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Supporting ourselves and the people we care about becomes more involved as the golden years approach, but with mobility aids in the home, health and wellness issues can be far more manageable. Purchasing a stairlift is often highly beneficial for people who have prosthetic joints, significantly reduced mobility or a disability that makes navigating a
multi-level home cumbersome. Still, for so many reasons, buying a stairlift can be an onerous process. No matter what, it will be a significant investment. Then after shuffling money around and planning a budget to make room for the purchase, buyers are faced with a period of waiting, fine print perusal, and the administrative headaches that can
come with hiring contractors to install a stairlift. However, if you spend a bit of time researching what you need, then do some comparison shopping, you can end up with a quality stairlift that allows you to stay in your home, without the hassle and danger of moving up and down the stairs unaided. We have compiled a list of the best stairlift
manufacturers for 2022, and we've included a buying guide to help you navigate the purchase process. The companies listed here stand by their engineering and design by offering strong warranties and industry-leading customer service. Unlike big-box or generic stairlift brands, all of the manufacturers on our list sell their products either directly to
 consumers or through a brand-certified network of dealers and installation teams tasked with upholding the manufacturer's standards of quality. Contributing Expert Christina Drumm Boyd, BHS, CSA, GCM Christina is a Certified Senior Advisor (CSA) and Geriatric Care Manager (GCM) who is passionate about seniors and their families. For
decades, Christina has worked at all levels of the senior health care industry, serving as director of admissions and marketing for assisted living, nursing homes, memory care, and independent living communities. She also served as a support group facilitator for the Alzheimer's Association. Her educational training is in Human Services Counseling
 Before taking her elder care services nationwide through Virtual Consultations, Christina Drumm-Boyd founded Care Connect of Hampton Roads (CCHR) in Virginia in 2006. More than a decade later, CCHR continues to grow in size and popularity as it provides comprehensive guidance and access to quality elder care services. The Best Stairlift
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costs of customization cannot always be accurately assessed without a lengthy consultation, so these prices should be taken merely as a starting point. Seniors should note that the range of curved rail prices from Handicare is particularly difficult to pin down without a consultation. Americally difficult to pin down without a lengthy consultation, so these prices should be taken merely as a starting point.
manufacturer and second-hand dealer offering one of the largest selections of stairlifts in the country, which means they have options to fit any budget. Its stairlifts are available for sale directly from the company in new, certified pre-owned, or factory reconditioned varieties and price ranges, and may be used in either in-home or commercial settings
Unlike stairlifts bought from big-box stores, AmeriGlide products are sold tax-free. But what makes AmeriGlide's prices especially competitive is the fact that they may be the only stairlift manufacturer that allows buyers to install their own lifts or hire their choice of installation specialist. Buyers who have carpentry or machine installation experience
can save up to $1,025 by opting to shoulder the risk of handling their own AmeriGlide stairlift install. Features Rubex AC Rave 2 Rave Curved HD Platinum Curved Horizon Plus Outdoor Outdoor Deluxe Estimated Costs* $1,995+ $2,000+ $2,568+ $3,195+ Stairlift Rail Type Straight Curved Curved Curved Curved Fig. 1.00 (1.00 in the contract of the contract
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upgrading any features will increase the cost. AmeriGlide Stairlift Models AmeriGlide accommodates a greater range of budgets than many other stairlift companies by offering a versatile range of straight and curved models, including models for indoor and outdoor use. Features common to all AmeriGlide stairlifts include infrared remote controls
 that can transmit signals through obstructions, call buttons for returning the chair to your floor if it gets left at the opposite floor, joystick controls on whichever armrest you prefer, swivel seats, and a stair-mounting rail design for easy installation. Below you will find ample information on seven stairlift models that are currently available from
 Ameriglide's own website. Ameriglide does also offer a stairlift made by the company Harmar and a stairlift made for transporting cargo. We have not covered the cargo model since it is not designed to transport people. Seniors should note that
online you may see mention of older Ameriglide models that are now only available used or for rental. Ameriglide frequently updates its product line and retires older models as it makes improvements. Rubex AC Unlike all other Ameriglide models, the Rubex AC stairlift does not currently come in a battery power option. It's a very basic indoor model
and many homeowners can install it without professional help. If selecting no upgrades, you can pay as little as $2,000 (not including shipping and potential tax). If opting to include all (or most) available upgrades plus installation and its associated costs, the total cost could exceed $5,200. The standard length of a Rubex AC track is 15', but at an
extra cost it can be shortened or lengthened (up to 25'). Seniors should note that customizing the track length reduces the weight capacity of the seat. Its seat comes standard at 19" wide without armrests, but you can upgrade by adding armrests or opting for a bigger 21" seat. The armrest upgrade is only possible on the 19" seat. Rubex AC
features: Powered by your home (not battery)Up to 350 pounds weight capacity Almond colored upholsteryTwo seat upgrade options ($100-$455)Option of adding a key-lockable base and lockable remote control (about $280) Option to add grocery basket ($250) Rave 2 The Rave model is
 AmeriGlide's slimline straight indoor stairlift option, offering one of the smallest profiles in the industry with a 22.5" footprint when in use and 11" when folded away. Unlike the Rubex AC, this model operates via home power and a backup battery. This model is ideal for narrow staircases, such as those commonly found in basements or older homes,
and is also a great option for people who use their stairlift in a space with lots of foot traffic. The Rave 2's starting price is $2,090, and it has several different upgrade options. If selecting the standard length up to the maximum 70'
might add an additional $2,000+, placing maximum potential costs somewhere between $6,000-$7,000 in most cases. Adding track length will cost between roughly $43-$48 per foot, depending on exactly how many feet you're adding- the calculations for track additions are somewhat complex. Requesting a track that's less than the standard 15' does
not cost extra, however. Rave 2 Features: Best option for longer stairs (up to 70 feet)Ultra-compact with a 22.5-inch footprint in use and 11 inches when stowedMore upgrade options that original "Rave" model (no longer offered)Height-adjustable seatTaupe vinyl seat is 19" wide and 14" deepseat swivels at top of stairs only Key-lockable upgrade
option ($125)Optional bracket upgrade ($99)Optional folding rail (+$999) to save extra space when not in useTrack runs 6 inches over your top landing for safer dismount Quiet operation Rave Curved HD This model is visually similar to the Rave 2, but it's considered a more durable ("heavy duty") option, and it is designed for curved stairs. While
primarily for indoor use, it can be upgraded for outdoor use during checkout. This high-end model can perfectly accommodate a stairwell that has 90 degree or 180 degree turns, and its also a great option for spiral staircases. While its list price starts at $8,995, this model's true cost will be $11,490+ for all customers. The reason for this is that,
 unlike many other Ameriglide models, this model cannot be installed by the buyer. Most other models' prices do not include installation since self-installation is possible. Ameriglide includes this model cannot be installed by the buyer. Most other models' prices do not include installation cost until
you add the Rave Curved HD to your online shipping cart. During checkout, you will see that different types of turns in stairs will require additional fees, some of which may add thousands of dollars to the total. Features of the Rave Curved HD: Multiple color choicesEndless customization to fit the turns in your stairsOptional outdoor use upgrade for
a $4,992 feeProfessional installation services Option of adding a lock for safety ($267)350 pound weight capacityImpressive maximum track length of 164' (extra costs apply) Platinum Curved In homes where staircases present a design challenge due to twists, turns, and multiple levels, AmeriGlide's Platinum Curved model can be adapted to nearly
any configuration. The Platinum Curved stairlift is stocked with AmeriGlide's premium features, including ERGO seats and an option to upgrade the seat folding and swiveling functions to an automatic version. Unlike Ameriglide's straight track models, the Platinum Curved stairlift is not self-installable due to the high complexity of its curved rail
system. As a result, the current purchase cost of $7,495 includes the cost of installation. Costs can exceed this starting price if you add upgrades or length. The AmeriGlide Platinum Curved includes the following features. Custom-designed to fit nearly any staircase (multi-level, spiral, etc.) Automatic fold-away and swivel seat upgrade options Twin rail
leveling systemErgonomically designed seatRetractable seatbeltPressure-sensitive carriage and footrestMaximum track length of 19 feetWireless call stations included in priceDigital diagnostics display embedded in armrestFootprint of 25.6 inches when in use and 14.3 inches when stowedComes in three seat colors and two ERGO seat
optionsCustom rail color optionsOptions to add landing stop points and extra battery-charging points Horizon Plus is AmeriGlide's most comfortable straight-lift option, available with either an ERGO Standard or ERGO Plus seat. Its low starting cost makes it surprisingly budget-friendly. Aside from its chair options, this model does
not have a large number of upgrade options, but its standard features are advanced, including a digital diagnostic display and ergonomic design elements. The AmeriGlide Horizon Plus includes the following features: Can be installed on steeper staircases up to a 62-degree inclineSeats come in a range of colorsWidest seat available at up to 22
 inchesERGO plus seat option provides greater comfort and saves spaceFully adjustable seat back and padErgonomic joystick installed where hands lay naturallyManual swivel seatDual footrest-raising levers are manual and linkedRetractable reel seatbeltSeats come in beige, red, grey or blue Digital diagnostic display in easy-to-read armrest position
Horizon Plus Outdoor AmeriGlide's Horizon Plus Outdoor model is great for patios, lakeside docks, and other outdoor spaces. This model is a lot like the indoor Horizon but it has added weather protection and comes with a protective covering. Despite its additional protective features, this model's starting cost is just $2,568. Since it's not self-
installable, customers should calculate between $575-$1,025+ extra for installation. You can see detailed information on installation costs when you add the model to your online cart. Horizon Plus Outdoor Features: Most affordable outdoor option from AmeriGlideWell-protected electrical and mechanical componentsComes with an all-weather
coverMaximum track length of 55.25 feet Digital diagnostics display embedded in armrestMultiple seat upgrade options ($50-$75+)Comes with all standard features of the Horizon Plus indoor model Outdoor Deluxe AmeriGlide's Outdoor Deluxe AmeriGlide's Outdoor Deluxe is the company's heavy-duty straight stairlift model for outdoor use. It features a higher-capacity carriage
that can lift up to 350 pounds as well as an option for a larger seat up to 21 inches wide. This model comes with three all-weather covers to protect all mechanical and upholstered components. With a starting cost of $3,195, not including shipping and installation, this model is the more expensive of the outdoor models offered. Depending on which
upgrades you select and on the kind of installation that you need, your total costs could exceed $5,300. This model is listed as self-installable, so you may be able to save some money. It should be noted that the stairlift's high weight capacity only applies when it is used on shorter stairs. For stairs of 16 feet or longer, the carrying capacity of the
 Deluxe is reduced to 250 pounds. The Outdoor Deluxe runs only on electricity (AC), has no digital diagnostics display, and must be upgraded for armrests to fold away when stowed (this feature not available with the extra-wide seat). Features of the AmeriGlide Outdoor Deluxe include: Option to add a grocery basket for $250.90Price includes three
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Safety Features All AmeriGlide models are built with safety in mind. A standard lap belt, a swivel function on the seat that locks automatically when in motion, and a non-slip surface on the footrest provide basic fall prevention for all Ameriglide models. All models also include safety sensors in the footrest that will stop or reverse it if it encounters an
obstruction on the stairs. If a stairlift suddenly loses cable tension, mechanical safeguards will kick in to enable safe dismount. To prevent a child from playing with the chair, a key-lockable base and lockable remote control are automatically included in many but not all models. Some models also include a "Digital Diagnostics Display" for
troubleshooting common stairlift issues. Most but not all Ameriglide models use both home power and battery power is capable of keeping a stairlift running for six to twenty minutes in an outage. Battery operation is also said to add an extra layer of protection from electrocution and power surges. Ameriglide models with batteries
have "limit switches" that will ensure that the parked chair is in direct contact with the battery charging station when it's parked. Models that have no battery, such as Rubex AC, will cost slightly less but may pose a greater safety hazard since you'll be stranded on your stairs if your home power goes out. Testing and Quality Assurance AmeriGlide is
certified by both Intertek (ETL), which independently enforces North American safety standards, and Underwriter Laboratories (UL), enforcing what is known as the American National Standards (ANSI) for quality and safety in manufacturing. American safety in manufacturing sites are subject to quarterly surprise inspections and all of the materials and
assembly methods comply with strict rules and guidelines to ensure consumer safety. Ameriglide Stairlift Costs Where other manufacturers are unlikely to divulge any pricing information until an installation specialist can visit your home, Ameriglide publicly lists prices for every model, option, and upgrade they have available. Starting costs range
between $1,995-$8,995, and curved stairlifts are typically the most costly. Used, refurbished, and rental Ameriglide stairlifts are frequently available at reduced costs. In some cases, a used unit may be discounted by $300-$1,800+, and refurbished units may be discounted $100-$200. Sales on new stairlifts are also offered occasionally.
