Compact Joystick (CJ) R-net

Spare part no:1822778 Compact Joystick R-net

1. General

The **Compact Joystick** (CJ R-net) is an input device and is coupled to the R-net wheelchair electronics.

- It's a proportional joystick module in a small compact housing.
- The joystick D50800 from PG Drive Technology is used. It is a very reliable contactless joystick which meets the most rigid requirements
- The CJ R-net can be adjusted to any individual needs and possibilities of the user. This can be done mechanically – see different choices of joysticks – or by adjusting the 'Throw' parameters of the R-net system.
- We can install the CJ R-net in a good position through the mounting kit.
- Because the CJ R-net has a standard shaft diameter, it will accept adaptive knobs available on the market.
- The CJ R-net can be directly connected to the R-net system.
- The CJ R-net is completely protected against moisture, which makes it suitable to use outdoors.

2. Operation

2.1 Introduction

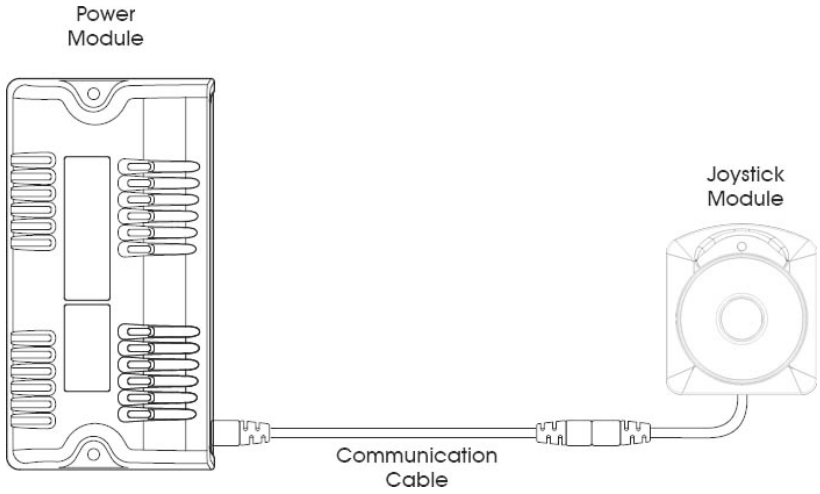
The CJ R-net is a joystick module that can directly be connected to the R-net control system of **PG Drives Technology** (PDGT). So we refer to the R-net Control System Technical Manual – SK77981 – from PGDT.
The relevant contents of this chapter should be included in the wheelchair operating guide. Further copies are available from Permobil Inc in either written or disk (Adobe PDF) format. Copies of the SK77981 of PGDT are available from PGDT in either written or disk (Adobe PDF) format. Copies of these 2 documents should not be made without the express permission of Contact your provider or Permobil Inc or PGDT.

The operation of the R-net varies dependent on programming. This chapter covers the special types of operation for the CJ R-net . For a complete description of the system we refer again to the SK77981 from PGDT. It is the responsibility of the wheelchair manufacturer or local dealer to ensure that only the relevant sections of this chapter are included in the wheelchair's operating manual.

Please read this chapter carefully - it will help you to keep your wheelchair reliable and safe.

2.2 General

An R-net control system comprises a minimum of two modules - Joystick Module and Power Module. Because of the modular design, the depth of the control system can be greatly increased. The following diagram shows the basic set-up.



2.2.1 Handling

Avoid knocking your control system and especially the joystick. Be careful not to strike obstacles with the control system or joystick when you drive. Never drop the control system.
When transporting your wheelchair, make sure that the control system is well protected. Avoid damage to cables.

2.2.2 Operating Conditions

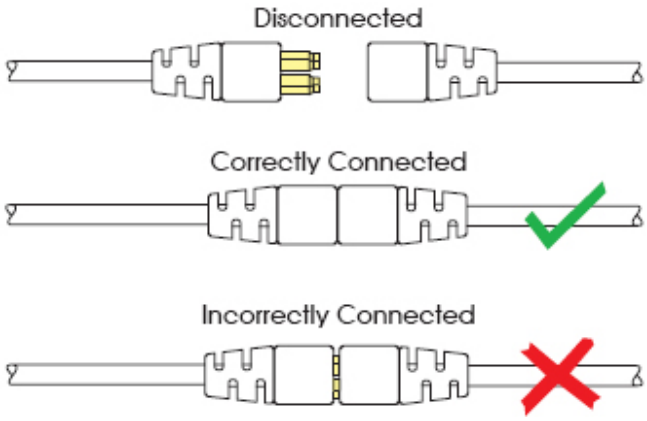
Your control system uses industrial-grade components throughout, ensuring reliable operation in a wide range of conditions. However, you will improve the reliability of the control system if you keep exposure to extreme conditions to a minimum.
Do not expose your control system or its components to damp for prolonged periods. If the control system becomes contaminated with food or drink clean it off as soon as possible.

