

# Walkabout™

## **'Pathfinder'**™ *non battery powered carrier*

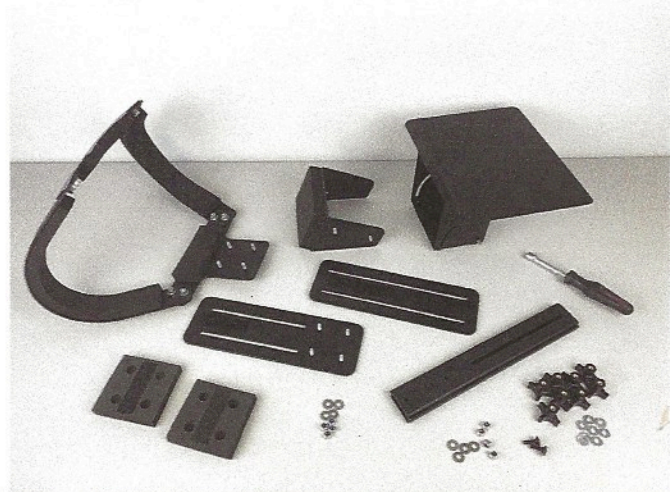


## **"Pathfinder"** **User's Guide** **Updated October 2022**

Your Walkabout Carrier will arrive partially preassembled in two to three pieces depending upon the model purchased.

The Yoke or shoulder harness, the vertical brackets, and the battery box.

Follow the assembly instructions carefully and you will be up and 'Walking About' in no time!



**ONE NOTE ABOUT WASHERS!**

Washers are made by a machine that punches the shape from sheets of metal.

The top side is smooth, shiny, and polished in appearance.

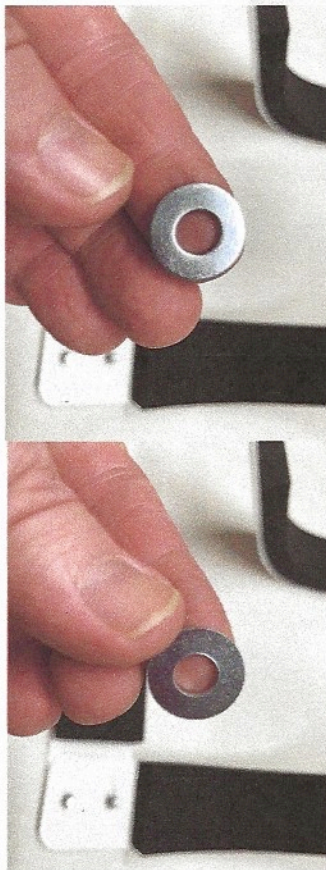
The bottom side is rough, dull, and scratchy to the touch.

**WHEN ASSEMBLING YOUR WALKABOUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP:**

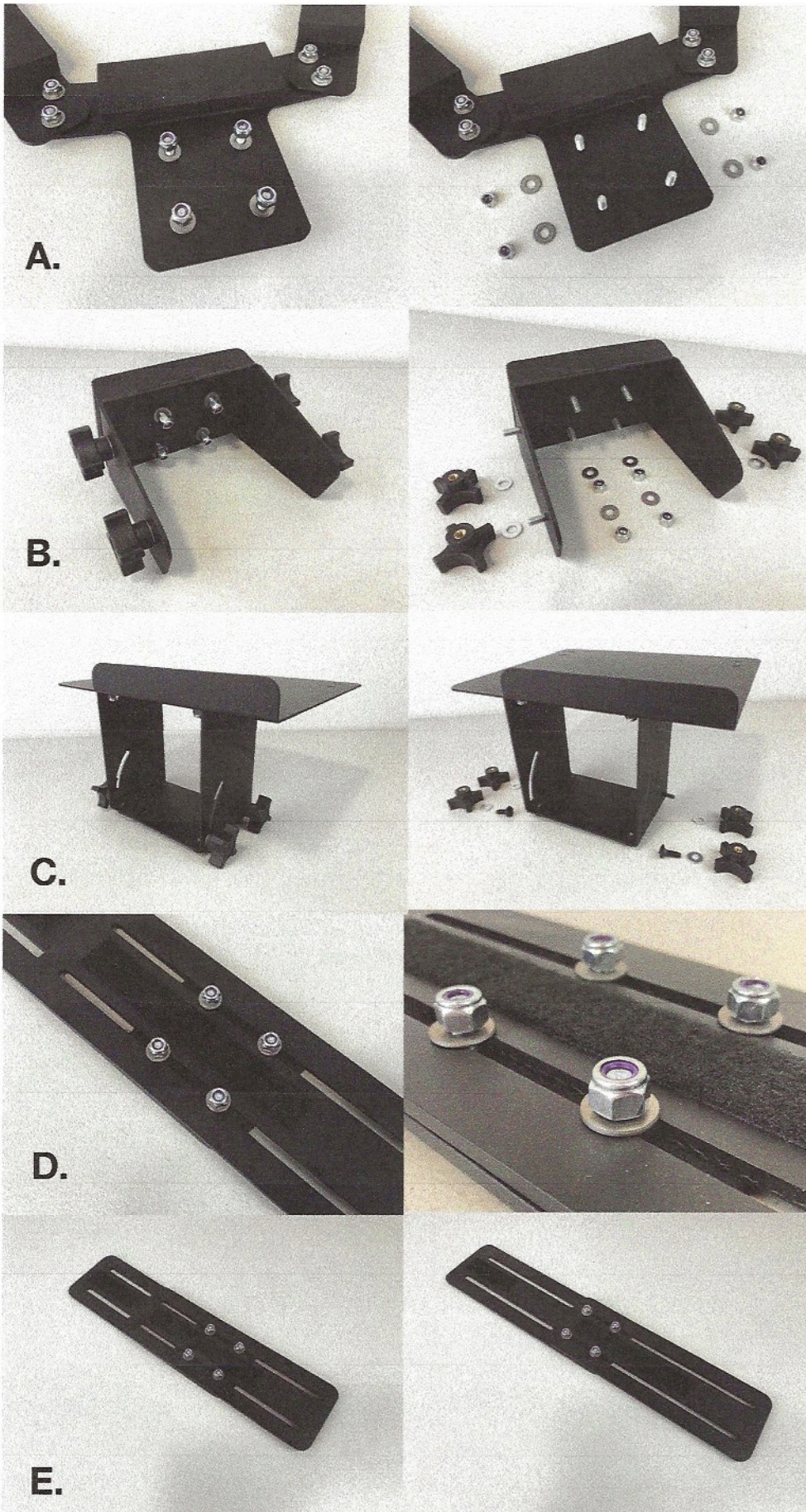
Shiny, smooth side toward the painted surface of the metal.