described above are just "starting costs." If you need or want several different upgrades on a model, that may result in a total that's $2,000+ higher than the starting cost. Adding track length in particular can cost $1,000+ in some models. However, small upgrades, like selecting a more comfortable seat or adding a safety lock system, will cost only
$50-$200 per upgrade in many cases. Not all models have upgrades available, and keeping your upgrades to a minimum will result in a budget-friendly stairlift. The cost of operating your stairlift after you buy it should be fairly low. You'll likely need to spend around $100 on batteries every three years, and you may need to pay for routine
maintenance visits in some cases just to make sure everything is in good working order. Shipping and installation fees are also not included in the list price of most Ameriglide models. You can learn more about those costs under "Purchasing and Installation" below. Ameriglide's website lets you select a Bread payment plan at checkout. This
financing option is subject to credit approval, but in some cases your monthly payments could be as low as $100 per month. Bread is a program of Cross River Bank of New Jersey, Member FDIC, and is not affiliated with Ameriglide has
streamlined and simplified both purchasing and installation. Purchases can be made directly through AmeriGlide stairlifts stores are also located all over the United States and in Toronto. Visiting a store is a great option for those who prefer to try before they buy. Floor
 models are available to help you get a strong sense of the look and feel of the many AmeriGlide stairlift models. In addition to buying Ameriglide stairlifts through other authorized dealers. Some stairlift dealers have showrooms that feature multiple brands,
giving you the perfect opportunity to compare Ameriglide's stairlifts to other units from other companies. Seniors should note that for orders that are cancellation fee to pay for resources and the labor of its workforce. If your stairlift's rail has not yet
 been cut when you cancel your purchase, this fee is reduced to either $250 or 25 percent of the purchase price, whichever is less. AmeriGlide custom-makes its curved stairlift returns. On the other hand, straight stairlifts can be returned within five business days of receipt. If making a return,
you're likely to lose about twenty percent of what you originally paid due to restocking fees, shipping fees, s
designed to be easy for consumers to install themselves and the process generally takes about one to three hours. However, if you prefer professional installation, you can add this option during the online checkout process. Some curved stairlifts cannot be installed by the consumer due to their complexity. If you need to have AmeriGlide handle the
 installation, you miu=ght be able to save money by doing your own pre-installation measurements. In case you're not a handyman, the company provides a simple measurement video guide to walk you through the process. If you're completing your own measurements, then installation costs start at $575 for the least complex stairlift models. Your
 installation costs may exceed $1,000 if you want extra services or if your home design presents challenges for the installation costs wary, but will likely exceed $200. Factors like living in a remote location can increase your installation costs. AmeriGlide cannot offer professional installations in the state of Oregon, so if you live in that state, you
would have to hire your own choice of contractor to complete your installation. Ameriglide Stairlifts Warranties Ameriglide Stairlifts warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties differ greatly from model to model, but are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties differ greatly from model to model, but are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties usually cover the most crucial component of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period. Its warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period of the stairlift warranties are never extended beyond a 10-year period of the 10-year period of 
the lift will have 1-year of coverage in most cases as well. Most of Ameriglide's indoor stairlifts will typically have a 1-2 year warranty, but its heavy-duty and/or outdoor stairlifts will typically have a 1-2 year warranty, but its heavy-duty and/or outdoor stairlift is built to be operated in snow, ice, or inclement weather, and may require more frequent servicing if
you live in an area with more severe weather conditions. Used stairlifts will have far less warranty coverage than new ones do, but factory reconditions apply. If purchasing an Ameriglide model, read the warranty details when your stairlift is first
installed. To make a warranty claim for a stairlift bought directly through AmeriGlide, call (800) 922-3659. If you have purchased an AmeriGlide stairlift through an off-brand dealer or directly through the
manufacturer and one of the most trusted stairlift brands in the world. Its manufacturing centers are in Missouri and Florida, and rather than shipping its customer service jobs overseas, all Harmar customer service centers are based in the U.S. Harmar specializes in fast delivery, supportive customer service jobs overseas, all Harmar customer service centers are based in the U.S. Harmar specializes in fast delivery, supportive customer service jobs overseas, all Harmar customer service jobs o
engineering. Where Harmar truly shines is in the long-term convenience and efficiency of its mechanical engineering. No other manufacturer of quality stairlifts can beat the 600-pound weight capacity of Harmar's Pinnacle HD stairlift, and every Harmar machine comes with a highly capable motor and a battery that is double the size of nearly all
other stairlifts. Features The Pinnacle The Pinnacle The Pinnacle Heavy Duty The Summit Indoor The HelixIndoor/Outdoor Estimated Costs $3,195 $3,595 $5,995 $2,995 $3,495 $11,700 Stairlift Rail Type Straight Str
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gathered from various third-party dealer websites in June 2021. Your costs may vary. Harmar Stairlift Models Harmar's stairlifts each come with a drivetrain that best suits the device's specific application, whether indoor, outdoor, curved, or heavy duty. All come with a comprehensive suite of safety features, though seatbelts that retract and key
Stairlift The Pinnacle is Harmar's standard straight stairlift. It is one of the most compact standard models on the market, with an 11-inch profile when folded away. The Pinnacle is a patented technology that offers a higher level of stability than many other stairlifts. Features of the Pinnacle include: Seat depth of 16 inches A
smoother ride thanks to the patented helical worm gear drive system Grease-free maintenance Applicable track length up to 32 feet with 15.6 feet considered standardOptions for key locking and retractable seat beltSuitable for inclines up to 45 degrees. The Pinnacle Heavy Duty Stairlift Harmar's Heavy Duty model is the highest-capacity stairlift.
available. Most HD stairlifts can carry from 350 to 400 pounds, but with the benefit of Harmar's patented drivetrain, the Pinnacle HD is the best option for larger people. It also features a generously padded and more ergonomic seat than Harmar's other models. Features of the Pinnacle HD include: Seat depth of 16 inches High-comfort seats for
larger individualsPatented helical worm gear drive system for smoother ridesReinforced nylon polymer gear rack reduces long-term maintenanceAn 85-degree seat swivel for safer dismountTrack lengths of up to 40 feet with 15.6 feet considered standardAppropriate for inclines of up to 45 degreesOptions to add retractable seatbelt and key locking
The Summit Indoor Stairlift The Summit Indoor stairlift The Summit Indoor is Harmar's economy option. It comes pre-attached to a short length of rail and operates directly through household electricity rather than utilizing a 24-volt battery. It features a fully adjustable backrest and footrest and operates on a somewhat dated cable drive system rather than a worm gear drive.
Features of Harmar's Summit Indoor option include: Seat depth of 14 inchesSeatback is adjustable to two different heightsCable drive systemAC powered means it runs off your home's electricityTrack length up to 25 feet with 15.6 feet considered standardSuitable for inclines up to 45 degrees The Helix Stairlift
The Helix is Harmar's most feature-rich option and a single-lift solution for curving or multi-tiered stairs. The Helix comes in both indoor and outdoor configurations and can stand up to long years of harsh weather by offering one of the industry's only all-steel rail systems. This model handles curves more smoothly than many other curved stairlifts
because Harmar uses True-Curve rail bending in its fabrication process. Premium upholstery and ergonomic seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat designTrack lengths of up to 164 feet with 20 feet considered standardSteel rack and pinion drive system Seat design and
for easy installationOutdoor package comes with weather-resistant features Wider seat available up to 21 inchesCustom rail color and fabric options Harmar Stairlifts, helping to prevent injuries among its users. Prospective buyers can learn more about each model's safety features
on the Harmar website, where more information is provided. Generally speaking, users can expect the following safety features with a Harmar stairlift: Swiveled to the side as the rider dismounts. This causes the seat to lock in place in its swiveled
position until the switch is disengaged, providing a stable barrier between the rider and the stairs below as they exit their stairlift. Obstruction Sensors: An array of sensors embedded along the edge of your stairlift. Obstruction Sensors embedded along the edge of your stairlift.
 with Cut-Off Switch: For cable drive units like the Harmar Summit Outdoor model and the Summit Indoor model, if your cable should ever go slack for any reason, your stairlift will engage an automatic braking system to keep things under controls: Moving your stairlift will engage an automatic braking system to keep things under control.
ergonomic joystick, so if you should ever need to stop or reverse your chair in an emergency situation, a simple push or release of the constant pressure control is all that's needed. Centrifugal Overspeed Brake: Harmar stairlifts come with a speed governor that will engage if it ever senses that you are moving too quickly or too slowly. Safety Testing
and Quality Assurance Harmar's stairlift models are all weight-tested at several times the advertised load capacity and undergo life-cycle testing at or above industry standards. Harmar is certified by both Intertek (ETL), which independently enforces North American safety standards, and Underwriter Laboratories (UL), enforcing what is known as
the American National Standards (ANSI) for quality and safety in manufacturing. Harmar Stairlifts Costs Purchasing a new Harmar stairlift can cost between around $2,000 for a basic model up to approximately $14,000, depending on your specific needs and the model you choose. To find out about pricing for upgrades and custom options, shoppers
are encouraged to reach out to a Harmar customer service representative or contact an authorized dealer. Note that Harmar does not list prices on its website. Used Harmar lifts can be found online or locally with dealers who are part of the Harmar does not list prices on its website.
