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# Beneficial Designs' Mission Statement

Beneficial Designs works towards universal access through research, design, and education. We believe all individuals should have access to the physical, intellectual, and spiritual aspects of life.



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We seek to enhance the quality of life for people of all abilities, and work to achieve this aim by developing and marketing technology for daily living, vocational, and leisure activities.



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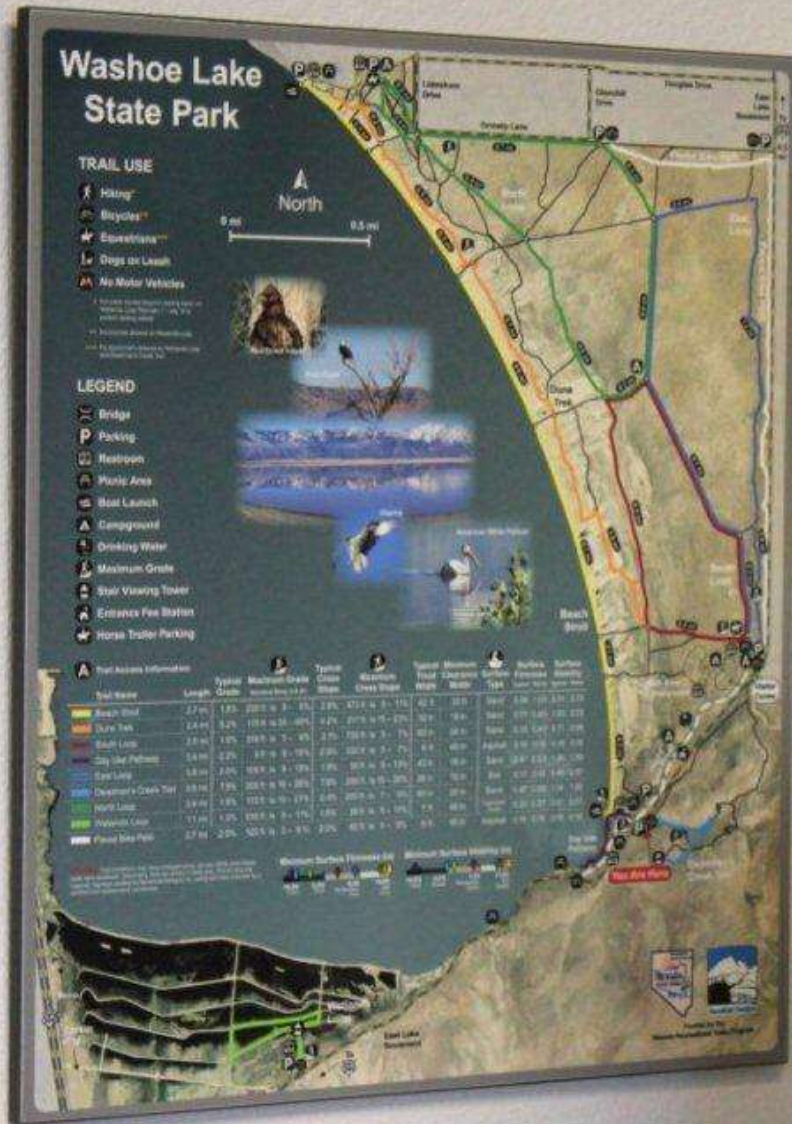


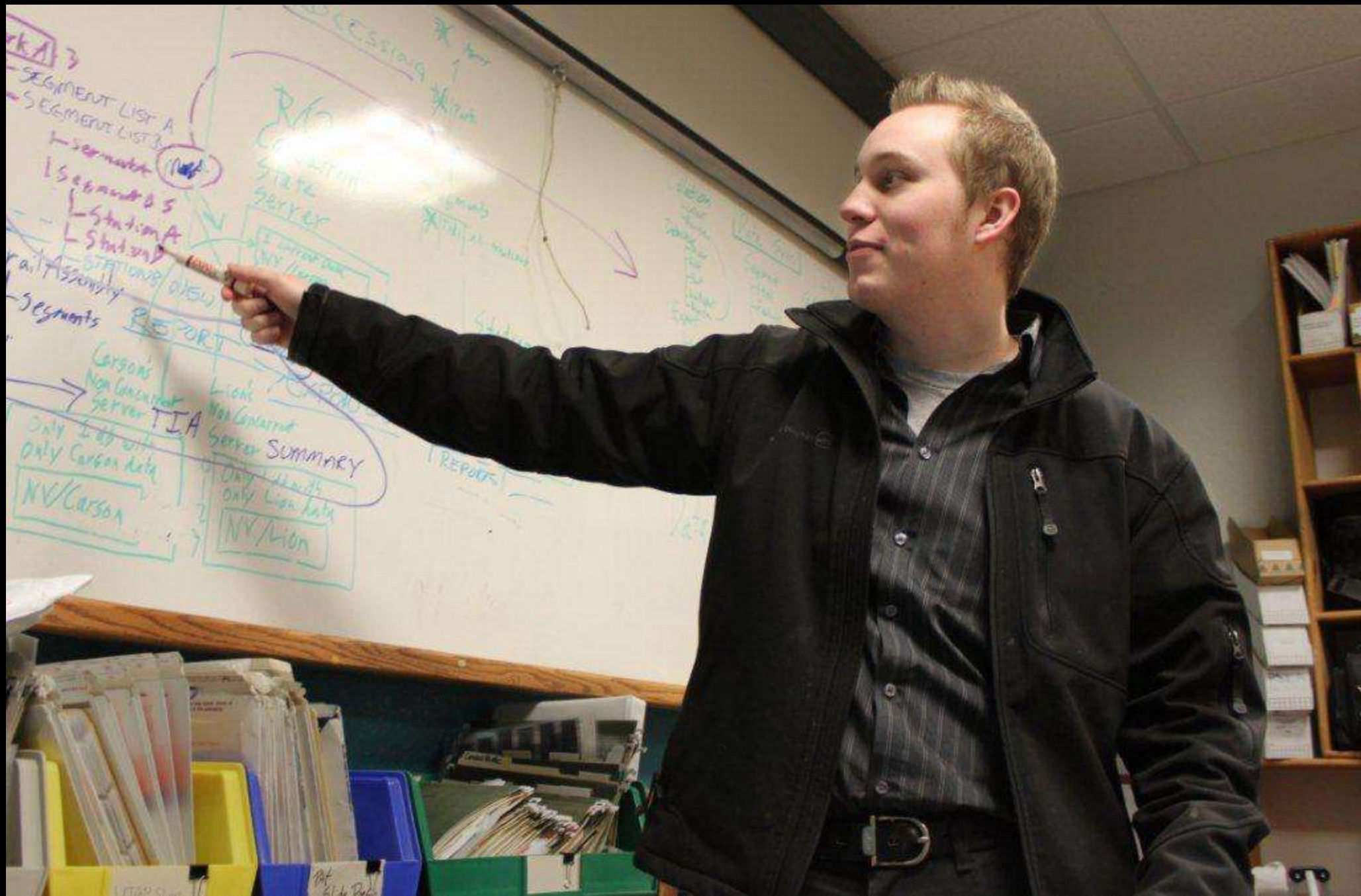
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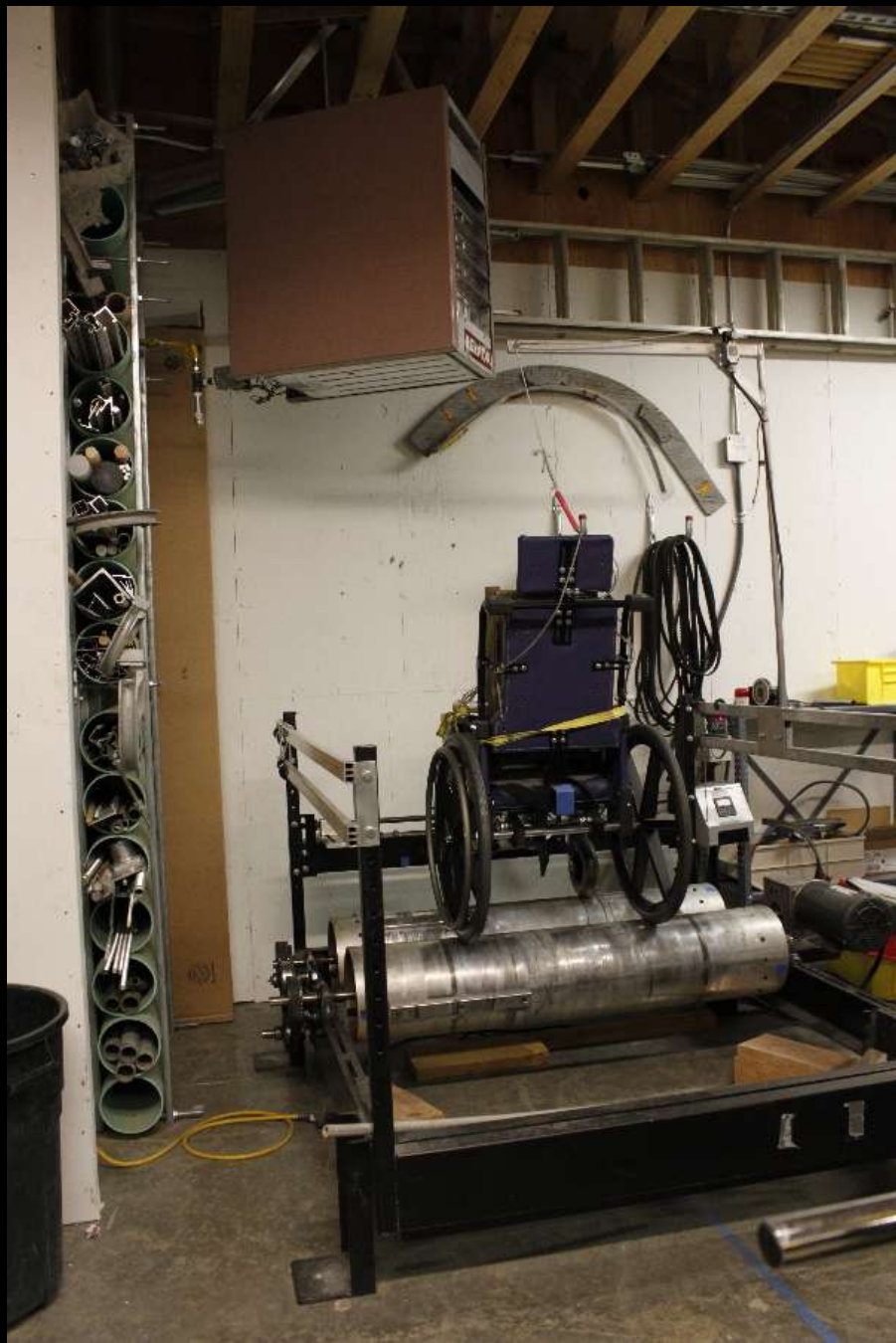
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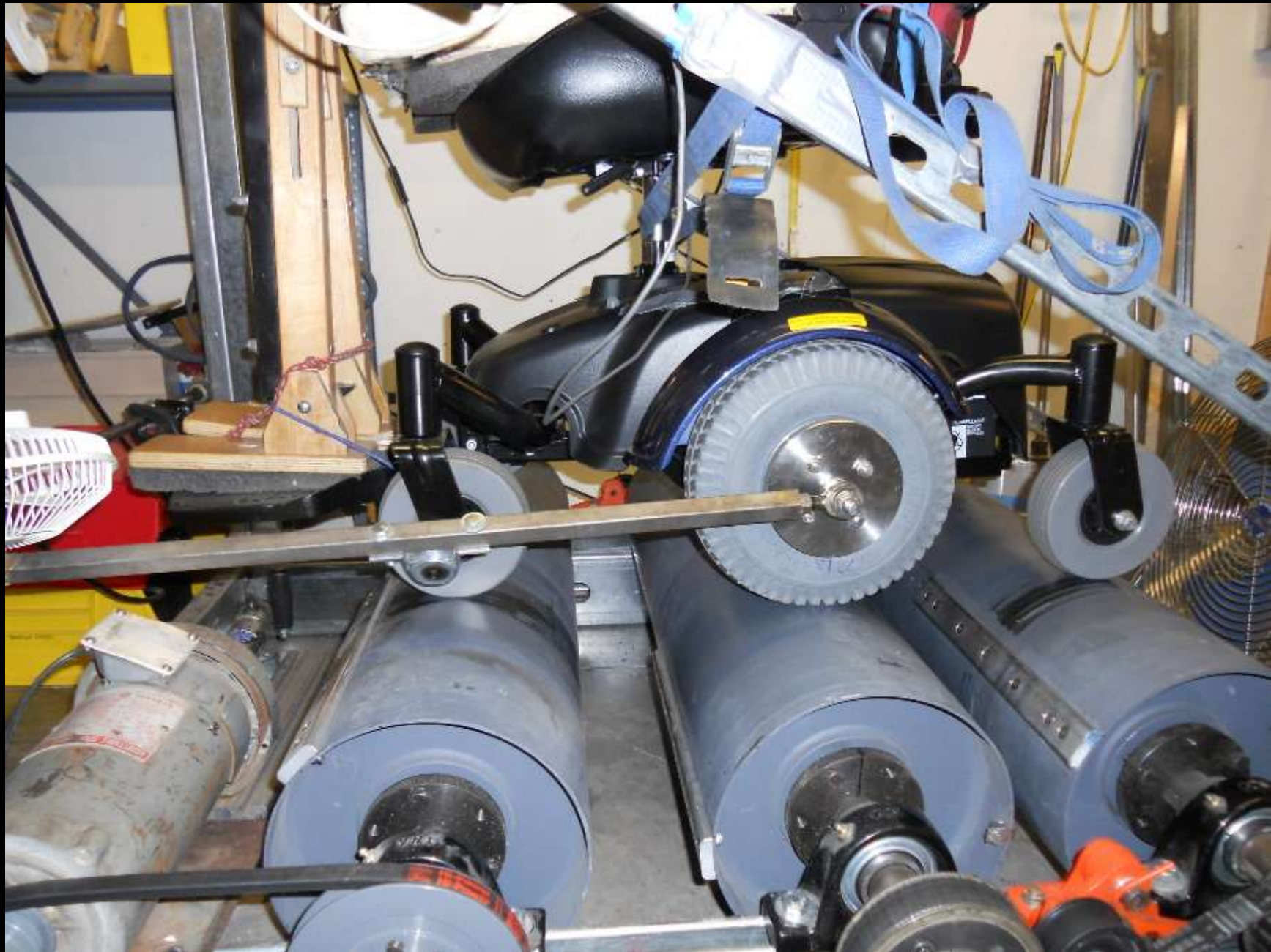