Dull, scratchy side AWAY from the painted surface of the metal.

This will prevent scratches or potential damage to the painted surface and keep your Walkabout looking nicer.



Ok... Let's have a closer look into the details of your new Walkabout Pathfinder Carrier!



Your Walkabout Pathfinder Carrier will arrive mostly preassembled, but alas... assembly is still required.

The first thing you'll need to do is remove *most* of the fasteners from the preassembled brackets.

**\*Most meaning not everything!**

**\*You do not have to remove the fasteners at the ends of the shoulder straps. They will be loose, but DO NOT remove the fasteners!**

**\*Simply spread the shoulder straps all the way apart from each other then tighten with the nut driver tool provided.**

**A. Start with the four lock nuts and washers on the 'Yoke' or shoulder straps.**

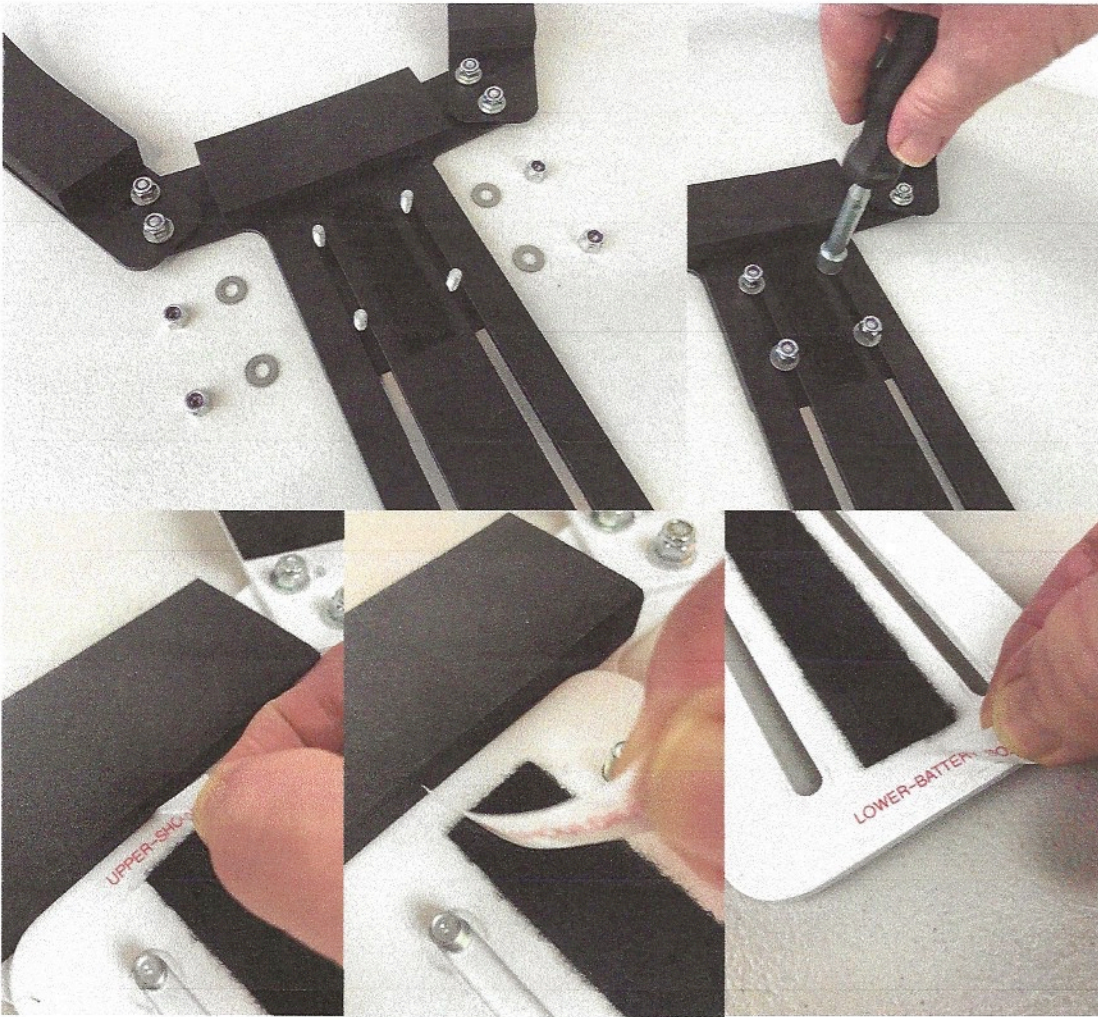
**B. Then remove the same from the base bracket, as well as the black plastic knobs and washers on the sides.**

**C. Next do the same to the riser bracket and mounting plate assembly.**

**D. \*You do not have to remove the fasteners on the vertical brackets, they will be mostly loose.**

**E. Extend the vertical brackets all the way then tighten them down with the nut driver tool.**

***Good work!***



**Alrighty!**

Now let's attach the vertical brackets to the Yoke with the washers and lock nuts.

Remember now!  
Smooth side TOWARD  
the painted surface.

Scratchy side AWAY  
from the painted surface!

Also, you might see a couple of little stickers indicating which side goes up (shorter velcro) and which goes down (longer piece of velcro)

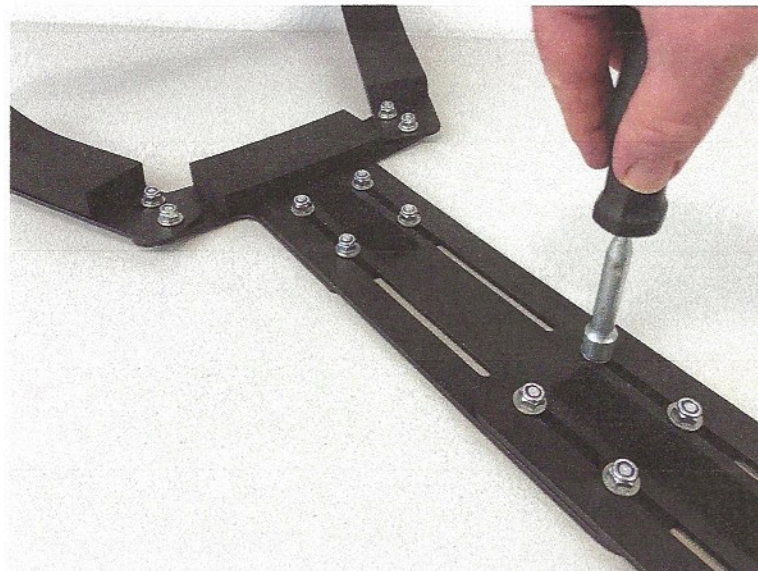
Got it?... Good!

