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SUBJECT slow moving vehicle bill

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II. Senate Bill 29

Relating to: low speed vehicles, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

"Senate Amendment 1 by Senator Grobschmidt pending."

Carson Frazier - DOT

Dave Meilahn - GEM Distributors



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April 24, 2001

To: Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

From: Gail Sumi, Intergovernmental Coordinator

Re: SB 29, Low-Speed Vehicles

The Wisconsin Alliance of Cities opposes SB 29, related to the operation of low-speed vehicles, unless amended to allow municipalities to prohibit or further restrict their operation within a municipality.

Safety was the main concern of the Alliance city leaders when they voted to oppose this legislation last session. The vehicle's top speed is between 20 and 25 miles-per-hour. Problems could result from mixing low-speed vehicles and conventional motor vehicles on local streets and roads, even those with a speed limit of 35, 25 mph or less. We all know there are streets where the posted limit is not usually adhered to by motorists or where terrain or other impediments might prove to be safety concerns. But you don't know which streets create public safety concerns as you sit here today. It is not something you can legislate from the Capitol.

Let local policy makers decide which streets low-speed vehicles may be operated on based upon their knowledge of local traffic and safety conditions. We ask that you support an amendment allowing for local control.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

NEV Commuter Specifications

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Drive: Direct coupling to helical geared differential. Electric overdrive.

Motor: 48 volt - 4.1 HP @ 3500 RPM totally enclosed; Class H NEMA temperature Rating.

Speed Controls: Infinitely variable, solid state 275 AMP thermal protection, 25 MPH maximum speed (overdrive).

Brakes: Auto-adjust, mechanical drum on each rear wheel. Automatic release parking brake.

Batteries: Eight, 6-volt heavy duty 220 AMP/hour deep cycle.

Frame Type: High strength, low alloy tubular steel; Electrostatically powder coated.

Steering: Auto-Adjusting, Speed Balanced Automotive Rack and Pinion.

Suspension: Front, Multi-Leaf Spring With Dual Shock Absorbers.
Rear, Dual Coil Springs With Dual Shock Absorbers.

Front Console: 4 Drink Cup Holders; 8 Tee Holders, Golf Ball Holder, Storage Compartments and Storage Pocket For Driver and Passenger.

Directional Control: Dash Mounted Safety Directional Keyswitch.

Body: Rhino-Tuffsm Polymer front body; Composite polymer rear body.