running through the years is difficult to calculate. Wear and tear on your machine will vary with how often or how seldom it is used, and the yearly prices for Harmar's service contracts are not readily available online. However, any brand of stairlift is unlikely to have a big impact on your power bill as they consume minimal power with average use —
about as much as a small television on standby. Long-term Harmar stairlift owners will incur upkeep costs for battery replacements, which cost approximately $10-$40 and will need to be replacement parts and service not covered under
warranty or service agreement. Harmar Stairlifts Warranties are offered by Harmar and honored by their Authorized Dealer Network, and cannot be extended beyond three years after the initial warranty term except in the case of the SL600 Pinnacle Premium, which comes with a limited lifetime warranty. After
purchasing your stairlift, Harmar asks that you register your product within 10 days of purchase to activate your warranty coverage. Authorized dealers are able to offer their own, additional warranties on used Harmar stairlifts, such as 101 Mobility's first-year service warranty, but Harmar warranties are non-transferrable, which means they do not
transfer to a new owner if a stairlift is re-sold as used or refurbished. In the event that you must make a warranty claim, your dealer may charge you for labor, service, travel and other associated costs unless these expenses are
covered under a service warranty. Purchasing and Installation Rather than offering direct sales through an online store, Harmar's customer care team helps consumers find an authorized dealer in their area. A store locator tool is also available at Harmar.com where interested buyers can find multiple locations without the hassle of ever speaking to a
customer service representative. If you're searching for specific pricing info on any options and upgrades that Harmar offers, talking to a representative at 101 Mobility stores located in 38 states, making them readily available to most buyers. Installation
Installing a straight-track Harmar stairlift should take anywhere from an hour to one full day. Curved stairlifts can be much more completed in one to two days. Harmar trains and certifies what it calls Certified LiftSquad Installers in order to
guarantee consistency and quality in the installation process. All LiftSquad members must take a Harmar-sponsored technical training certification course to be accredited as certified installers and must retake the course at least
every five years thereafter to remain certified. FYI Many stairlift dealers and manufacturers — including Harmar — require that buyers who wish to maintain their warranty becoming void. Set reminders for
yourself to have your stairlift serviced each year to get the most mileage out of your warranty. Bruno Independent Living Aids Review Bruno Independent Living Aids Review Bruno Independent Living Aids Review Bruno Independent Living Aids is a family-owned, American stairlift manufacturer that has been in business for 35 years. Bruno sells stairlift manufacturer that has been in business for 35 years. Bruno sells stairlift manufacturer that has been in business for 35 years.
stairlift dealer in North America, 101 Mobility. The overall quality of Bruno's entry-level stairlift, the Elan, offers a complete feature profile to fit almost any user's needs. All models utilize Bruno's unique vertical rail system that
adds stability using less space than possibly any other stairlift rail. What's more, Bruno's manufacturing systems are ISO 9001 certified, proving that the company's high standards of workmanship are consistently applied to the production process, creating quality machinery for every stairlift order. Features The Elite The Elite Curve The
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and a variety of dealer websites in June 2021. Estimates for straight stairlifts include basic installation costs, but estimates for curved models do not. Bruno stairlifts are equally as
for easy boarding/unboarding/unboardingManual fold-away storage with automatic footrest folding optionObstruction sensorsUses battery power in an outageCall/send remote controls Note that at some dealerships or online stores, Bruno models will be advertised under their more technical-sounding model numbers instead of by their names. Below, we have
 included such alternate names in parentheses for your convenience. The Elan Stairlift Bruno's most popular straight stairlift, the Elan (SRE 3050), comes with a comprehensive set of standard features and a few practical upgrade options. The Elan is specially designed to glide close to the wall of your stairs and fold away into a tight parked profile
leaving lots of room for foot traffic. Features of the Elan stairlift include: Lifetime warranty on all major components month, quiet operation prior to add remote-controlled swivel seat operation operation prior to add remote-controlled swivel seat operation operation prior to add remote-controlled swivel seat operation oper
construction hides all mechanical componentsSeat is 17.5 inches wide with 20-inches between armrestsElectromagnetic braking systemOnboard audio diagnostic readouts The Elite Stairlift (SRE 2010) provides a more premium look and a softer seat than Bruno's standard model, the Elan. This stairlift is capable of safely handling up
to 400 pounds and comes with both audio and visual diagnostic readouts, intended for people who have limited eyesight or hearing. Features of the Elite stairlift include: More premium lookGenerously padded, ergonomic seats with multiple height adjustmentsDesigned to leave maximum free space on stairs17.5-inch seat is upgradable to 21.5-inch
signature stairlift and is the most adjustable option for larger people. It comes with all functions available on the Elite Straight-track model, but with the added benefit of being custom-built for buyers so that it can fit into any stairway configuration. The Elite Curve also comes in a few upholstery and color upgrade options. Features of the Elite Curve
stairlift include: Attractively styled and upholstered seat provides thicker paddingTall vertical rail for added stabilityAdjustable footrest option adds an extra two inchesOnboard audio/visual diagnostics for easy status readoutsParking and charge points added for middle
landingsOption to extend rails along the wall over top and bottom landings The Elite Outdoor Stairlift Capable of carrying up to 400 pounds, the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most of Bruno's standard options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most options for the Elite Outdoor (SRE-2010E) comes with most options
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protects steel surfacesHeight-adjustable seatsExtended rail lengths availableEmergency stop when obstructions are sensed on track or stairsNon-slip footrest. The Elite Curve Outdoor (CRE-2110E) can handle it all. This is Bruno's premium outdoor stairs on track or stairsNon-slip footrest.
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rail with covered gear rackPerformance-tested between 0 and 125 degrees FahrenheitAdjustable-width armrests up to 21.75 inchesDurable, outdoor paint protects steel surfacesHeight-adjustable seatsExtended rail lengths availableEmergency stop when obstructions are sensed on track or stairsNon-slip footrest Bruno Stairlift Safety Features
Battery power is an important modern safety feature present in most stairlifts. Bruno's stairlifts all feature two 12-volt, high-capacity batteries are charged via a connection to household energy, sending a current to continuous-charge strips positioned wherever chairs are parked when
not in use. Sometimes referred to as "ADC" power, this combination of electricity and battery power provides an added layer of protection from power should go out in the middle of a ride. The average amount of time that a stairlift can continue to function on
battery power alone is likely six to twenty minutes. Safety Controls Constant pressure controls: Stopping and reversing pressure on an ergonomic joystick embedded in the armrest. Moreover, even if you move or release the joystick forcefully, the stairlift has a "soft start/stop" design that makes
movements as smooth as possible. Spatial sensors: Bruno's stairlifts come with an array of spatial sensors that stop the chair from moving if an obstruction is sensed on the rail or on your stairs. Swivel seat lock: Bruno stairlift seats come standard with a manual swivel function. The rider can turn towards their landing and lock the chair in the turned
position for a safe dismount. The pebbled texture of the included footrest makes slipping less likely during dismount, too. Customers can upgrade some models to the power swivel function, which operates by remote control. Audio/visual status indicators will read aloud any diagnostic codes or low-battery prompts for
the rider, and Elite model stairlifts also come with visual readouts. Testing and Quality Assurance All Bruno stairlifts are certified by independent quality assurance agencies like Underwriter Laboratories (UL), in accordance with the American National Standards (ANSI) for quality and safety in manufacturing. They are also an ISO 9001 certified
manufacturer, which means they have a highly standardized system of quality assurance in their manufacturing processes. Performance testing on outdoor models involves deeper testing for things like weatherproofing and cold/heat resistance. Bruno's straight-track stairlifts costs Bruno's straight-track stairlifts start at $3,000 including installation, and may exceed
$6,000. Its curved-track models start at $10,000 not including installation. Shipping is likely to be included in Bruno stairlift models from Bruno is well-known by dealers to be such a solid brand that
long-term costs are likely to stay exceptionally manageable. Bruno's local availability and long-term customer service are unmatched. As Bruno stairlifts are not sold directly through the manufacturer, financing options depend on the authorized dealer from which customers purchase their stairlift. In some cases, you may be able to take advantage of
upgrade costs are usually not available online. Purchasing and Installation Buying a Bruno stairlift cannot be done directly through the manufacturer, so to start the purchasing process, you'll need to find a dealer. Even if you're considering buying used or renting a stairlift, you will want to find legitimate dealers. Bruno's website has a "Find Dealer" through the manufacturer, so to start the purchasing process, you'll need to find a dealer. Even if you're considering buying used or renting a stairlift, you will want to find legitimate dealers. Bruno's website has a "Find Dealer" through the manufacturer, so to start the purchasing process, you'll need to find a dealer. Even if you're considering buying used or renting a stairlift, you will want to find legitimate dealers. Bruno's website has a "Find Dealer" through the manufacturer, so to start the purchasing process, you'll need to find a dealer. Even if you're considering buying used or renting a stairlift, you will want to find legitimate dealers. Bruno's website has a "Find Dealer" through the manufacturer, so to start the purchasing process, you'll need to find a dealer. Even if you're considering buying a stairlift through the manufacturer, so to start the purchasing process, you'll need to find a dealer. Even if you're considering through the manufacturer, and the purchasing process is a stairlift through the manufacturer, and the purchasing through the manufacturer is a stairlift through the manufacturer is a stairlift through the manufacturer is a stairlift through through through through through through through through thr
button that will help you search based on your location. Some dealers have websites and serve customers across the nation, while others serve only one region. Installation once installation begins, Bruno estimates that straight-track installation once installation
custom curved installations, depending on the complexity of the stairlift's design. The specifics of your Bruno stairlift delivery and installation will vary depending on what installation specialists your retail dealer contracts with. For this reason, it's always a good idea to research the history of client satisfaction for any dealer you are considering
buying through. For Bruno's straight stairlifts, the cost of installation is typically reflected in the model's list price. Additional charges might be applied, however, if your staircase presents special challenges for the installers. The costs of installing a curved Bruno stairlift will vary dramatically, but are likely to be $600-$1,000+ on top of the model's
list price. Always ask your dealer for installation cost details in writing prior to making a final selection. Warranties offer separate terms of coverage for what they consider major components. Major components of Bruno's warranties offer separate terms of coverage for what they consider major components of Bruno's warranties offer separate terms of coverage for what they consider major components.