2.2.3 Cleaning

Clean the control system and the joystick with a cloth dampened with diluted detergent.
Be careful when cleaning the joystick.
Never use abrasive or spirit-based cleaners.

2.3 Mating Connectors

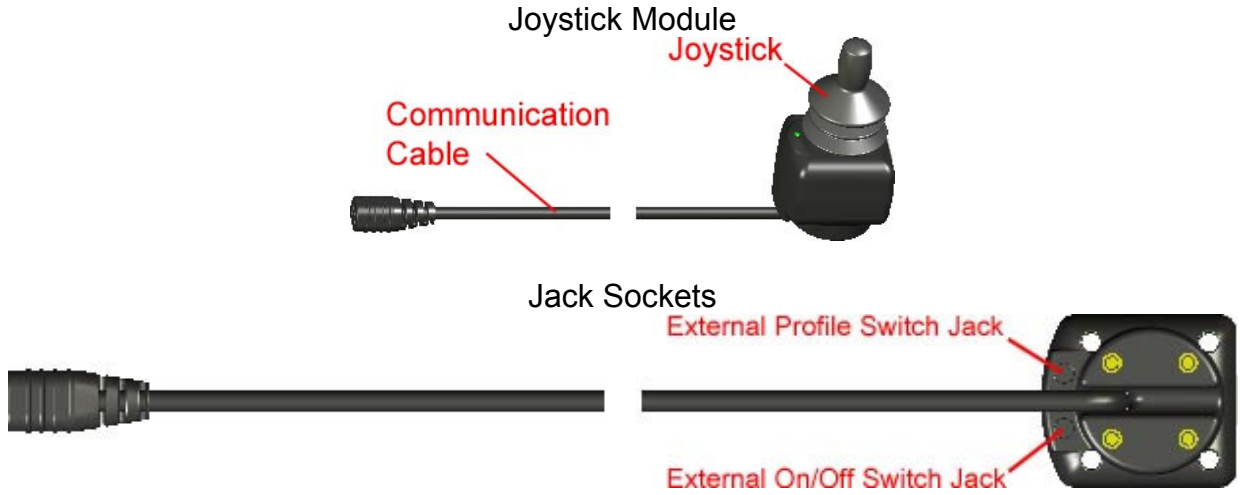
To connect the Communication Cables:
Holding the connector housing, firmly push the connector into its mate until you can no longer see the yellow plastic.
The connectors are secured using a friction system.



To disconnect the Communication Cables:
Holding the connector housing firmly, pull the connectors apart.

2.4 Controls

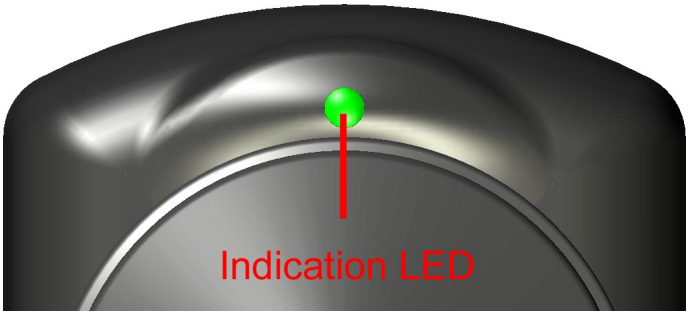
Most of the controls of the CJ R-net are common to the standard joystick module of PGDT. The controls typical for the CJ R-net are explained in this section. For the complete description we refer to the SK77981 of PGDT.



2.4.1 Joystick

The primary function of the joystick is to control the speed and direction of the wheelchair. The further you push the joystick from the centre position the faster the wheelchair will move. When you release the joystick the brakes are automatically applied.
If the wheelchair is fitted with actuators, the joystick can also be used to move and select actuators.
Information about programming can be found in separate manual Art.nr 205313-US-0.