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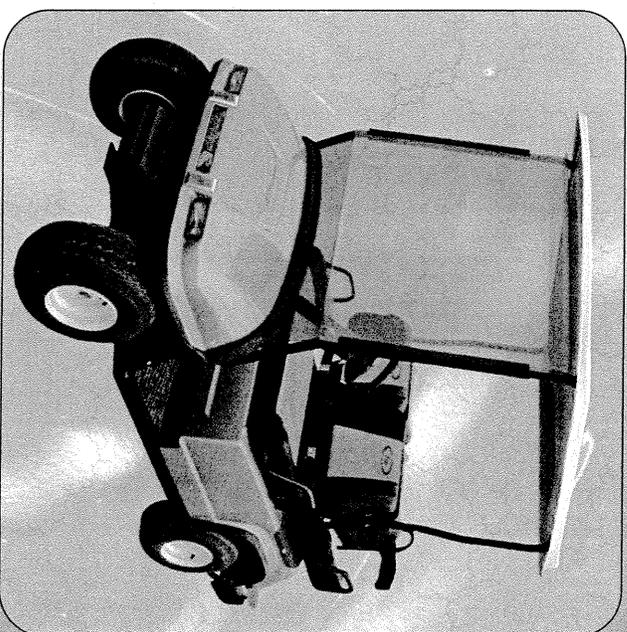
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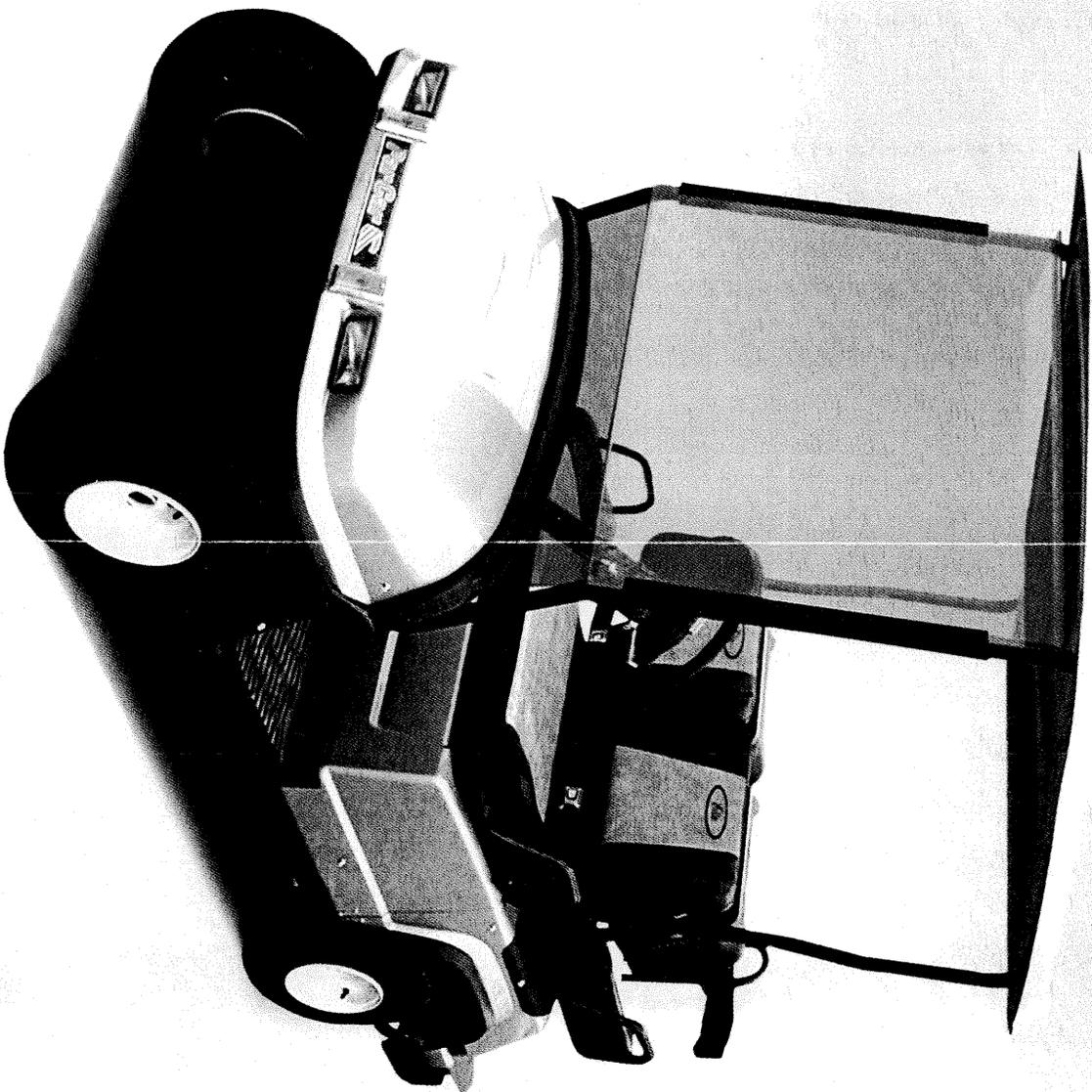
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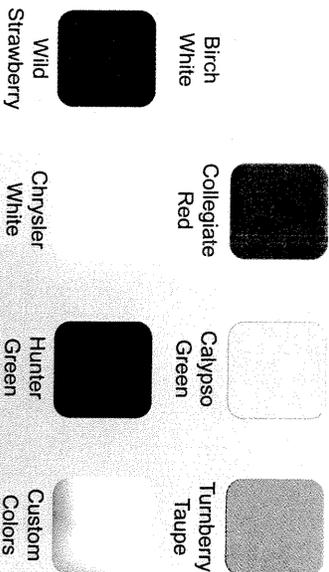
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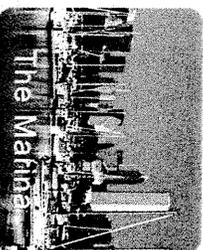
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- ◆ 25 MPH top speed in overdrive mode.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM, and TRANSPORTATION