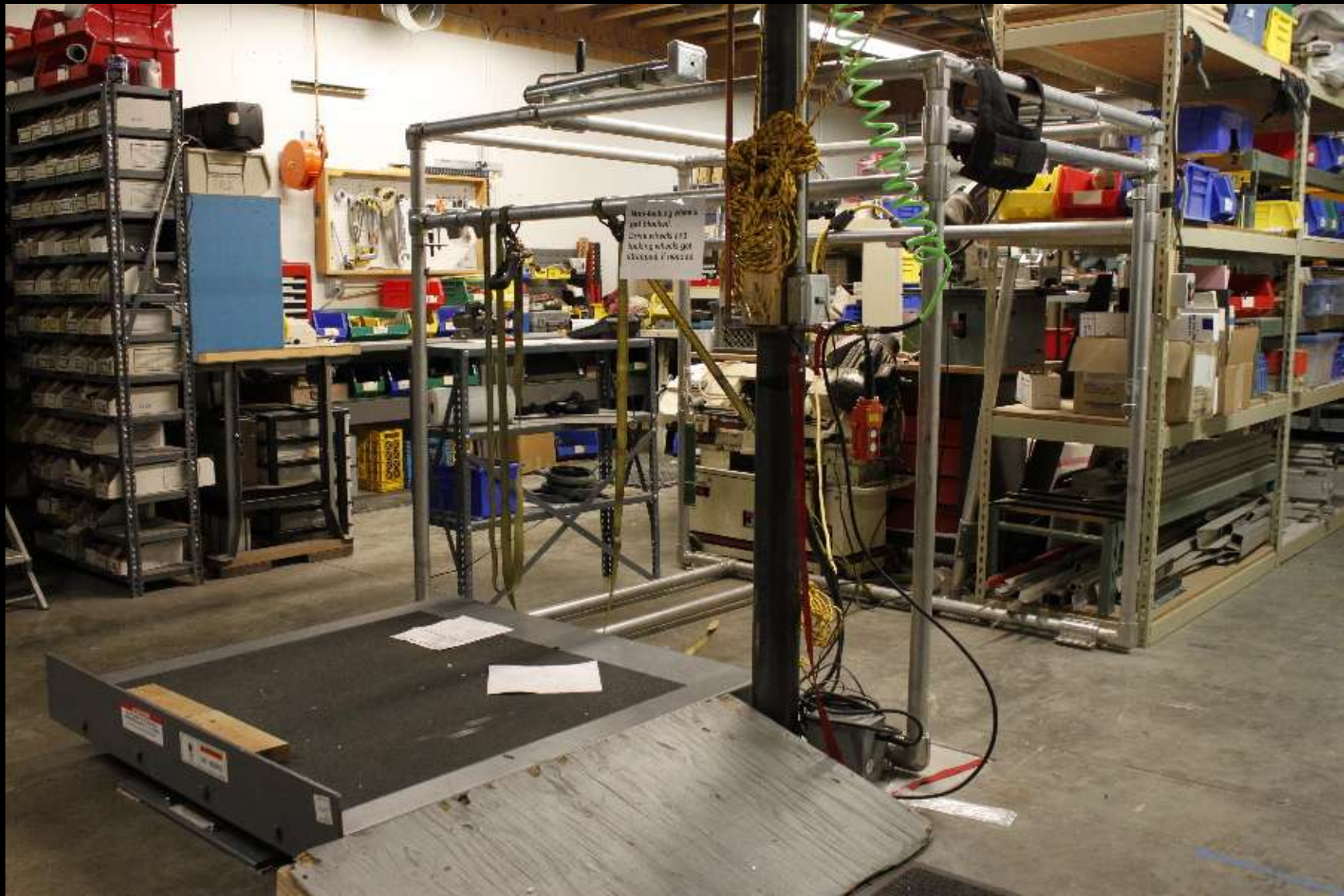


























# Design of Consumer Products

Product Development

Assessment of Products

Universal Design of Products

# Product Development

Mainstream Products

Opportunity for Universal Design

Adaptive Products

Personal Technologies

Activity Specific Technologies



# Balance Dimension

Physical

Intellectual

Spiritual







# Sociological Dimension

Dependence

Independence

Interdependence









Personal Technologies

Activity-Specific Technologies

Environmental Technologies

# Environmental Technologies

Things that do not move

# Activity-Specific Technologies



## Arroya Sit Ski





# Mono Ski















# Dynamic Seating Spring Assist

# Cross Country Ski







# Pax Back



Improved Posture



Available from  
**BES Rehab Ltd**





# Aircraft Aisle Chair



# Dynamic Seating

# Dynamic Seating







# Hand Bike



# Contoured Seating

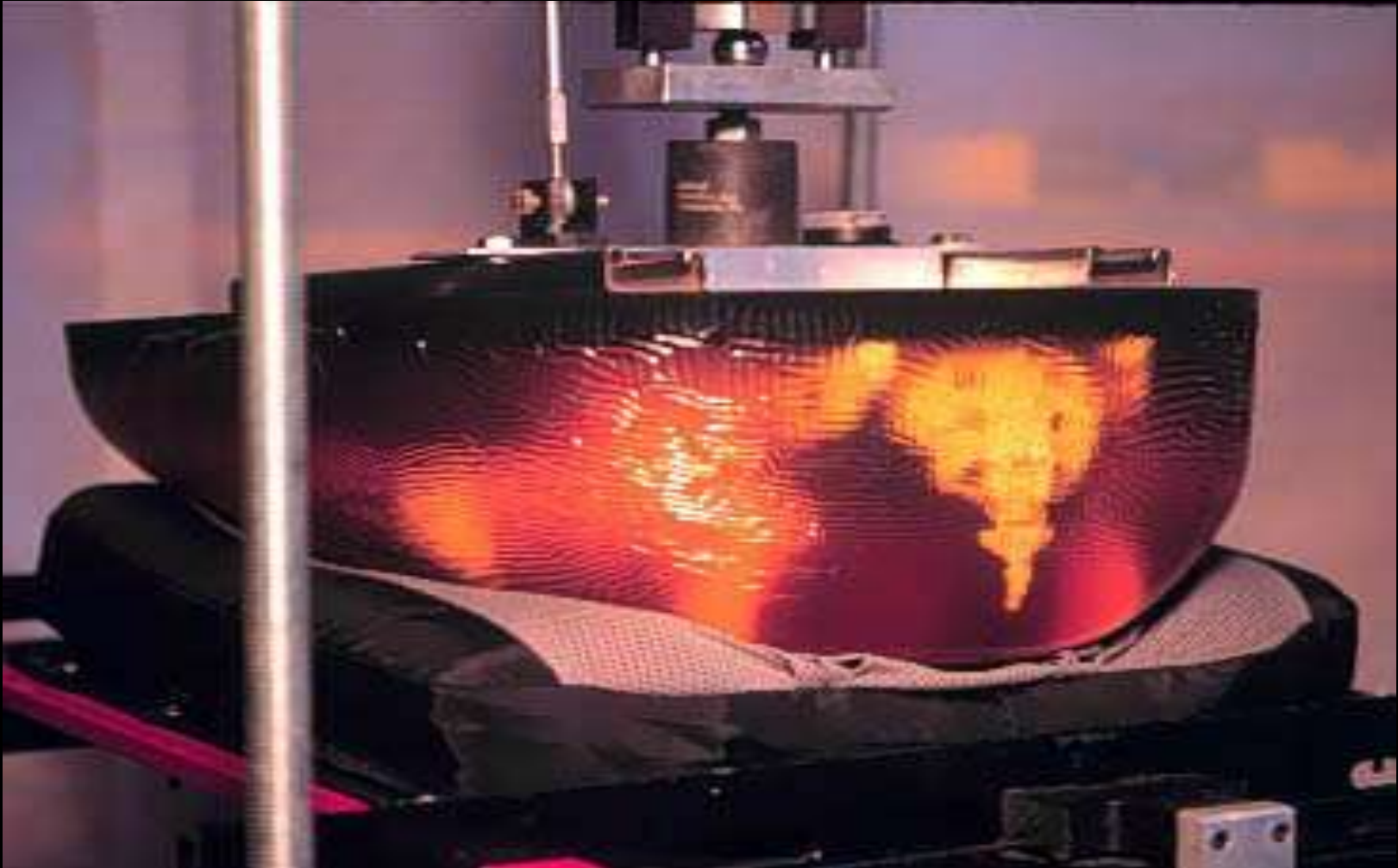


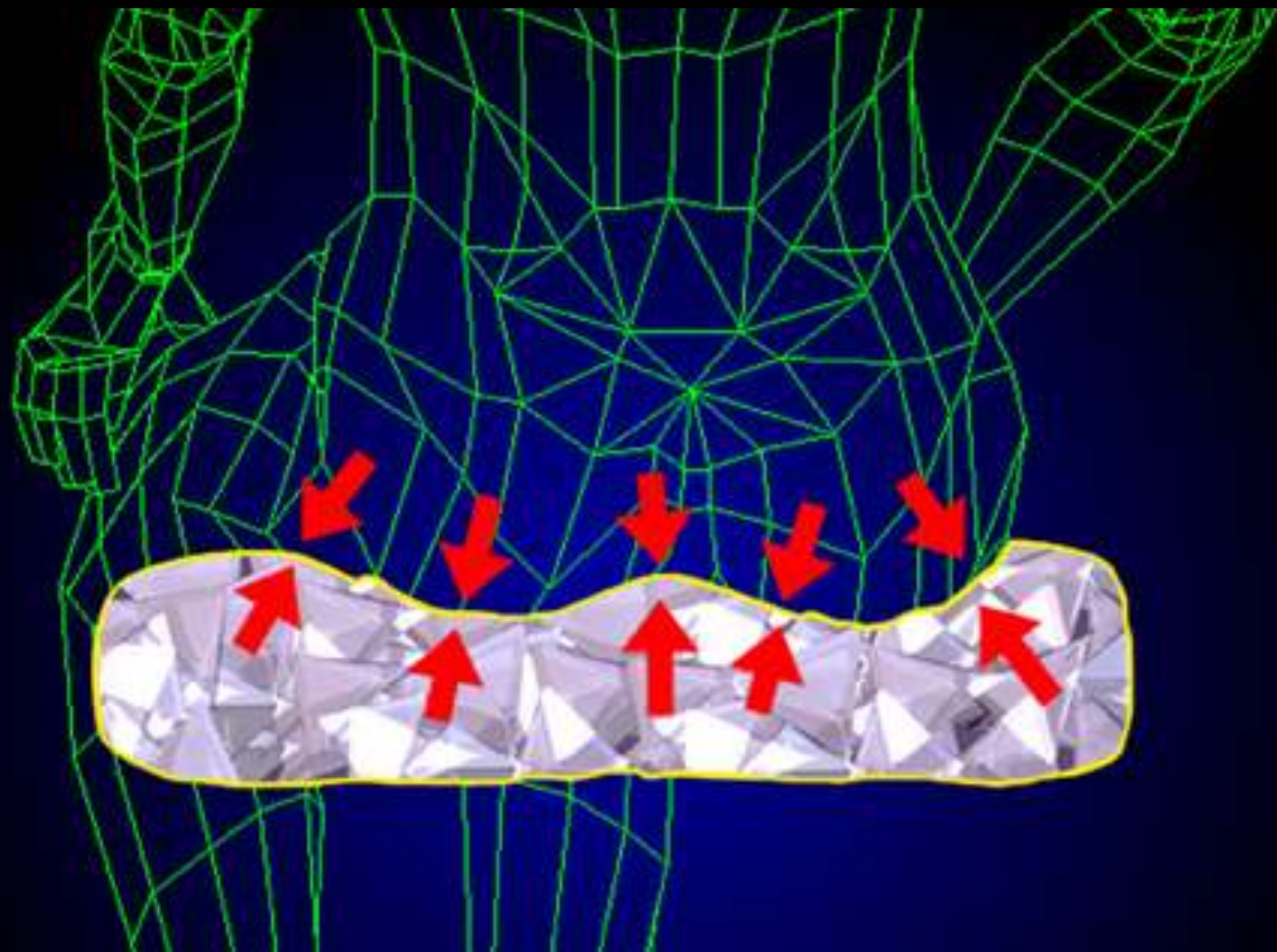
# SKELI with Pelvis Model



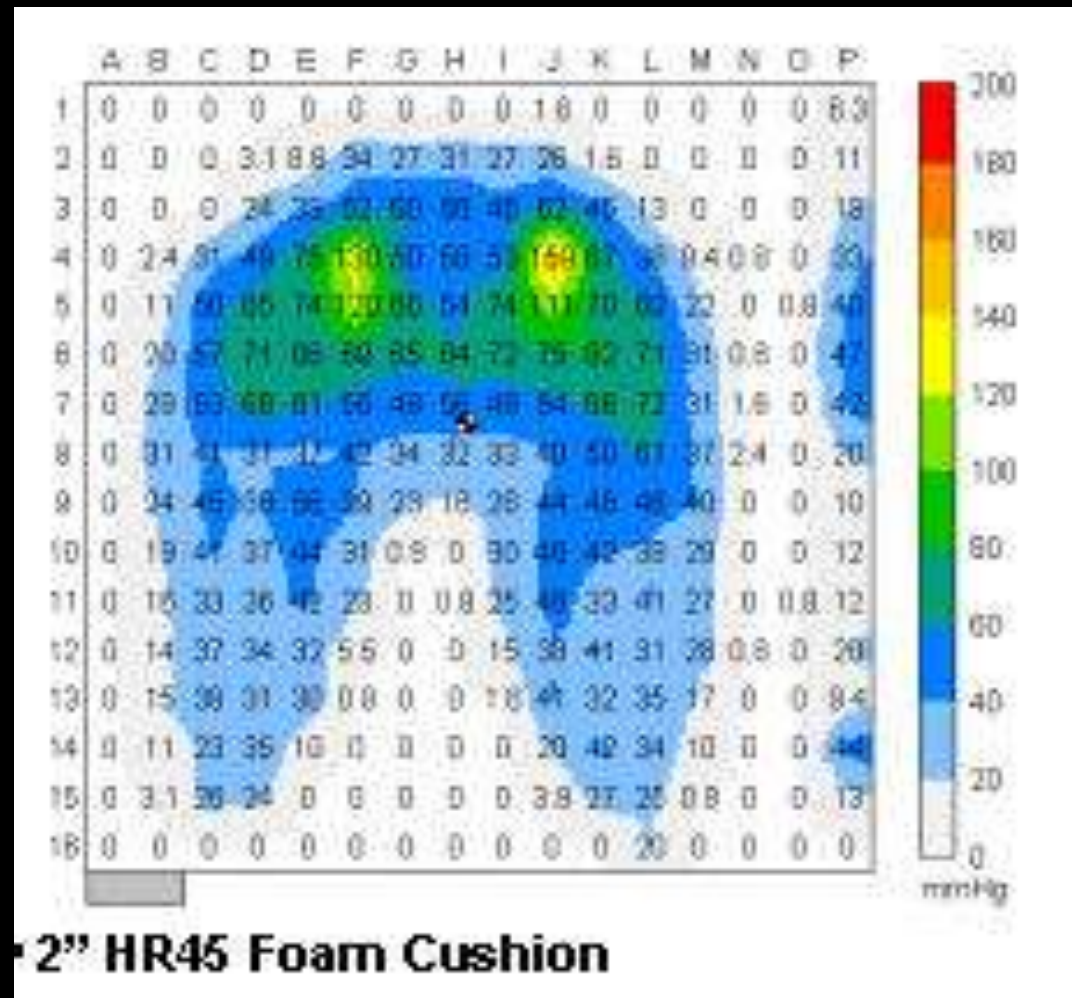


# SKELI from Rear





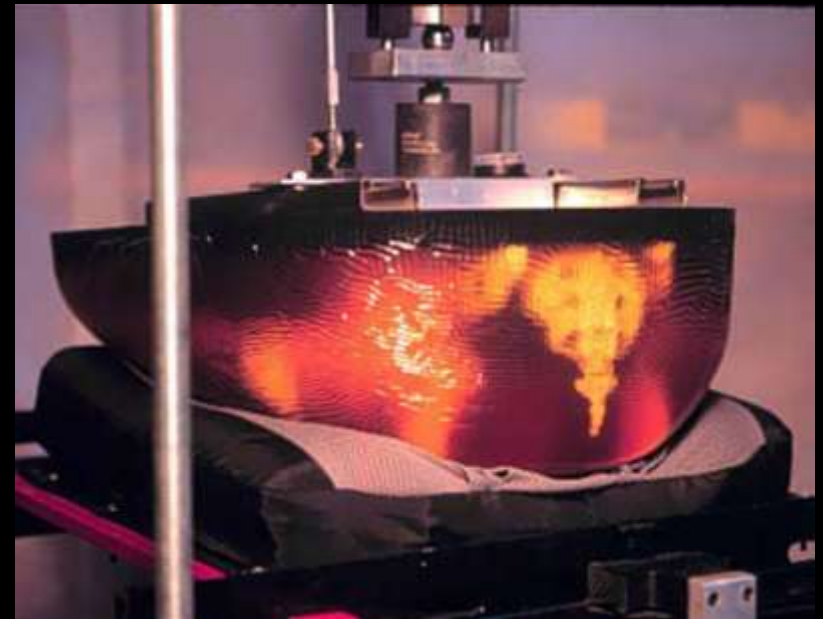
# SKELI Used on Foam



**Beneficial Designs** has played a key part in the ongoing effort to develop **Wheelchair Seating Standards** within the ISO. The **Skeletal Imbedded Loading Indenter (SKELI)** was developed to provide an anatomically based loading indenter for the standard.



## Seat Cushion Testing





# ASLI Prototype V 1.0 with Surrogate Pelvis/Femur Symmetric loading



# ASLI Prototype 10 Pelvic Obliquity



# ASLI Prototype

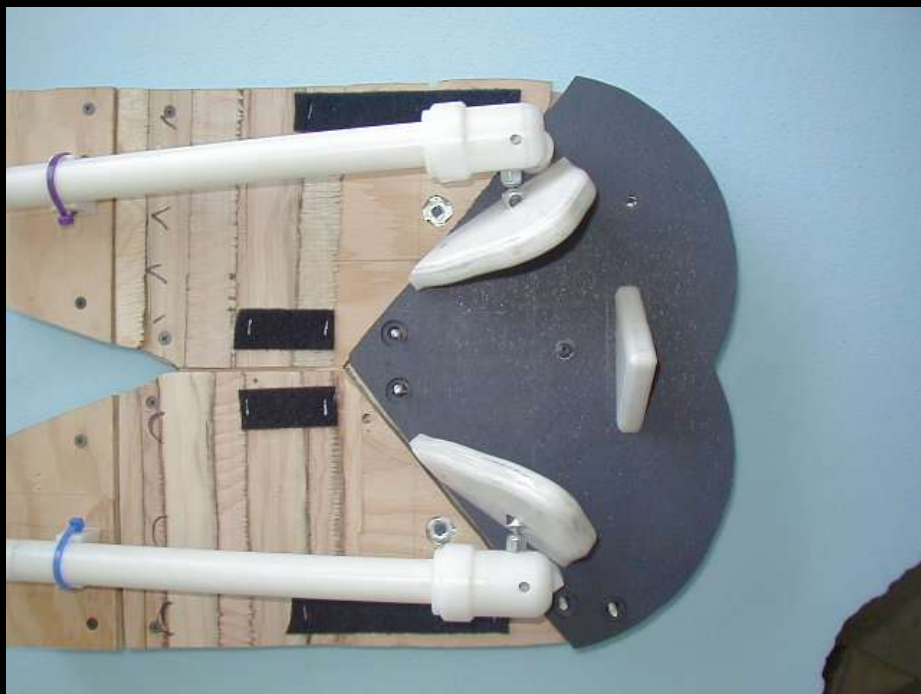
## 15 Posterior Pelvic Tilt



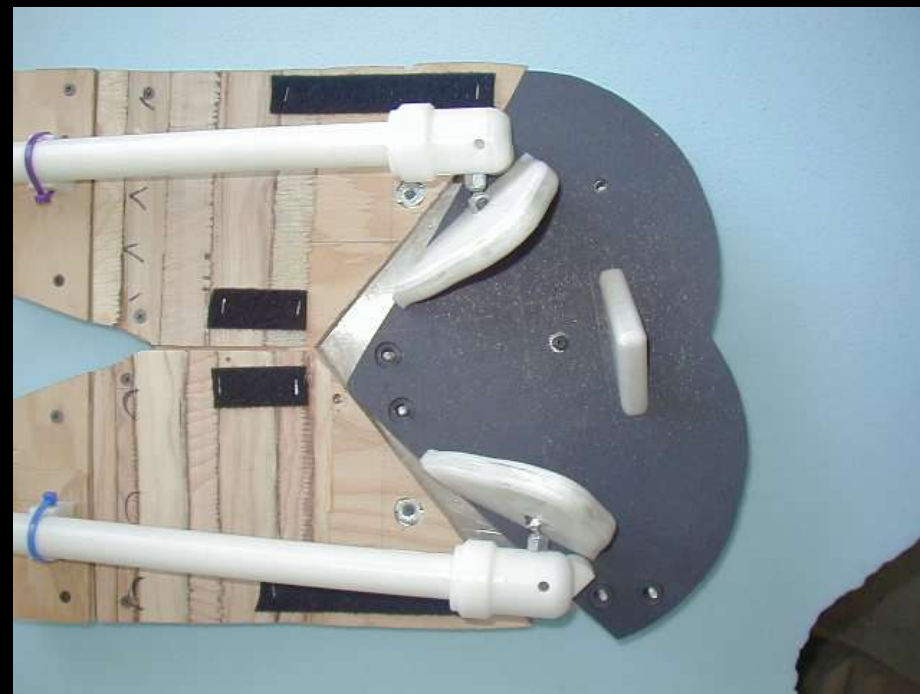


# ASLI Prototype

**Symmetric loading**



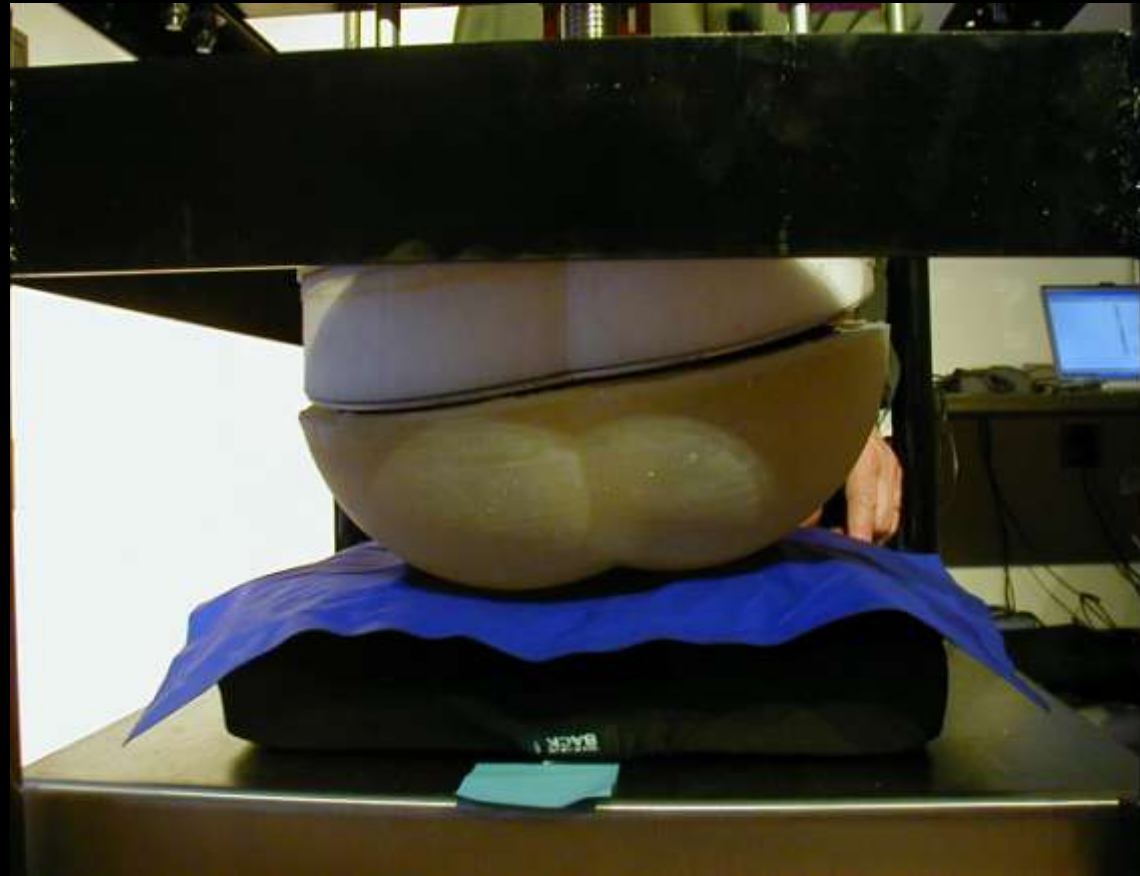
**10 Rotation**



# ASLI Prototype ISO Part 2 Shape



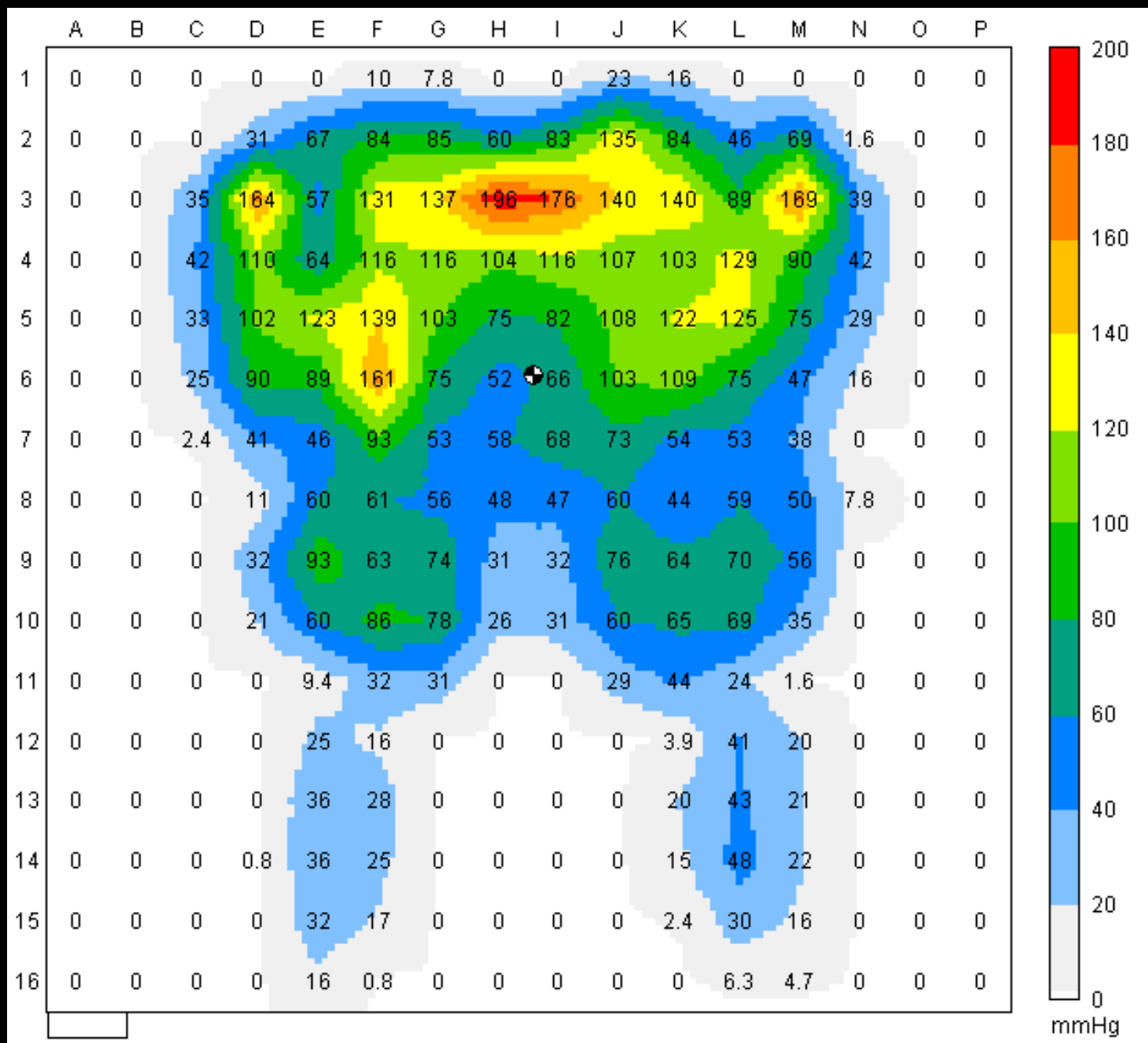
**ASLI Prototype V 2.0  
with Gel Soft Tissue  
10 Pelvic Obliquity and  
15 Posterior Pelvic Tilt**