2.4.2 Switches and Led



2.4.2.1 External On/Off Switch Jack

This allows the user to turn the control system on and off using an external device, such as a buddy button.

2.4.2.2 External Profile Switch Jack

Depending on the way the control system has been programmed an external connected device, such as a buddy button, can have different functions. The factory default function is 'Horn'. The horn will sound while the connected switch is pressed – as long as the standard function is selected. Information about programming can be found in separate manual Art.nr 205313-US-0, for programming details and different functionalities of the external connected device.

2.4.2.3 Indication LED

The indication LED is used to give some information to the user. There is only one LED available. This limits the possibilities to give detailed information. But at the other hand it keeps it simple for the user.

CJ State Indication Chart		
	Status Indicator	**Status of CJ**
Start up	Red	Starting up
	Red/Green pulse slow	Reconfiguration of system
	Red/Green pulse fast	Restart request
	Fast red pulse	Joystick out of neutral
Normal Operation	Green	Focus -> Drive Mode
	Red	No Focus
	Green pulse Orange	Standby Tilt function active
	Red pulse	Drive inhibit
Failure	1 red pulse	Failure -> Not Calibrated or Tested
	2 red pulses	Failure -> Internal Error
	3 red pulses	Failure -> External Error

2.5 Diagnostic Screen or Acoustic Feedback

When the control system safety circuits have operated and the control system has been prevented from moving the wheelchair a diagnostics screen will be displayed.
This indicates a system trip, i.e. the R-net has detected a problem somewhere in the wheelchair's electrical system.
The indication LED will flash periodically alternated with a green flash. The number of red flashes is an indication of the fault.

If the error is not critical, for example the Intelligent Control System (ICS) detects a broken light, then drive will still be possible, however, an acoustic signal will be produced intermittently.

2.6 Getting Ready to Drive

- Operate the on/off switch. Wait until the led becomes continuously green.

- Check that you select a profile which suits you.
- Push the joystick to control the speed and direction of the wheelchair.

Remark! If you push the joystick before or just after you switch the control system on, the red led will flash fast. You must release and centre the joystick to resume normal operation.

2.7 Tips for Using your Control System

2.7.1 Driving - General

Make sure that the control system is mounted securely and that the joystick position is correct. The hand or limb you use to operate the joystick should be supported. Do not use the joystick as the sole support for your hand or limb - wheelchair movements and bumps could upset your control.

2.7.2 Driving Technique

The control system interprets your joystick movements and produces appropriate movements of your wheelchair. You will need very little concentration to control the wheelchair, which is especially useful if you are inexperienced. One popular technique is to simply point the joystick in the direction you want to go. The wheelchair will “home-in” on the direction you push the joystick.
The further you push the joystick away from the rest position, the faster the wheelchair will go. Releasing the joystick will stop the wheelchair.
The intelligent speed control system minimizes the effects of slopes and different types of terrain.

Remark! The wheelchair user must be capable of driving a wheelchair safely. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

2.7.3 Slow or sluggish movement

If the wheelchair does not travel at full speed or does not respond quickly enough, and the battery condition is good, there may be a non hazardous fault. Contact your service agent.

2.8 Precautions for Use

In the event of the wheelchair moving in an unexpected way RELEASE THE JOYSTICK. This action will stop the wheelchair under any circumstances.

2.8.1 Hazards

Do not drive the wheelchair:
• Beyond restrictions indicated in your wheelchair user manual, for example maximum inclines, curb height etc.
• In places or on surfaces where a loss of wheel grip could be hazardous, for example on wet grassy slopes.
• If you know that the control system or other crucial components require repair.

Although the R-net control system is designed to be extremely reliable and each unit is rigorously tested during manufacture, the possibility of a system malfunction always exists (however small the probability). Under some conditions of system malfunction the control system must (for safety reasons) stop the chair instantaneously. If there is any possibility of the user falling out of the chair as a result of a sudden braking action, it is imperative that a restraining device such as a seat belt is supplied with the wheelchair and that it is in use at all times when the wheelchair is in motion. Permobil Inc accept no liability for losses of any kind arising from the unexpected stopping of the wheelchair or arising from the improper use of the wheelchair or control system.