They include: The drivetrainThe motorThe gearboxThe rail system Warranty coverage of major components ranges from 5 years to lifetime, and coverage of other parts is likely to be 2-years or less. Straight track models tend to have the longest coverage of other parts is likely to be 2-years or less. Straight track models tend to have the longest coverage of other parts is likely to be 2-years or less.
most models labor costs are not covered under the warranty. Because Bruno offers extensive warranties, and because the top North American dealers provide added warranty coverage, long-term costs should be largely confined to those incurred by user wear and tear or battery replacements. Bruno stairlifts use two 12-volt batteries that have an
average life of three years. These can be purchased from your local dealer or potentially found online at a lower price. FYI Buying Bruno stairlifts from nationally authorized dealers can provide an added layer of warranty coverage. The largest Bruno dealer in the country, 101 Mobility, provides a one-year service contract to cover any parts that may
malfunction due to manufacturer error. While this sort of coverage is commonly offered by other dealers, 101 Mobility also covers costs associated with services provided in your first full year of ownership, such as a repair team's travel and labor expenses. Handicare was founded in the UK, but has grown to become an international
organization in 20 countries and an industry leader in mobility equipment manufacture. With its stairlifts' high quality, comprehensive standard packages, and highly customizable design, Handicare was a contender for more than a few of the other "Best" awards conferred in this guide. The factor that makes Handicare stand out from the competition
other than its industry-first Slide Track and Hinged Track straight rail options, is the high-accessibility design elements of its Xclusive stairlift. The Xclusive is not just another stairlift; it's an accessibility design elements of its Xclusive stairlift.
swivel and power footrest features, simple-to-access battery housing, and softened hand rests for people with arthritis, nearly anyone can have a more capable and secure stairlift experience with the thoughtfully designed Xclusive. Features The 950 The 950 Plus The Xclusive The 1000 The 2000 The Freecurve The 1000 Outdoor The 2000
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fluctuate significantly in the past few years. The costs above are estimates only that are obtained from dealer websites in June 2021. Prices may not reflect the costs of upgrades, shipping, or installation. Handicare Stairlift Models Ha
modern, quality stairlifts. Many, though not all, Handicare models can be modified with a Heavy duty kit so that they can carry up to 350 pounds. Many models also have seats with adjustable heights or other special features, too. These modifications mean that Handicare is often a great choice for seniors of all weights and heights. Features common
in Handicare models include: Two wireless remote controls Ergonomic paddle controls Swivel seats in manual and powered folding rail option (most models) Continuous charging function Ergonomic paddle controls Swivel seats in manual and powered folding rail option (most models) Continuous charging function Ergonomic paddle controls Ergonomic paddle control
referred to the models below by the names that they are listed under on Handicare's own website. However, seniors should note that most models have two different names — usually a name that's a number (950, 950+, etc.) and a name that's a word (Simplicity, Simplicity, Plus, etc.).
we have included alternate names in parentheses as needed. The Handicare Xclusive is Handicare's best option for people with severely diminished eyesight, or who are losing the full use of their hands due to arthritis. The Xclusive's user controls are designed with contrasting colors to make them always visible, and the lift's soft,
ergonomic hand rests and easy-to-open battery terminals allow arthritic users to enjoy their stairlift pain-free. Features of the Xclusive stairlift include: Rounded seat provides a more supportive ride and a softer lookSwivel seat turns at both top and bottom of stairs for easy sitting/standingOnboard diagnostics displaySeat depth of 15 inchesFold-away
width of only 13 inchesMaximum rail length of 22 feetMaximum inclines of 52 degreesOption to add footplate spacers to add 2 inches of legroomOptions to add power folding footrest and power swivel seat function controlled via an armrest switch The Handicare's most popular model, the 950 (Simplicity), comes at the company's
entry-level price point for straight stairlifts. It offers a suite of standard features that make it a strong choice for people with restrictive budgets. The 950's extra-slim stowed profile is built to leave maximum space for foot traffic on your stairs and can be streamlined for even greater space savings with the manual folding rail or Slide Track upgrades.
However, on 950 stairlifts that have either of these rail options, the lift's carrying capacity is reduced from 310 pounds to 265 pounds. Features of the 950 stairlift include: Option to include manual folding rail or Slide Track railA Zero Intrusion option for stairs with doors positioned close to stairsSeat depth of 14.5 inchesArmrest spacing of 18.65
inchesContinuous charging keeps battery going no matter where you parkErgonomic paddle control designed in part by occupational therapistsExtended seat option adds three inches between chair and footrest The Handicare 950 Plus (Simplicity Plus)comes with all of the standard features of the 950 model, but adds the option to
upgrade from the manual swivel seat and footrest fold-away features to powered versions to reduce strain in using the stairlift. Another key feature is that the 950 Plus stairlift include: Seat depth of 15.75 inchesExtended seat option adds
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Intrusion option for stairs with doors positioned close to stairs The Handicare 1000 (1000 Sterling) is a straight-track stairlift that comes with seating options for those who find it difficult to get comfortable in a fully seated
position and instead prefer to maintain an upright posture. Features of the Handicare 1000 include: Choice of 6 upholstery colorsSmart or Perch seats available for all seating optionsOptional powered or manual folding railManual swivel seat and
footrest fold-away The Handicare 2000 Curved The 2000 Curved stairlift (Sterling 2000) is a highly customizable option suited to multi-tiered or twisting stairs, and at $6,190, it is one of the most affordable curved stairlifts you'll find. This model accommodates four of Handicare's seat options, including the Simplicity, Style, Smart and Perch chair
configurations. Features of the Handicare 2000 stairlift include: Comes with three chair options — the Simplicity, Style or Smart seatMultiple seat upholstery and color options or a custom color option to add Velcro seatbelt The Handicare Freecurve The
Freecurve is one of the few single-rail curved staircases that have intermediate landings, though installation on such staircases does cost approximately $1,000 extra. The Freecurve comes with Handicare's largest standard feature set for mobility and sensory
aids, including the Active Seat upgrade that helps users lift themselves to a standing position or sit down gently. Features of the Freecurve stairlift include: Joystick can be placed on left or right armrestMultiple color and design options Onboard
diagnostics displayOption to add an LED illuminated footrestActive Seat option provides greater support getting into and out of your chair The Handicare's straight-track model for outdoor spaces, and it comes with all of the 1000 Outdoor The 1000 Outdoor is Handicare's straight-track model for outdoor spaces, and it comes with all of the 1000 Outdoor is Handicare's straight-track model for outdoor spaces, and it comes with all of the 1000 Outdoor is Handicare's straight-track model for outdoor spaces, and it comes with all of the 1000 Outdoor is Handicare's straight-track model for outdoor is Handic
resistant surfaces and can withstand temperatures as low as 0 degrees. The folding rail upgrade option reduces the 1000 Outdoor's carrying capacity to 302 pounds. Features of the Handicare 1000 Outdoor's carrying capacity to 302 pounds. Features of the Handicare 1000 Outdoor's carrying capacity to 302 pounds.
colorsSmart or Perch seats available for the comfort of people with limited flexibilityBody harness add-on availableSeatbelts retractable for all seating optionsOptional powered from seat base or armrest The Handicare 2000 Curved
Outdoor The 2000 Outdoor is Handicare's curved-track model for outdoor spaces, and it comes with all of the 2000 indoor models standard features as low as 0 degrees. While both 2000 models have a lower carrying capacity than the 1000 models, adding
Handicare's heavy duty upgrade kit brings the 2000 Outdoor's capacity to 300 pounds. Features of the Handicare 2000 Outdoor stairlift include: Comes with three chair options — the Simplicity, Style or Smart seatMultiple seat upholstery and color
options available Twin rail system for added stabilityRails come in your choice of three stainlift safety Features Handicare Stairlift saf
volt batteries, and these typically last an average user about three years before they need replacing. Handicare has engineered their stairlifts to make changing the batteries as simple as possible. The major safety benefit of battery power is that in a power outage, Handicare stairlifts can keep functioning for up to 40 trips, or an average of 20
minutes, up and down the stairs so that riders will never be stranded. Thanks to Handicare's continuous charge functionality, batteries are kept fully charged as long as your Handicare remains powered on, no matter where you choose to park your chair. Safety Controls Obstruction sensors. Handicare stairlifts all come standard with an array of
sensors embedded in the footrest. These sensors will bring the stairlift to a halt should it meet an obstruction on the stairway or rail. Swivel lock. The swivel safety latch locks your stairway landing. This ensures that there is a stable barrier between you and the stairs below as you
exit the lift. Constant pressure controls. Handicare control joysticks and ergonomic paddles only operate with continuous pressure from the rider's hand. All you have to do to stop your stairlift from moving is release the joystick, or for a quick reverse, press the joystick backward. Safety belts. Handicare stairlifts come with the option of an across-body
harness, retractable seatbelt or Velcro seatbelt. Diagnostic displays. Handicare models come with diagnostic displays to warn of mechanical or battery issues. LED footlights. The Handicare Freecurve comes with white LEDs to light the footrest when it is folded down awaiting use. Testing and Quality Assurance The design, manufacture, installation
and maintenance of Handicare stairlifts are assessed and certified by multiple independent agencies. Handicare's products have earned multiple ISO standards certifications for quality in consumer goods. Handicare's straight-
track stairlift starting costs are between $2,600 and $3,100 including basic installation and shipping (in most cases). Straight track prices can be higher if upgrades are selected, however. Handicare's indoor curved-track stairlift costs start between $3,100 up to $8,600, and its outdoor curved track models command higher, unadvertised prices. For
all kinds of Handicare models, you should be aware that upgrades or extensions of track length could add hundreds or thousands of dollars to your total. When comparing Handicare costs across different dealer platforms, we noted that this brand's costs tend to fluctuate over time. Some older models may actually become permanently less expensive
as newer models are released. Seasonal price drops are also possible at some dealers. For seniors on a tight budget, financing may differ significantly depending on which authorized dealer you choose to shop with. Get a Free Quote for Handicare
Stairlifts Seniors and Medicare beneficiaries can receive free quotes for the purchase and installation of stairlifts. Get Started Here. While consumers cannot purchase a Handicare stairlift directly through the manufacturer, many authorized dealers are brand-certified to guarantee
manufacturers' quality assurances and warranty coverage. Even if you're considering buying used or renting a stairlift, it's imperative to find legitimate dealers. Handicare page and looking under the "quick help" menu. A link to
help you find showrooms is also available there. Installation Once an installation Once an installation begins, Handicare estimates that straight-track installs, depending on the complexity of your stairlift's design. The specifics of your Handicare
stairlift delivery and installation will also vary depending on what installation engineers your retail dealer contracts with. As mentioned earlier, the cost of installation may increase if an evaluation of your home reveals that your situation will be
particularly challenging for the installers. Always ask your dealer about how installation costs, and whether or not shipping is included free of charge. Warranties Handicare offers product-specific warranties on its stairlifts, with most featuring lifetime coverage of the stairlift's most important
mechanical part — the gearbox. Two years of coverage on parts other than the gearbox is common for Handicare models. Seniors should be aware that in some cases, labor, travel expenses, and other changes could fall outside of the warranty coverage. Always read the warranty fine print prior to making a purchase or a claim. In addition to
Handicare's manufacturer warranties, your stairlift dealer may offer further coverage. Stannah Stairlifts has become an award-winning accessibility equipment manufacturer with locations all over the world. Stannah now
has three U.S. headquarters in Massachusetts, New York, and California, as well as a trusted dealer network with locations in every state. Stannah's feature models, the Starla and the Siena, stand out in the mobility device industry for their custom design appeal. Both can be ordered with such a broad range of options that nearly every part of these
devices, from its cushions to its rail systems, may be made with custom colorways, even including an option to add wood trim in one of two finishes. A Stannah stairlift is tailored to the individual circumstances of the user, not just in terms of one's personal sense of style, but also by offering highly specific safety and accessibility options. Buyers can
initiate a simple, three-part design and installation process to create a stairlift that is unique to their needs and blends with their home decor, all with the benefit of industry-leading functionality. Features The Starla 260 The Siena 26
$4,395 Pricing available with consultation $2,995 $5,900 to $8,000 Stairlift Rail Type Curved Straight Curved 
premium options Standard model designed for narrow stairs that require a custom curved or multi-tiered stairs Economy option with basic comfort and safety features for narrow stairs High tolerance to salt spray and extreme heat
and cold Upholstery Options Vinyl or woven fabric Vinyl or woven fabric Vinyl Woven fabri
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brown, jet black, window grey, beige or ochre brown Pearl Steel grey Stannah Stairlift Models All Stannah stairlifts come with a set of standard features that promote independence for the user, including two remote controls that can send or call the chair to your preferred position. The remotes can be locked with the use of a key and come with wall
mounts so they can be positioned at the top and bottom of the stairs. Other standard controls and safety features include: Can fit any length stairs Ergonomic slimline control built into armrests where hands lay naturally A comprehensive suite of safety features Option to add supplemental safety features Option to upgrade to a larger and longer-running
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batteryManual and automatic seat swivel functions availableEasy fold-away mechanismsMultiple style choicesAnti-slip footrestsAutomatic hinged rail option for straight rail modelsChair position lock and fold-away come in either manual or power configurationsOptions for people with limited manual dexterity or joint immobility The Starla The Starla comes in the 600 version, which has a straight track, and the 260 version, which has a curved configuration and features a tilted seat for added comfort and security. What makes both versions for nearly every part of the Starla, including six

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colors for the rail, this model is made to blend into the decor of your home. The Starla's standard package includes pearl-toned rails, a manual swivel seat and footrest, Stannah's light touch hand control, and a retractable seatbelt. Other available features of the Starla include: 300 pound weight capacity for the curved track and 350 pound weight
capacity for the straight trackWood trim available in dark and light finishesYour choice of waterproof vinyl or woven fabric upholsteryBi-directional seat swivel optionManual or powered footrest foldingPush-button and manual footrests do not require bending over to fold awayHigh-backed and generously padded The Siena model is best for
people who desire a few custom options and a high-quality stairlift but do not require the high customizability of Stannah's more expensive Starla model. Like the Starla, however, this model is offered with a curved track (the 260 model) and a straight track (the 300 model). Both versions of Siena are well-suited to more narrow staircases, as the
seat's curved back provides a deeper, and thus space-saving seated position. The Siena's vinyl upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the curved track and 350 pound weight capacity for the straight trackWaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackWaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackWaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackWaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackwaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackwaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackwaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue. 300 pound weight capacity for the straight trackwaterproof vinyl seat upholstery comes in tan, ivory, cranberry, pine, walnut or midnight blue.