March 7, 2001

SB 29: LOW - SPEED VEHICLES

Remarks, Carson P. Frazier

SB 29 creates a new category of motor vehicle in Wisconsin, called "low-speed vehicle." This bill is necessary because, in June 1998, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) promulgated rules that classify low-speed vehicles as motor vehicles. Wisconsin law does not currently deal with these vehicles.

Low-speed vehicles originally became popular in warm-climate states. LSV's have a top speed of 20 - 25 miles per hour. NHTSA equipment requirements are less stringent than for motor vehicles having top speeds above 25 miles per hour.

This bill almost completely embodies the Wisconsin DOT policy recommendations for comprehensive treatment of low-speed vehicles. We've considered safety, operational, equipment, drivers' licensing, commerce and consumer protection aspects of LSV's. We believe our recommendation balances individual interests with state and local public interest in promoting safety of all traveling vehicles.

The bill defines a low-speed vehicle as originally manufactured to meet the federal definition of a low-speed vehicle. It also specifically distinguishes a LSV from a golf cart. Also, LSV manufacturers and dealers would be subject to Wisconsin dealer licensing and trade practice laws, and the vehicles would be subject to Wisconsin's lemon law.

I would like to thank Senator Breske and the Assembly author, and all the parties who have an interest in this bill, for their full support of DOT's comprehensive policy approach. Everyone has been remarkably unified in making sure we have a well-thought-out and comprehensive treatment of these vehicles.

The bill contains one difference from DOT's policy recommendation.

DOT recommended that LSV operation be limited to local streets with posted speed limits of up to 25 mph. SB 29 allows LSV's to operate on local streets posted at speed limits of up to 35 mph, but local governments may by ordinance restrict LSV operation to streets with posted speed limits up to 25 mph.

LSV's cannot travel faster than 25 mph. For safety, DOT strongly believes that LSV's should not operate in traffic traveling at speeds above 25 mph. We know that differential speed is a significant cause of crashes. Research has shown that the greater the speed differentials, the greater the chance of crashes. LSV's are very light and could be quite vulnerable in crashes.

We all know that even on streets posted at 25 mph, some traffic will be going faster; and on streets posted at 35 mph, some traffic will be going 40 or 45 mph – or more. And we also know that slow-moving vehicles sometimes cause people to react with “road rage.”

We recognize that SB 29 allows a local government to restrict LSV operation in its jurisdiction. And, we are extremely pleased with the rest of the bill. So, we will not oppose SB 29 because of this provision.

But we do want to clearly state our concern – which is based on well-established engineering research – about allowing LSV operation on streets posted above 25 mph.

Thank you very much for considering SB 29.

