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# MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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## DID YOU KNOW?

MAXIMIZING THE LIFE OF YOUR CARRIER DEPENDS ON HOW WELL THE PRODUCT HAS BEEN LOOKED AFTER AND MAINTAINED, AS WELL AS THE TYPE AND INTENSITY OF USE, SUCH AS:



### STORAGE

Storing your carrier properly is essential to reducing the amount of wear to components.

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### LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE

Service intervals, means of maintenance, storage, cleaning, servicing and inspection work will all help to dramatically reduce wear of critical components.

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### FREQUENCY AND MILEAGE

The more often the carrier is used and the farther it goes, the more it will wear.

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### LOADING

The higher the weight in the carrier, the faster certain components will wear.

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### ROAD CONDITIONS

Hard cornering, fast acceleration, braking and rough terrain all contribute to increased wear of various components.

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### EFFECTS OF THE WEATHER

Long exposure to UV rays, extreme temperatures, humidity, road grit (sand and dirt), and contact with salt contribute to the wear of your carrier.

# INSPECTION CHECKLIST

THE BEST WAY TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR CARRIER DURING USE IS TO INSPECT IT MONTHLY AS PER THE MANUAL, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **Hitcharm**  
Remove to inspect for any damage
  - a. Ball joint
  - b. Backup straps
  - c. Cracks in main body, especially around holes that attach to VersaWing
- ✓ **VersaWings**  
Inspect for any damage, including breaks, cracks or looseness
- ✓ **Fabric**  
Inspect for tears, holes, open seams and any other damage
- ✓ **Harnesses and seatbelts**  
Inspect webbing and thread for fraying, cuts and any other damage
- ✓ **Buckles**  
Inspect for damaged buckles
- ✓ **Wheels, bearings, spokes and axles**  
Inspect for cleanliness, corrosion, smooth operation and proper push-button function
- ✓ **Suspension**  
Inspect the springs for cracks, breaks or severe corrosion
- ✓ **Handlebars**  
Inspect for secure attachment of quick release buttons and brackets on CX
- ✓ **Autolock brackets**  
Inspect folding for proper engagement, looseness, damage, cracks and smooth function
- ✓ **Quick release mechanisms**  
Inspect for proper lever attachment
- ✓ **Parking brake function**  
Inspect for proper function and locking ability
- ✓ **Fasteners**  
Inspect for tightness, missing nuts, missing bolts, excessive corrosion
- ✓ **Frame**  
Inspect any frame piece for dents, cracks, excessive corrosion or breaks
- ✓ **Accessories**  
Inspect any accessories in the same way as the carrier

**NOTE** - If you find any item on your carrier that is showing signs of abnormal wear and tear contact your authorized Thule Chariot retailer immediately. Your authorized Thule Chariot retailer will advise you on the required maintenance to ensure that you get the maximum performance and enjoyment from your carrier or contact us directly at [thule@mailnj.custhelp.com](mailto:thule@mailnj.custhelp.com)

OUR PRODUCTS HAVE COMPONENTS OR PARTS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO NATURAL WEAR AND TEAR DEPENDING ON THE TYPE AND DEGREE OF USE, AS WELL AS HOW WELL THE INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT HAS BEEN SERVICED AND MAINTAINED.

Where there has been regular use (day in and day out, in varying weather conditions) individual parts or components can reach their wear limit before the warranty has expired. Please note that in cases where the product has become prematurely worn because of excessive use, the product is not considered defective.

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## **SERVICE AND CARE**

There are certain factors that influence wear and tear and some of these can be prevented by following these guidelines:

- ✓ If at all possible, avoid long exposure to sunlight
- ✓ Always store carrier in a dry place
- ✓ If storing outside, use storage covers to protect from the elements
- ✓ Regularly check the air pressure in the tires
- ✓ Cold: At extremely cold temperatures below -20°C/-4°F some materials can get brittle and are more susceptible to cracking
- ✓ Regularly check the carrier for damage and have any damage repaired immediately
- ✓ Regularly clean the carrier as per the manual
- ✓ Do not make any modifications to the carrier