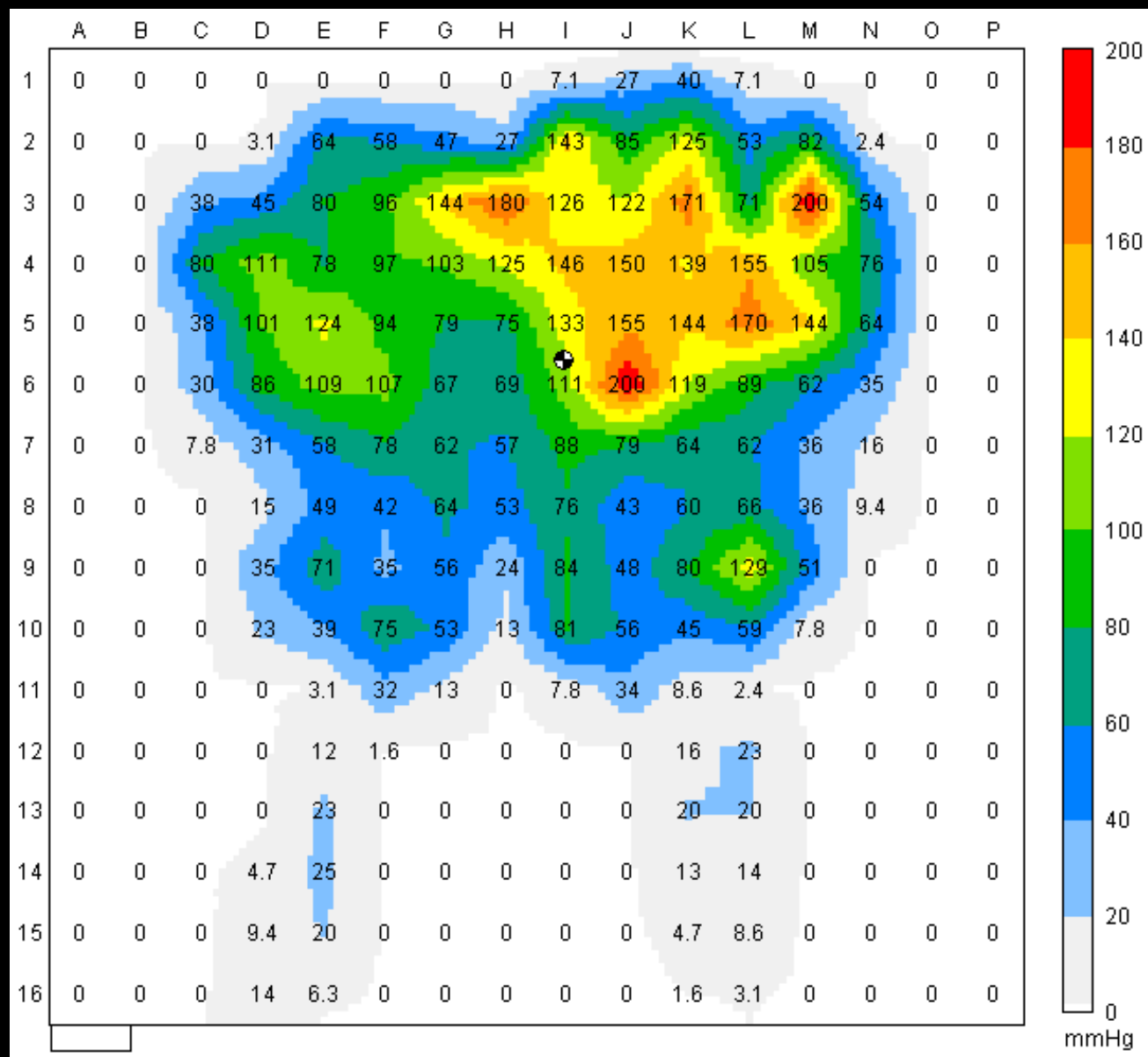


# Pressure Measurements 15 Posterior Pelvic Tilt

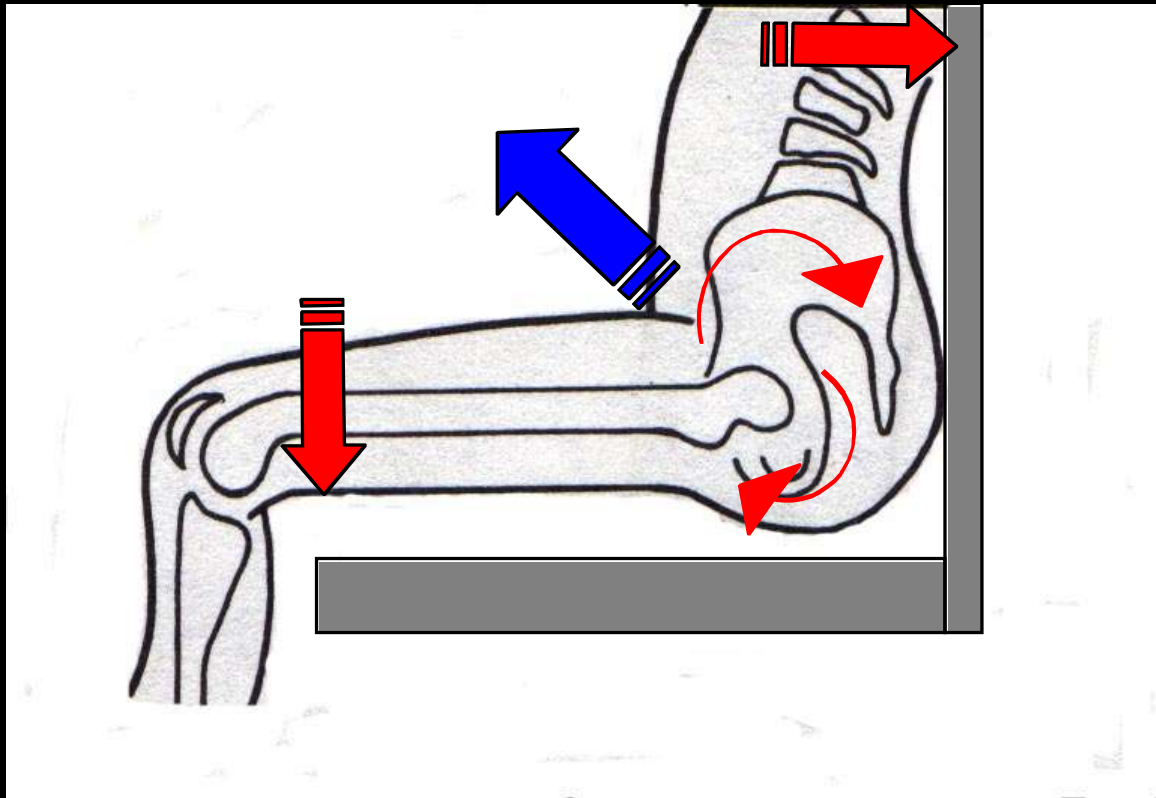


# Pressure Measurements

10 Pelvic Obliquity  
15 Posterior Pelvic Tilt



# Pelvis Movement During Extensor Thrust Activity

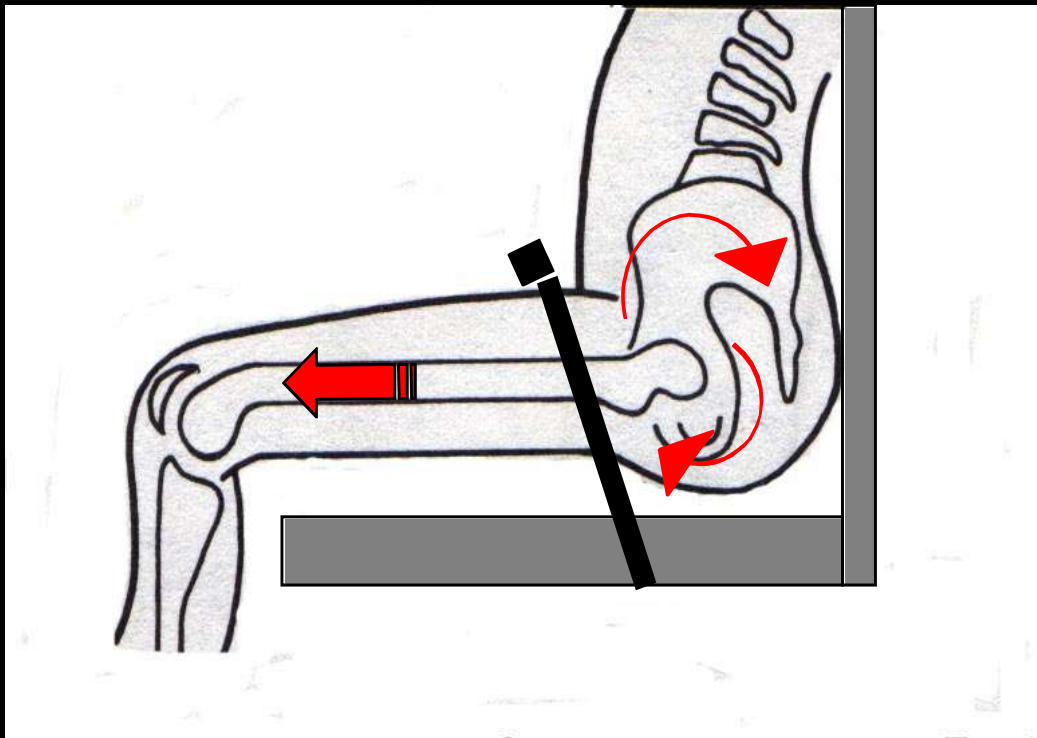


Force at Thigh  
and Backrest  
During Extension

Pelvis Moves Up,  
Out and Rotates



# Variations of Belt Angle

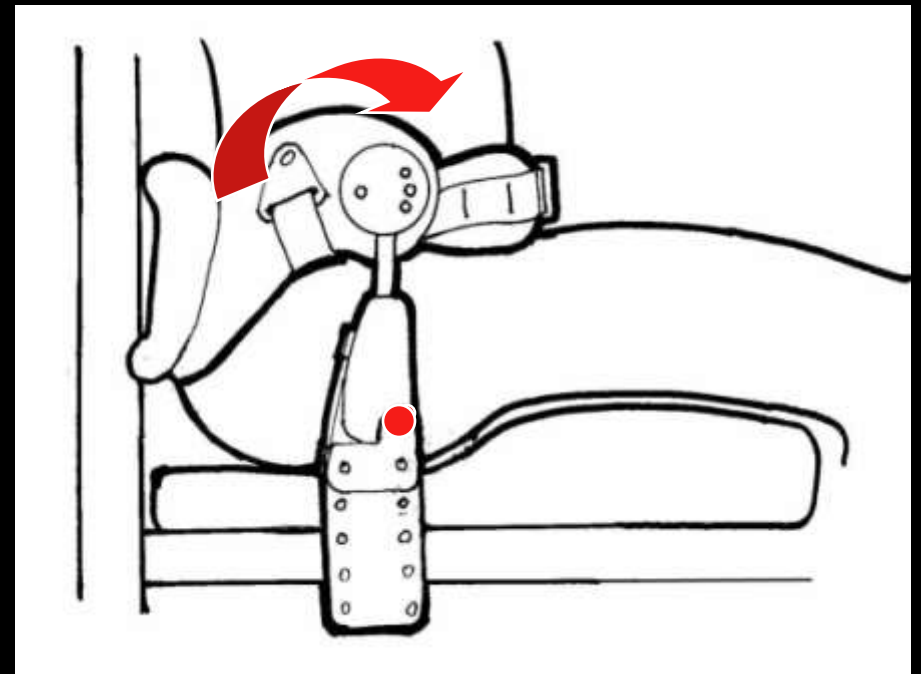
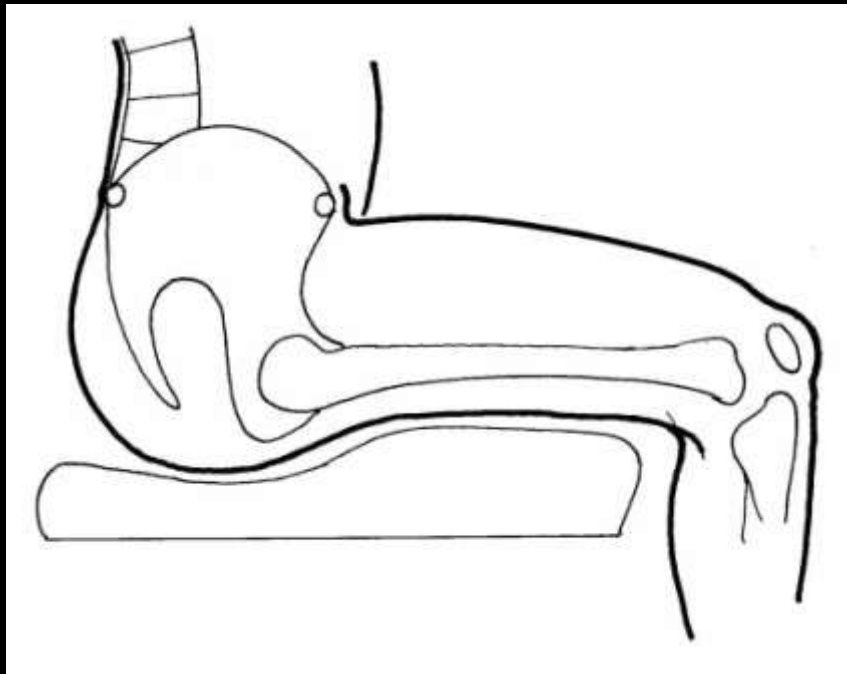


Downward Pull  
Limits Upward  
Movement

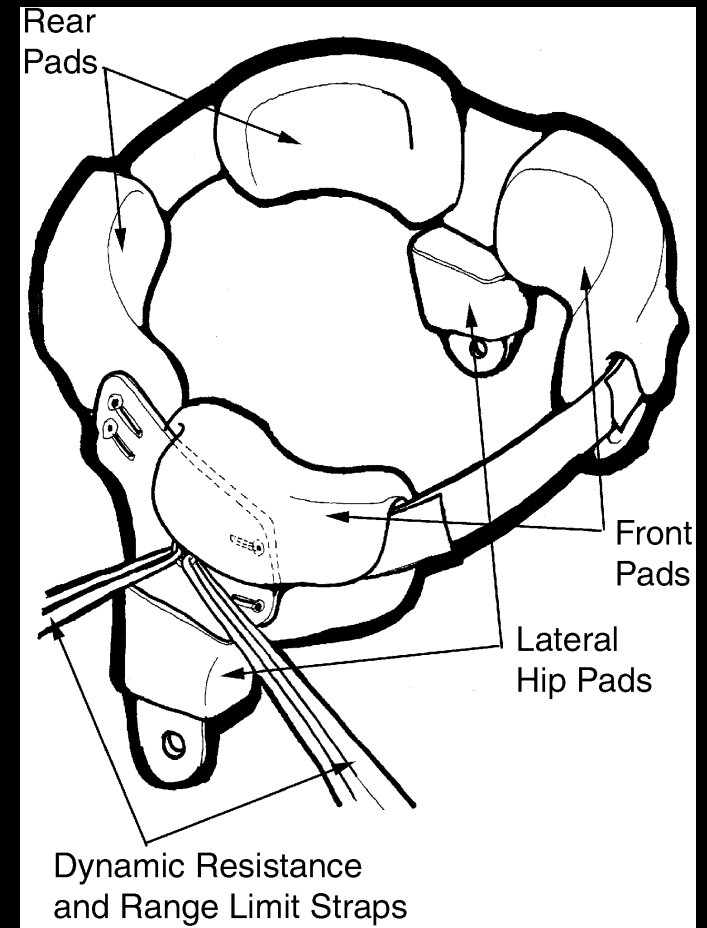
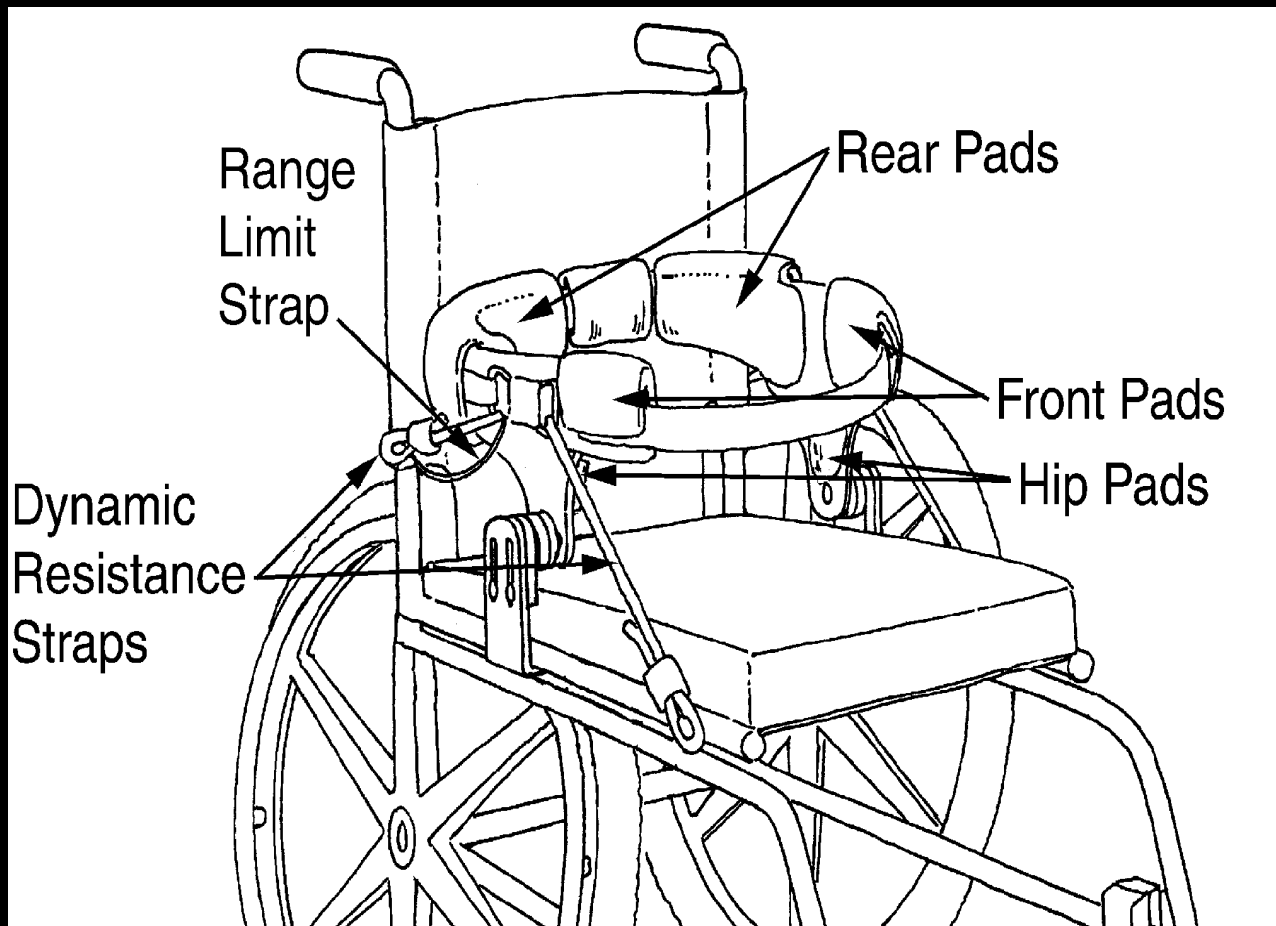
Allows Posterior  
Pelvic Rotation

