

## **Access Trax® Instruction Manual**

By purchasing this product, you agree to abide by all explicit and implied safety procedures and hold Access Trax, LLC harmless for any personal injury or property damage resulting in the use, transportation, or storage of the product. Risks of use include but are not limited to: injury or property damage. Other risks include increased accessibility, adventure, and happiness!

### **PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:**

Each Access Trax® panel is made from durable, recyclable, UV stable plastic that is approximately 36 x 36 x 0.125 inches in length x width x thickness. There are 3 hinge slits on all four sides to allow for custom pathways. The weight of each panel is approximately 5.2 pounds. The surface meant to be face up and walked or rolled over is the texturized side with the logo. The holes in each panel are for increased traction and are no wider than 0.05 inches in diameter. Hinges are made from industrial grade hook and loop straps. Hinge color may vary based on custom orders. Also sold separately is the carrying strap complete with 1 shoulder pad, 2 carabiners and 2 paracord loops.

Please see Figures 1 and 2 on page 5 to see how two panels look assembled, and how multiple assembled panels look when folded up for storage.

### **USE:**

Access Trax® is a portable, foldable pathway designed for wheeled/pedestrian (i.e. wheelchair, stroller, cart) access over uneven terrain such as sand, gravel, grass, or dirt. Please enjoy the accessible pathway for life's activities responsibly. For ADA compliance recommendations, please see page 4.

### **Caution:**

- Panels may be hot in direct sunlight
- Use caution when wet

### **Prohibited uses:**

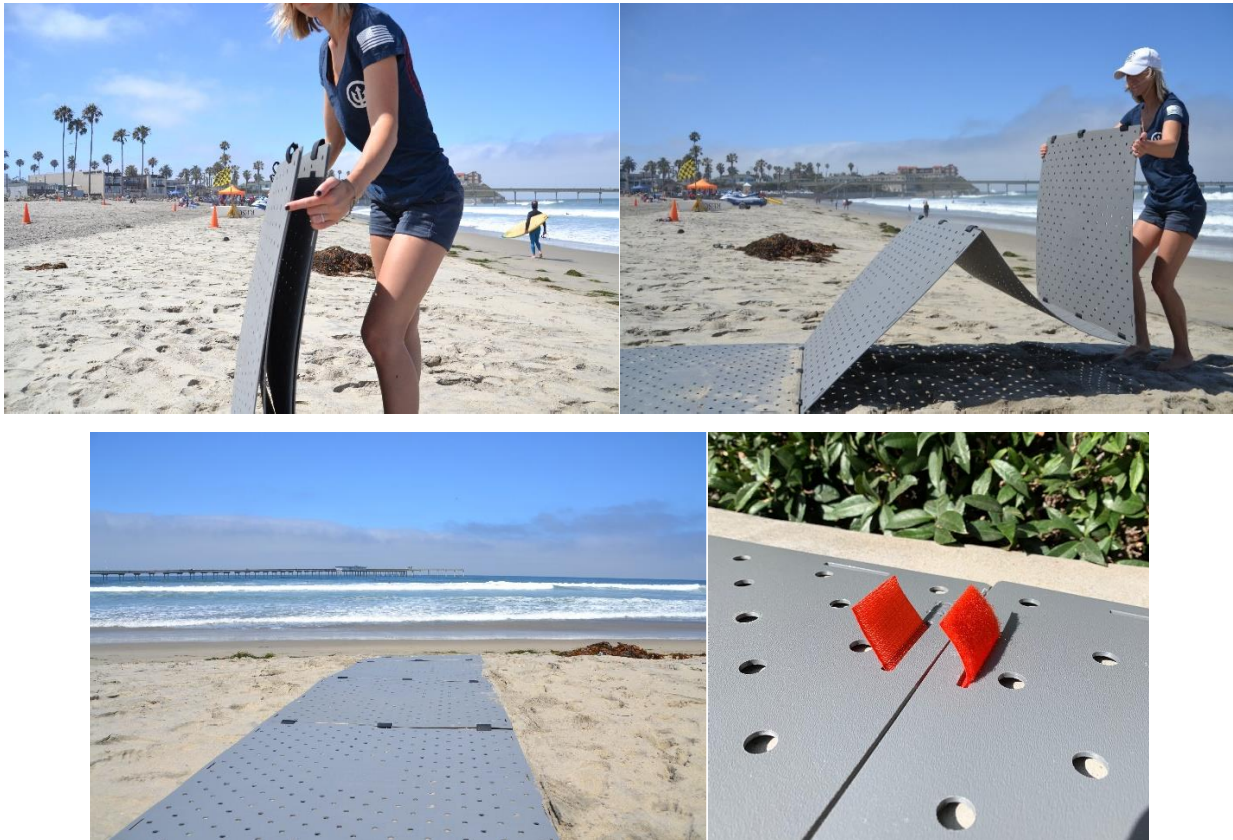
- As a bridge or ramp
- Over unstable terrain which could collapse
- On steep inclines or declines
- Do not use near open flame
- Do not run/roll at unsafe speed

- Not intended for vehicles (although lifeguard trucks may cross perpendicular)
- Do not leave unsupervised near ocean tide line

When hinged together in a straight configuration, the pathway is designed to fold out over the underlying surface. **The texturized surface with the logo in the middle is the upright surface.**

**To unfold**, start with panels stacked upright and grasp all but the 2 furthest from your body (see image below, left). Start to move away from the stack of panels down the intended path, releasing 2 panels from your grasp at a time (see image below, right). Stop once all panels are unfolded in the desired location. Adjust as necessary.