Just go ahead a peel those off! No one wants to see those stupid things anyway.  
Cool?... COOL!!!

Continue to tighten the lock nuts along the length of the vertical brackets as shown. —>

Don't over tighten as you may need to make some slight adjustments as you determine the best fit for the carrier on your body.

Once the entire carrier is assembled, you can make some adjustments here and there to arrive at the best fit for you.

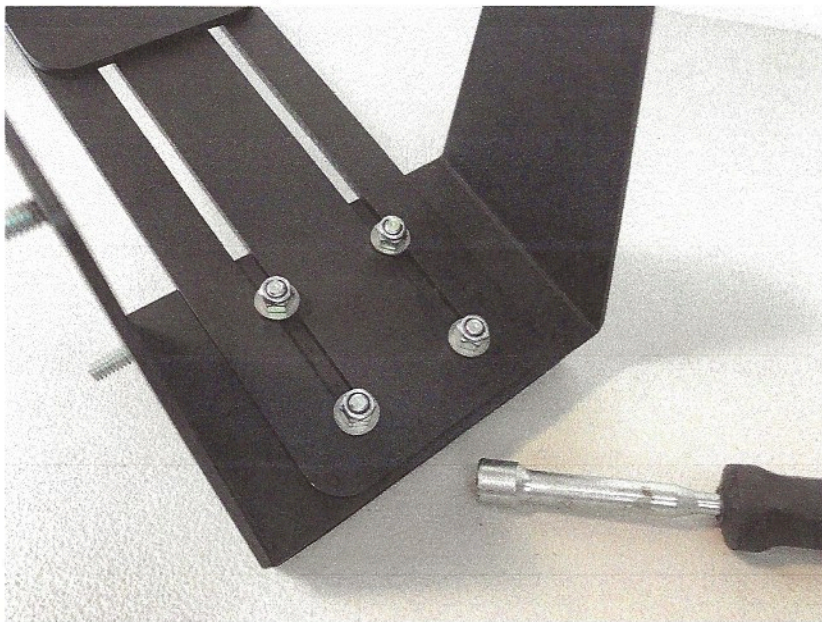
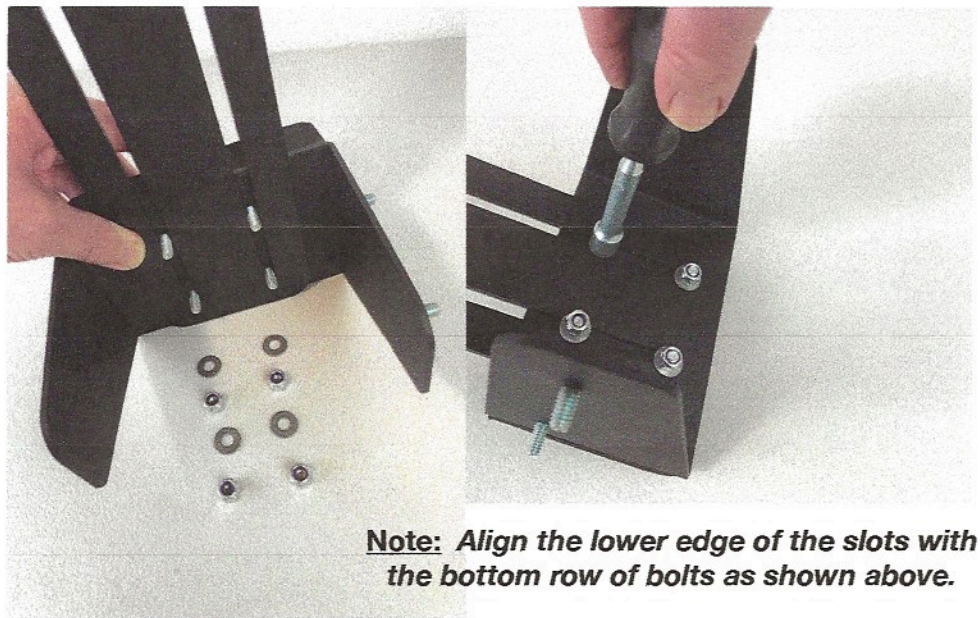


**Nice job düde!**  
**You're doing great!**  
**Keep up the good work!**

**Hey!**  
**Look at that!**  
**It's coming**  
**together nicely!**

Now let's attach the  
Yoke and vertical brackets  
to the base bracket.

Start by removing the  
lock nuts and washers  
from the base bracket.  
(If you haven't done so already)



Place the washers  
(scratchy side away from  
the paint yadda yadda  
Come on...You should  
know this by now!)  
and then the lock nuts  
onto the bolts and tighten  
down with the nut driver  
as shown on the left.

**Look at you...**  
**Very professional!**

**Now comes the tricky part...**

**(Insert diabolical laughter)**

**But seriously if you want  
to take a break for a minute  
stretch your legs, grab a breath  
of fresh air what ever you need.**

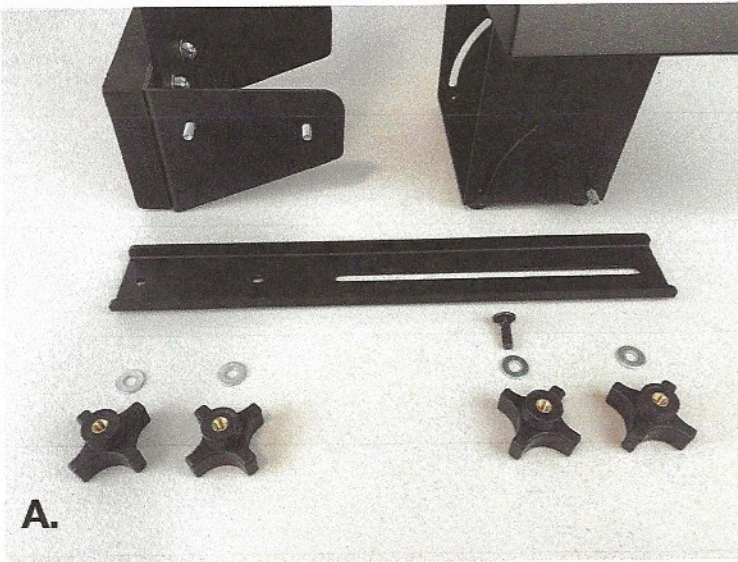
**Because all the exciting stuff starts now!**

