

Winches

We fit a variety of winches depending on vehicle and conversion specifics, each type may vary in appearance but all operate in a similar way. The points below are intended as general guidance for using any winch safely. For more specific information, please refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Position the wheelchair in line with the bottom of the ramp and apply the brakes.
- Use the handset to power out the winch strap. Keep some tension on the strap to prevent it from getting tangled.
- Connect the winch to the wheelchair using the attachments provided (e.g. Karabiners) in a position that will not interfere with the wheels or the wheelchair occupant's legs.
- With the assistant guiding the wheelchair, release the wheelchair brakes and power the winch in guiding the wheelchair carefully into the vehicle.
- Once in the vehicle, apply the wheelchair brakes and release the winch attachments from the wheelchair.
- Apply the front restraints provided to the wheelchair.

Before using the winch ensure the vehicle is parked on level ground.

It is strongly recommended to use the winch whilst the engine is running.

Under no circumstances should the winch be used as a wheelchair restraint.

Always power the winch in and out whilst the belt is under tension.

Where possible, always connect to the points marked on the wheelchair frame.





Important Safety Notes

Please read and understand the full operating instructions supplied by the manufacturer.

A winch is **only intended to assist the loading and unloading of wheelchair passengers** into the vehicle.

A winch should only be operated by a competent assistant.

A winch **DOES NOT** replace a passenger or wheelchair restraint system. **Always** apply the vehicle handbrake before using the winch.

If you have any questions about your vehicle, please do not hesitate to call us on **01924 442386** or email **customerservices@bristolstreetversa.com**