Limits Full Anterior  
ROM

# HipGrip Concept



# HipGrip Ph1 - Prototype 2



# What Is the HipGrip?

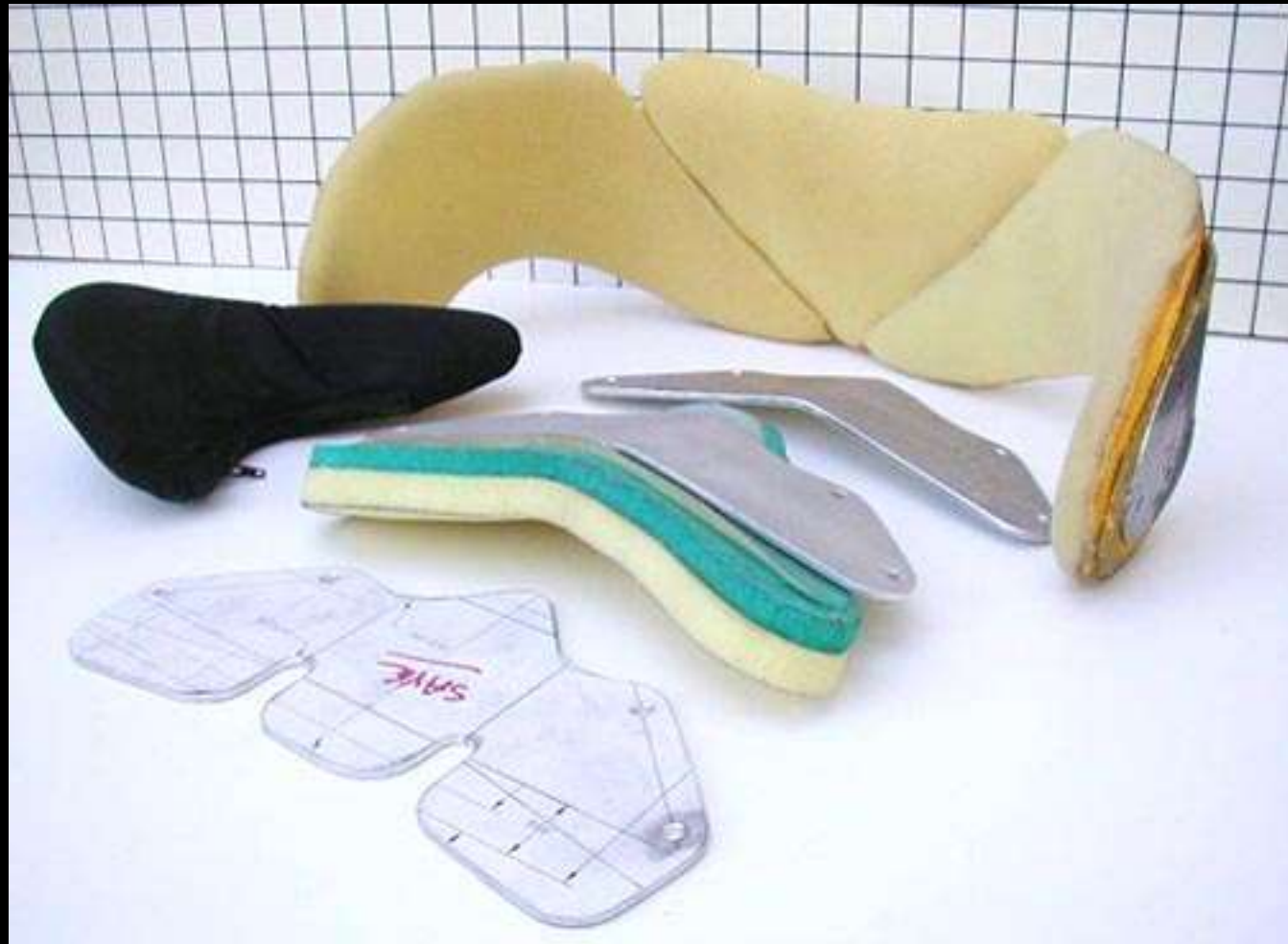


- Dynamic Pelvic Support
- Provides Pelvic Stability
- Allows Controlled Anterior Tilt ROM

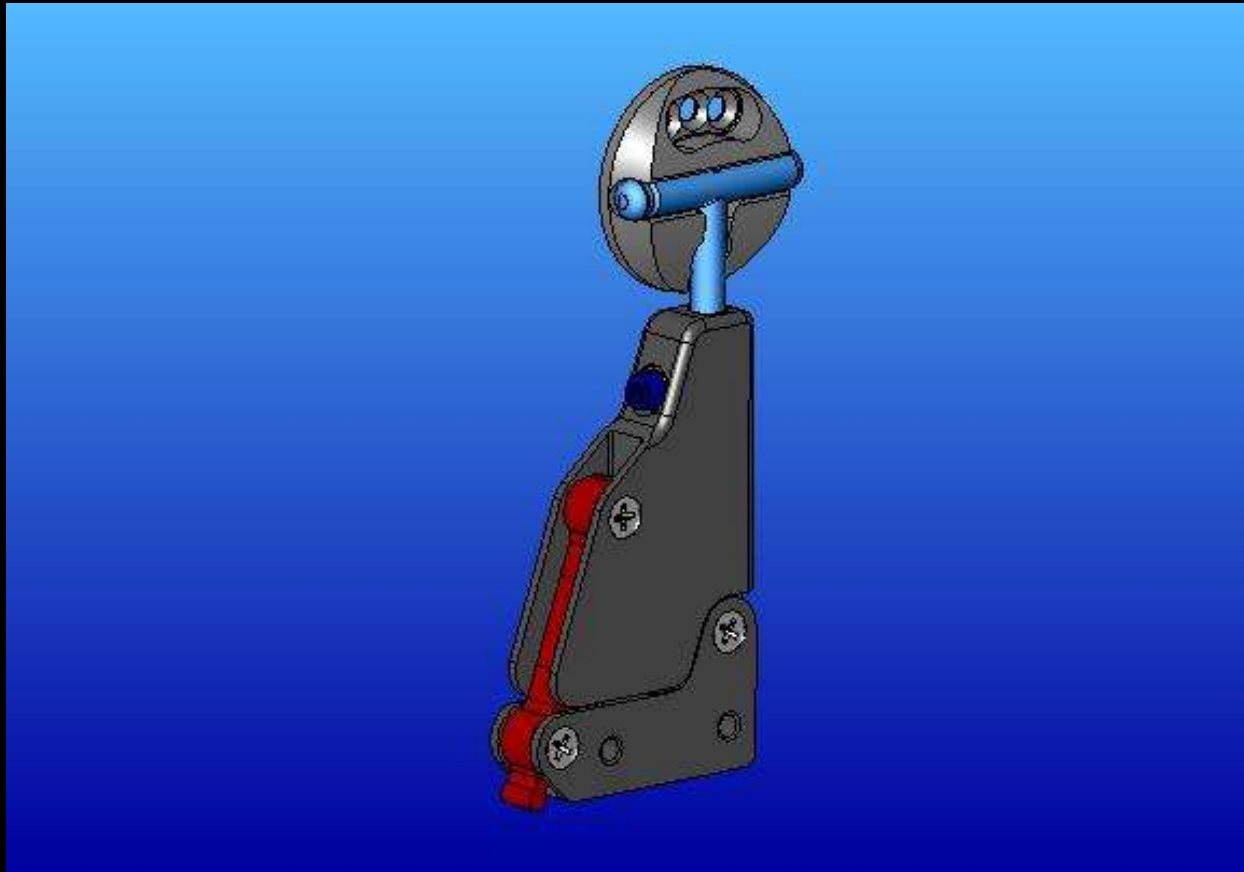
# Hip Grip Components



# Modular Hardware



# Pivot Bracket Current Design



# HipGrip Test Fixture





# HipGrip



The HipGrip is a postural seating device designed to help control pelvic position and provide stability while in a wheelchair while allowing range of motion and movement in anterior and posterior pelvic tilt.

Available from  
**Bodypoint**

# Functional Forward Lean



# Functional Lean – Straight



# Functional Lean – Downward



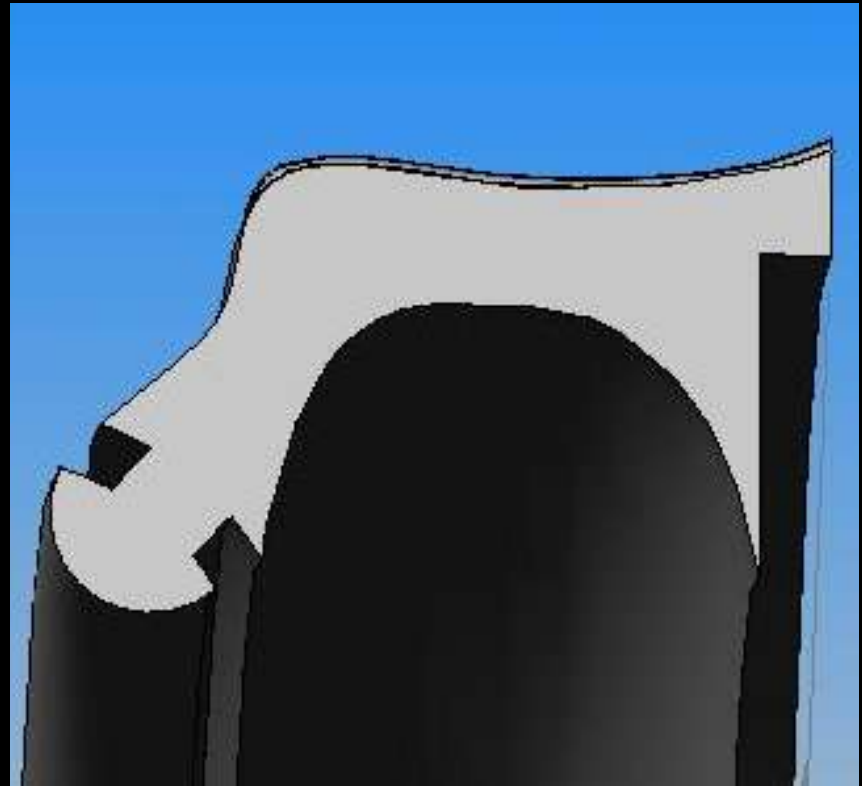
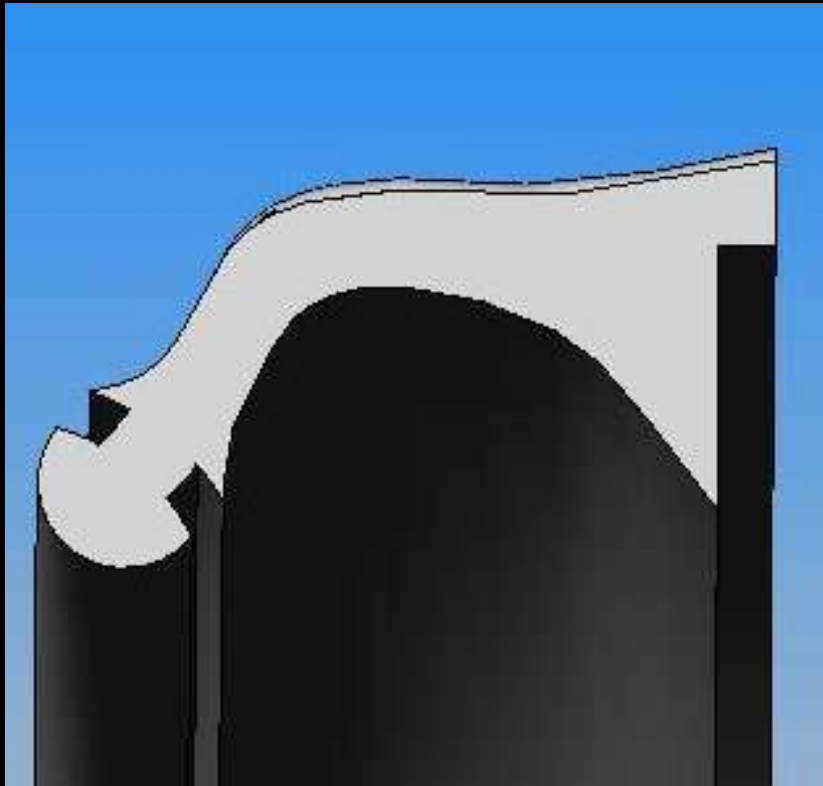
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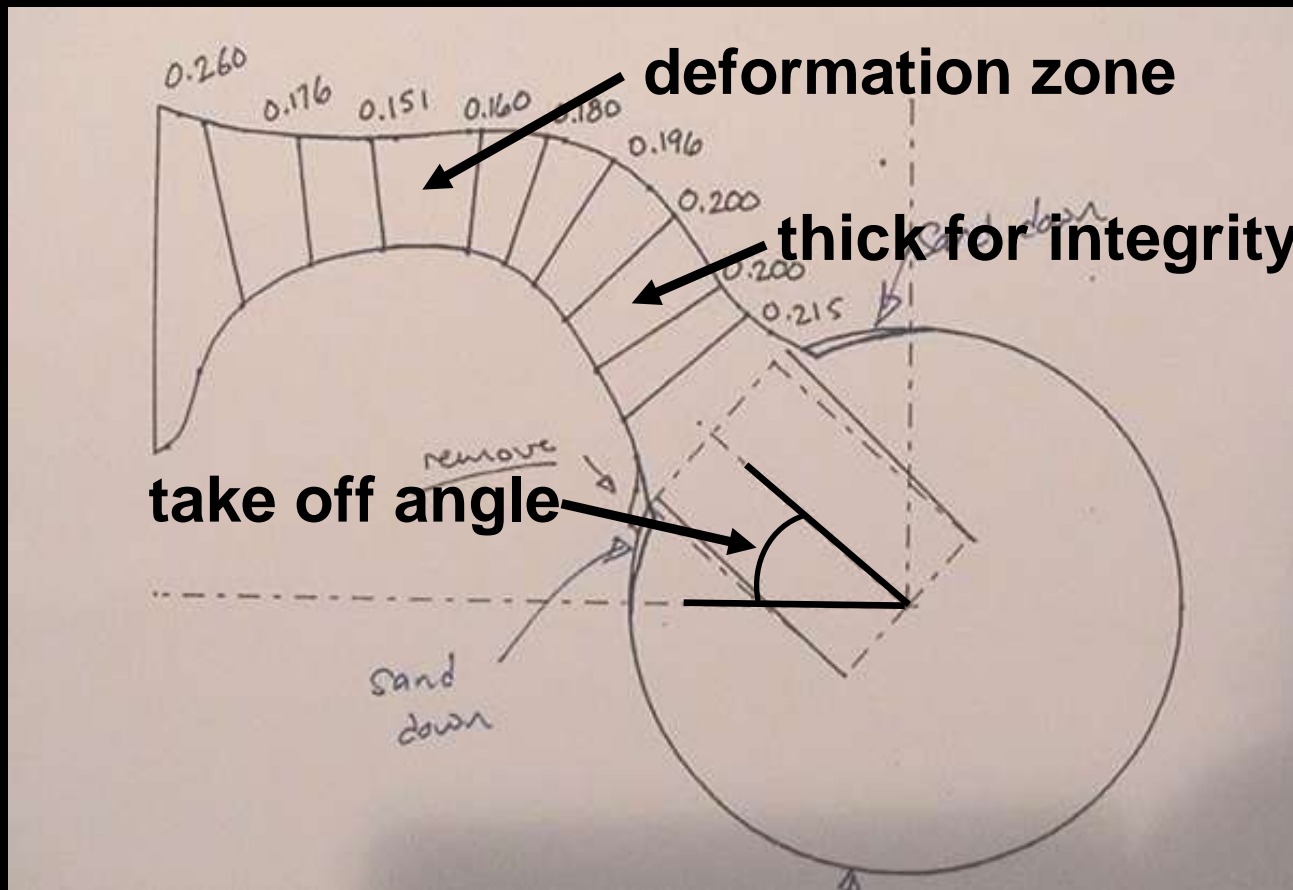
# Uni-Rim – Combining the discrete compliant fasteners into one



**The best profiles were  
fully developed and  
tested**



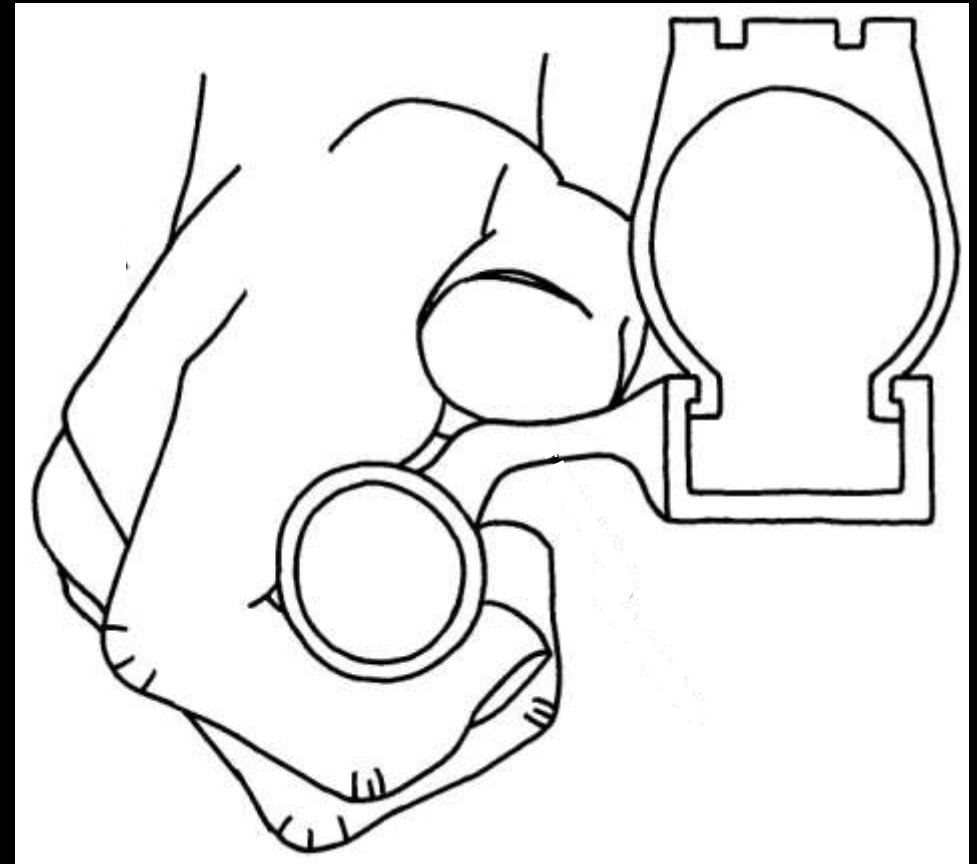
# The subtle details of the final profile were refined





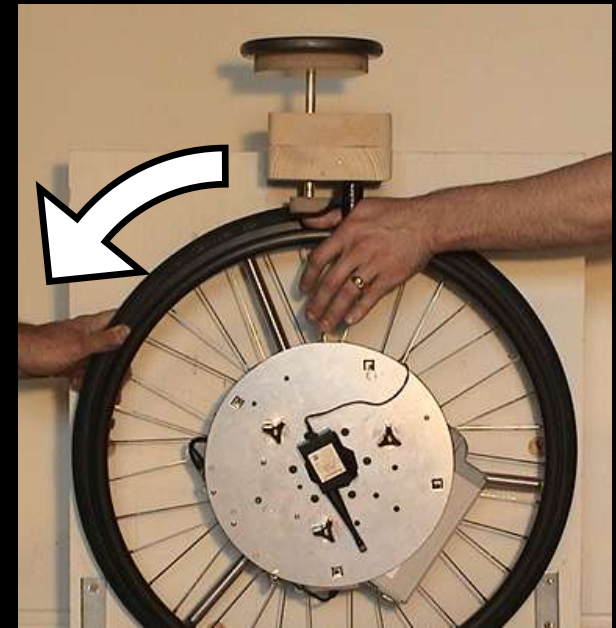
# FlexRim Ergonomic Pushrim

“The most advanced pushrim on the planet”



# Frictional improvements

Preliminary tests show over a 2x increased frictional coefficient; official tests in 2005