**Ok!**  
**Let's do this!**

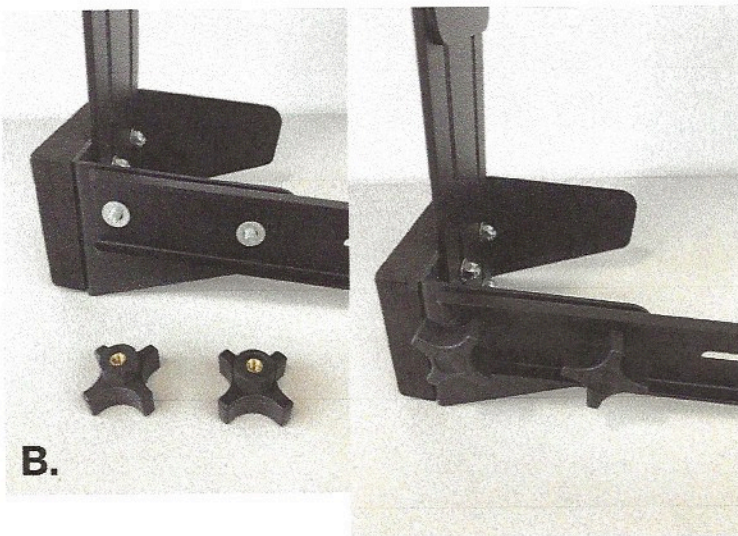
Now we're going to join the base bracket to the riser bracket/mounting plate assembly.

**NOTE:** It's always best to assemble **ONE SIDE** first! Then assemble the other side.

So let's get started!

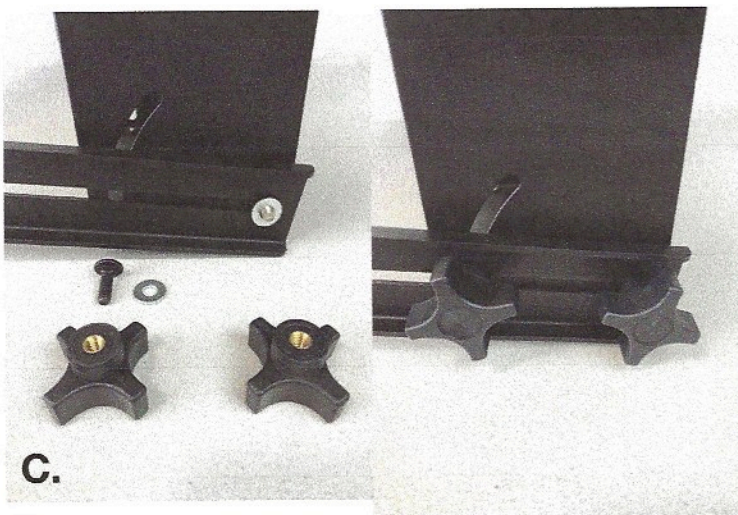


A. In the picture at the left you will see the **right side** of the carrier with the side rail and all the fasteners you will need.



B. Place the two holes of the side rail over the two bolts. Then place the washers... *(How do we place the washers?...)* and then secure the side rail in place with two black knobs, twisting each until they make contact.

You can tighten them by hand. No tools are needed. Just don't over do it. You'll be able to feel that they're securely tightened down.



C. Next we'll attach the riser bracket and mounting plate assembly to the front slot of the side rail. This slot allows you to adjust the distance from the body.

You'll also notice an 'arc slot' in the riser bracket. This goes toward the body so you can adjust the 'tilt' position of the controller.

There will be one loose bolt that fits in the arc slot from the inside. Go ahead and place the washers and the knobs in place. Hand tighten as needed to secure in place. You still may need to adjust the position of this bracket later on so hang... *tight!*

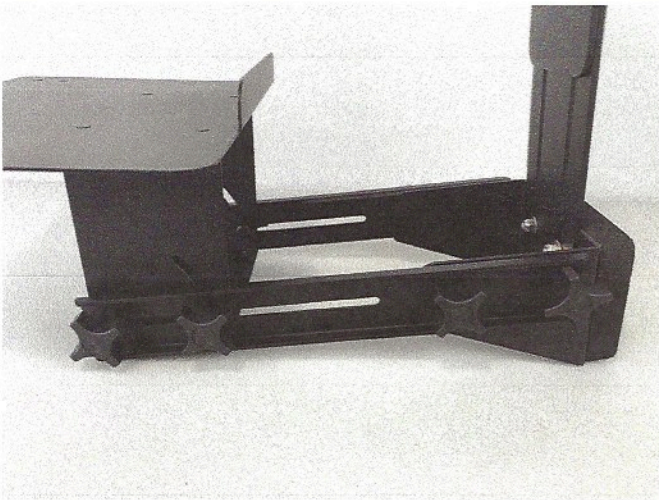
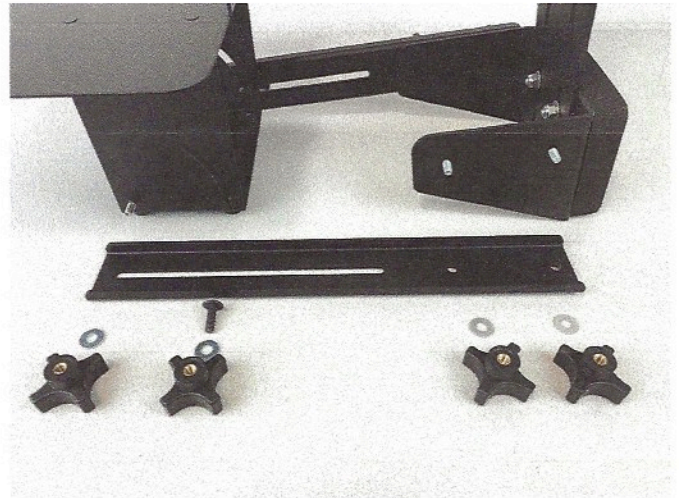
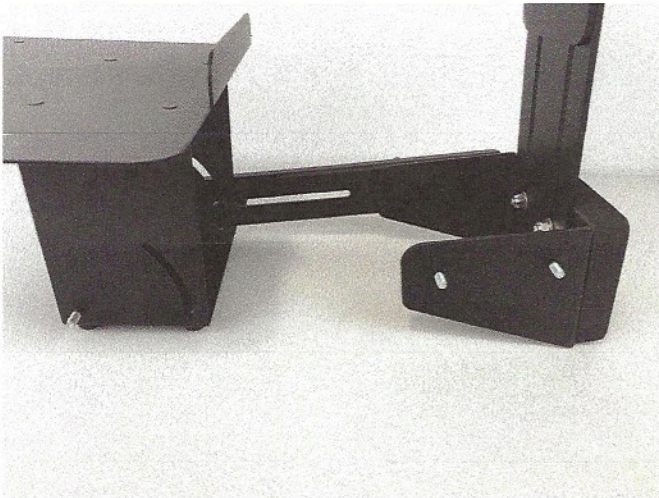


