

# Genium

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## Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

### **Who can wear the Genium?**


The Genium can be worn by leg amputees with an amputation level at the knee or higher, having a maximum body weight of 150 kg (330 lbs). It is suitable for highly active patients and those with moderate mobility. Active users who want to move, go to work and desire independence in their free time can benefit from the advantages of the Genium.

### **What are the key advantages of the Genium for the user?**

With the Genium, users have the possibility to replicate a virtually natural gait pattern. This results in a natural body posture, which protects the entire locomotor system and avoids one-sided strain on the body. The Genium is the first passive leg prosthesis system that makes it possible to climb stairs step-over-step. For single steps or smaller obstacles such as curbs, the user can use the prosthetic limb as the leading leg. Furthermore, the intelligent standing function permits relaxed standing, even on inclines and rough surfaces. Thanks to these innovative functions, the user can walk intuitively with the Genium and naturally integrate it for personal mobility. Thinking about specific movement patterns or individual steps becomes a thing of the past.

### **Who fits users with the Genium?**

Certified fittings with the Genium are carried out by prosthetists at select medical supply companies. Proven experience in transfemoral prosthetics, special training with an examination and the corresponding technical equipment of the medical supply company are required in order to professionally fit users with the Genium. The goal of a fitting is to restore a maximum of mobility and



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independence in daily life to disabled people. The German social court has ruled that persons not affected by disability should always be the benchmark.

## **Can the Genium be tested by prospective users?**

Many certified medical supply companies offer trial fittings. In a detailed consultation, prosthetists provide information about the trial fitting, which usually takes place over the course of a few weeks. Ottobock provides professional support for this phase with regular check-ups.

## **How long does it take to learn how to use the Genium?**

This varies a lot and depends on the individual requirements of the user. Some can climb stairs step-over-step on their first day with the Genium. Others require a few days or weeks to accomplish this. Here Ottobock supports the user with especially developed gait training, initially with the instruction of a therapist and ultimately performed independently.

## **What is the difference between the Genium and the C-Leg?**

Ottobock has enjoyed market success with the C-Leg for nearly 15 years. After this time the mechatronic leg prosthesis system still remains state-of-the-art. The C-Leg and Genium generally differ in terms of functionality for specific target groups. Compared to the C-Leg, the Genium offers additional features for overcoming daily challenges intuitively. Which fitting solution is sensible always depends on the individual requirements of the user.

## **Where can I obtain further information about the Genium?**

Users, therapists and prosthetists will find the information relevant to them with a click on the microsite [genium.ottobock.com](https://genium.ottobock.com). With integrated user-friendly navigation, facts oriented towards the target group and informative illustrations enable quick access to the broad selection of information. Further information about the leg prosthesis system can be requested using the contact form.

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