# Impact absorption



Testing in early 2005

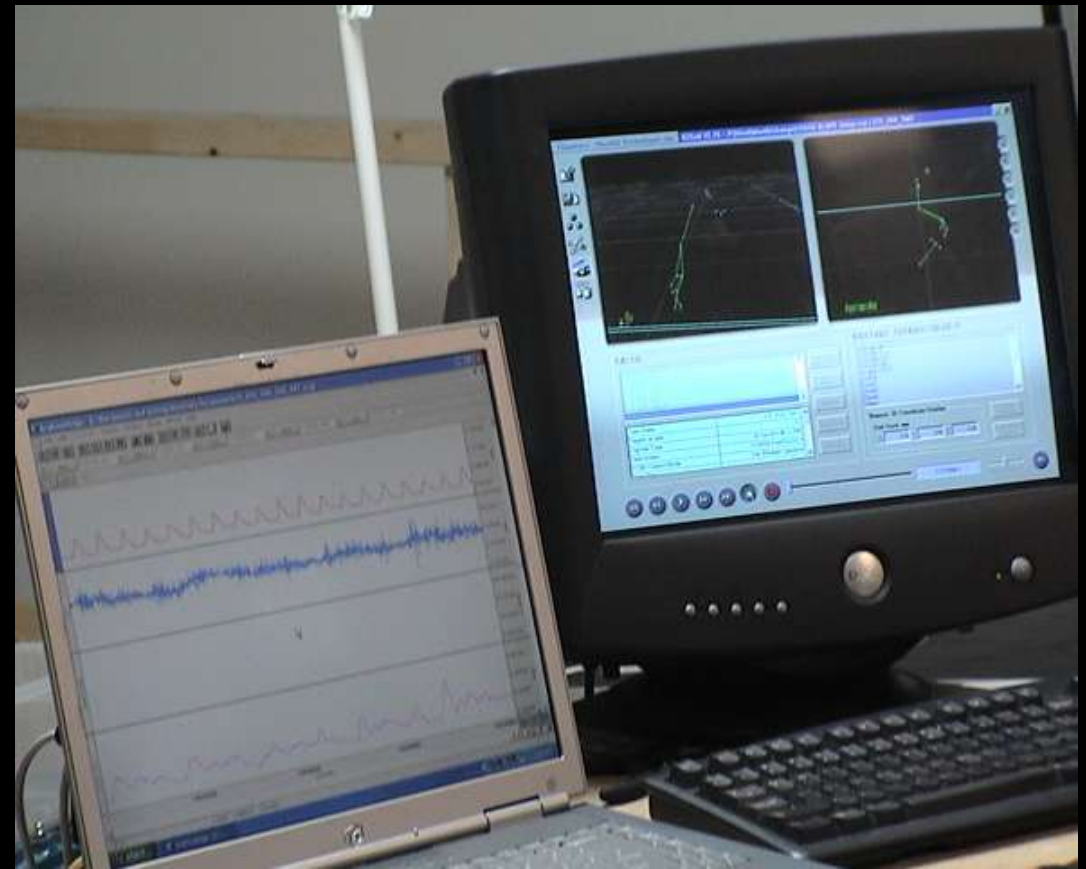
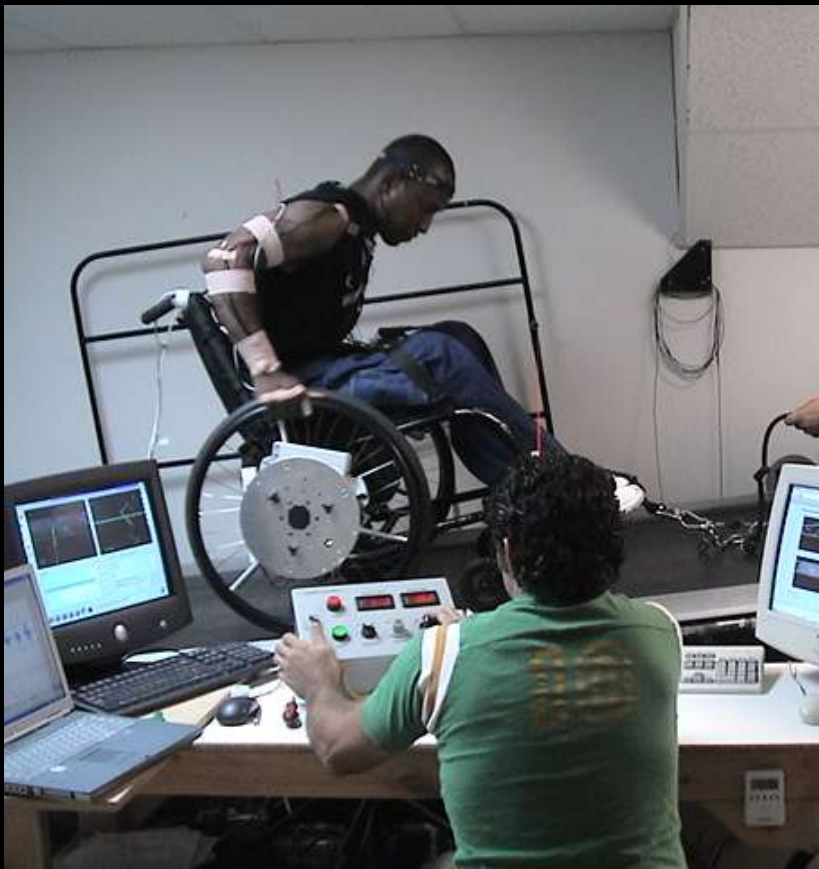
**Applied a 120 lb repetitive  
load in one place until failure**

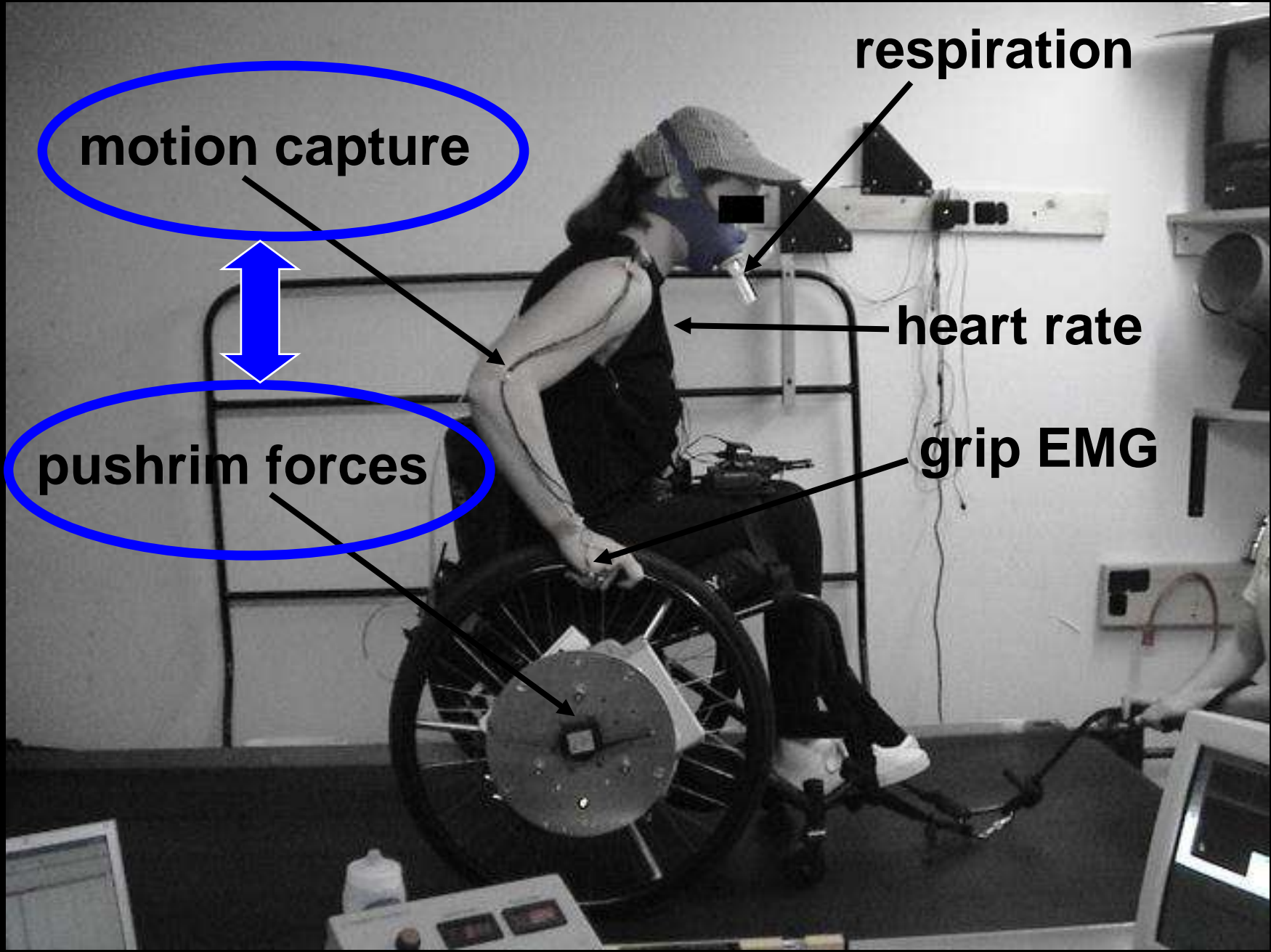


**Pushrim cracked  
after 444,072 cycles**

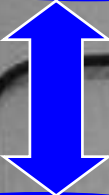


# Subjects are tested over a wide variety of usage environments





motion capture



pushrim forces

respiration

heart rate

grip EMG

# Baseline study – FlexRim



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# FlexRim



## Design

The FlexRim consists of a durable high friction rubber surface that spans between the aluminum pushrim and the wheel. The shape of the rubber is ergonomically designed to conform to your hand when gripped, making it the most comfortable pushrim you will ever use.

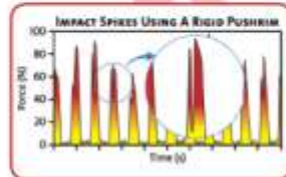


Because the rubber is flexible, the pushrim can compress to allow your wheelchair to squeeze through narrow doorways.



## Overuse Injuries

Shoulder and wrist problems are very common among wheelchair users. Impact loading is one of the contributing factors. Your hands and arms absorb impact spikes when you first hit the pushrim, illustrated in the graph below.



- Reducing impact is one strategy recommended to help protect you from developing overuse injuries.

## Impact Testing

Impact loading of the FlexRim was studied for a wide range of impact intensities.

- The FlexRim was found to consistently reduce impact loading by 10%.



## Propulsion Testing

In lab testing, wheelchair users pushed with both a standard pushrim and the FlexRim on a research treadmill. Grip muscle activity, oxygen demand and power generated were all measured during propulsion and compared across pushrims.



Results of the testing were:

- Users required **12% less grip force** to push with the FlexRim.
- Overall **grip exertion was reduced by 15%**.
- On average users required **12% less oxygen** to push with the FlexRim than with a standard pushrim.
- Users generated **18% more power** when using the FlexRim.

The ergonomic benefits of the FlexRim have been published in numerous scientific journals and in a PhD dissertation at Stanford University.

**FLEXRIM**  
BY INNOVATION  
Advanced Ergonomics

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# GripRim



# Benefits of a Universal Design Canoe Seat for Paddler Function

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# Adaptive Canoe Seating



Available from  
**Chosen Valley**  
**Canoe Accessories**

# Universal Canoe Seating System Components

Bench Seat with  
Sidewall  
Brackets



# Universal Canoe Seating System Components



Pelvic and  
Low Back Support

# Universal Canoe Seating System Components

Upper Back and  
Lateral Thoracic  
Support







# Methods - Endurance

MedGraphics VO2000  
portable metabolic  
system

Resting, self-selected  
paddling, and self-  
selected pace + 20%



# Methods - Strength



Dynamic power  
from Concept2  
rowing ergometer  
Maximal isometric  
paddle pull

**The adjustment of the canoe seating system to adapt to many different makes and models of canoes and to as many different body sizes and shapes is the great benefit of the Universal Canoe Seating system under development by Beneficial Designs.**

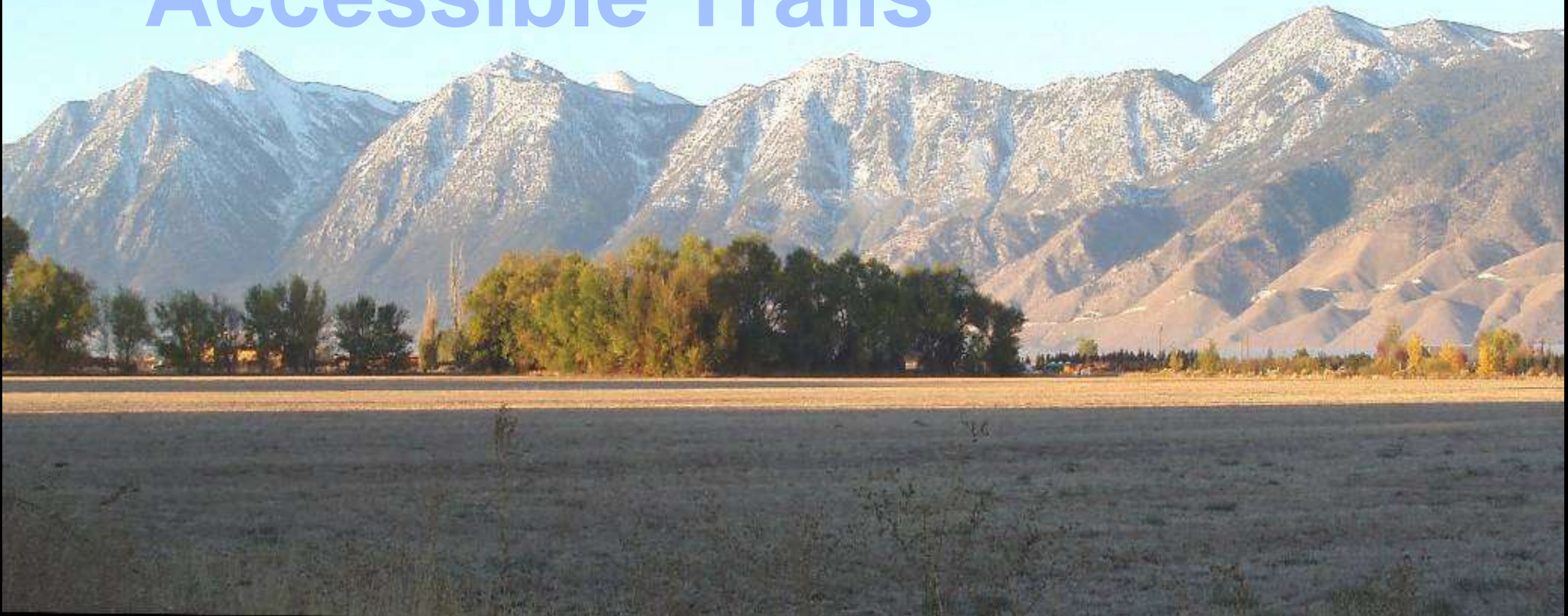




**Test subjects are coached during the water portion of the evaluation in which the subject finally gets dumped on the count of three to verify safe egress from the canoe. At least one water safety expert is always on hand for this part of the evaluation.**



# Tools and Technology for Accessible Trails



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# Universal Trail Assessment Process



# Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP)



Objective measurement system for trails

Proven accuracy and reliability

Simple, inexpensive tools

All trail data in one assessment  
(mapping, interpretation, access, etc.)





# Key UTAP Information

Length



Grade



Width



Surface



Cross  
slope



Features &  
Facilities



# UTAP Assessment Team



# UTAP – Implementation Status

Over 900 people trained to lead UTAP  
assessments

Over 55 trainers to teach UTAP  
workshops



# TrailWare Station Data Entry

**Warning, required station data missing**

Park List | Park Info | Trail List | Trail Detail | Segments | Segment Cover | **Stations** | Features | Reports

Trail Name  Segment Name  Date

Station	Distance	in	pct	pct	ft	ft	in	Re-order			
0	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Grade	Typ Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Length	MCW	
	Distance	60	1.9	Firm	Soil	1.5	132	131			
35	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Grade	Typ Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Length	MCW	
	Distance	60	2.1	Firm	Soil	1.0	146	147			
112	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Grade	Typ Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Length	MCW	
	Distance	60	1.6	Firm	Soil	1.5	150	151	8.8	8	
149	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Grade	Typ Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Length	MCW	
	Distance	60	1.4	Firm	Soil	0.0	150	150		9.1	
227	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Grade	Typ Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Length	MCW	
	Distance	55	1.8	Firm	Soil	-1.0	141	142			
318	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Grade	Typ Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Length	MCW	
	Distance	55	2.3	Firm	Soil	-1.5	127	127			

**2264 Final Distance**

Blue shading: Fields exported to Trail Explorer or used in Trail Explorer calculations  
 Yellow shading: Calculated fields, also used in Trail Explorer  
 Red buttons: Warning - required station data is missing

Add Station

Finish Entry

Help

Exit TW



# TrailWare Feature Data Entry

**Required feature data omitted**

Help

Exit TW

Park List | Park Info | Trail List | Trail Detail | Segments | Segment Cover | Stations | **Features** | Reports

Trail Name  Segment Name  Date

Feature Distance	T/V Zone	Feature Type	Feature Description	Size L x W x H			U/M	Count/ Qty	End Distance	Remain Tread	Built Feature Access	Action Required	Materials	!! Add Info
0	T	Trailhead	Parking Lot											<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
0	V	Restroom	Chemical Toilet					1			Yes			<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
47	V	Picnic Table	Wooden					2						<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
53	V	Scenic Viewpoint	Mt. Cora						149					<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
69	T	Root	Multiple Roots	14	5	6	in	5	83	38				<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
130	V	Bench	Back and armrests	60	18	18	in	1						<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
199	T	Rock	Small Boulder	13	12	16	in	1		48		Remove		<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
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334	T	Waterbar	4 X 4 Plank	4	54	8		1		0				<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
338	T	Erosion	Center of Trail	10	8	12	in					Monitor		<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
416	T	Minimum Clearance	Boulder- large, centered in path	40	22	20	in					Remove		<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>
521	V	Bench	Back only	60	18	18	in	1						<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> <input type="button" value="trash"/>

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# High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process USDA SBIR Phase II



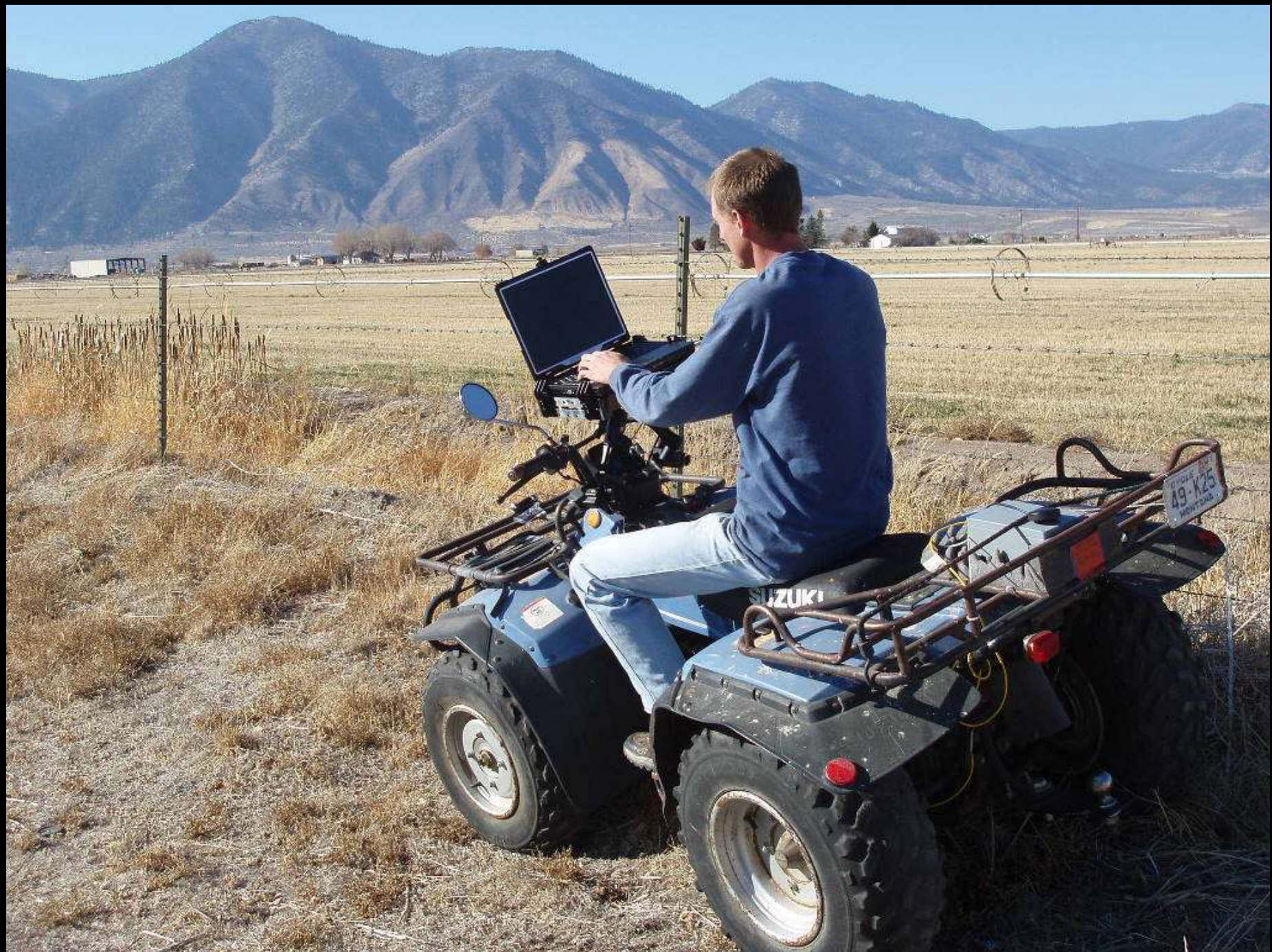




# HETAP- Rollawheel







**Last Station Recorded**

25

Paved

Ice

**Copy Surf. Data ->****Tread Width:****Surface Category:****Surface Type:****Distance:****Grade:****Cross Slope:****Current Station To Record**

25

in

Set MCW

Paved

Ice

7.2 Ft

-0.7 %

0.8 %

**Record Station****Add Features****Return Home****Distance Hold****Manual Entry****View Data****Alarm Settings****Browse Images****New Segment****Current Segment:**

2 Joggin Lampe 2007-06-12

**Outslope****Check Outslope Direction**

&lt;- Left

Right -&gt;

**Vehicle Orientation** **Forwards** **Backwards****Show Camera Preview****Compass Heading:** ° True**GPS Location and Status****Lat:****Lon:****Apprx. Err:****Elev:**

Error: Garmin GPS is not connected

Distance:

Type:

Description:

**Zone**

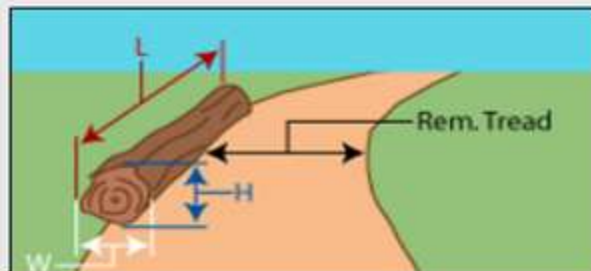
Trail Bed  Visual

**Dimensions**

L  W  H

Units of Measure:

