

Traveling with PAP

Can I travel with my device?

Yes, you can travel with your PAP device and there are things that you can do to prepare for travel and/or purchase accessories to make travel easier.

Airport travel

Devices are safe to pass through airport security. PAP machines are considered medical devices and are covered under the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and **do not** count as one of your carry-on items. It is recommended that you carry on this device instead of checking it with your baggage, in case of lost luggage.

- Before packing your PAP machine, make sure the humidifier chamber is empty and dry to prevent spillage and potential damage to your machine.
- Newer machines are small, lightweight, and come standard with a carrying case to make traveling easier.
 - There are travel specific PAP machines if you travel often, that may be worth the money to purchase a secondary, travel specific machine.
- Label your PAP case with a medical equipment luggage tag. However, most TSA agents are familiar with PAP machines, and will easily recognize them as medical equipment.
- Your PAP machine will need to be x-rayed.
 - Take the machine out of the carry case and place in an individual screening bin.

- Your PAP machine will need to be swabbed by an agent to check for explosives residue.
 - If this is the case, you can ask that the agent use a fresh pair of gloves and an unused swab.
- Most newer machines have universal power supplies that can adapt to various voltage.
- Bring extra supplies.
- Check with your specific airline's policy regarding PAP usage in flight if you plan on using your PAP **during** your flight. Also check for a power source (plug by your seat or external battery).

Using a battery as a power source (camping/hunting, loss of power)

Most devices can be powered by an AC/DC power source. Always use the proper DC cord for your PAP machine and look at the manufacturer manual for exact specifications. Newer devices have a built-in voltage detector and will automatically convert to the new voltage settings when plugged in. Outlet adaptors and international adapters are available for purchase.

- The amount of time the battery pack will power your system between recharges depends on your specific machine, pressure and setup.
- Using a heated humidifier and/or heated tubing with the battery pack will significantly reduce run times and may affect overall PAP functionality.
 - To help extend run times
 - Turn the heated humidifiers and heated tubing off when using a PAP battery pack.
 - Heated humidifiers can be used in passover -- non heated -- mode when using a battery pack.

When you receive your external battery pack it may only be partially charged. For best performance it should be fully charged prior to first use. **Note:** Most insurance providers do not cover the cost of an external battery and this is a private pay item.

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