***You got this!***

Now all you have to do is flip the carrier around and repeat the process on the other side!

**Easy Peezy!**

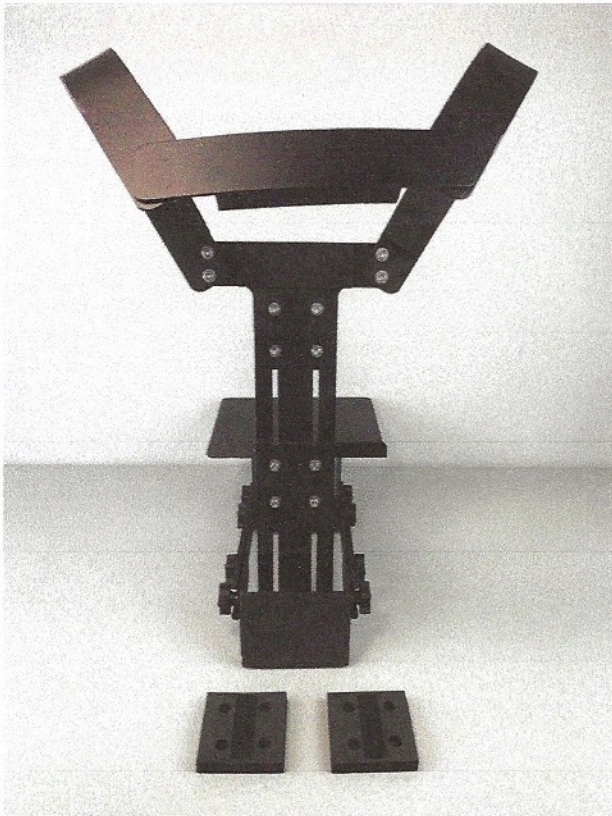
**Seriously, you got this come on now.**



***And... Voilà!***

That's literally French for  
**"Look at that!"**

***You're a rock star!***



## ***Well look at that!***

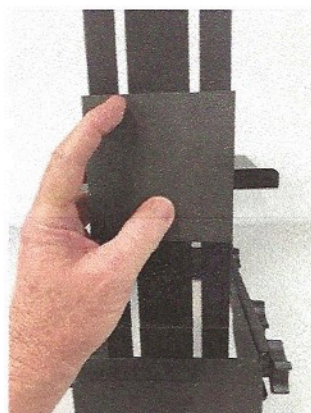
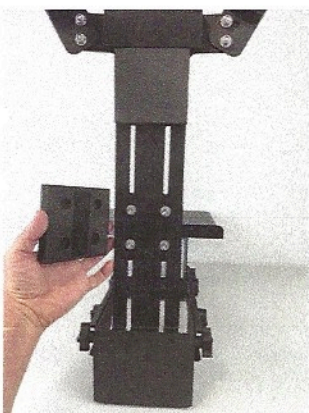
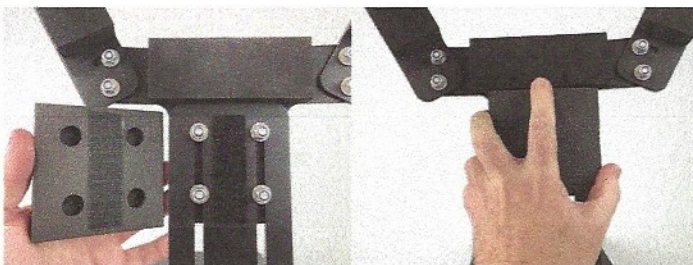
Your Walkabout Carrier is almost all set up.

Ok now let's apply the finishing touches. In your kit, you should see a few foam rubber squares with four holes and a vertical strip of sticky velcro.

These are called "Tummy Pads" and they are designed to offer some padding for greater comfort while performing.

The Tummy Pads are placed over the lock nut/bolt configurations.

The vertical velcro strip will coincide with the corresponding velcro strip on the vertical adjustment brackets.





## *A few words about Velcro!*

**Velcro is awesome!**

**We strongly recommend the use of generous velcro adhesive backed strips to secure your keyboard controller, DJ controller, rhythm machine controller, or whatever other instruments you wish to use with your Walkabout Pathfinder Carrier.**

**When properly installed, velcro can reliably secure objects together and still be able to safely separate them when needed.**

**We will show you some tips about how to install velcro strips to both the Walkabout Carrier shelf surface, and the underside of the controller you wish to use.**