Remaining Tread:



	Distance	Feature Type	E D
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**Record Feature**

**Stations**

**Manual Entry**

**Edit Feature**

**Copy Feature**

**Delete Feature**

**Rotational Penetrometer Data**

**Edit Feature Notes**

Quantity:  Ending Distance: (to the nearest foot)   
 End Distance Reminder

**Optional Data**

Recommended Action:

Materials Needed:

**For a Built Feature: Is this feature Accessible?**

Yes  No  This is not a Built Feature

**Show Camera Preview**









# ASTM F 1951–99

American Society for Testing and  
Materials (ASTM)

Standard specification for  
determination of accessibility of  
surface systems under and around  
playground equipment

# Rotational Penetrometer



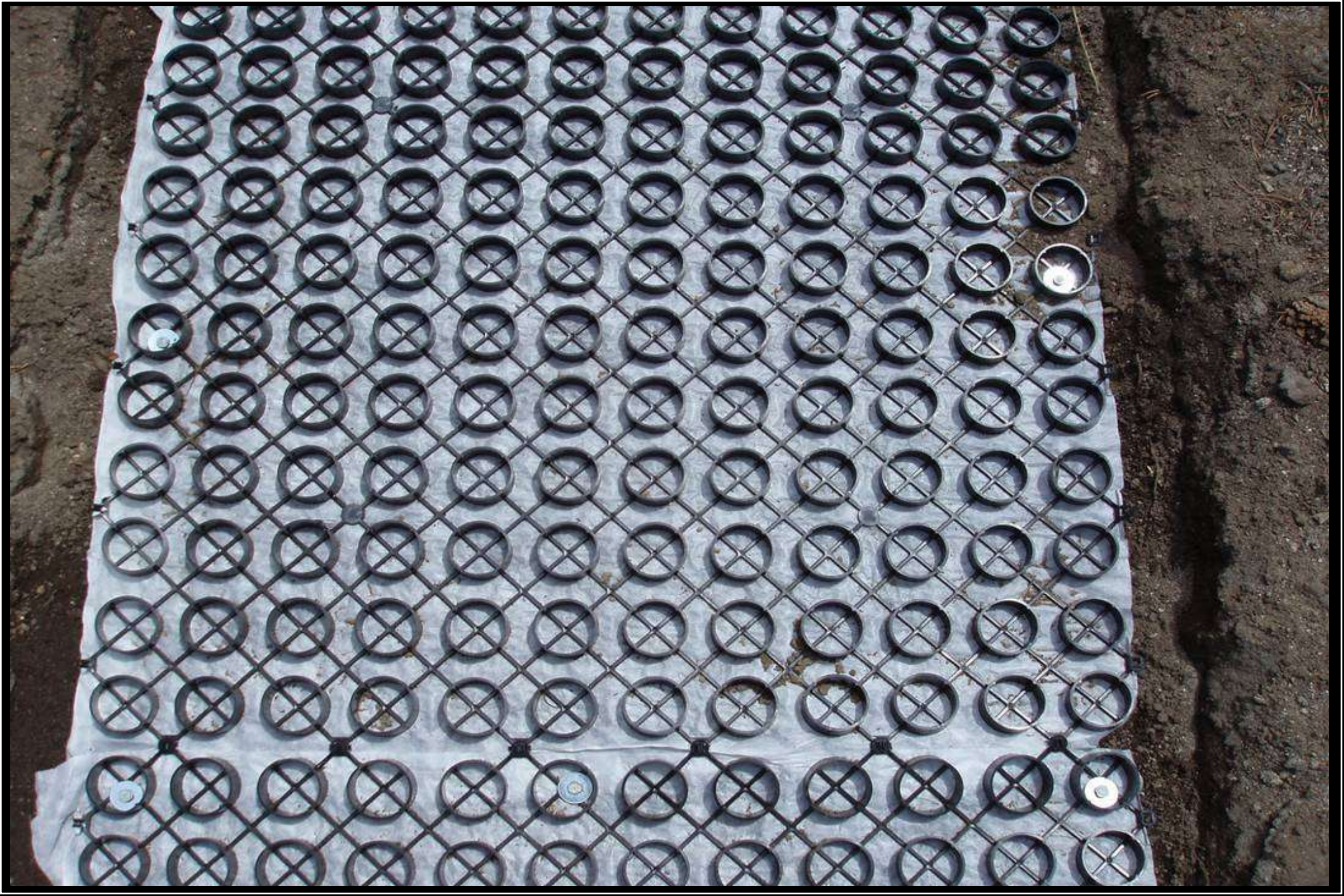
Objective surface  
measurement device

Draft Standard for  
firmness with stability  
measurement under  
development

Available from  
Beneficial Designs

# Gravelpave2 Before Installation







# Gravelpave2 After Installation





# Rotational Penetrometer

# Rotational Penetrometer Readings-Gravelpave 2

## *Before* Application

Firmness      Stability

0.18            0.77

0.17            0.87

0.17            0.77

0.18            0.88

0.18            0.79

0.18    Avg    0.82

## *After* Application

Firmness      Stability

0.17            0.37

0.17            0.38

0.18            0.42

0.17            0.35

0.18            0.40

0.17    Avg    0.38



A photograph of a braided stream in a mountainous landscape. The stream is composed of multiple channels of water flowing over a bed of rocks and sand. The surrounding terrain is covered in dense, brownish vegetation, likely shrubs or grasses. In the background, there are mountains with patches of snow. A dirt trail with deep ruts runs alongside the stream, showing signs of heavy use. The overall scene is a natural, rugged environment.

**Trail Rutting  
and Braiding**

# New Boardwalk Substructure



**Side View**



**1/4 Mile Long**



A man with glasses, wearing a black puffer jacket, black pants, and black boots, is seated in a wheelchair. He is leaning against a chain-link fence barrier. He is wearing tan work gloves and has his right hand on the top rail of the fence. The fence is made of galvanized steel posts and chain-link mesh. In the background, there are trees, a brick building, and a hillside under an overcast sky. The ground is dirt and gravel.

# Barrier at Riverview Park



# Third Inverted Bollard Design

Motorcycle  
Testing

# Electronic Gate Barrier



# Pedestrian and Motorized Vehicle Trail Traffic Counter





# Trail Access Information Sheet

## Trail Uses



Hiking



No Equestrians



No Bikes

## Hazards and Obstructions



Dropoff  
10 feet



Vertical Overhanging  
Rock



Steps  
32 Railroad  
Ties

## Pioneer

Morgan Grist Mill

## Trail Length 2 mi (3.3 km)

Linear trail

Pioneer trail goes through a wooded area of Hickory, Maple, and Beech trees. Seasonal wildflowers abundant in the spring and fall.

Cumulative Elevation Change    Gain 171 ft (52 m)  
Loss 106 ft (32 m)



Typical Grade is 2.6%

5% of the trail is between 8% and 20%  
164 ft (50 m) is between 12% and 20%  
8% grade is a standard ramp.



Typical Cross Slope is 2.2%

0% of the trail is between 8% and 17%  
39 ft (12 m) is between 10% and 17%



Typical Tread Width is 55 in (139 cm)

Tread Width ranges from 45 in (114 cm) to 60 in (152 cm)  
Minimum Clearance 22 in (56 cm)



Trail Surface is Soil

80% of the trail is Firm or better  
2097 ft (639 m) of the trail is Soft or worse

## Trailhead Location

Parking Lot



Trail  
Access  
Information

Warning: Trail conditions may have changed since this trail was assessed. Temporary obstructions (e.g. fallen trees or land slides) may not have been mapped. Maximum grades and cross slopes may vary.

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## Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Trail

Length 1.5 mi (2.3 km)



Hiking



Dogs On Leash



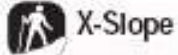
Grade

Typical Grade 2.3%

7% of the trail is 6%

327 ft (100 m) is 7%

6% grade is a standard ramp.



X-Slope

Typical Cross Slope 2.0%

99% of the trail is 3% to 5%

304 ft (93 m) is 6% to 10%



Tread  
Width

Typical Tread Width

7.5 ft (2.3 m)

Minimum Clearance Width

42 in (107 cm)

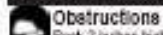


Surface  
Type

Aggregate / Gravel

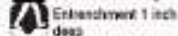
82% is Firm or better

1408 ft (429 m) is Soft or worse



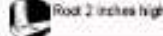
Obstructions

Rock 2 inches high



Entrenchment 1 inch

deep



Rock 2 inches high

**NOTES:** The conditions may have changed since any 2008 data. The trail is located in the Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Area. The trail is located in the Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Area. The trail is located in the Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Area.

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Trail Access

Information

# Nevada Recreation Trails (NV NRT)



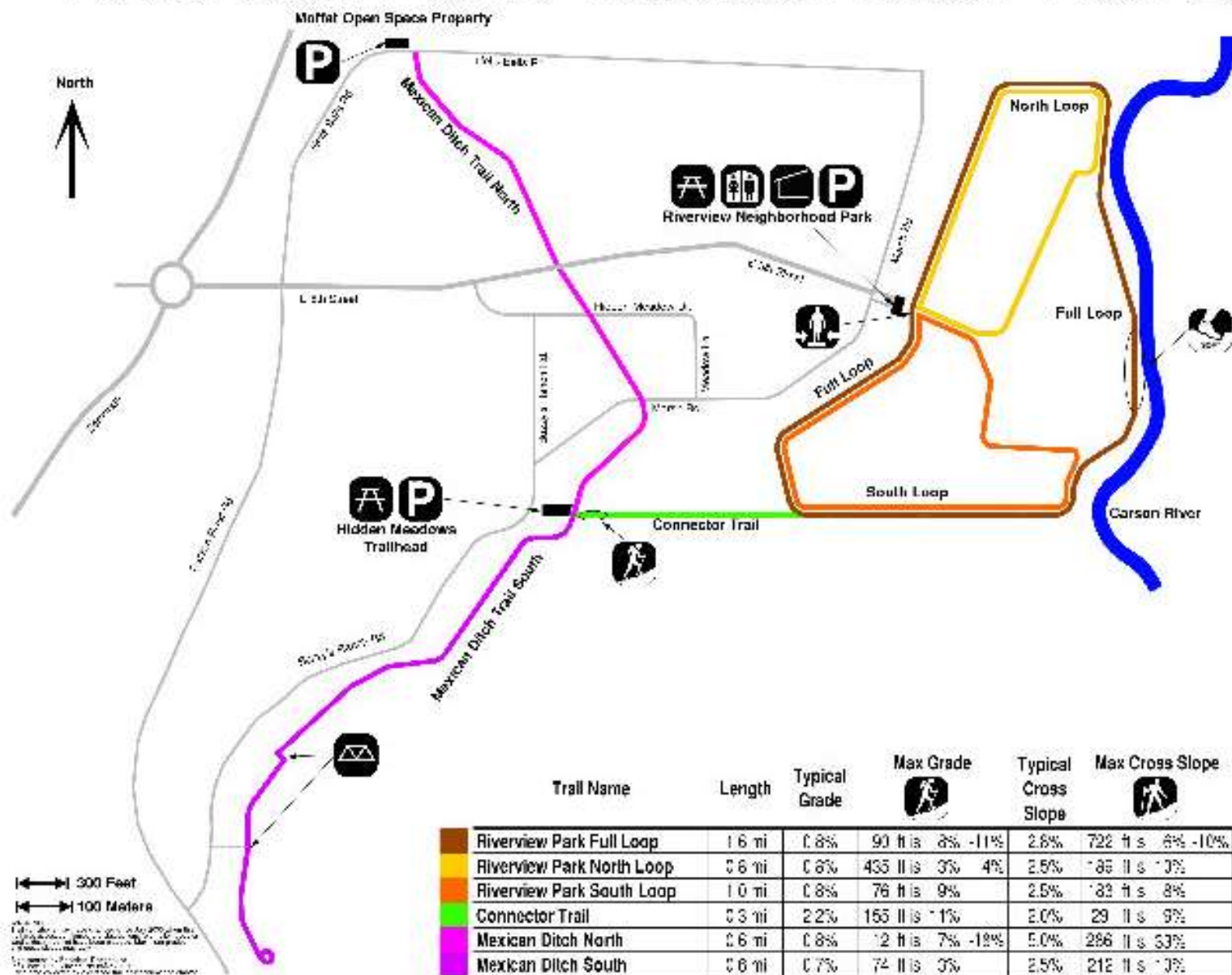


Narrow Trails



Color and Logos

# Riverview Park / Mexican Ditch Trail System



## Trail Use:



Hiking



Bicycling



Equestrian

Riverview Park only



No Motor Vehicles



Dogs Allowed



Gate Access

Contact the Carson City Parks and Recreation Dept. at 997-2262

Trail Name

Length

Typical Grade

Max Grade



Typical Cross Slope



Typical Trail Width



Min Clearance Width

Surface Type



Riverview Park Full Loop	1.6 mi	0.8%	90 ft/s	8% -11%	2.8%	722 ft/s	8% -10%	11 ft	16 in	Aggregate/Gravel
Riverview Park North Loop	0.6 mi	0.6%	435 ft/s	3% -4%	2.5%	186 ft/s	3%	10 ft	16 in	Aggregate/Gravel
Riverview Park South Loop	1.0 mi	0.8%	76 ft/s	9%	2.5%	183 ft/s	8%	12 ft	16 in	Aggregate/Gravel
Connector Trail	0.3 mi	2.2%	155 ft/s	1%	2.0%	29 ft/s	9%	12 ft	60 in	Aggregate/Gravel
Mexican Ditch North	0.6 mi	0.8%	12 ft/s	7% -18%	5.0%	296 ft/s	53%	12 ft	60 in	Aggregate/Gravel
Mexican Ditch South	0.6 mi	0.7%	74 ft/s	3%	2.5%	212 ft/s	3%	7.5 ft		Sand

# Riverview Park / Mexican Ditch Trail System



- Trail Use:**
- Hiking
  - Bicycling
  - Equestrian
  - Dogs Allowed
  - No Motor Vehicles
  - 18" Minimum Clearance Width
  - Trail Access Information

Trail Name	Length	Typical Grade	Max Grade	Typical Cross Slope	Max Cross Slope	Typical Trail Width	Min Clearance Width	Surface Type
Riverview Park (Full Loop)	1.9 mi	0.8%	30° R to 8% - 11%	2.8%	722° R to 8% - 10%	11 ft	16 in	Aggregate / Gravel
Riverview Park (South Loop)	0.8 mi	0.3%	433° R to 3% - 4%	2.5%	180° R to 10%	12 ft	16 in	Aggregate / Gravel
Riverview Park (North Loop)	1.0 mi	0.2%	79° R to 9%	2.5%	29° R to 8%	12 ft	16 in	Aggregate / Gravel
Connector Trail	0.3 mi	2.2%	150° R to 17%	2.0%	29° R to 8%	12 ft	16 in	Aggregate / Gravel
Mexican Ditch Trail (North)	0.8 mi	0.8%	12° R to 7% - 18%	8.0%	298° R to 33%	12 ft	60 in	Aggregate / Gravel
Mexican Ditch Trail (South)	0.6 mi	0.7%	74° R to 3%	2.5%	212° R to 10%	8 ft	60 in	Sand

North  
 1:10000 Scale  
 1" = 100 Feet  
 1" = 300 Meters

# Round Hill Pines / Kahle Park Bike Paths



### Kahle Park Loop

**Kahle Park**  
Length 0.6 mi (01.0 km)

- Hikers
- Dogs on Leash per posted restrictions
- Bikes
- No Equestrians
- No Motorized Vehicles
- Grade

**Typical Grade 3.8%**

1020 ft (313 m) is 5% to 8%  
227 ft (69 m) is 8% to 12%  
0% grade in a standard ramp

- X-Slope

**Typical Cross Slope 3.7%**

1044 ft (318 m) is 5% to 8%  
150 ft (46 m) is 8% to 9%

- Tread Width

Typical Tread Width 32 in (207 cm)

- Surface Type

**Asphalt**

Typical Firmness	0.19
Minimum Firmness	0.22

Typical Stability	0.25
Minimum Stability	0.27

100% is Firm and Stable

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**A Trail Access Information**

### Round Hill Pines

**Round Hill Pines**  
Length 4.4 mi (7.1 km)

- Hikers
- Dogs on Leash per posted restrictions
- Bikes
- Equestrians
- No Motorized Vehicles
- Grade

**Typical Grade 4.0%**

13% of the trail is 8% to 10%  
25.1 ft (7.6 m) is 10% to 23%  
0% grade in a standard ramp

- X-Slope

**Typical Cross Slope 3.1%**

16% of the trail is 5% to 8%  
752 ft (229 m) is 8% to 13%  
21 ft (6 m) is 21%

- Tread Width

Typical Tread Width 33 in (235 cm)  
Minimum Tread Width 780 ft (240 m) is 24 in (61 cm)

- Surface Type

**Asphalt or Soil**

Typical Firmness	0.20
Minimum Firmness	0.33 (0.3m)

Typical Stability	0.26
Minimum Stability	1.15 (Unstable soil in one section)

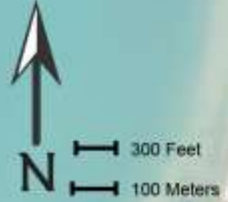
**Obstructions**

- Multiple 20' Rock Slopes
- Remaining Insect 0 in (0 cm)
- 14" Hole
- Remaining Insect 12m (39cm)

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**A Trail Access Information**



# Sparks Marina Loop Trail

Sparks Marina

Length 2.0 mi (3.2 km)

- Hikers
- Dogs Allowed (per posted restrictions)
- Bikes
- No Motorized Vehicles
- Grade
- Typical Grade 1.9%
- 94% of the trail is 0% to 5%
- 576 ft (176 m) is 5% to 8%
- 9% grade is a standard ramp.
- X-Slope
- Typical Cross Slope 1.9%
- 94% of the trail is 0% to 3%
- 100 ft (30 m) is 5% to 8%
- 9% grade is a standard ramp.
- Tread Width
- Typical Tread Width 12 ft (3.7 m)
- Surface Type
- Asphalt / Concrete
- 100% is Hard or Better
- Firmness - 0.19

14.55	0.50	0.35	11.25
Ball	Med	Flow	Flow

- Stability - 0.23

11.65	1.05	0.65	11.25
Concrete	Med	Stable	Flow

- 100% is Paved
- Obstructions
- 90" High Solid
- 90" High Solid

WARNING: Trail conditions can have changed since September 2008 when the trail was assessed. Temporary obstructions such as fallen trees and road closures are not depicted.

For more information on the trail, visit [www.sparksrec.com](http://www.sparksrec.com) or call 703-836-7272.

