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Troubleshooting Typical Problems Regarding Mobility Scooters

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Owning a mobility scooter brings independence, freedom to choose, but also its own set of issues when something goes wrong. A fast fix, particularly a repair that you can carry out yourself is advantageous.

Initially there does not seem to be an awful lot of things that can go wrong but here are some which may unfortunately crop up.

Batteries

The power of your device is handled by the battery. These can last anywhere between 12 months to 3 years. Obviously regular use and lack of systematic maintenance will deliver a shorter life for the battery, but by the same token if you do treat your device with methodical servicing, it can last 3 years or more.

Checking to see whether the battery is starting to fail is noticeable if you observe lower output after short trips, the battery may not be reaching full charge, or your device is cutting out suddenly.

Reasons for this possibility could be old battery cells, corrosion of the terminals (can occur when unsheltered from the elements) or charger issues. When purchasing a **mobility scooter**, request a regular maintenance policy where those issues mentioned above can be picked up on early.

Ignition key

If your ignition key won't turn, sticks or breaks off, you may have dirt or dust in the ignition switch. This is more likely if your device is stored outside. Regular switching can sometimes cause wearing out of the key itself.

Answers to this possibility are always have copies cut of the key, keeping one in your wallet. Don't be tempted to put anything down the ignition barrel; this may cause more harm than good. It is possible if a new key won't enter the barrel easily, then a replacement ignition switch may be the solution. Regular maintenance and good servicing are the blessing here.

Motor unit

If the device begins to emit grinding, buzzing noises and won't move, it is possible the motor has

failed. Wearing in the wiring or a worn throttle potentiometer are possible reasons for this, and signs that this is occurring are juddering or jerking movements, overheating in the motor or loss of speed or power.

A new unit or replacement of a worn part are the normal solutions, but again regular maintenance stops this from ever happening.

Tyre wear

If you use your scooter fairly frequently, worn tyres will be expected. Keep checking on them before punctures or side wall damage occur. You may notice pulling to one side if this is becoming an issue.

Pneumatic tyres are used routinely and any cracks you observe may require a replacement. Keeping a spare tyre and a puncture repair kit are good housekeeping.

Corrosion of electrical components

Look out for greenish or white powder on areas exposed. A canopy is a good investment if your device is stored outside. Other signs may be flickering lights or unaccountable cut-outs.

Conclusion

Keep a clean regime since corrosion can lead to complete breakdown. Once more a canopy can prevent a lot of problems from ever occurring. Servicing and maintenance with an insurance policy a further advantage, will all help sustain longevity in your device.

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