Do not operate the control system if the chair behaves erratically, or shows abnormal signs of heating, sparks or smoke. Turn the control system off at once and consult your provider. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

Electronic equipment can be affected by Electro Magnetic Interference (EMI). Such interference may be generated by radio stations, TV stations, other radio transmitters and cellular phones. If the chair exhibits erratic behaviour due to EMI, turn the control system off immediately and consult your provider. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

It is the responsibility of the chair manufacturer and/or dealer to ensure that the wheelchair complies with appropriate National and International EMC legislation. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

The wheelchair user must comply with all wheelchair safety warnings. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

2.9 Safety Checks

The electronic circuits in your control system have been designed to be extremely safe and reliable. The on-board microcomputer carries out safety checks at up to 100 times per second. To supplement this safety monitoring you should carry out the following periodic checks.
If the control system fails any of these checks, do not use the wheelchair and contact your service agent.

2.9.1 Daily Checks

Joystick: - With the control system switched off, check that the joystick is not bent or damaged and that it returns to the centre when you push and release it. If there is a problem do not continue with the safety checks and contact your service agent.

2.9.2 Weekly Checks

Parking brake:
- This test should be carried out on a level floor with at least one meter clear space around the wheelchair.
- Switch on the control system.
- Check that the LED remains on, after initialization and that the battery gauge is displaying a reasonable amount of charge.
- Push the joystick slowly forwards until you hear the parking brakes operate. The chair may start to move.
- Immediately release the joystick. You must be able to hear each parking brake operate within a few seconds.
- Repeat the test a further three times, pushing the joystick slowly backwards, left and right.

Connectors: - Make sure that all connectors are securely mated.

Cables: - Check the condition of all cables and connectors for damage.

Joystick gaiter: - Check the thin rubber gaiter or boot, around the base of the joystick shaft, for damage or splitting. Check visually only, do not handle the gaiter.

Mounting: - Make sure that all the components of the control system are securely mounted. Do not over tighten any securing screws.

2.9.3 Servicing

To ensure continued satisfactory service, we suggest you have your wheelchair and control system inspected by your provider or Permobil Inc after a period of 1 year from commencement of service. Contact your provider or Permobil Inc for details when the inspection is due.

2.10 Programming

The control system can be programmed to meet your needs. Programming can be performed using the specialist R-net software and Dongle.
If you re-program your control system, make sure that you observe any restrictions given in your wheelchair user manual. Note any changes you make for future reference.

Remark! Programming should only be conducted by healthcare professionals with in-depth knowledge of PGDT electronic control systems and the CJ R-net . Incorrect programming could result in an unsafe set-up of a wheelchair for a user. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind if the programming of the control system is altered from factory pre-set values.
Information about programming can be found in separate manual Art.nr 205313-US-0.

2.11 Servicing

All repairs and servicing must be carried out by authorized service personnel. Opening or making any unauthorized adjustments or modifications to the control system or its components will invalidate any warranty and may result in hazards to yourself or other people, and is strictly forbidden.

Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from unauthorized opening, adjustment or modifications to the R-net control system.

If the control system is damaged in any way, or if internal damage may have occurred through impact or dropping, have the product checked by qualified personnel before operating. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

2.12 Warranty

The CJ-R-net is covered by a warranty period defined by the service agent. For details of the warranty period, please contact your service agent.

The warranty will be void if the CJ R-net has:
- Not been used in accordance with the CJ R-net user manual – this manual – from Permobil Inc .
- Not been used in accordance with the R-net control system Technical Manual, SK77981, from PGDT.
- Been subject to misuse or abuse.
- Been modified or repaired by non-authorized persons.

3. Installation

3.1 R-net Operation

Study Chapter 2. It is important that the operation information in Chapter 2 is supplied, either as part of the wheelchair user handbook or as a separate document.

3.2 Program Settings

It is the wheelchair manufacturer's or dealer responsibility to program the control system to suit the vehicle model and ensure safe operation in compliance with relevant legal requirements over the whole of the operating range. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind due to failure to, or incorrect programming of the R-net Control System. Information about programming can be found in separate manual Art.nr 205313-US-0.