- Trail Access Information

# Sparks Marina



300 Feet  
100 Meters

- Streets
- Sparks Marina Trail
- Connector Trail
- Private Boating Access
- The Public Hand Boat Launch
- No Fishing or Boating in the Cove

- Swimming Area
- Beach
- Playground
- Dog Park
- Restrooms
- Parking

## The Legends



# Lampe Park



**Outer Loop**  
Lampe Park  
Length 0.8 mi (1.2 km)

Hikers  
Bikes  
No Dogs  
No Equestrians  
No Motorized Vehicles

Grade  
Typical Grade 1.3%  
17 ft (5 m) is 5% to 8%  
30 ft (9 m) is 17%  
8% grade is a standard ramp

X-Slope  
Typical Cross Slope 1.5%  
7% of the trail is 3% to 5%  
142 ft (43 m) is 5% to 8%

Tread Width  
Typical Tread Width 127 in (323 cm)

Surface Type  
Decomposed Granite / Pavers  
Typical Firmness - 0.20  
Minimum Firmness - 0.23

10-20	0-20	0-20	10-20
Soft	Med	Hard	Hard
Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable

Typical Stability - 0.20  
Minimum Stability - 0.33

100% is Firm or Better

**Trail Access Information**

**Inner Loop Trail**  
Lampe Park  
Length 0.6 mi (0.9 km)

Hikers  
Bikes  
No Dogs  
No Equestrians  
No Motorized Vehicles

Grade  
Typical Grade 1.1%  
17 ft (5 m) is 5% to 5%  
0% grade is a standard ramp

X-Slope  
Typical Cross Slope 1.0%  
95% of the trail is 0% to 5%

Tread Width  
Typical Tread Width 145 in (368 cm)

Surface Type  
Decomposed Granite / Pavers  
Typical Firmness - 0.20  
Minimum Firmness - 0.23

10-20	0-20	0-20	10-20
Soft	Med	Hard	Hard
Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable

Typical Stability - 0.20  
Minimum Stability - 0.33

100% is Firm or Better

**Trail Access Information**

**Senior Center Trail**  
Lampe Park  
Length 0.2 mi (0.3 km)

Hikers  
Bikes  
No Dogs  
No Equestrians  
No Motorized Vehicles

Grade  
Typical Grade 1.5%  
27 ft (8 m) is 5% to 5%  
0% grade is a standard ramp

X-Slope  
Typical Cross Slope 1.1%  
63 ft (19 m) is 3% to 5%

Tread Width  
Typical Tread Width 115 in (291 cm)

Surface Type  
Decomposed Granite  
Typical Firmness - 0.19  
Minimum Firmness - 0.23

10-20	0-20	0-20	10-20
Soft	Med	Hard	Hard
Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable

Typical Stability - 0.20  
Minimum Stability - 0.33

100% is Firm or Better

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Click on the trail name for more information. Click on the column heading to sort by column.  
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Trail	Park	Nearest Town(s) State	Length	Uses	Typical Grade	Surface Firmness	Trail Information
<a href="#">Trail 10</a>	McCormick's Creek State Park	IN	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	Hiking	3.3%	Firm	Trail 10 begins near the stairs on Trail 3. The trail follows McCormick's Creek downstream to the Old Statehouse Quarry and Trail 2. Depending on the season and water levels, that trail borders the creek, crosses the creek numerous times, or is completely in the creekbed.
<a href="#">Trail 8</a>	McCormick's Creek State Park	IN	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	Hiking	2.3%	Paved	Trail 8 connects the campground to the swimming pool and Nature Center. Pine Bluff Shelter and picnic/playground area can be reached from the trail.
<a href="#">Trail A</a>	McCormick's Creek State Park	IN	0.2 miles (0.3 km)	Hiking	2.2%	Firm	Trail A is a connector trail from the Class A campground to Trail 7.
<a href="#">Trail 6</a>	Spring Mill State Park	IN	0.4 miles (0.7 km)	Hiking	2.3%	Paved	Trail 6 is a paved loop trail near the Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom Memorial.
<a href="#">Trail 7</a>	Spring Mill State Park	IN	0.9 miles (1.5 km)	Hiking	3.3%	Firm	Trail 7 loops around the Oak Ridge Picnic Area and connects with Trail 7 Spur that leads to Trail 4.
<a href="#">Trail 7 Spur to Trail 4</a>	Spring Mill State Park	IN	0.4 miles (0.6 km)	Hiking	3.9%	Firm	Trail 7 Spur connects Trail 7 from the Oak Ridge Picnic Area to Trail 4
<a href="#">Trail 10 Spur to Camels Back</a>	Turkey Run State Park	IN	0.1 miles (0.2 km)	Hiking	0.9%	Firm	The spur to Camel's Back begins at the junction of Trail 10. The short trail ends at Camel's Back. There is an observation deck and bench.
<a href="#">Trail 11</a>	Turkey Run State Park	IN	0.2 miles (0.3 km)	Hiking	3.1%	Firm	Trail 11 starts from the Service Road besides the Turkey Run Inn. A short hike about Turkey Run Hollow to the Lieber Memorial and Log Church.
<a href="#">Trail 7 Spur to Campground</a>	Turkey Run State Park	IN	0.1 miles (0.2 km)	Hiking	3.3%	Firm	Connector trail between the Campground and Trail 7.

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# Develop standards for trail design

Designing Sidewalks  
and Trails for Access  
Part I and Part II

Access Board Negotiated Rulemaking  
Committee

Feedback on US Forest Service  
guidelines



# ADA Recreation Trail

## Grade

up to 30% of length  $> 8.33\%$

5% for any distance

8.33% for 200 feet

10% for 30 feet

12.5% for 10 feet

14% for 5 feet in drains if cross slope  $< 5\%$

# ADA Recreation Trail

## Cross Slope

5%

10% in drains if width > 42 inches

## Rest Areas

60 inches length, trail width, 5% slope

## Edge Protection

3 inches minimum height when provided

# ADA Outdoor Access Route

## Surface

firm and stable

## Width

36 inches

exception 32 inches for up to 24 inches

## Openings

< 0.5 inch sphere

















# Surface Transition: Perpendicular Setback Turning Space

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Data Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

## SURFACE TRANSITION LOCATION

Zone Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Feature Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Corner of Intersection: 

N	S	W	E
NW	NE	SW	SE

GPS - Elevation \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Category:

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Diagonal                | <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Perp w/out Stop Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Alleyway                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Perpendicular           | <input type="checkbox"/> Midblock                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Median Center            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Diag w/out Stop Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway Crossing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Median Corner (Porkchop) |

## SURFACE TRANSITION CHARACTERISTICS/SIDEWALK ELEMENTS

Include all sidewalk elements (i.e. utility pole, sign, etc.) on the drawing to indicate their position.

Digital Image taken – frame # and description \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes  No Is the Curb Ramps Cross Slope Warped to meet the Roadway Grade?
- Yes  No Is the Grade of the Curb Ramp Out through, built up or does it meet the curb at right angles to the curb?
- Yes  No Are the Grade Breaks at the top and bottom of each surface perpendicular to the direction of Ramp Run?
- Yes  No Are all surfaces Planar with NO Grade Breaks?
- Yes  No Are all the surface slopes that meet at grade breaks flush within 1/4 of an inch?

If No, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Record any surface height transitions over 0.25 inches using a profile gauge. Trace the transition on the back of this form, then indicate the location on the drawing.

	Length	Width	Grade	X-Slope	Surface
Curb Ramp					
Turning Space					
Is the Turning Space constrained at the Back of the Sidewalk? Y / N					
Setback Approach R					
Direct Approach R					
Flare Right			M		
Flare Left			M		
Direct Approach L					
Setback Approach L					
Detectable Warning					
Curb			M		
Gutter			M		
Roadway					
Clear Space					

Draw a line through the row of any component that does not exist for this feature.



HBRIGHT TRANSITIONS

Project #: 216-2

Date: 4/27/09

Street Name: OLVA WEST Segment Name: \* Distance: 233'9"

\* N COUNTY ROAD TO MICKLAND

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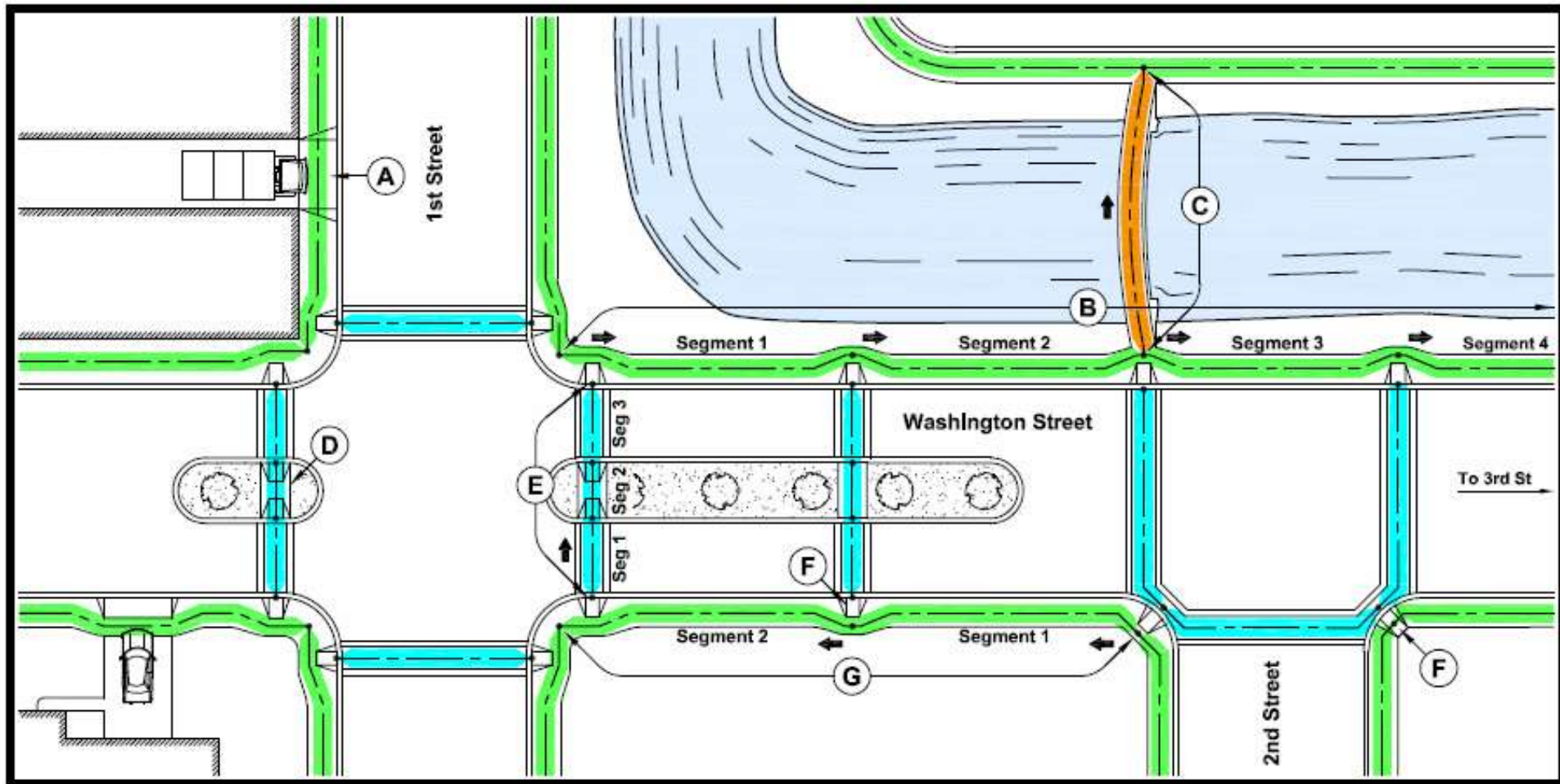
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# Pedestrian Zones in the Public Right-of-Way



## Legend

-  Pedestrian Crossing Zone
-  Sidewalk - PCP Zone
-  Structure - PCP Zone
-  Segment (Best Path of Travel)
-  Direction of Assessment Path

## Key Notes

- A- Driveway/Alley Crossing Associated to Sidewalk Zone
- B- Sidewalk Zone: Washington St North side from 1st St to 3rd St
- C- Structure Zone; Pedestrian Bridge on West Side of 2nd St 5ft North of Washington St
- D- Median Surface Transitions Associated to Pedestrian Crossing Zone
- E- Pedestrian Crossing Zone; Crossing Washington St to the North on the East side of 2nd St
- F- Surface Transition Associated to Sidewalk Zone
- G- Sidewalk Zone: Washington St South Side from 2nd St to 1st St





Stations

Distance	Grade	X-Slope	Tr
159.63 ft	4.1%	4.2%	60
168.47 ft	3.2%	4.1%	60
171.71 ft	3.0%	7.7%	60
176.81 ft	4.2%	2.3%	60
180.45 ft	8.3%	3.7%	60
183.88 ft	7.8%	4.6%	60
188.69 ft	4.5%	6.1%	60

Open Station Grid

Running Features

Start	Length	Type

End Feature

Previous	Live	Current
188.69 ft	Distance	192.91 ft
4.5%	Grade	8.2%
6.1%	Cross Slope	7.5%
60.0 in	Tread Width	→

Previous Surface: Concrete

Current Surface: ▶



Vehicle Orientation

Backward Forward

Positive Drainage Direction

← →

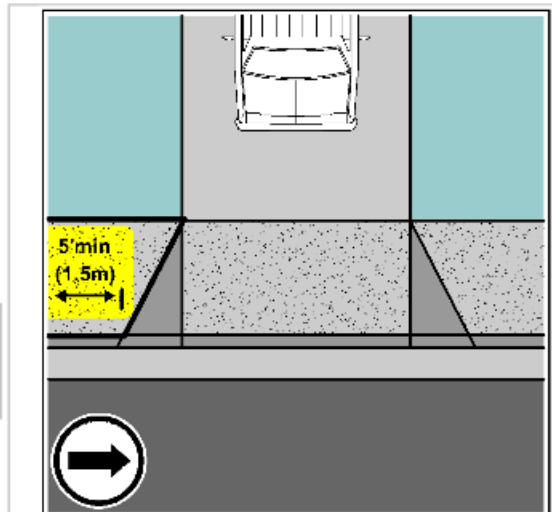


Features Segments New Feature Capture Record Close

Direct Approach Left\5 ft of clear length provided

Yes  No  Not Answered

<Future Compliance Area>



Is a minimum of 60" (1.5m) provided at the Approach to serve as a Landing

Your Comments

Utility Pole in middle of DAL  
 48" Length provided at DAR, Another DWC starts  
 Drainage Swale runs through middle of Driveway Approach - Not Planar  
 Utility Pole blocks Grade & X-Slope at RFR - Measurement taken in RTW

Component Selection

Close

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Record

Grade	X Slope	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Satellites	HDOP
Offline	Offline	Offline	Offline	Offline		

High Contrast

Tree

**Bold**

Zoom

# Data Export Formats Supported

SQL data structure

Excel Spreadsheet

Rich Text Format (CSV)

Directly into a Geodatabase

# PROWAP Stroll Data 2012-01-04






# North

 Parking Meter

 Fire Hydrant

 Bus Stop

 Curb Ramp Perpendicular

 Traffic Light  
1 Accessible Signal

 Traffic Light  
2 Accessible Signal

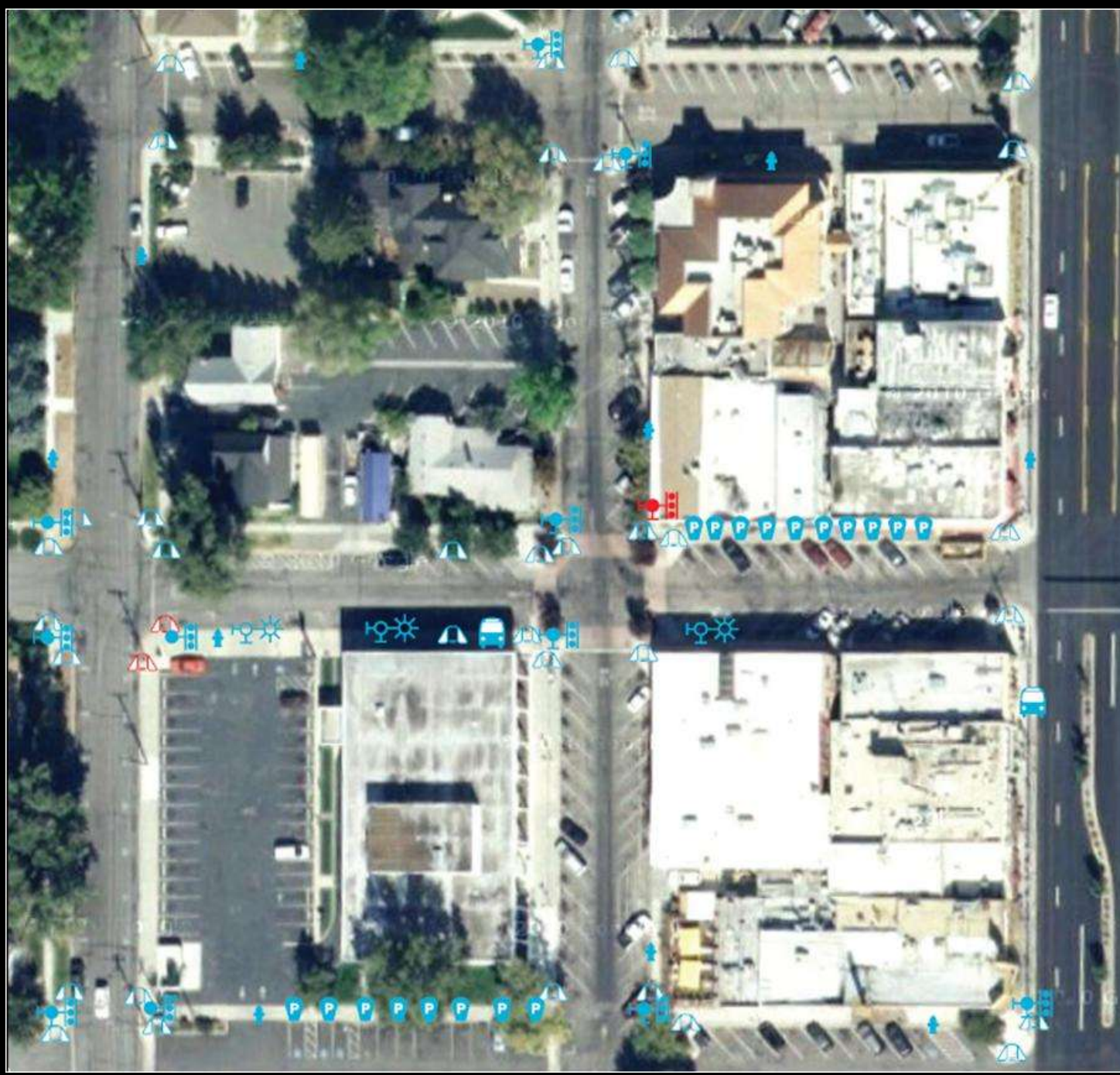
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2 Accessible Signal

 Feature not in compliance with ADA Draft Guidelines

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# The Manual Wheelchair Training Guide



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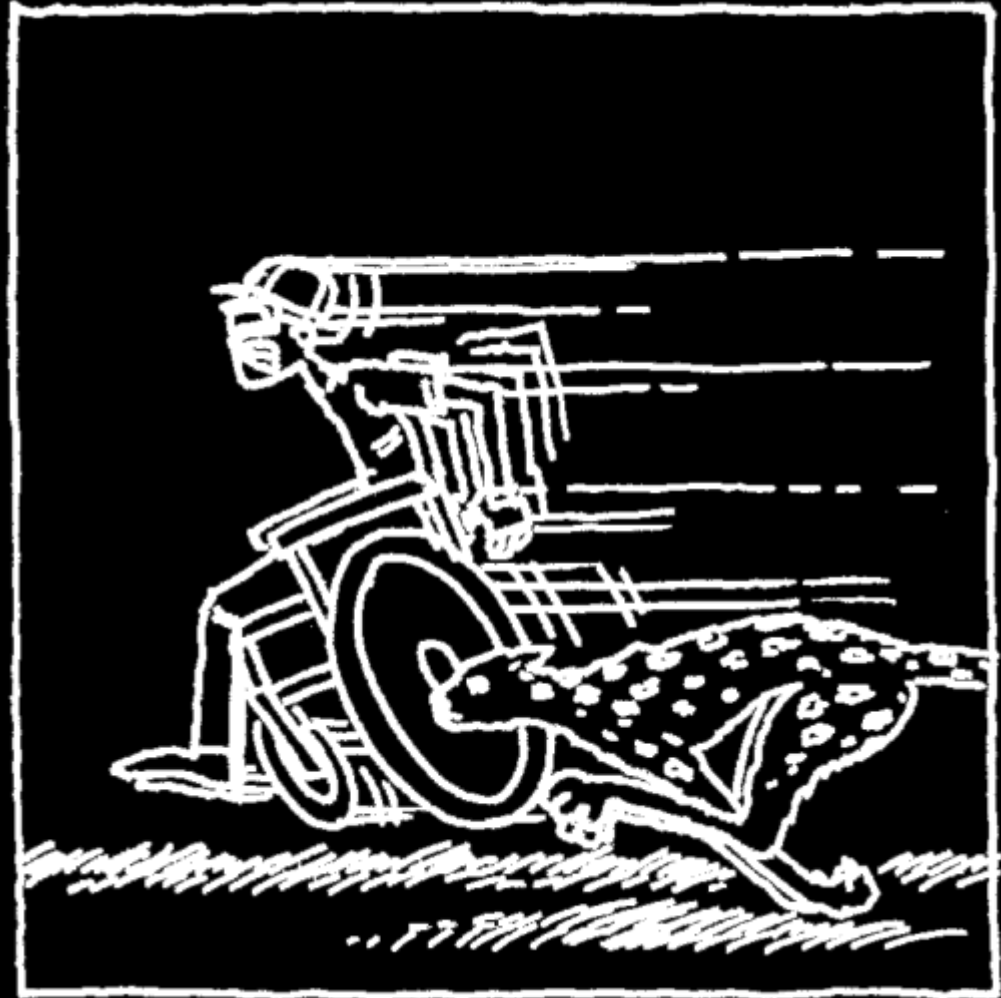
# 1.2 Set Up and Adjustment



