOVABLE ARMREST AND FOOTREST	TENSION ADJUSTABLE BACKREST	ADJUSTMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE	QUICK RELEASE WHEELS	OTHER SPECS	GUARANTEE/ WARRANTY	PRICE
Chairman Industries www.chairmanind.co.za	Ligero Folding Wheelchair	International Certification	12 kg	Aluminium	Yes	Yes	Adjustable height, seat angle and centre of gravity	Yes	Optional accessories include anti-tips, helper brakes, safety reflectors and fitted lap-tray	Frame five years; other parts one year	14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 inch for R9 500 20 and 22 inch for R10 000
	Peso Folding Wheelchair	International Certification	10,5 kg	Aluminium	Yes	Yes	Adjustable height, seat angle and centre of gravity	Yes	Optional extras include anti-tips, helper brakes, safety reflectors and lap-tray	Frame three years; other parts one year	14, 16 and 18 inch for R8 000 20 inch for R8 500
	Plegado Folding Wheelchair	International Certification	9,5 kg without wheels	Aluminium	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Optional extras include anti-tips, helper-brakes, safety reflectors and lap-tray	Frame three years; other parts one year	16 and 18 inch for R6 000 20 inch for R6 500
Ottobock www.ottobock.com	Strat M0 folding wheelchair	Each manual wheelchair is approved by national and international standards, such as German Technischer Überwachungsverein (TÜV), European Conformité Européene (CE), American Food and Drug Administration (FDA), France Centre for education and research in humanitarian (CERAH)	15 kg	Aluminium	Yes	Yes	Adjustable centre of gravity, axle height, back rest height, height of arm rests and caster alignment.	Yes	An Ottobock wheelchair has to pass a modified double drum test, running 400 thousand cycles. - Asymmetric 12mm obstacles on each drum - Overloaded with 120 percent capacity weight	Two year	R3 800 per unit (whole-sale)
CE Mobility www.cemobility.co.za	CE Rainbow Folding Wheelchair	South African National Standard's SANS1060:2012 durability test	18,5 kg	Mild Steel	Yes	No	No	No	The CE Rainbow is one of the few economy wheelchairs that's easy on the budget without compromising quality. Manufactured to strict South African quality standards with full back up on parts and maintenance. Tension adjustable backrest is an optional extra	One year	R2 371
	CE Cruiser Folding Wheelchair	SANS1060; 2012 Durability test	17,5 kg	Mild Steel	Yes	No	No	Yes	The CE Cruiser can be manufactured with many additional specifications and options. Choose your: backrest height, seat depth, footrest type, armrest type, caster wheel, rear wheel, frame colour. Add features like one arm drive, reclining backrest, low-slung seat, amputee brackets, headrests, parent push handles and tension adjustable backrest. The only entry level wheelchair available in 10" to 20" widths	One year	R3 975
	CE Lightweight Rigid wheelchair	Yes (no specifics given)	14 kg	Aluminium	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	With an aluminium frame, the CE Lightweight offers affordability and an easy, hassle-free, lightweight solution	One year	R5 130

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Medop www.medop.co.za	Saturn Coaster Folding Wheelchair	All products are manufactured in CE certified factories. The Medop CC steel Saturn range has the SANAS testing.	20 kg	Solid caster of steel fork	Yes	No	No	No	Optional extra includes elevated leg rest	One year	18 inch for R3 876 20 inch for R4 503
	Saturn Hercules Folding Wheelchair	All products are manufactured in CE certified factories. The Medop CC steel Saturn range has the SANAS testing.	21 kg	Castor on 5mm steel fork	Yes	No	No	No	Optional extra includes elevated leg rest	One year	18 inch for R4 446 20 inch for R5 016
	Saturn Alu-lite Folding Wheelchair	All products are manufactured in CE certified factories. The Medop CC steel Saturn range has the SANAS testing. The Saturn Alu-Lite has the SANAS durability certification.	14 kg	Aluminium	Footrest removable, flip- back desk arm	Yes	Adjustable seat angle, centre of gravity and back-height	Yes	Optional extras include, elevating leg rest, height adjustable armrests, tension adjustable back, amputee bracket and anti-tip wheels	One year	R9 975
	Omega Granny (OMEGRA) Folding Wheelchair	All products are manufactured in CE certified factories and some products have their own certification depending on the classification.	20 kg	Aluminium	Footrest removable, flip-up desk arm	No	No	Yes	Suitable for low active indoor use	One year	R7 182
	Invacare Alu-lite Folding Wheelchair	All products are manufactured in CE certified factories and some products have their own certification depending on the classification	12 kg	Aluminium	Swing-away footrest	No	No	No	Suitable for low active indoor use	One year	R 7 792
	Basik Wheelchair Folding Wheelchair	All products are manufactured in CE certified factories and some products have their own certification depending on the classification	19 kg	Mild steel	Footrest removable, flip- back desk arm	No	No	No	Suitable for low active indoor use	One year	R3 135
Primacare www.primacare.co.za	Standard Folding Wheelchair	CE, FDA and International Standards Organization's ISO13485 certification	17,4 kg	Steel frame, powder coated	No	No	Adjustable footrest	No	Red powder coated frame, black nylon upholstery, seat width – 18″ 45cm, and a 100kg weight capacity	Six-month	R1 499 incl. VAT, delivery available country wide
	Invacare Action 1 Folding Wheelchair	CE marked, ISO tested and approved by Cerah and TüV, EN 12183 and EN 12184, Crash tested according to ISO 7176-19	17,8kg with all attachments.	Steel, epoxy coated	Yes	No	Adjustable axle height, centre of gravity and height of foot rests.	Yes	Other features include anti-tippers, attendant hub brakes, seat belt, cane holder, front castor 8" x 2" solid, detachable swing-away armrest, fixed height desk (240 mm). Simple, robust and efficient	Two years on frame and cross-braces; One year on components	R5 950 incl. VAT
Sheer Mobility www.sheermobility.co.za	Venture 237 Folding Wheelchair	American FDA certification	Between 19 and 20 kg	Mild steel	Yes	Tension adjustable backrest is an optional extra	Adjustable length of footrest	No	It has as a standard, good quality, breathable nylon padded upholstery	One year warranty on frame and workmanship	18 inch for R2 800 incl. VAT. 20 inch for R3 200 incl. VAT

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