PLANNING GUIDE

Applicable Codes:
ASME A17.1
ASME A18.1
CAN/CSA B355
CAN/CSA B613
Purpose of This Guide

This guide assists architects, contractors, and lift professionals to incorporate the OMEGA Inclined Platform Lift into a residential or public building design. The design and manufacture of the OMEGA Inclined Platform Lift meets the requirements of the following codes and standards:

- ASME A18.1-2003 Section 3 (Public)
- ASME A18.1-2005 Section 3 (Public)
- ASME A18.1-2008 Section 3 (Public)
- ASME A18.1-2011 Section 3 (Public)
- ASME A18.1-2014 Section 3 (Public)
- ASME A18.1-2003 Section 6 (Private)
- ASME A18.1-2005 Section 6 (Private)
- ASME A18.1-2008 Section 6 (Private)
- ASME A18.1-2011 Section 6 (Private)
- ASME A18.1-2014 Section 6 (Private)
- ASME A17.1-1996 Section 20 (Public)
- ASME A17.1-1996 Section 21 (Private)
- CAN/CSA B355 S1-02 (Public)
- CAN/CSA-B355-09 (Public)
- CAN/CSA B613-2000 (Private)
- CAN/CSA B613-2000 (Private)

We recommend that you contact your local authority having jurisdiction to ensure that you adhere to all local rules, regulations and fire regulations pertaining to inclined platform lifts.

IMPORTANT: This Planning Guide provides nominal dimensions and specifications useful for the initial planning of an inclined platform lift project. Dimensions and specifications are subject to change without notice due to continually evolving code and product applications.

Before beginning actual construction, please consult Savaria Corporation or the authorized Savaria dealer in your area to ensure you receive your site-specific installation drawings with the dimensions and specifications for your project.

Visit our website for the most recent drawings and dimensions.

How to Use This Guide

1. Determine your client’s intended use of the lift.
2. Determine the local code requirements.
3. Determine the site installation parameters.
4. Plan for electrical requirements.

History

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Description of the Lift
The OMEGA Inclined Platform Lift is an accessibility device used to provide access over multiple levels of straight stairs, stairs with intermediate landings, or stairs with turns.

The lift will transport a passenger either sitting in a wheelchair or on the manual folding seat.

The unit travels along the guide rails at a comfortable speed up to 14 feet per minute (0.07 metres per second).

The unit is driven by a rope traction drive system. The standard drive unit is mounted on the rail at the top of the stairs (for rail lengths under 20 metres) or in an optional drive cabinet (for rail lengths over 20 metres).

The OMEGA is easy to operate using the on-board pendant control. When the lift is not in use, it can be parked and folded up allowing access to the stairs.

The OMEGA is suitable for either indoor or outdoor use, and can be factory-built for left- or right-side rail installations.

Features and Benefits
- Major building renovations are usually not required as the OMEGA is installed on a modular guide rail system that follows along an existing stairway. The rails will be securely fastened to a supporting wall, the stairs, or both.
- The space-saving design of the platform and the rail system allows the platform to fit into narrow staircases.
- The lift can be parked at the top or bottom of the staircase.
- A tight turning radius is possible.
- Inside or outside curve installations are accommodated.
- The lift platform is ADA-compliant.
- A compact standard drive is installed at the top of the rail system. An optional larger drive cabinet can be used for longer runs (over 20 metres).
- The rope traction drive system allows for longer installation runs.
- A robust platform motor operates folding and unfolding of the platform, arms and ramps.
## Specifications of the lift

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| Maximum load                | 550 lb (250 kg) in Canada  
660 lb (300 kg) in USA                                                                                                           |
| Gradient                    | Variable up to 55°                                                                                                                 |
| Capacity                    | One person in wheelchair or sitting on manual folding seat; seat capacity is 330 lb (150 kg)                                       |
| Platform sizes              | 49.2” x 30.5” (1250 mm x 775 mm)  
35.4” x 28.3” (900 mm x 720 mm)                                                                                               |
| Travel speed                | 12 feet/minute (0.06 metres/second)                                                                                               |
| Maximum travel              | 164 ft (50 m)                                                                                                                      |
| Minimum travel              | 8 in (20 cm)                                                                                                                       |
| Temperature                 | -31°F to +113 °F (-35°C to +45 °C)                                                                                                 |
| Noise level (for typical installation) | 61.5 dBA (up direction); 60.8 dBA (down direction)  
Measured at a height of 1m, distance of 1m, in front of the motor with all panels on |
| Power supply                | 240 VAC (+/-5%)                                                                                                                    |
| Motor                       | 1 hp (0.75 kW), 2.2 kW over 30 m                                                                                                  |
| Daily cycle                 | Normal: 10  
Heavy: 30  
Excessive: 50  
Maximum starts in 1 hour on standard installation: 5  
NOTE: Please consult your Sales Representative if there a chance you may exceed these amounts. |
| Pendant control buttons     | Two constant-pressure directional buttons to move the lift up or down the stairway and an emergency STOP button to stop the lift in an emergency |
| Remote call station buttons | Used to call/send the lift and fold/unfold the platform (call send only works with platform folded up)                           |
| Platform control panel      | Emergency STOP button to bring the lift to an immediate stop  
Audible alarm button to signal for help  
Key switch to enable use of the pendant control buttons                          |
| Standard features           | Pendant control buttons (on platform)  
Constant-pressure type buttons  
Manual lowering capability (using handwheel)  
Safety arms  
Automatic folding platform  
Limit switches  
No machine room required  
Emergency stop button  
Audio visual alarm (running buzzer and light) to indicate the unit is in use  
Manual folding seat (with seat belt) |
| Safety features             | Edge sensors  
Underpan sensors  
Safety brake  
Safety arms  
Platform ramps  
Emergency stop button  
Limit switches  
Manual operation (using handwheel)                                                 |
| Options                     | Outdoor package (requires outdoor rail)  
Key switch for call station  
Extra grabrail  
90-degree ramp  
**NOTE:** For the extra grabrail option to meet local code requirements, please confirm with the factory if it is feasible depending on the stair angle and platform size before final approval. |
Lift components