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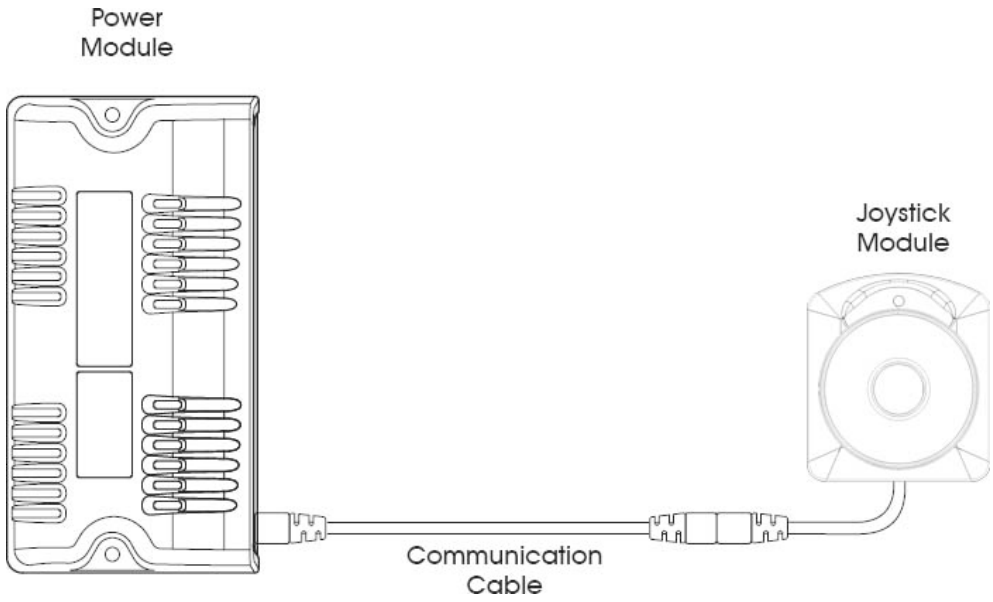
3.3 Connections

The following is a selection of the most common configurations

3.3.1 Control Configurations

3.3.1.1 Basic Configuration

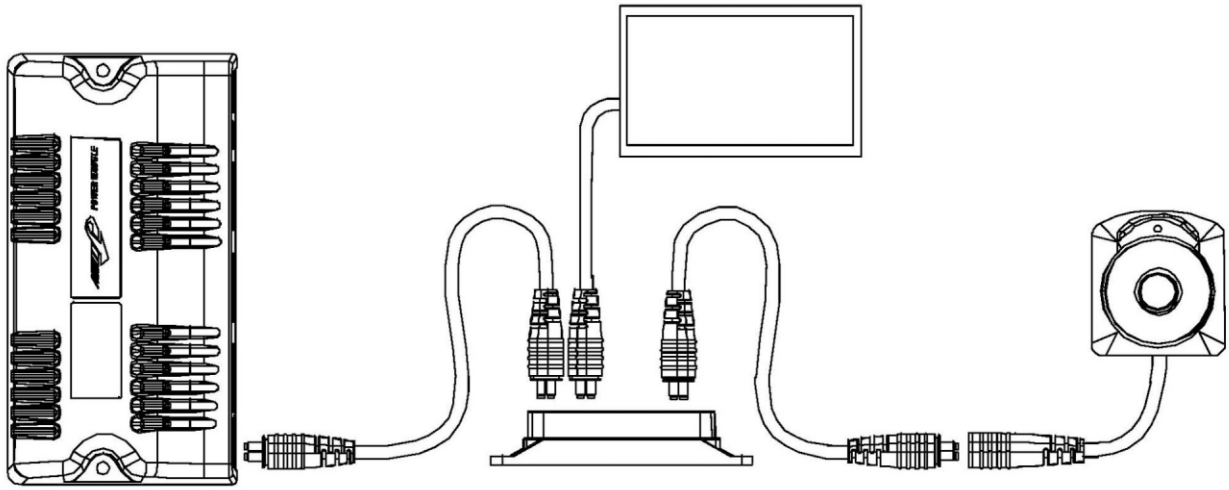
Consists of a Power Module, a Communication Cable and a Joystick Module.



3.3.1.2 Joystick & ICS Configuration

This consists of a Power Module, an Intelligent Control System (ICS), 3 Communication Cables, R-net connector block and a Joystick Module.