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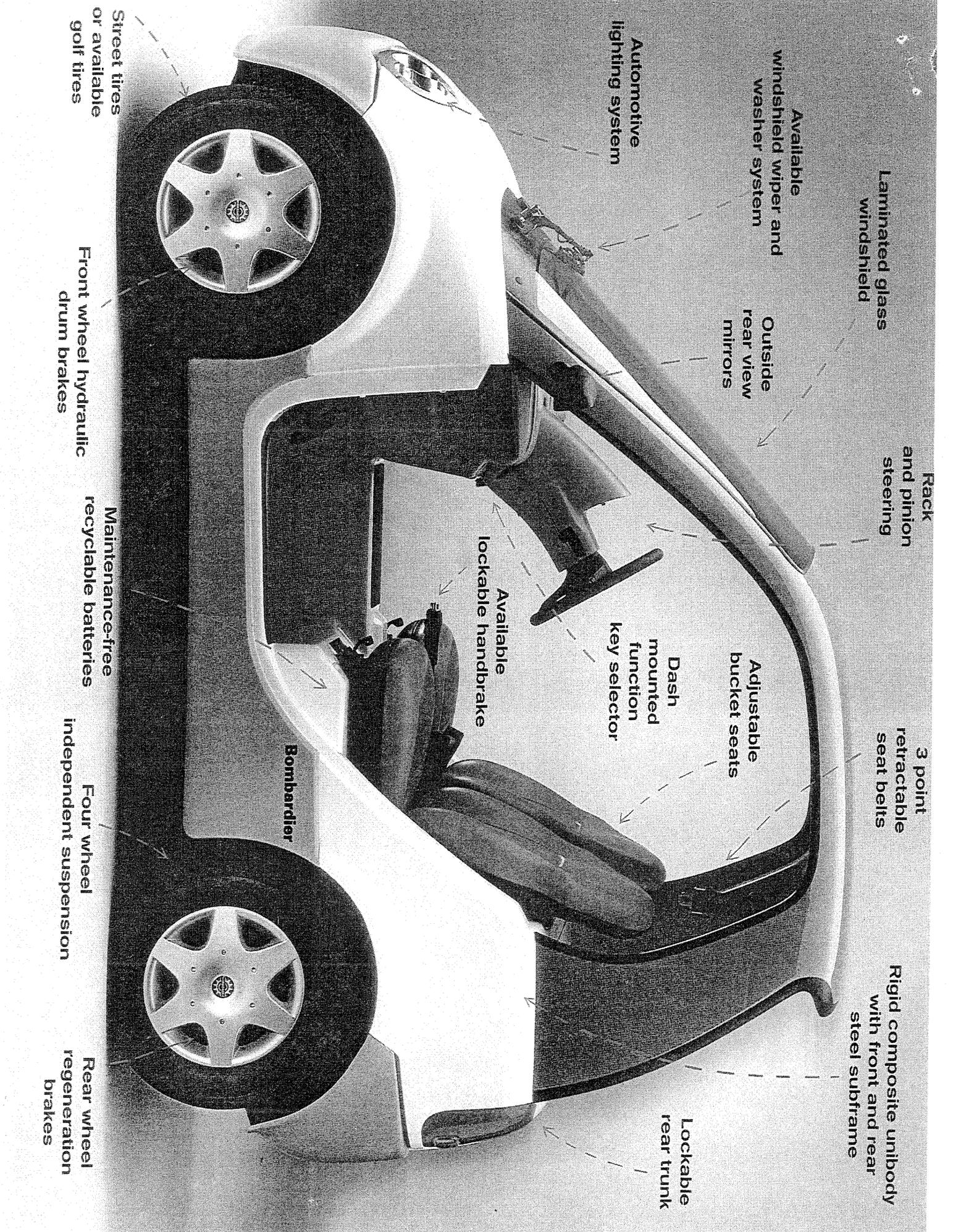


LSV's/NEV's meet federal NHTSA Standard 500 equipment requirements, including requirements in Wisconsin Ch. Trans 303 governing Specially Designed Vehicles (SDV's). A SDV is intended for special cases when an operator may not be eligible for a regular drivers license. LSV's are eligible to be used for this operation and can offer reasonable travel to persons unable to hold a regular drivers license.

Wisconsin needs to pass this legislation to allow all groups fair access to inexpensive safe transportation that is environmentally friendly.

LSV's/NEV's are appropriate use vehicles in speed zones of less than 35 MPH. In other states LSV's/NEV's have reduced traffic congestion, air pollution, improved access for the handicapped, while providing inexpensive, safe and fun transportation for the users.