footrests availableCurved seat back for a more deeply-seated positionSlim profileCurved 260 model can be anchored to either side of your stairsEasy fold-away mechanism does not require bending over Stannah Stairlift Safety Features If your electricity goes out during a storm or outage, your stairlift will continue to be operable for an average of six
to twenty minutes thanks to its two 12-volt, high-capacity batteries which continually charge via your home's electricity. This means there's no risk of getting stranded in the middle of your stairs when the lights go out. Stannah gives consumers the option to purchase a Heavy Usage Kit, which provides an even larger battery terminal to accommodate
more power, keeping your lift running for twice as long as the standard battery. In addition to the safety features for its stairlifts, which you can explore below. Safety sensors: Stannah also provides numerous other safety features for its stairlifts, which you can explore below.
chair that will stop the stairlift until you are securely positioned. Each stairlift also has ten safety sensors arranged around the footrest to stop the lift if it meets an obstruction on your stairs or the track. Arm isolation: Arm isolation technology prevents the chair's controls from being toggled until the downstairs facing armrest is pulled down and
locked into place. Seatbelt features: Stannah offers multiple seatbelt options to accommodate differing needs. It's diagonal seatbelt on the Sadler model also incorporates a safety setting that will not allow the lift to start until the seatbelt is fastened. This
makes riding in the upright perch position much safer. Swivel seats: A swivel seat comes in either a manual or powered configuration and locks the chair in place to block the stairlift user from falling backward as they turn to dismount at the
bottom of your stairs. Lifts equipped with a power swivel function can be swiveled using the included remote control. Rail and door options: The optional folding rail automatically raises and lowers as the chair slides away from it on the track, removing obstructions to make room for doors and hallway passage. An optional door-closing device can also
be selected. This device is positioned for use where the chair may run into an open door during travel. Optional footrest sizes are available for
especially narrow or steep stairs. Testing and Quality Assurance Stannah stairlifts are independently tested over the equivalent of 10 years of average use and motors are tested with over 100,000 journeys. Stannah's stairlifts are independently tested and approved under multiple EN 81 European Safety Standards and the ISO 9386 Worldwide Standard for
Stairlifts. Costs and Financing Stannah's stairlifts come with so many options to customize your purchase that prices can vary significantly. In general, you won't know your full cost until you have consulted with Stannah representatives regarding your exact needs. Any prices that you find online for Stannah stairlifts are unlikely to convey the full
picture of your costs. However, in general terms, Stannah models likely start around $4,000 (including installation), and the most expensive model or a model that includes numerous upgrades. Seniors should note that Stannah itself does not offer
financing options, but some authorized dealers may. Stannah's website notes that due to their extensive experience as stairlift manufacturers and the many options. Be clear with sales representatives about the limitations of your budget so that you can get help
finding your best option. For people who may only need their stairlift for a short time, perhaps while recovering from a hospital stay or during a visit from a thorized dealers. A Stannah stairlift rental for 6-months could cost less than $3,000 in some cases. After an
average of three years of use, most people must buy a replacement battery for their stairlift. Stannah's Heavy Usage Kit upgrades the battery to a larger type, which lasts longer but costs more to replace. Other long-term costs of
ownership may include occasional repairs or service calls. Purchasing and Installation The purchase of certain Stannah models can be started online on Stannah's own website, but by and large the pricing information that you need will only be available after speaking with a representative to evaluate your needs. After the initial conversation, you can
set an appointment for a technician to come measure and evaluate your home. At that time, you can ask more questions you may have regarding price, warranties, or installation, and the technician to come measure and evaluate your home. At that time, you can ask more questions you may have regarding price, warranties, or installation, and the technician to come measure and evaluate your home. At that time, you can ask more questions you may have regarding price, warranties, or installation, and the technician to come measure and evaluate your home.
find the right stairlift. For information on the cost of Stannah stairlift, contact them at (888) 282-9659 to initiate an in-home evaluation, or visit Stannah-Stairlifts.com/find-a-dealer. Installation Stannah custom-makes all stairlift purchases for the customer, whether you buy a straight rail model or a curved, and thus more complex, stairlift. While
composing chairlifts with custom fabrics and rail lengths take time, the process is unlikely to take more than a week or two. Stannah emphasizes the after-purchase customer support they offer, noting that all buyers of their products receive free consultations, call-out servicing, and clean, fast installations. However, seniors should be aware that
installation costs in the stairlift industry can often be $500+. It's wise to make sure you are very clear on whether or not you'll be charged any extra fees for your installation of Stannah representatives and have
access to proprietary technology which allows them to measure your stairway to within a tenth of an inch. Before they leave your news stairlift and clean up any mess left by the installation process. Warranties One of the
benefits of buying with Stannah is its extensive manufacturer's warranty. It includes the following terms: For critical components of their straight stairlifts, including the motor, gearbox, and rail, Stannah offers its customers a 10-year warranty for new stairlifts. Curved Stannah stairlifts include parts coverage for two years and lifetime drivetrain
coverage. Parts and components that malfunction due to normal wear and tear during the warranty period will be replaced for you. Stannah operates a call-out service and offers current warranty holders priority service windows. After purchasing your Stannah stairlift, the company asks buyers to complete a product registration form online or by mai
within 30 days. Once the period of use that is covered by your warranty, as the machine being covered has aged.null FYI Depending on whether you buy
through Stannah or through a dealer not included in their authorized dealer network, your warranty and financing options can vary significantly. Stannah cannot guarantee warranties provided by an unauthorized dealer, and unauthorized dealer not included in Stannah cannot guarantee warranty. To find store locations included in Stannah cannot guarantee warranties provided by an unauthorized dealer, and unauthorized dealer, and unauthorized dealer not included in Stannah cannot guarantee warranty.
network, visit Stannah-Stairlifts.com. Otherwise, consider contacting Stannah online or by phone and let them refer your query to an authorized dealer nearest you. Acorn Stairlifts is a United Kingdom-based manufacturer that has been in business since 1992 and is one of the largest stairlift companies in the world. Acorn may
be the only company of its kind to exclusively sell directly to consumers rather than employing licensed dealers or third-party installation engineers. Its dedication to service and design has led Acorn to innovate new ways to fabricate and install stairlifts. Acorn's curved stairlift models — intended for more complex staircases — are constructed using a
unique modular design called FastTrack. The FastTrack rail system removes the long waiting period many stairlift buyers must endure while their curved stairlift buyers must endure while their curved stairlift buyers must endure while their curved stairlift rails are custom built in a factory. Acorn also emphasizes features that give its lifts unusually fast and easy installations, such as the stair-mounted (rather than wall-mounted) design, which
alleviates the need to make alterations to your home's construction before your installation can begin. Features The Acorn 130 The Acorn 130 Outdoor Pricing available with consultation Stairlift Rail Type Straight Curved Straight Maximum Weight Capacity
350 pounds 265 pounds 350 pounds Key Feature Simple design with numerous safety features Faster than average installation and delivery Comes with a weather-resistant cover and keyed lock Upholstery Options Steel grey Steel grey Steel grey Acorn
Stairlift Models Acorn's stairlifts come in three models, with options for larger people, indoor or outdoor use, and straight or curved stairs. All models are shipped from Acorn's factories complete with a comprehensive suite of features intended to promote convenience, safety, and long-term satisfaction. Features common to all Acorn Stairlift models are shipped from Acorn's factories complete with a comprehensive suite of features intended to promote convenience, safety, and long-term satisfaction.