- Safety arms
- Access ramps
- On-board pendant
- Carriage
- Platform controls
- Guide rails
- Seat belt
- Manual folding seat
- Platform
- Overspeed governor
- Intermediate landing stop position
- Upper landing stop position
- Lower landing stop position
- Upper rail
- Lower rail
- Horizontal rail
Standard drive unit with remote controller box (top landing)

Optional drive/controller cabinet (top landing)

NOTE: It is recommended that the controller be installed a maximum distance of 30 feet from the motor.

Overspeed governor (bottom landing)

The overspeed governor is a safety device located at the lower end of the rail. It consists of an electrical switch and a mechanical device that activate together to stop the platform from moving if it is descending down the stairs too quickly.
Lift controls

The on-board, hand-held pendant has constant-pressure **UP/DOWN** buttons allowing you to move the platform up or down the stairway. There is also a red emergency **STOP** button.

**PLATEFORM PENDANT**

**Key switch** (optional)  
**Alarm button**

**EMERGENCY STOP button**  

**PLATFORM CONTROL PANEL**

**Key switch** – use to activate/de-activate the platform pendant controls  
**Alarm button (if equipped)** – use in an emergency to sound an audible alarm  
**Emergency STOP button** – use in an emergency to stop the lift

**CALL STATION**  (for Automatic Platform)

**UP/DOWN** buttons – use to call the lift to the required landing  
**FOLD/UNFOLD** buttons – use to fold or unfold the platform and raise or lower the ramps  
**KEY SWITCH (optional)** – use to activate/de-activate the call station controls
Guide rails

The lift travels up and down the stairway along two guide rails – an upper rail and a lower rail. The mounting location of the rails depends on the platform size and the angle of the stairs.

If the angle of the stairs is less than 20 degrees, a third rail (horizontal stabilizer rail) is required to stabilize the platform. Horizontal rail sections may be required at half-landings or stop positions. A sample horizontal rail installation is shown below.
Guide rail mounting

WALL MOUNTED

POST MOUNTED ON STEPS

POST MOUNTED ON SIDE OF STAIRS

POST MOUNTED TO WALL
How the system works

The Omega carriage/platform assembly travels along a guide rail system that is custom designed for each site. This railway consists of an upper tube and a lower tube that houses a continuous loop of rope. The drive system moves the carriage/platform assembly up and down the stairs by means of this rope.
Safety features

Obstruction sensors
During travel, the edges of the platform ramp and the carriage of the lift are protected by sensors which stop the lift if it touches an obstacle.

There are also safety underpan sensors to detect an obstacle underneath the platform and carriage and stop the lift.

Safety arms and platform ramps
While in motion, the platform is protected by two safety arms. The platform is also protected by two side access ramps (and an optional front access ramp) which have the dual function of facilitating access to the lift at the floors (open position) and of retaining the wheelchair while the lift is in motion (safety position).

Before the lift leaves the floor, the safety arms must be down and the platform ramps must be up.

If the underpan or platform ramps encounter an obstacle as they move into position, a microswitch is tripped, stopping the lift. You can drive away from the obstacle in the other direction in order to remove the obstacle.

Limit switches
The upper and lower limit switches allow the lift to stop automatically in the correct landing position at the upper or lower end of the staircase. If the upper or lower limit switch fails, the additional final safety limit switch stops the unit.

Emergency stop button
There is a red emergency STOP button located on the platform control panel and on the handheld pendant which can be pressed in an emergency to stop the lift.

On-board alarm button
The yellow alarm button is located on the platform control panel and can be pressed in an emergency to sound an audible alarm indicating that assistance is required.

Platform key switch
The key switch is located on the platform control panel and is used to activate/de-activate the platform pendant controls.