Power Module **Intelligent Control System (ICS)** **Joystick Module**

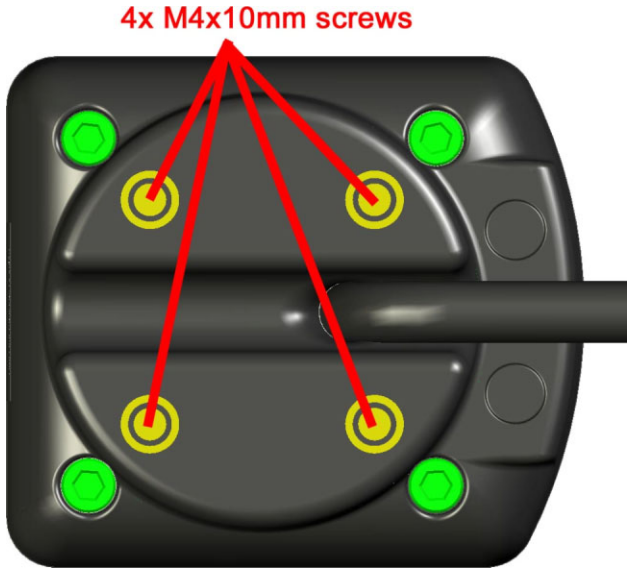


3.4 Mounting

3.4.1 Joystick Module Mounting

3.4.1.1 General

The Joystick Module should be secured using 4 screws M4 with a maximum penetration of 10mm. There are 4 holes in a pitch circular diameter (PCD) – PCD 32mm – reserved for mounting. Be careful not to overtighten the screw. 4 M4 screws of 10mm are delivered with the Permofix CJ Set.



3.4.1.2 Mounting Support

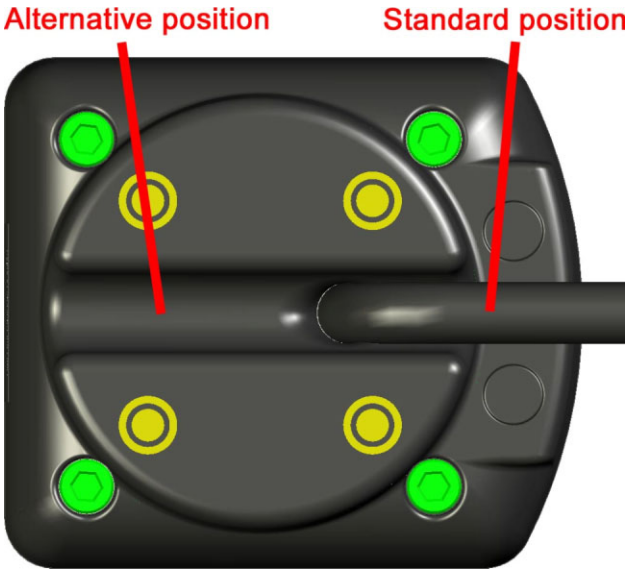
A fitting mounting support can be ordered separately.

3.4.1.3 CJ Chin Control Set

The joystick can easily be adapted so it can be used as a Chin Control.

3.4.1.4 Strain Release

The strain release can be mounted in different way. The picture shows the standard mounting position and the alternative positions.



3.4.2 Power Module and ICS Mounting

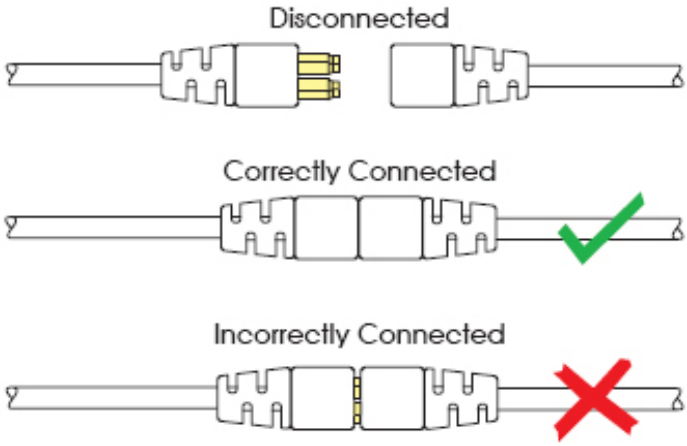
Contact your provider or Permobil Inc if you need further advice and information.

3.4.3 Cables

The cables to the different modules must be routed and secured in such a way as to prevent damage to them, for example by cutting or crushing.
Contact your provider or Permobil Inc if you need further advice.

3.5 Joystick Module Wiring

The Joystick Module is connected to the Power Module with a Communication Cable.
To connect the Communication Cables:
- Holding the connector housing, firmly push the connector into its mate until you can no longer see the yellow plastic. The connectors are secured using a friction system.