include: Uses 24V DC (battery) that charges on home power Consumes very little power and is quietFast installation due to innovative designExtruded aluminium railsLight, neutral rail and seat colorsFolding footrestsRemote control to send the chair where it is neededSlimline designs for narrow stairwellsOptional hinged power rails fold away to for
even more space-savingSeat modifications for greater accessibility (availability may vary by location, model, or other factors) The Acorn 130 Stairlift The 130 — also called the Acorn 180 and 130 Outdoor. With Acorn's sensor
system and intuitive controls, the 130 offers a simple yet safety-enhanced option. Acorn 130 features: Most affordable modelModel's standard maximum weight capacity to 350 pounds*Model can be upgraded to an "HD" (heavy duty) package, which increases its weight capacity to 350 poundsIntuitively designed controls embedded in
armrestsUpgrading to the folding rail can help you save space *You may encounter discrepancies in which this model's capacity as 300 pounds. The Acorn 180 Curved Stairlift Acorn's 180 model is intended primarily for use on curved or multi-tiered
staircases. Its modular "FastTrack" rail system ensures that your stairlift rail is the best fit for your space, and is eliqible for surprisingly fast delivery and installation since its pieces do not have to be custom-built. Acorn 180 features: Seat's maximum weight capacity is 265 poundsThis model's seat is just slightly larger than the seat of the 130
modelRails can curve past the top stair to deposit the rider on their landingFastTrack system offers the fastest delivery and installation in the business — next day installation available in many cases Can fit almost any staircase The Acorn 130 Outdoor Stairlift Acorn's 130 Outdoor model is built to withstand the elements and provide safe passage to
and from your home. It is nearly identical to the standard 130 model, but it complies with all industry standards set for outdoor stairlift on curved or multi-tiered outdoor stairs will often have multiple straight lifts installed on the same
stairwell. Acorn 130 Outdoor features: Comes with all-weather, fitted coverWaterproof and UV-resistantWithstands extreme temperaturesMay have seat upgrade options. Acorn Stairlifts come standard with useful safety features, including a retracting seat belt worn over the lap, a key for locking the lift when it's not
in use, and a diagnostic display for troubleshooting issues. In the event of any kind of malfunction, including failure to charge, the lift's digital readout will indicate an error code that corresponds to a potential issue. Error codes are numbered and listed in the user's manual. Some Acorn Stairlift models may be eligible for a seat upgrade that will
improve safety and comfort for those with hip, back, or other joint issues. This upgrade, called the sit-stand on the footrest of the chair while it's moving. However, very little information on the sit-stand upgrade is available online for customers in the USA. Enquire further with Acorn sales associates if you
are interested in this option. Battery power is another key component of Acorn stairlift safety. All Acorn stairlift safety. All Acorn stairlift safety. All Acorn stairlift safety which continue to function for an average of six to twenty minutes if your power goes out. Even if your home power fails, you
should be able to finish your trip up or down the staircase. Acorn's lifts charge points" positioned on the rail, close to the end of the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge point or to indicate either that it is not positioned on the rail, close to the end of the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge points or to indicate either that it is not positioned on the rail, close to the end of the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge points or to indicate either that it is not positioned on the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge points or to indicate either that it is not positioned on the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge points or to indicate either that it is not positioned on the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge points or to indicate either that it is not positioned on the rail where the chair would naturally sit on standby. If, for any reason, your stairlift is not charge points or to indicate either than the rail where the chair would naturally sit on the rail where the chair 
that there is another issue keeping the stairlift's battery from charging. Safety Controls Footrest safety edges and carriage safety pads: These features contain sensors that will stop the chair when they make contact with an obstruction on the stairs or the chair stravel rail. Speed governing device: The speed governor prevents excessive speed in the
event of mechanical failure, ensuring that your stairlift moves at a consistent and gentle pace. Swivel seat switch: This mechanism prevents movement of the stairlift when the seat has been swiveled to 45° or 90°. The swivel function allows the user to turn themselves toward the landing when they are ready to dismount the lift. When in the swiveled
position, your chair becomes an immobile barrier between you and the stairs below. Final limit switch: This switch prevents the stairlift from traveling too far along the rail, ensuring that the chair remains parked over a charge point to keep its battery charged when not in use. Downside arm interlock: An Acorn stairlift's seat arms must be in the down
position for the stairlift to operate, providing a safe and secure ride. Testing and Quality Assurance Acorn puts its stairlifts through the average equivalent of 11 years of use with 25,000 return journeys. Before each stairlift leaves an Acorn factory, its
carriage is checked 29 times by a large quality assurance team. Installation engineers follow a fully standardized, 37-point installation process. Acorn's stairlifts are independently tested and approved under the EN 81-40:2008 European Safety Standards and the ISO 9386-2:2000 Worldwide Standard for Stairlifts. Costs and Financing Due to the
customized nature of Acorn's FastTrack rail system, cost estimates are not readily available without an in-home consultation. The best way to learn more about Acorn's sales team. Seniors should know that across the stairlift industry, costs from $2,500 to $5,500+ after installation are common for
straight track designs, and curved track designs can cost considerably more. This range of prices can help you know roughly what to expect, but your costs from Acorn could be considerably different, depending on your situation. Acorn stairlift cost will be impacted by the kind of model that you select. Acorn's regular 130 model will be its least
expensive one. Curved and outdoor models, on the other hand, almost always cost the most. Furthermore, upgrade is like custom rail length or power features on footrests or folding rails tend to add at least a few hundred dollars to your total with most brands. It's unclear how much the sit/stand chair upgrade is likely to cost, or if it is available in all
locations. Acorn Stairlifts does not advertise its financing terms online, but the company does offer in-house financing options as they measure your stairs for potential installation. Get a Free Quote for Acorn Stairlifts Seniors and Medicare beneficiaries
can receive free quotes for the purchase and installation of stairlifts. Get Started Here. Acorn is one of the few, if not the only stairlift manufacturer that exclusively sells directly from the company. To
request pricing information or to schedule a home assessment by a technician, contact Acorn online at AcornStairlifts.com or by phone at (866) 873-6574. There is also one physical location in the US where people who happen to live near Orlando, Florida may be able to see and sit in a chair before initiating a purchase. Find them at 7001 Lake
Ellenor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809. Installation Before purchasing your stairlift, an Acorn installation representative will make an appointment to come to your home and assess the space, determining which track configuration would offer the most appropriate fit and providing exact estimates. Once that is done, if you decide to place an order,
next-day installation may be available in some areas, though this is usually only offered for straight stairlifts can be delivered and installed by licensed Acorn engineers within just a few hours due to the simplified nature of
Acorn's FastTrack rail construction. These tracks are constructed from premade, modular sections of high-strength aluminum that come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and can be interlocked to create multiple rail configurations. Acorn states that engineers will always ensure that you are comfortable using your stairlift and will clean up any debris
before they leave your home. Installation costs will only be provided after the initial assessment of your home. Warranties A 12-month, non-transferrable warranty is issued upon the installment of your home. Warranties A 12-month, non-transferrable warranty will cover one 12-month, scheduled service plus any damage or failure of the device, as long as an Acorn representative can assess
that the cause was faulty parts, manufacturing or installment. If you realize that you no longer need or want an Acorn stairlift that you've already had installed, you will have 14 days from the date of installation to cancel your purchase price
within about two weeks. When your warranty period is up, you can opt for an extended warranty or a service agreement sold by Acorn. Though these contracts can cost hundreds of dollars, they can provide greater peace of mind and may especially be worth it if you foresee that you may need to leave the lift unused for extended periods, which can
raise the risk of malfunction. FYI It pays to read your Acorn Stairlifts owner's manual. If it is assessed that you have improperly used your stairlift — according to the definitions of improper use laid out in your user manual. If it is assessed that you have improperly used your stairlifts owner's manual. If it is assessed that you have improperly used your stairlifts owner's manual. If it is assessed that you have improperly used your stairlifts owner's manual.
maintenance on your stairlift, which includes basic cleanings and checking for full functionality of certain components once every few months. The specific upkeep guidelines can be found in your user's manual. Savaria is
unusual in that they own a small network of North American dealers rather than certifying existing dealers/installers, as is common for the industry. But perhaps the greatest thing about Savaria is the high practicality of its stairlifts' basic features. Savaria includes a set of standard features in the price of all of their models that should soundly
accommodate most buyers' needs. Not all manufacturers include adjustable armrests or a 350-pound weight capacity as standard, but Savaria stairlifts are all made to comfortably hold people of most sizes. Features The K2 Plus The Stairfriend Estimated Costs Pricing available with consultation Pricing available with consultation Pricing
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Vinyl Seat Color Options Beige Rail Color Options White White Savaria provides a highly pragmatic set of features as standard on all of their stairlifts, including large, 24-volt batteries, adjustable armrests, and weight capacities of 350 pounds. Savaria models also come with safety features and upgrade
options that make them a solid contender in stairlift manufacturing space. Savaria's standard features and options include: Two infrared remote controls that send signals through obstruction sensors and auto-stopSoft start
and smooth stop operation Mounts to either side of your stairs Option to add flip-up rail Option to add continuous-charge system The Savaria K2 Stairlift Savaria K3 Stairlift Savaria K4 Stairlift Savaria K6 Stairlift Savaria K7 Stairlift Savaria K8 Stairlift Sa
stairways. It is a straight-track model lift appropriate for single-flight, straight stairwells, and offers the option to add a fold-away rail for a less intrusive profile. Features of the Savaria K2 include: A 10.75-inch profile when stowedFits stairs up to 32 feet long and inclines of up to 55 degreesMaximum weight capacity of 300 pounds on inclines over 45
degreesQuiet and smooth-riding rack and pinion driveLED status lights to indicate battery life and diagnosticsCan be installed to the left or right of stairsAdjustable arm width up to 20 inches The Savaria K2 also comes with the option to upgrade to an outdoor stairlift. The K2 outdoor package will come at an increased cost. It is suitable for moderate
climates and includes: Stainless steel rack and support legsZinc hardware for rust resistanceUV-rated, water repellent, closed-cell foam seat Seat cover Sturdy clip seatbeltUpgraded battery for long-lasting charge in variable temperatures The Savaria Stairfriend Made to fit any stairway configuration, the Stairfriend can be adapted to multiple tiers,
hard turns and spiral staircases. This model comes standard with a length of rail that overextends stairs and runs along the wall at the top landing to deposit the rider safely and unobtrusively. The Stairfriend include: Appropriate for commercial
applications in some statesTravels stairs up to 45 feet long at up to a 52 degree inclineFolded width of 15.5 inchesOverspeed brake Savaria Stairlift Safety Features All of Savaria's current
stairlift models are "ADC" powered, meaning they operate chiefly with the use of a battery that is charged via household, AC electricity. Included batteries are 24-volt cells that are twice the size of an average stairlift battery. The major safety benefits of battery power are that it offers an average life of about three years, and that in a power outage
Savaria stairlifts can keep functioning for up to 40 trips up and down the stairs so that riders will never be stranded. A key safety feature of Savaria's stairlifts is their continuous-charge capability. Savaria's stairlifts are always
charging, as long as they are powered on. This makes the battery unlikely to ever unexpectedly go dead. Safety Controls Obstacle sensors. A standard feature of Savaria stairlifts is an array of obstruction sensors positioned along the seat's footrest and the chassis to stop the chair if it should meet a barrier on either the rail or your stairs. Seat swively
and lock. This feature allows the rider to turn their seat toward the top landing to dismount their stairs and locks the chair in position to act as a stable barrier between the rider and the stairs below. Soft start and smooth stop. Savaria's stairlifts reach their 15 feet per minute speed in a gentle, gradual push, and come to a stop just as easily. Overspeed
brake. This feature comes standard with all but the K2 model (buyers of the K2 have the option to upgrade to the overspeed break). It functions as a speed governor in the event that the stairlift exceeds its usual speed of 15 feet per minute. Non-slip footrests. Savaria's footrests come with a pebbled surface that makes boarding and unboarding your
durability. Savaria stairlifts are ADA compliant and are certified by Underwriter Laboratories (UL), which enforces what is known as the American National Standards (ANSI) for quality and safety in manufacturing. Costs and Financing Since Savaria does not sell its stairlifts directly to consumers, it can be difficult to determine the costs of specific
Savaria models. In general, this brand's straight track models are likely to retail between roughly $3,000-$4,000+, and adding upgrades or extra track length can increase the price. Savaria's curved model, the Stairfriend, is most likely to retail for approximately $8,800, or more if selecting upgrades. With all Savaria models, your costs will be
unlikely to be a major issue. After a Savaria warranty has run its course, any parts that wear out or otherwise malfunction will need to be replaced at the owner's expense, however. Because Savaria stairlifts come standard with a larger-than-average, 24-volt battery, it is unlikely that your battery will need to be replaced within less than three years
least one full day to complete. Savaria selects its dealer and installer network based on their record of expertise and the length of their experience. All installation specialists must be certified by Savaria and undergo continued training sessions to stay up to date on industry best practices and Savaria's quality assurance standards. If you purchase
installation are often included in the purchase price, but fees could still apply, particularly if you live in a remote location or have a unique stairwell design. Warranties Savaria offers a simple, single-item warranty on all of its stairlifts that are sold in North America. They provide 36 months of coverage for all stairlift parts as long as engineering or
manufacturing error is at fault for any malfunction. Purchasing directly through Savaria will get you the 36-month parts warranty coverage, your Savaria stairlift must be serviced regularly by an authorized Savaria dealer on a schedule that is
Batteries Accidental damage Acts of GodAny kind of misuse, abuse or vandalism Improper installation or placement Structural or cosmetic parts subject to normal wear and tear Drive belts Mechanical switches Light bulbs UPSs (uninterruptible power supplies) FYI Dealers of Savaria stairlifts may offer extended warranties or service agreements at their
own discretion, but buyers should be careful about accepting an extended warranty. Salespeople often overestimate the likelihood that a major appliance will need servicing, so it's best to always research any warranty terms and guarantors, no matter how reputable your stairlift dealer may be. What You Should Know About Stairlifts Stairlifts are
stairlifts that are available to help you find the best option to suit your needs. Types of Stairlifts Straight stairlift is the most inexpensive form of the machine, though it is, of course, only suitable for people who have average, straight stairlifts A basic, straight stairlifts Straight stairlifts A basic, straight stairlifts A 
more than one straight lift is an option. This may even be less expensive than purchasing a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece. Still, navigating a multi-tiered stairlift since these can cost up to ten times more apiece.
