

**AL-78055 Commode/Shower Chair**



**More than just a wider seat!**

Handling Bariatric (obese) patients in healthcare facilities and hospitals has become a serious problem, and has created unique care-management issues for all care staff. Most manufacturers of bariatric seating equipment have addressed the issue by re-creating their standard sized products with a wider seat and sturdier frame. At ALCO, we have done exhaustive research into the issues that make Bariatric patient handling and seating such a challenge. The new AL-78055 Tilt and Recline Commode Shower Chair is more than just a wider seat! *It meets the challenges!*

<b><u>The Issues</u></b>	<b><u>The Challenges</u></b>	<b><u>The Results</u></b>
Weight Capacity	Provide safe and durable equipment for bariatric patients.	AL-78055 exceeds ANSI Standards with tested capacity of 800 lbs. Heavy Duty reinforced stainless steel frame and high capacity wheels ensure safety, durability, and low maintenance.
Commode and shower function	Accommodate bariatric patients' commode and shower needs.	Full function commode chair that can be used in the shower. Open front commode seat facilitates peri cleaning. Recline positioning opens mid-section of patient to permit showering of hard-to-reach areas under tummy and in perineal area.
Overall size / dimensions	Design to permit use through most doorways. Accommodate patients at both lower and upper ends of bariatric sizes (280 to 800 lbs.)	Adjustable width of armrests facilitate variations in overall chair width, and width between armrests to accommodate patients of a variety of sizes. Use of 8" stainless steel wheels located under the chair reduce overall chair width compared to wheelchair style wheels mounted externally.
Maneuverability	Design a chair that can handle patients up to 800 lbs. yet still be maneuvered and driven by caregivers.	Unique 6-wheel design with "Mid-wheel drive" position of main drive wheels permits central turning radius, and sure tracking.
Patient handling	Design a chair that can handle patients up to 800 lbs. yet still permit repositioning and handling of patient.	Tilt and Recline cylinders of various force are provided and can be interchanged depending on weight of patient for ease of use by caregivers. Anterior tilt feature works as stand-assist. Removable armrests facilitate transfers.

Comfort	Provide comfort for bariatric patients.	Fully adjustable Tilt and Recline positioning allows for re-positioning for comfort and pressure relief. Padded commode seat and Broda's Comfort Tension Seating™ on the backrest provide comfortable seating surfaces. Adjustable supportive flip-down footrest. Padded headrest for support when reclined.
Safety	Provide safety for bariatric patients and their caregivers.	Unique 6-wheel design ensures safety and contact even on uneven shower floor surfaces, and ease of maneuverability to minimize risk of strain type injuries. Emergency hand and/or foot operated mid-wheel brakes prevent chair from getting out of control, plus individual brakes on 4 external wheels hold chair securely in place. Tilt and recline positioning provides safety for patients. Patient weight is always within chair wheelbase for stability.
Bariatric patient Ergonomics	Bariatric patients have a unique body shape and require specialized support.	Accommodation of variety of shapes and sizes from 280 to 800 lbs.: - Adjustable width between armrests 27" or 33"; - Adjustable seat depth, 21" or 23"; - Adjustable seat height, 21" or 23" - Unique concave lower back design to accommodate patients with "Gluteal Shelf"

**Summary of UNIQUE FEATURES:**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
800 lbs weight capacity	Allows a bariatric patient to leave their bed for commode & shower needs
Posterior Tilt Positioning - 14°	Patient comfort, pressure relief, security and safety.
Anterior Tilt Positioning - 8°	Assist weight-bearing patients getting in and out of chair.
Recline Positioning - 65°	Allows showering and cleaning of hard to reach areas under abdomen.
Adjustable width between armrests	Accommodate patients of various widths; narrower overall chair width.
Adjustable seat depth	Accommodate patients of various sizes; more accessible commode pan.
Adjustable seat height	Accommodate patients of various sizes; facilitate transfers of tall patients.
Removable padded seat open front	Comfort; easy to clean; facilitates better use by males; Peri cleaning.
Removable Armrests	Facilitate lateral transfers; removing permits use by oversized patients.
Adjustable and removable footrest	Accommodate patients of various heights; provide solid foot support.
Elevating legrest	Patient comfort; circulation.
Concave lower back shape	Accommodate patient with Gluteal Shelf; positions patient back over pan.
6 wheels with large mid-wheels	Maneuverability; stability on uneven surfaces; narrower overall chair width
Emergency mid-wheel brake	Safety; prevents chair from getting out of control or rolling into caregivers.
Removable pan and basket	Easy emptying and cleaning.
Heavy-duty steel frame	No rust; strength; durability; drain holes minimize leakage in rooms
Interchanging gas spring cylinders	Facilitate operation of tilt & recline on full range of bariatric sized patients.
Comfort Tension Seating	Vinyl straps offer comfortable contoured back, pressure relief; EZ clean.

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