## *Included with your Walkabout Pathfinder:*

**An extra tummy pad, 7/16" nut driver, velcro hook & loop adhesive backed strips, and a few spare fasteners.**

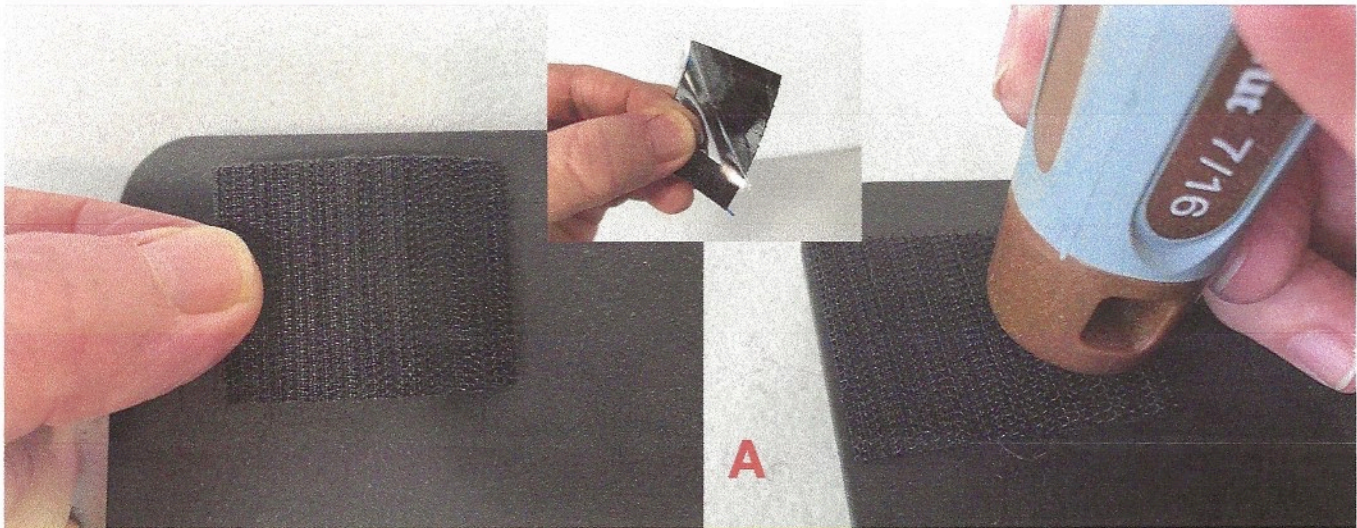
## *Keep it clean!*

**Make sure to clean the surfaces with rubbing alcohol to ensure all grease, dust or dirt is removed.**

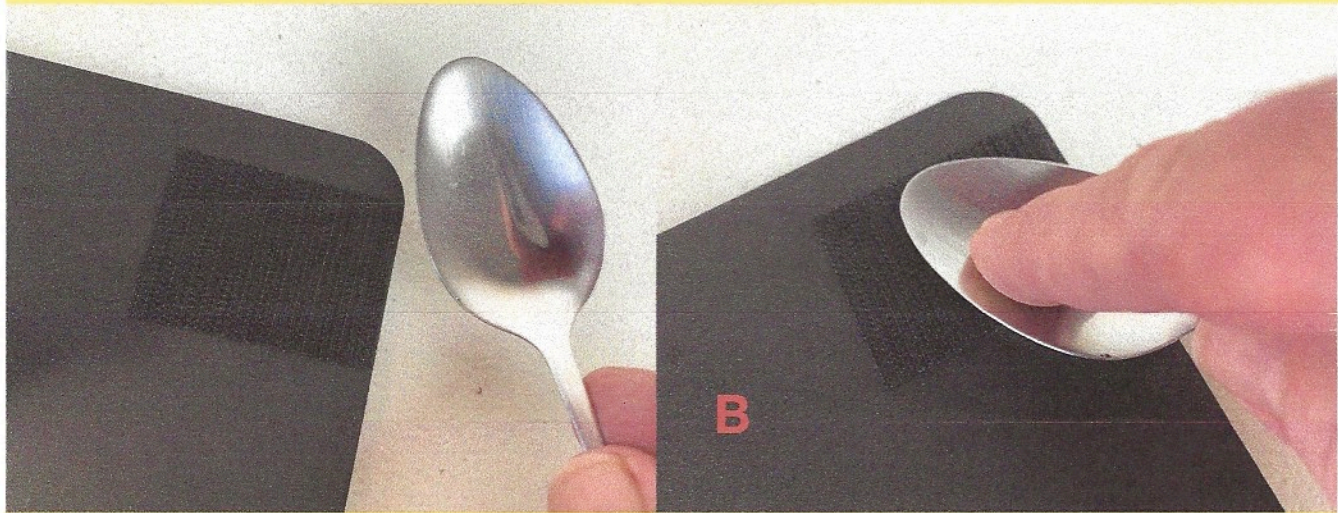
**This will help the adhesive backing of the velcro stick better.**



**NOTE: Properly securing the velcro to the surfaces is vitally important to ensure your instrument stays securely attached to the carrier shelf!**



**NOTE: Peel the clear plastic from the adhesive backing and place the velcro in the desired places.**

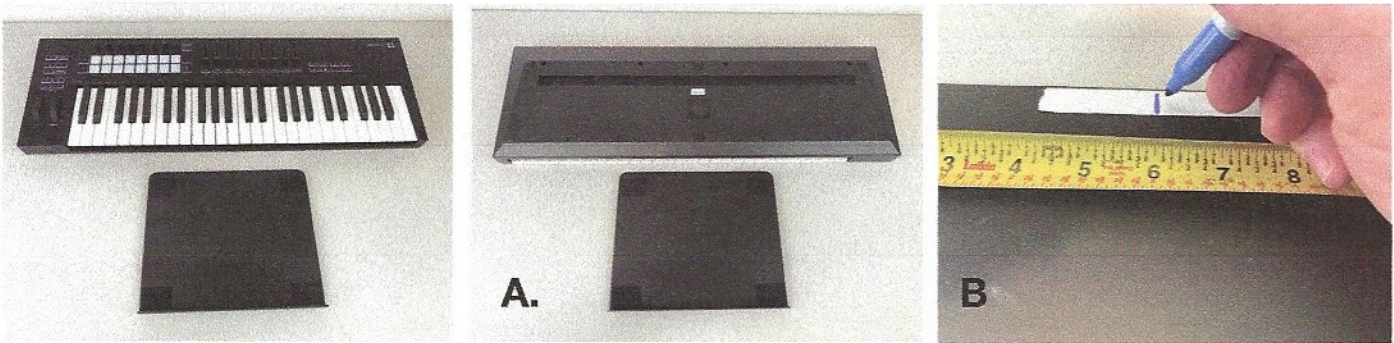


**NOTE: Now press down firmly on top of the velcro to push the adhesive onto the clean surface using consistent pressure across the entire piece for at least 30 seconds.**