(Platform) Lifts For those who require the use of a wheelchair in the home, wheelchair lifts are designed to bear a much heavier load than average stairlifts. These lifts utilize a large platform topped by a high-walled, roll-in box that limits movement of the chair while the lift is in motion, though some instead utilize un-walled platforms that lock in
place between the wheels, supporting a chair by its frame. Vertical Lifts In homes where stairs are bordered by a wall over which a person can be vertically lifted to an upper landing or floor, use of the stairs can be avoided altogether. Vertical lifts attach to the wall beside your stairs, and thus will sometimes require home alterations to reinforce the
weight-bearing capacity of the wall itself. Vertical lifts can be found in multiple styles to accommodate a seated or wheelchair users who frequent less easily accessible buildings or who may not be able to self-evacuate in an emergency. It is essentially a large-platformed dolly on a
motorized, caterpillar track, and it moves freely, unattached to any surface. While a friend or caregiver who can lift at least 60 pounds must be available to help maneuver a portable stairlift, this style of lift has proven an invaluable tool in emergency situations and day-to-day travel outside the home. A Stairlift's Main Components User Controls Hand
controls: Modern stairlifts are designed with all kinds of mobility challenges in mind, so a key feature of any stairlift is an ergonomically positioned hand control. Hand controls are mounted in the right or left armrest, and many manufacturers allow buyers to choose which armrest position they prefer. A user can move their stairlift by applying a small
amount of constant pressure to a paddle-shaped switch or joystick, with paddle switches positioned to sit between the fingers where hands naturally lay. The constant-pressure feature allows a rider to quickly stop or reverse their stairlift with ease by simply releasing the control or applying pressure in the reverse direction. Power buttons: Power buttons:
buttons are positioned either within reach of a rider on the pedestal of their chair. Users are advised to keep their stairlift powered on so that the batteries can continue charging while the chair is in a parked position. Fold-away levers: Levers for fold-away are usually mounted near a stairlift's seat, so these often do not require
much bending at the waist to engage. A fold-away lever can be used to fold the seat, armrests and footrest so that the chair becomes flattened to function automatically with the push of a button. Swivel-seat levers: Swivel-seat levers so that the chair becomes flattened to function automatically with the push of a button. Swivel-seat levers so that the chair becomes flattened to function automatically with the push of a button. Swivel-seat levers so that the chair becomes flattened to function automatically with the push of a button.
levers can usually be found on either side of the seat. Swivel seats allow riders to safely turn their stairlift seat toward the top or bottom landing of their stairs and then lock the seat in position, bracing the user to safely sit or stand. Swivel-seats can often be upgraded to function automatically with the push of a button. Diagnostic displays: A
diagnostic window may be found on a stairlift's pedestal, armrest or remote control. If there is ever a functional issue, such as a low battery or malfunctioning mechanical component, diagnostic windows will display an error code that matches up with a corresponding explanation in the user's manual of what the error code means. Remote call
long distance and through any obstructions between the stairlift chair and the remote. Some remote controls have the capacity to control automatic fold-away or swivel-seat functions. Seat adjustments: All stairlift chairs are height-adjustable, allowing for more legroom between the footrest and seat base. Part of the stairlift installation process should
involve your installer helping you find the right height adjustment and setting that up for you. Other adjustments may be possible, depending on the brand and model of your stairlift. Many lifts come with adjustable armrests that create more room in the seat and some feature adjustable backrests as well to accommodate taller people. Folding rails:
a more out-of-the-way section of rail, leaving the first or last few steps completely open. Some manufacturers may offer slimline rail options as well, or other innovations like Handicare's Slide Track rail, which travels a short distance as the chair moves, sliding it along the wall away from the final few steps and toward the rider's destination. Rail
Systems Stairlift chairs house motors that pull the rider along a rail mounted to the homeowner's stairs by bolted-down, metal brackets. Some rails, such as those used with vertical lifts or wheelchair platforms, may be bolted to a wall instead. Stairlift rails come in many brand-specific shapes and sizes, though they are usually made of extruded
 aluminum and can be mounted to either side of your stairs. Straight-track stairlifts commonly run on one rail while curved lifts glide almost exclusively on a double-rail system that adds stability. Curved rail systems must be custom-made for a buyer's home, and due to the high variability of curved stairs, added costs for things like extra lengths of rail
and other hardware can pile up quickly. Motors and Power Supplies If your stairlift uses battery power, it will come with either two 12-volt batteries or one 24-volt batteries are continuously charged via charge strips or charge points
arranged along the rail. Some stairlift models operate exclusively on your home's electricity. These stairlifts, usually called AC models, carry a slightly lower price tag than battery-powered options. However, an AC model can leave you stranded on the stairs if there's a power outage. Batteries store power and can support up to 20 minutes of usage
without household electricity. Drivetrains that motorize stairlift are housed within the seat's base and are most commonly found in the "rack and pinion" configuration. The average speed of a stairlift motor is 15 to 20 feet per minute (FPM). How to Use a Stairlift Your user's manual becomes especially important when it comes to how you use your
stairlift. Your installation specialist should carefully demonstrate exactly how it's done, but reading the user's manual is always in the buyer's best interests. The features specific to your machine manufacturers of
different stairlift brands prescribe a specific "order of operations" to guarantee safe and easy use of their products, so the order in which a user folds down their stairlift chair for use, swivels the seat into a front-facing position, belts in, and takes off should be a brand-specific process. Another way your user's manual benefits you as a stairlift operator
is by showing you what not to do. Certain actions, like using your stairlift to carry heavy packages or pets, can present serious risks. Manufacturers will sometimes go so far as to void a warranty if your stairlift to carry heavy packages or pets, can present serious risks. Manufacturers will sometimes go so far as to void a warranty if your stairlift to carry heavy packages or pets, can present serious risks. Manufacturers will sometime go so far as to void a warranty if your stairlift to carry heavy packages or pets, can present serious risks.
faced a reduction of mobility due to age-related circumstances, a lifelong disability, or a debilitating hospital stay. However, there are people for whom a stairlift purchase represents a proactive decision, figuring into their plans to age in place or accommodate a loved one for a short time at home. Aging in Place The AARP has found that at about 71 merchane represents a proactive decision, figuring into their plans to age in place or accommodate a loved one for a short time at home.
percent of people between ages 50 and 64 wish to remain living in their own homes as they age, but that number climbs to 87 percent for people who have already reached 65. As care services for the elderly and disabled are becoming more accessible than ever before, people with limited mobility now have alternatives to relocating to single-level
homes or care facilities. Those who may eventually lose their ability to safely manage their stairs and anyone at an increased risk of falls can have a safer, and potentially cheaper homelife with the one-time purchase of a stairlift. And considering that stairlifts can also accommodate in-home wheelchair users, the option of installing a lift can be part of
almost any conversation about aging in place. Temporary Users It is now common, even for people in limited income brackets, to install stairlifts that might only be needed for a few months. For example, sometimes a stairlift can make recovering from an intensive surgery a less burdensome process. The devices may also
be useful if family members who require assistance on stairs move in or come for extended visits. Though going through with a short-term stairlift installation can seem extreme, most installation services for $100 or more. Buyback programs through
companies like 101 Mobility will also pay aftermarket prices for a used stairlift, which is useful for people who must install their lift through many of the same reputable dealers and manufacturers listed in this guide. Buyer's Guide: How to
Choose a Stairlift for Your Home Determine Your Price Range When thinking over your budget for a stairlift purchase, it can be difficult to plan for additional costs that can crop up for things like accessibility upgrades or extra hardware for longer stairs. However, stairlift manufacturers tend to stock their standard models with specs and features that
own prices for added features. Even if you know you will need to add extra features and upgrades, to get an idea of each brand's relative costs, start your search by looking at brand-specific price ranges for standard models. Keep in mind that curved stairlifts must be custom-made, so their listed prices can vary significantly depending on your
stairway design. Compare Costs for Renting or Buying Used Renting is a good short-term option for hose who are recovering from an injury or surgery, or who will have a family member with limited mobility in their home for a time. However,
recurring monthly costs to be based on the average price of the model you choose. Startup fees are likely to include installation, uninstallation, service visit coverage and a security deposit. Average costs for each of these items frequently fall into the following ranges. Stairlift installation: $350 to $600Stairlift uninstallation: $200 to $500Service visit
coverage: $100 to $300Security deposit: $200 to $800, depending on chosen equipment Curved stairlifts are almost never offered as rentals due to their customized curvatures, and straight stairlift rentals may be difficult to find for unusually long or short stairs. Buying a
uncommon to find a used lift at a discount of $300 to $800 off. Buying used can come with certain risks as the stairlift, and for people who are highly dependent on their stairlift, an unreliable
product can present a major problem. Buying a Refurbished Stairlift Some manufacturers sell used stairlifts of their own brand after refurbishing, parts showing signs of wear are replaced with new, proprietary parts, including torn or stained upholstery and mechanical refurbishing, parts showing signs of wear are replaced with new, proprietary parts, including torn or stained upholstery and mechanical refurbishing.