To disconnect the Communication Cables:
- Holding the connector housing firmly, pull the connectors apart.

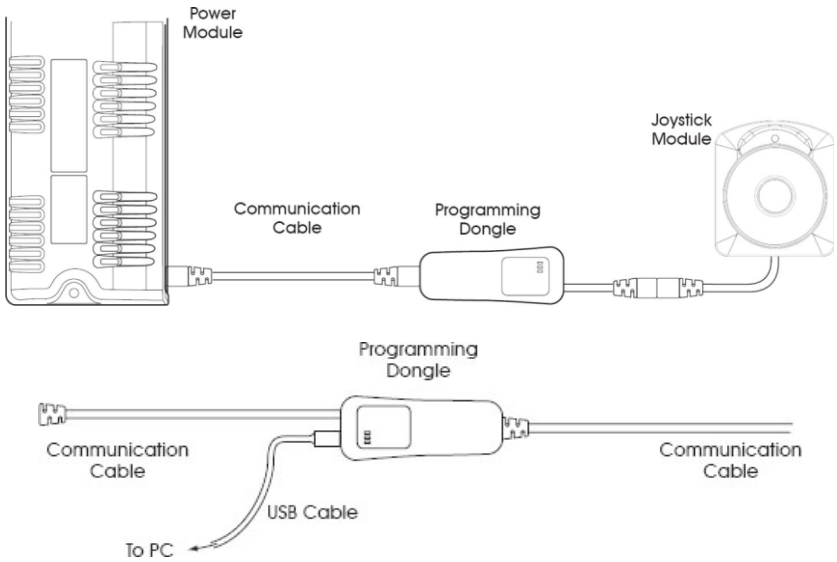
3.6 Power Module & ICS Wiring

Contact your provider or Permobil Inc if you need further advice and information.

3.7 Programming Connection

3.7.1 PC Programming

To utilize the R-net PC Programming Suite the R-net Dongle must first be connected in the communications system as shown. A USB cable can then be connected between the Dongle and a PC with the R-net PC Programmer installed.
Information about programming can be found in separate manual Art.nr 205313-US-0.



3.8 Functionality Tests

Perform the following tests, in order, on each wheelchair before dispatch.

These tests should be conducted in an open space and a restraining device such as a seat belt should always be used. Permobil Inc accepts no liability for losses of any kind arising from failure to comply with this condition.

3.8.1 Joystick and Gaiter

- Check that the joystick is not bent or damaged.
- Check the thin rubber gaiter or boot, around the base of the joystick shaft, for damage or splitting. Check visually only, do not handle the gaiter.
- Check that the joystick returns to the centre position when you push and release it.

3.8.5 Operational Test

This test should be carried out on a level floor with at least one meter clear space around the wheelchair.

- Switch on the control system.
- Check that the battery gauge remains on, or flashes, after one second.
- Push the joystick slowly forwards until you hear the parking brakes operate. The chair may start to move.
- Immediately release the joystick. You must be able to hear each parking brake operate within a few seconds.
- Repeat the test a further three times, pushing the joystick slowly backwards, left and right.

3.8.6 Test Drive

- Drive the wheelchair and make sure that it operates correctly for all positions of the user controls.

3.8.7 Soft-Stop Test

- Drive the wheelchair at full forward speed and switch the control system off.
- The wheelchair must not stop suddenly, but should decelerate to standstill.

3.9 Electromagnetic Compatibility (E.M.C.)

The R-net has been tested on a generic wheelchair for compliance with EC directive 89/336/EEC, and the EMC requirements of EN12184. You, as wheelchair manufacturer or dealer, should consider EMC and perform relevant tests if necessary.

4 Addendum Compact Joystick R-net Light

4.1 CJ Light-Standard

4.2 CJ Light Chin Control Set

The joystick can easily be adapted so it can be used as a Chin Control. *Refer to Mounting Instruction of the CJ Chin Control Kit (0035-7011a)* for more details.

4.3 Adaptations

The CJ R-net Light is a modified CJ R-net. We have made following adaptations mechanical adaptations:
- limited the stroke of the lever to 75% of the stroke of the lever of the CJ R-net.
- limited the operation force to 50% of the operation force of the CJ R-net.
- lessen the height of the lever with 15mm.

The mounting and programming of the CJ R-net Light is exact the same as the CJ R-net.

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