The **panels may be staked down through the holes at each corner if desired** (materials not included). Before using the pathway, inspect to make sure the panels do not overlap, that there are no gaps between panels larger than 0.5 inches, the hinges remain secure and the panels are not damaged.

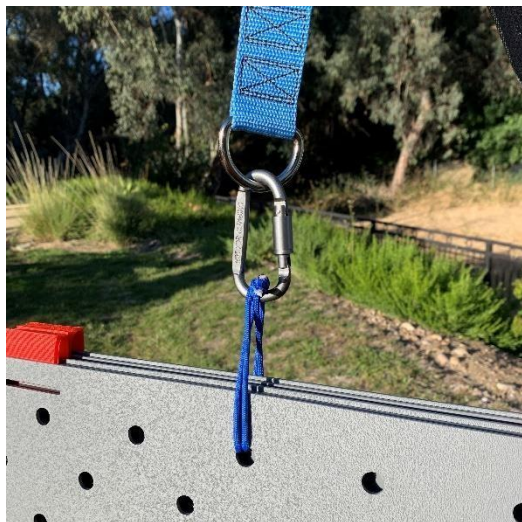


**To secure a hinge**, simply place one end through a panel hinge slit with the hook (rough) side facing up, and thread through the corresponding hinge slit on the opposite panel (see image above, right). Leave approximately 1/4 of an inch gap between panels when hinged together to allow folding to occur. Secure the loop (fuzzy) side to the hook side with an overlap of at least 1 inch in order to get the best grip. Secure all three hinges when connecting panels. Panels may be hinged together in any configuration desired (ex. In a single or double wide path, large

square area, etc.). If the configuration is anything other than single wide in one direction, consider unhinging before folding for transport, as it will not be able to accordion fold easily.

**To fold up** Access Trax®, start at one end and pick up the panel, moving towards the other end while **folding in an accordion style** (ex. Alternating panel surfaces touching bottom to bottom and top to top). You may choose to un-hinge panels to decrease the amount of folding per section.

**To use the optional carrying strap**, simply stack the panels with the holes lined up, and thread the paracord through the desired holes on the panels (see image below, left). Connect the carabiner to both ends of the paracord and through the D-ring of the carrying strap; repeat for both sides. Lock carabiners by rotating the nut to prevent unclaspings; rotate opposite direction to unlock. Once secure, use the strap over the shoulder with shoulder cushion and carry to desired location.



## TRANSPORTATION:

The pathway panels should not be transported in a manner or with a quantity which would put the user at risk for bodily injury. Use proper lifting/carrying mechanics. We do not recommend carrying more than 8-10 panels at a time. During vehicle transport, securely strap down the product and be sure to adhere to vehicle weight restrictions. Access Trax® are designed to be able to fit into the trunk or backseat of most standard passenger vehicles when the track is folded into its stacked configuration (see Figure 2).

## STORAGE:

Access Trax® are made of a recyclable plastic designed to withstand temperatures of up to at least 130 degrees Fahrenheit without melting. It is recommended to **store flat in a cool, dry place**. If the product becomes warped in one direction, simply flip over onto the other side to allow gravity to restore it to its flat configuration.

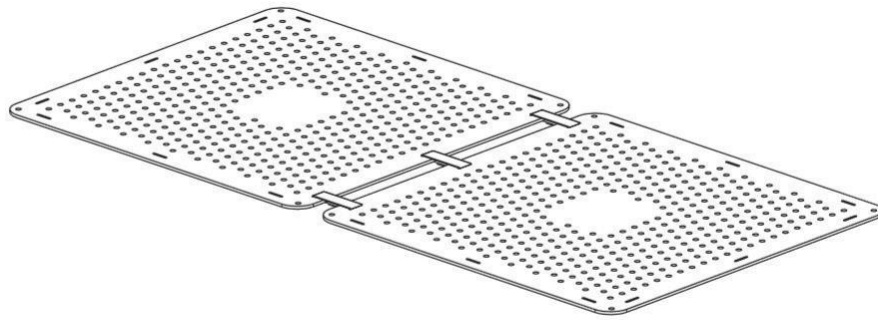
**NOTE FOR ADA-COMPLIANCE:**

According to the **Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines**, Outdoor Developed Areas: portable pathways must be 60 inches wide. **Access Trax connected double wide exceeds this minimum** at 72 inches wide. Please see image below for an example. This is important to allow enough room for people to pass each other along the path.

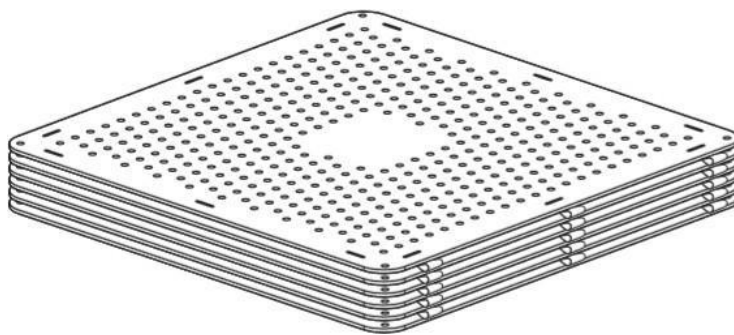
**WARRANTY:**

Access Trax, LLC provides a limited 180 day manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship of the panels only. If a panel cracks, please do not continue using and contact us right away. The warranty does not protect against damage caused by misuse or intentional or accidental damage. Please see additional warranty information provided in the Terms and Conditions of Sale document found at [www.accesstraxsd.com](http://www.accesstraxsd.com).

**Figure 1. Two Panels Connected**



**Figure 2. Panels Folded and Stacked**



**Thank you for your purchase. We hope you find happiness wherever your path leads!**