components. Reconditioned lifts usually come with manufacturer warranty coverage. Buyers of factory reconditioned stairlift brand for your needs should involve a review of both the standard and upgradable options each
vendor offers. Even if you're on a tight budget or if you just aren't the type to pay for extra bells and whistles, most stairlift upgrades are engineered for practicality and can make life much easier for people who have joint pain or limited mobility. Upgrade options can be found to support physical comfort, to blend a stairlift into your home's decor, to
save space in narrow places and to provide support that you or your loved one will appreciate as your care needs increase. The following are commonly offered stairlift upgrades. Automatic seat swiveling: While all stairlifts come with a swivel-seat function that allows the user to turn their chair toward the stair landing to more safely sit down or
dismount their stairlift, it's common to find powered versions for an added fee. Manual swivel seats must be engaged either by manipulating a lever mounted next to the seated rider or by planting one's feet on a stairlift's footrest and pushing the chair to swivel toward the landing. Powered swivel seats turn at the push of a button and are a welcom
addition for people who have pain or weakness in their hands, hips or legs. Automatic folding rails: For stairs with limited space near the landing, manual folding rails are a common upgrade that provide more space toward the end of a stairway for foot traffic and doorways. Automatic folding rails are a common upgrade that provide more space toward the end of a stairway for foot traffic and doorways. Automatic folding rails are a common upgrade that provide more space toward the end of a stairway for foot traffic and doorways.
color and upholstery options. Comfort seats: Most stairlift manufacturers carry a premium option that comes with a more ergonomic or thickly padded seat. There are also options to add high-accessibility functions to seating, such as a perch design that maintains upright posture, or assistive seats that gently aid the user in standing and sitting
Extended rails: Both straight- and curved-track stairlift rails can be extended or cut down to suit the length of your stairway. Most manufacturers have specific footage that they consider "stairlift rails and will add charges for rail installations of greater length. When building a curved stairlift, the tightness of your stairs' turns and
will also sell directly to the public online or by phone, but buying through an authorized dealer can add some advantages such as additional warranty coverage and nearby locations. Researching Dealers and Manufacturers Learning more about a brand or dealer before you buy is also an important part of the process. As a first step, check a company's
complete BBB reviews are more committed to the process than those using other product review outlets, like Yelp or Facebook. The Better Businesses, giving them a letter grade, though grades should not be taken at face value. These grades are based on a variety of factors, including how quickly the company responds review outlets, like Yelp or Facebook. The Better Businesses, giving them a letter grade, though grades should not be taken at face value.
to complaints, how accurately they represent their products or services and whether they have appropriate licensing, among other considerations. To learn more about what Better Business Bureau ratings actually mean, visit their Ratings Q and A section. Look for Strong Warranties There are many warranty features to look out for when making a
Drivetrain coverage: A drivetrain contains the mechanical components of a stairlift that are subjected to the most friction and movement, making it a high priority for warranties, some manufacturers do offer lifetime warranties, some manufacturers do offer lifetime warranties.
warranties: If you are ever offered an extended warranty after your original warranty expires, make sure the dealer or guarantor is affiliated with the manufacturer of your stairlift. Extended warranty sales have become a large industry, so it's not uncommon for salespeople to offer unnecessary or unhelpful coverage in pursuit of a commission. Tips
for Caregivers Choosing a Stairlift for a Loved One Open a dialogue about finances. To find out if your loved one has qualifying long-term care insurance or other coverages that could mitigate the high cost of a stairlift, you'll need to openly approach a conversation about finances. Many of us tend to avoid conversations like this as it can feel intrusive
consider tactics to break the ice. Caring.com senior living expert Christina Drumm-Boyd relates that, "Starting with a narrative of another senior's story who had a positive outcome related to advanced planning can often be very helpful in developing productive dialogue." Consider your loved ones' accessibility needs. There are stairlift features that the ice. Caring.com senior is story who had a positive outcome related to advanced planning can often be very helpful in developing productive dialogue."
benefit people with particular physical challenges. For example, Bruno models come with an audible diagnostic readout function and color-contrasted user controls for people with arthritis to change on their own. Acorn and Handicare offer stairlifts with perch-
style seating for people who may be uncomfortable riding in a fully seated position due to limited joint flexibility. Whatever your loved one's biggest physical hurdles may be, a stairlift once it's installed. For anyone who has reduced but
functional mobility, falls on the stairs are a still serious risk. Once a stairlift is installed, a person who can still walk may find it tempting to just go up and down stairs the "natural way" when they can. It can seem faster and more sensible to do so in the moment, rather than to ride up the stairs at 15 feet per minute in a cushy little seat. When thinking
over a stairlift purchase, help your loved one realize that they might have to face the temptation to climb the stairs on their own. Remind them of how important it is to use their lift whenever possible, especially when they are alone at home. Consider buying a stairlift that you can easily move or uninstall. If you're planning
or if you're uncertain of how long your stairlift will be needed, consider buying a stairlift from a dealer or manufacturer that offers financially viable un-installing your stairlift, and find out if such costs are covered under a warranty or buyback
agreement. When buying a stairlift that could potentially turn out to be a short-term necessity, consider shopping high-quality brands that are more likely to retain some of their resale value. If you're certain that you will only need your stairlift for a very short time, stairlift rental may be the most cost-effective option. Payment Assistance for Stairlift
Purchases Many people cannot make large, out-of-pocket purchases for a big-ticket item like a stairlift. Financing is sometimes available for people who buy through manufacturers or dealers, but depending on the brand you're buying and what region you live in, this is not always the case. And if you do find financing, it's common for financial
institutions to charge stairlift buyers sales tax just to simplify the financing process, even though this purchase is supposed to be sales-tax exempt. Fortunately, there are multiple sources of coverage to support mobility equipment purchases for both middle class and low-income consumers. The following outlets offer grants, low-interest loans and
lines of credit that may help you keep your home safe and accessible with a new stairlift. Low-Interest Home Improvement loans Home improvement loans are usually offered for repairs needed after an emergency situation, such as the
installation of a stairlift. These loans may be offered by state and local government agencies or unaffiliated banks, and usually involve deferred interest. Zero-Interest Cards For people with fair to excellent credit, a zero-interest card may be an option for making a stairlift purchase. These cards offer zero interest for a set period of time, and
some offer people with fair credit the opportunity to transfer a balance from an existing credit card to take advantage of a long, interest-free term with a new card. Private and long-term care insurance plans will help pay for the purchase of a stairlift. To find a
plan that could qualify you for this coverage, you may need to spend some time comparison shopping. If you happen to have an accountant or financial advisor, one of their most important jobs is helping their clients find the right insurance shopping process becomes far simpler and more productive when you have a
knowledgeable guide — and someone who can help you figure out if your stairlift is tax deductible. Financial Assistance for Low-Income Stairlift buyers Medicaid Waivers and State Entitlements It is difficult to say for sure whether a stairlift.
However, it's not uncommon for people receiving their Medicaid benefits through a waiver program to get some coverage for a stairlift purchase. Waiver programs are available for people whose health status makes them eligible for nursing home care, but who wish to instead receive home- and community-based services much like those offered in a
nursing facility in the comfort of their own home. Waiver programs are capped in most states, meaning they receive a limited amount of funding every year and thus can only accept a limited number of recipients. If you or a loved one may gualify for nursing home care, find out if your state's waiver program can cover a stairlift purchase by contacting
your local Area Agency on Aging. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) is a national organization that works with the federal government to deliver resources and information to America's aging population. The AAA is able to distribute funding allocated by the Older Americans Act Title III to help low-income seniors install
stairlifts. The Area Agencies on Aging have readily available locations throughout every state. To learn more about them or to find an office near you, visit PayingForSeniorCare.com. The Department of Veterans Affairs The VA offers financial support for veterans and their family members who require home- and community-based services, home
modifications, or durable medical equipment. Though determining if you qualify can be a long and challenging process, for low-income seniors and people who require the assistance of a caregiver at home, the effort can be well worth it. For more information on Veterans' Affairs financial assistance programs and to find out if you may qualify, call
(877) 222-VETS. The Federal Housing Administration The FHA is a department within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. They help low-income people finance qualifying purchases by insuring mortgages and loan refinances so that lenders can give with confidence. To find out if you qualify or for more information, find your local
HUD office at HU
of Georgia can turn to the Center for Financial Independence and Information for help, or to a number of their affiliates, such as First $tep, Credit-Able and Tools for Life. To find assistance programs in your state and local area, contact your nearest Area Agency on Aging. Frequently Asked Questions Do stairlifts need regular maintenance? Stairlift
gears may need to be oiled occasionally, and batteries are often due for replacement every three years, though this varies according to model. Performing basic checks on the integrity of key parts every few months may help keep your stairlift in good repair. When you purchase your stairlift, check the user manual for tips on maintenance and
cleaning. Can I customize my stairlift? Many companies allow you to select some customizable features such as colors, chair upholstery type, and which armrest the manufacturer places the controls on. Moreover, curved stairlifts are highly customized to the length and shape of the stairway. Customizations tend to add to the cost of the stairlift. Can I
return my stairlift? Some people install stairlifts without knowing how long they will actually need them. This can happen when a senior has major illness or surgery and it's unclear how much of his or her ability to walk will return in the long term. If you end up only needing your stairlift for a short time, you may be able to get some money back on it.
A stairlift can't be returned, per se, but some companies will buy the stairlift back from you at a fair but reduced cost. Stairlifts that are bought back will be refurbished and resold by the company later. Selling back isn't a guaranteed option- some brands don't have a buyback program, and some may have a buyback program but will decline to
purchase older models or models that have received significant damage. Will a straight stairlift work for me? Straight stairli
you can buy two straight stairlifts instead of a curved one, but this will be a less convenient option since the person using the lift will need to switch chairs when she or he reaches the landing. For many disabled seniors, purchasing two straight stairlifts simply isn't a safe cost-saving solution. Can any stairlifts be purchased with a payment plan? A few
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is a smart way to save money on your purchase while still receiving excellent quality. Never buy a used stairlift directly from another consumer, however. A used stairlift that hasn't been tuned up by a professional at the original factory could end up costing you more money down the road and could even be dangerous for you. Another way to save
money is by renting a stairlift. This option will only save you if you truly only need it for a few months. Experts say that rentals that progress beyond six months will likely cost as much as or more than buying a stairlift. This option will only save you if you truly only need it for a few months. Experts say that rentals that progress beyond six months will likely cost as much as or more than buying a stairlift.
chair poses a great risk of falling may not be a good candidate for use of a chair. Each person should assess the safety of using a stairlift along with their caretaker and possibly their doctor.
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