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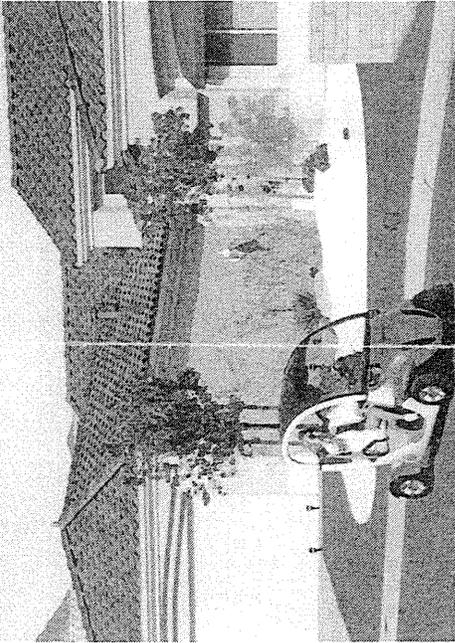
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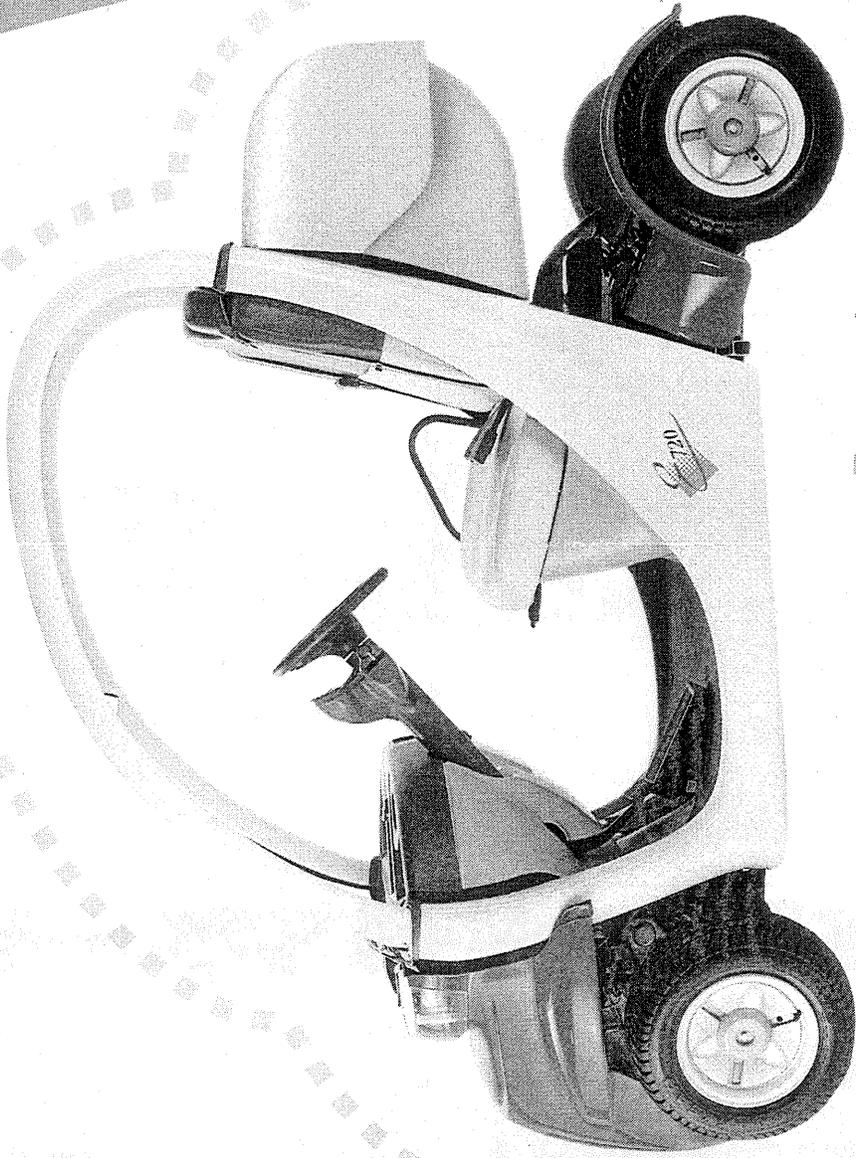
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