Landing light
The yellow landing light is mounted in view of each landing and the travel of the lift, either at the middle landing or in the middle of travel. The landing light flashes to indicate that the unit is in use.

Overspeed governor (safety brake)
The overspeed governor is a safety device located at the lower end of the rail. It will activate to quickly bring the lift to a stop if it is descending down the stairs too quickly.

Manual lowering device
You can use the manual handwheel by inserting it on the motor shaft to bring the lift to the next landing in the event of an emergency. You can also use an electric drill with the provided adapter for faster lowering.
Site verification

Stairway
Due to close running clearances, the Owner/Agent must ensure that the stairs (where provided) are level, plumb (+/- 1/8" (3 mm)) and square and are in accordance with the dimensions specified on the site-specific plan drawings.

Minimum overhead clearance
The Owner/Agent must ensure the minimum overhead clearance is in compliance with codes.

Construction site
The Owner/Agent is responsible for all masonry, carpentry and drywall work as required, and for patching and finishing (including painting) all areas where walls/floors may need to be cut, drilled or altered in any way to permit the proper installation of the lift.

Dimensions
The Contractor/Customer must verify all dimensions on the site-specific plan drawings and report any discrepancies to the Agent or Distributor.

Installation
The equipment must be installed by a qualified technician in compliance with the codes identified on the front cover of this manual.

The conformity for access to the platform is the distributor’s responsibility.
Electrical requirements

General
Electrical equipment and wiring must comply with Section 38 of CSA C22.1 (Canada) or Section 620 of NEC ANSI/NFPA 70 (USA).

Main power supply
240 VAC (+/- 5%), single-phase, 60 Hz, on a dedicated 15 amp circuit through a fused disconnect. The disconnect should be installed close to the controller, if possible.
Contractor/customer to provide two 14 AWG conductors plus GND conductor between the fused disconnect contact and the power supply box.

Lighting
Contractor/customer to provide lighting. Lighting must be a minimum of 100 Lux at the platform and landings, and must have a switch and electrical GFCI outlet.
Contractor/customer to provide emergency lighting. Emergency lighting of 2 Lux must be provided for a minimum of one hour on the platform along the travel route.
**Structural requirements**

**Floor/support wall loads**

A qualified professional must ensure that the building and stairway will safely support all loads imposed by the lift equipment. Adequate structural support must be provided at the top landing, bottom landing and throughout the supporting wall along the stairs.

The pull-out force on the supporting wall will vary depending on the type of rail mounting used (wall brackets or support). Refer to the previous illustration of the guide rail mounting configurations.

All wood studs in the supporting wall must be anchored in the ceiling and the floor to meet the pull-out force requirements. Wood studs must be placed at 16” (404 mm) centres (minimum), solidly anchored in the floor and ceiling.

The floor load will vary depending on the type of rail mounting used (wall brackets or support posts on the steps).

Where required, the rail must be securely fastened to the structural support wall.

**Support load diagram**
Platform – 775 x 1250 mm (30.5 x 49.25”), sheet 1
INLINE ACCESS PLATFORM 775 x 1250 (30.5" x 49.21")

NOTES: An extra 1" of width is required to fold/unfold the platform in tight areas. Post-mounted units need 3.5" more width.
Platform – 720 x 900 mm (28.3 x 35.4”), sheet 1

PLF_OMEGA (720X900)  
STRAIGHT ENTRANCE
INCLINE ACCESS PLATFORM 720 x 900 (28.35" x 35.4")

NOTES: An extra 1" of width is required to fold/unfold the platform in tight areas. Post-mounted units need 3.5" more width.
Lower level clearances

Refer to the charts below for clearance values.

**NOTE**: The values in the charts could change due to site conditions.

**LEGEND**
- L = Platform length
- B = End of rail at bottom landing
- C = End of platform at bottom landing
- F = Top rail distance at top landing
- P = Angle
- S = Overhead minimum (see local code for details/restrictions)

### L = PLATFORM LENGTH 1250 mm (49.25") CAN. CODE US CODE

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Values in tables: mm/inches (unless otherwise specified)
Turning clearances (90 degree curve)

90° CURVE

81 mm (3.2") NOMINAL VALUE

NOTE: The running clearance is 19 mm (0.75") and is not included in the above calculations.
Turning clearances (180 degree curve)

180° CURVE

NOTE: The running clearance is 19 mm (0.75") and is not included in the above calculations.
Standard drive unit clearances

For reference only; dimensions may vary.
Values in table: mm/inches

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Remote controller box dimensions

Thickness: 305 mm (12")
Dimensions are for reference only and may vary.
**NOTE:** It is recommended that the controller box be installed a maximum distance of 30 feet from the motor.

Landing light box dimensions

Thickness: 114 mm (4.5")
Optional drive/controller cabinet dimensions (sheet 1)
Optional drive/controller cabinet dimensions (sheet 2)
Call station dimensions

[Diagram showing call station dimensions with measurements in inches and millimeters]
Sample installation wiring layout