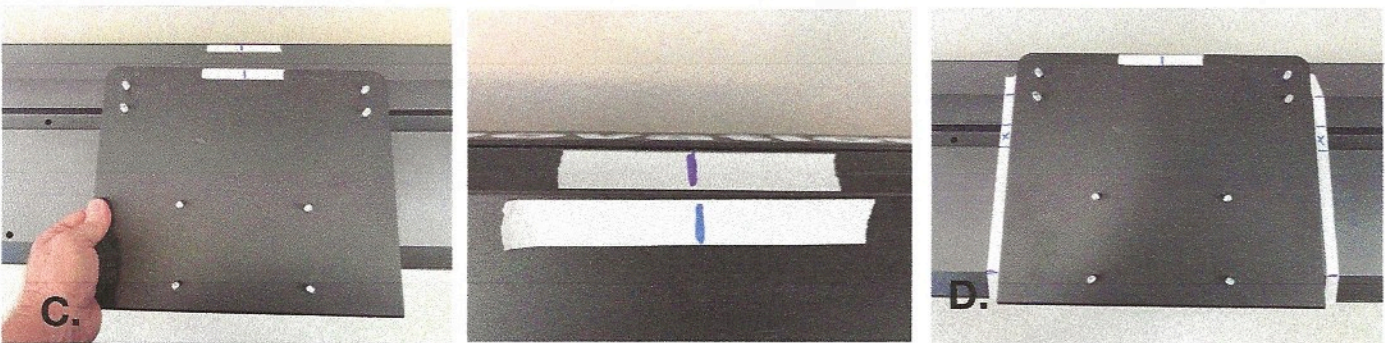
**USE SOME SOLID TOOL SURFACE TO HELP PRESS DOWN ON THE VELCRO - LIKE THE END OF THE NUT DRIVER (A), OR EVEN A SPOON FROM THE KITCHEN (B)**

**This technique is called “burnishing” and will help maximize the adhesive attaching to the surface.**

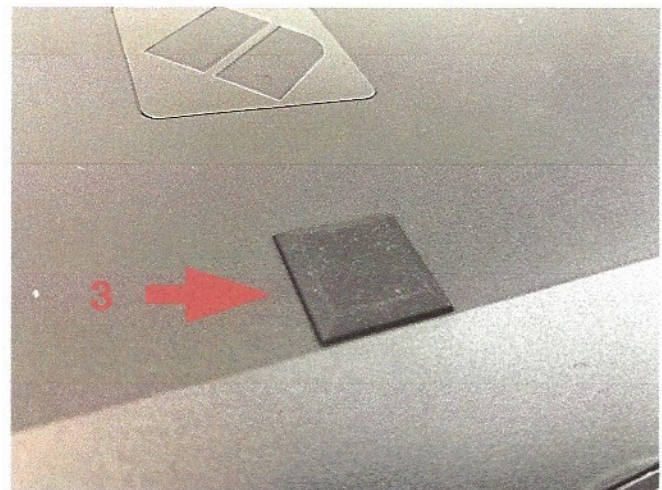
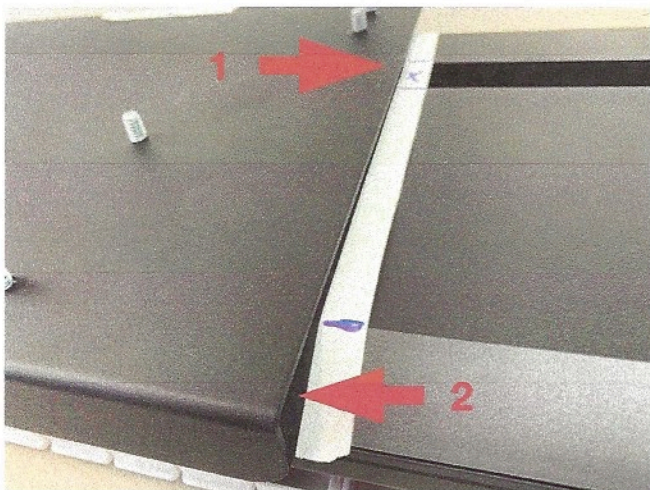
## VELCRO PLACEMENT DEMONSTRATION SCENARIO USING A KEYBOARD CONTROLLER:



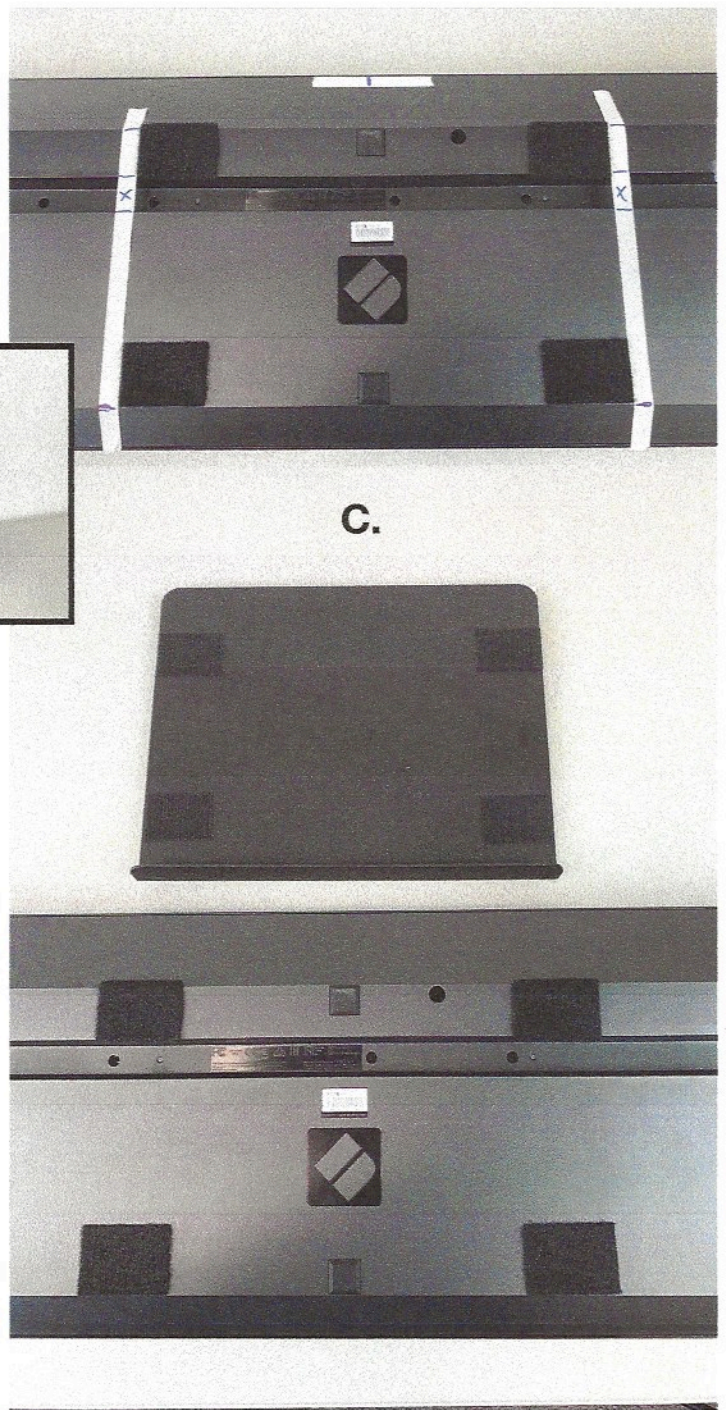
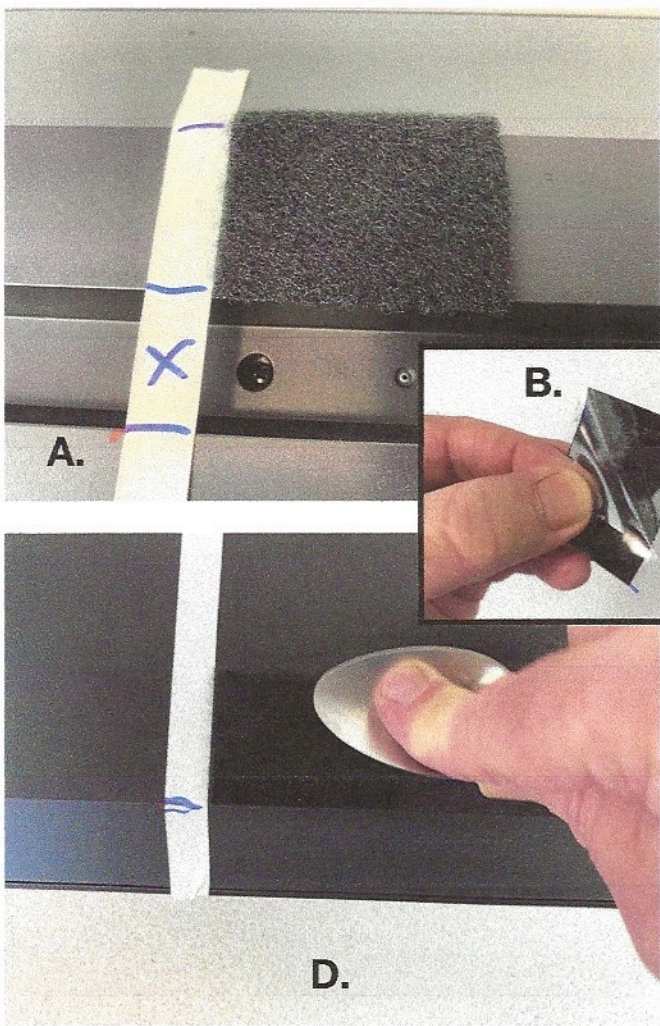
This is the basic approach to attaching the velcro adhesive backed strips to the underside of your electronic musical instrument or controller. A. First, we want to gently flip the controller over to reveal the underside. B. Next we want to find the center of both the controller and the mounting shelf. One easy tip - use a piece of tape to mark the center. C. Do this for both the mounting shelf and the controller. Next, place the mounting shelf surface on the controller's underside, then find and align the center markings. D. Now place additional pieces of tape on each side of the mounting shelf edge to help determine where the velcro strips should be placed.



*Be careful to note where there may be voids (1) or angles (2) on the bottom surface of the controller. You might also have rubber feet or bumpers (3) on the underside of the controller. (red arrow) These may or may not need to be removed in order to properly mount the controller to the shelf using the velcro strip strategy.*

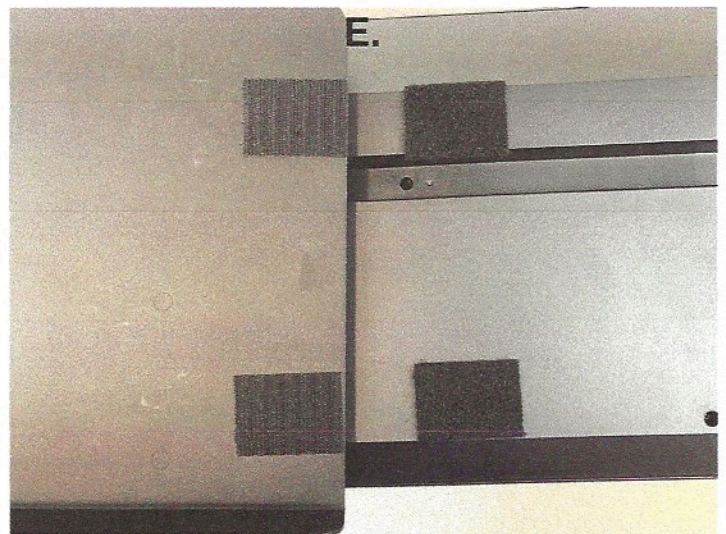


Velcro needs a 'flat surface to flat surface connection' to ensure the best results!



## ***Velcro!***

- A. Now that we have our tape guides set,
- B. peel the clear plastic cover from the adhesive backed side.
- C. Place the velcro strips where desired.
- D. Burnish the velcro with a flat surface tool (spoon works!) to maximize contact of the adhesive backing with the controller underside.
- E. When complete, your velcro strips should match positions on both the top of the mounting shelf surface and the bottom of the controller.





Now we can gently place the controller onto the mounting shelf.\*

Align the velcro strips and press them together to obtain the best grip.

Verify the controller is properly secured to the carrier mounting shelf before placing the carrier and controller on your body.

**Safety first!...**

***For both you and the controller!***

***Congrats!***

***Now find a new path and go Walkabout!***

***Enjoy!***

***\* To separate, gently lift the controller off of the carrier from one side toward the other. You should hear the hook & loop pulling loose until it's cleared.***

**This page is left for your personal notes.**



# ***Walkabout Carriers***

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