# 1.4 Learning Your Limits



# 1.8 Propelling Your Wheelchair

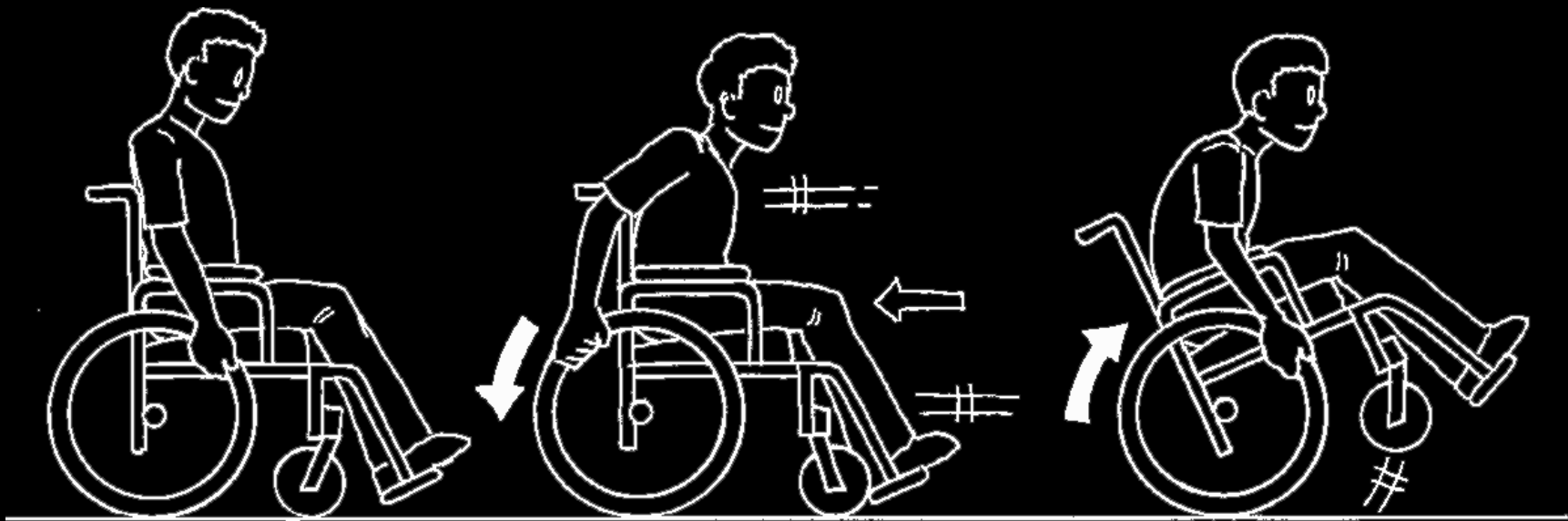


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# Wheelies



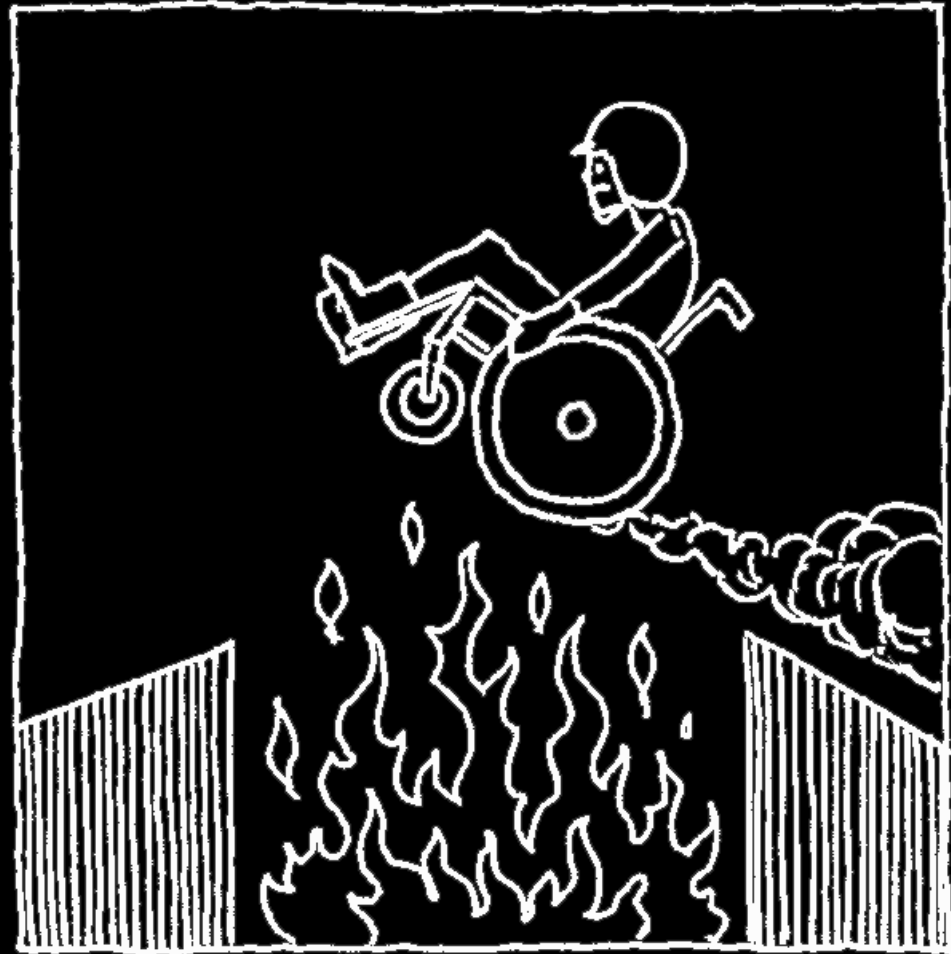
# 1.9 Wheelies – Popping a Wheelie



## 2.2 Thresholds and Obstacles



# 2.5 Ramps



## 2.7 Curb Cuts

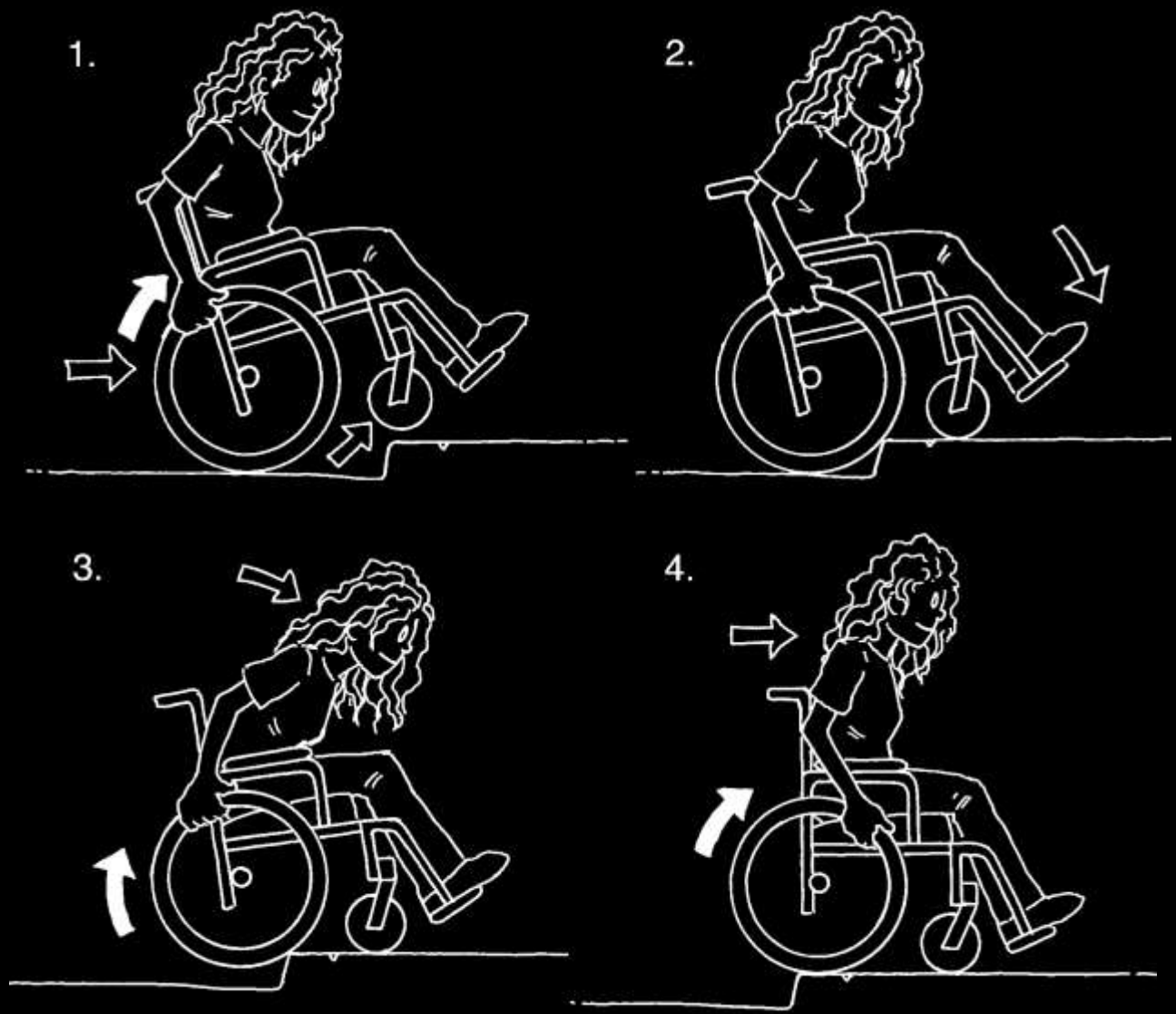




# 2.8 Curbs

## Forward

## Popping a partial wheelie



## 2.8 Curbs

Getting  
a push  
from an  
assistant

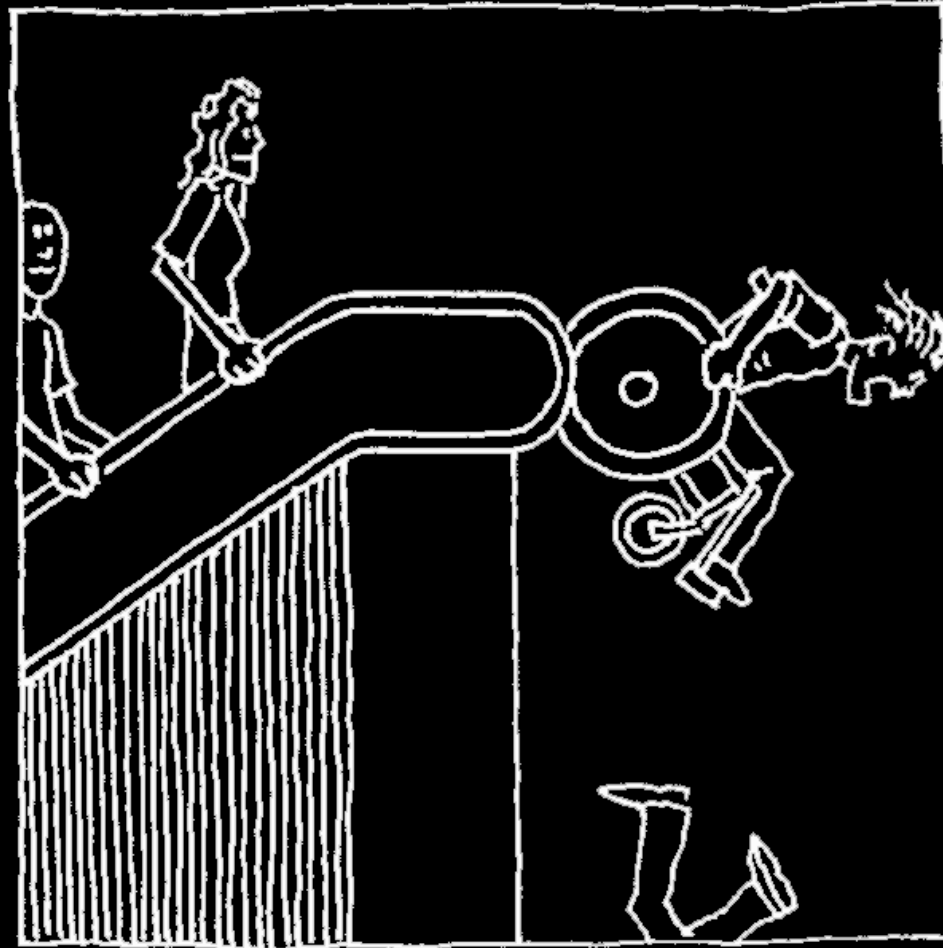


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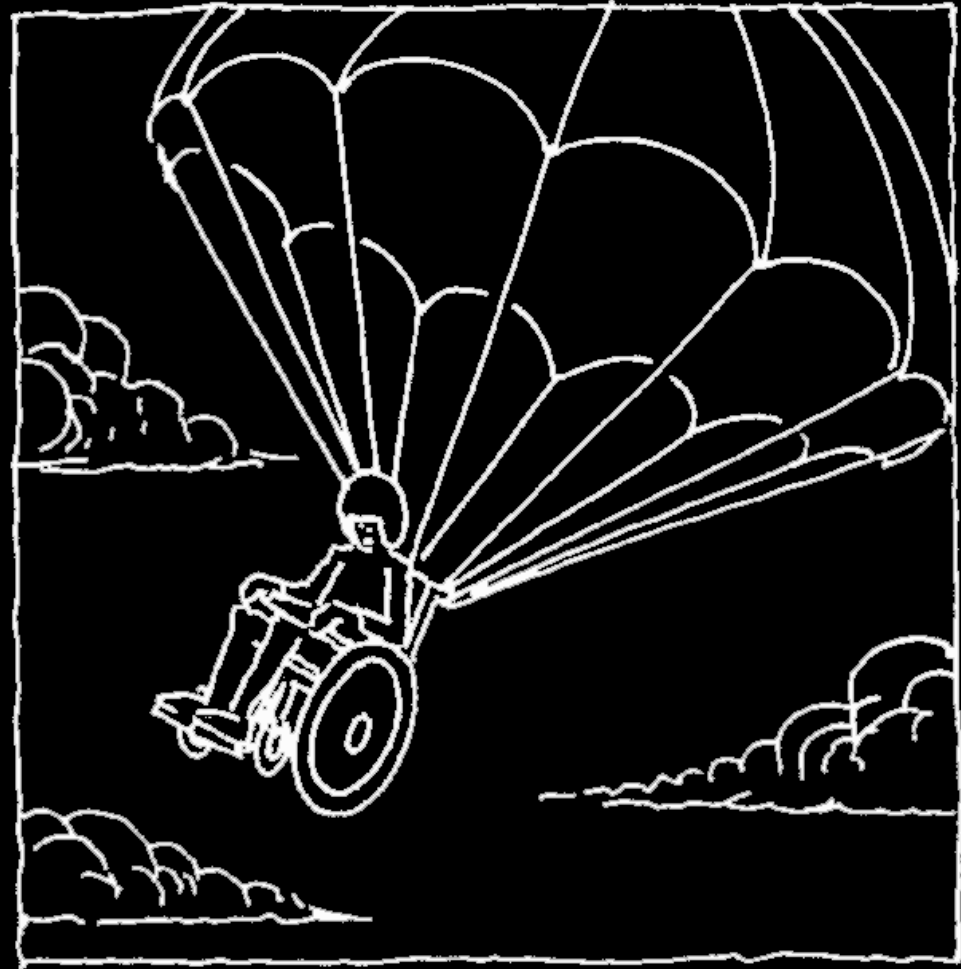
Getting  
a push  
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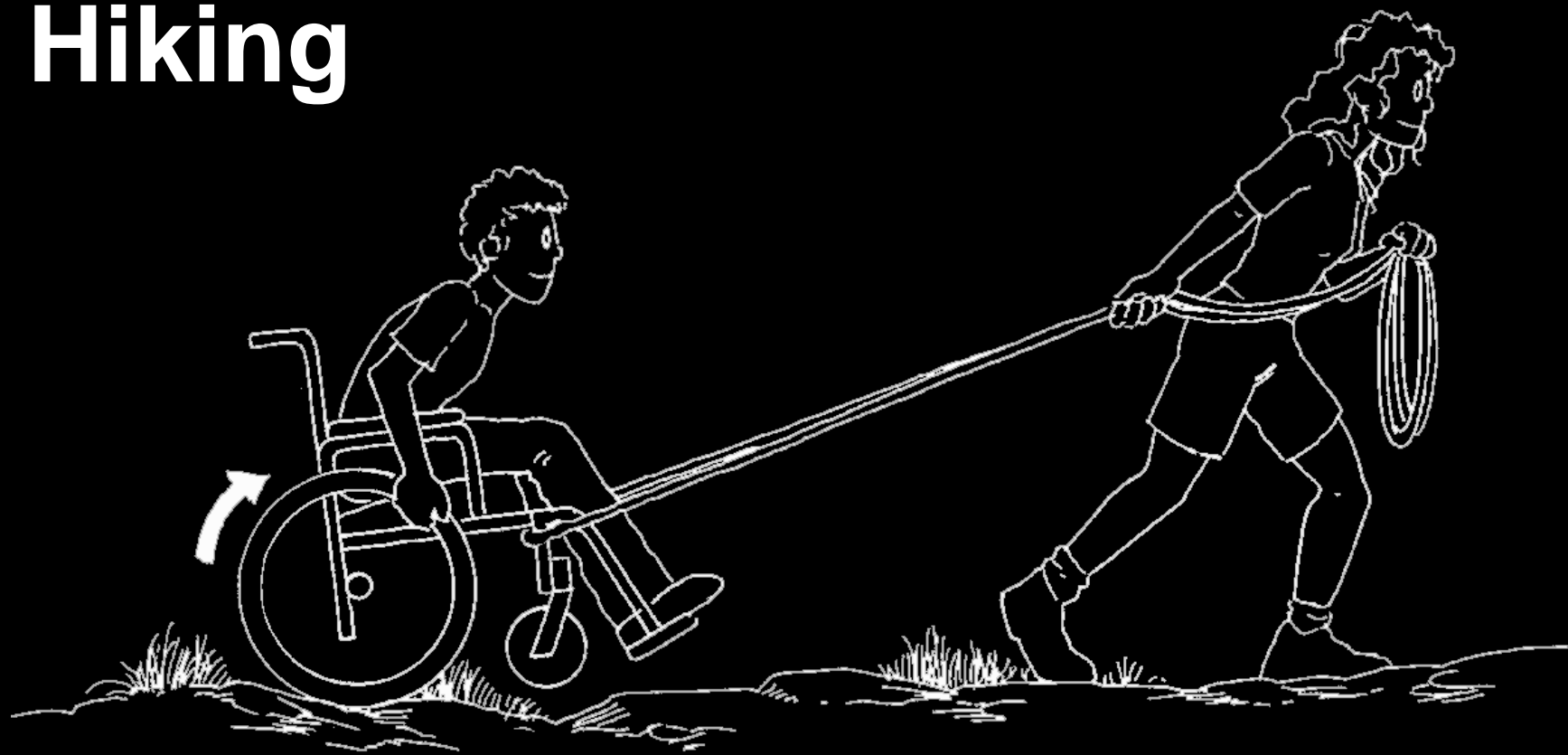
## 2.11 Escalators



# 3.2 Evacuation Procedures



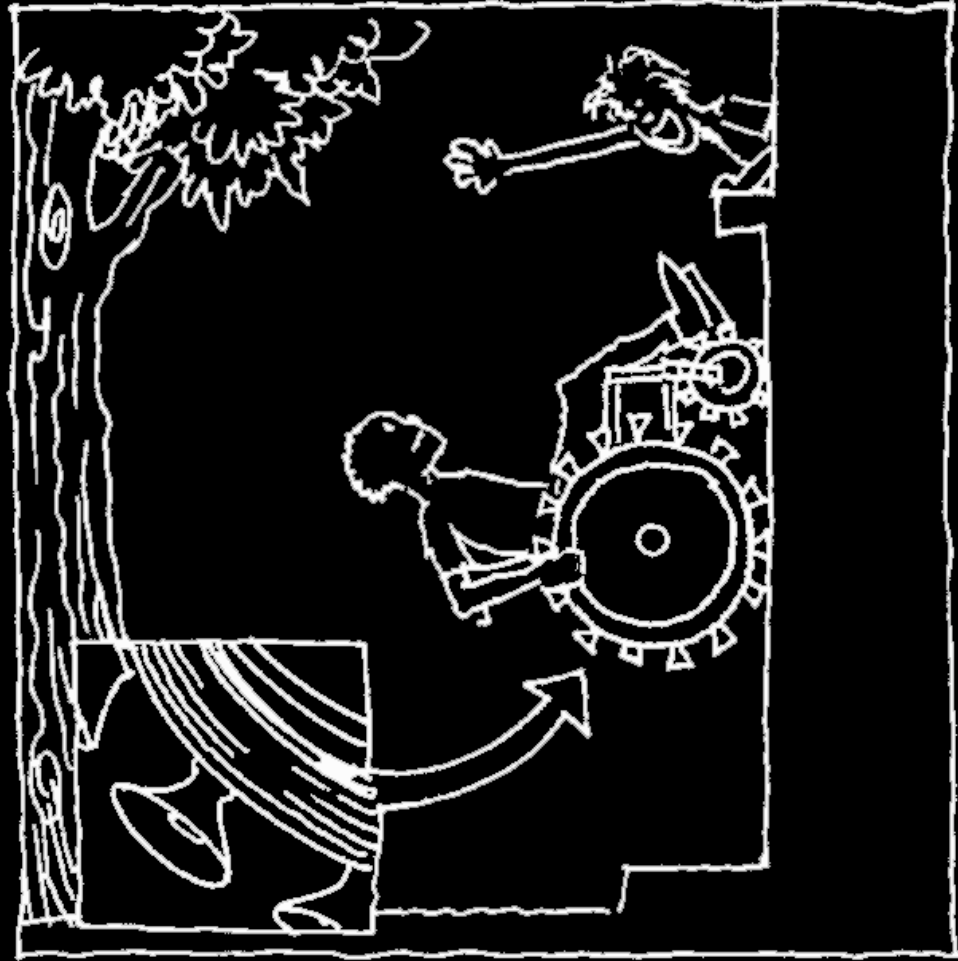
## 4.4 Hiking



# 5.2 Setting Limits and Offering Help



# Appendix B Accessories





# Wheelchair Standards

Volume 1: Requirements & test methods for wheelchairs

Volume 2: Additional requirements for wheelchairs with electrical systems

# Volume 1: Wheelchairs

Nomenclature,  
terms & definitions  
Static stability  
Overall dimensions  
Seating dimensions  
Static, impact &  
fatigue strength

Test dummies  
Coefficient of friction  
Information disclosure  
Resistance to ignition  
Stand-up type w/c's  
Set up procedures

# Volume 2: Wheelchairs with Electrical Systems

Dynamic stability

Effectiveness of  
brakes

Energy consumption

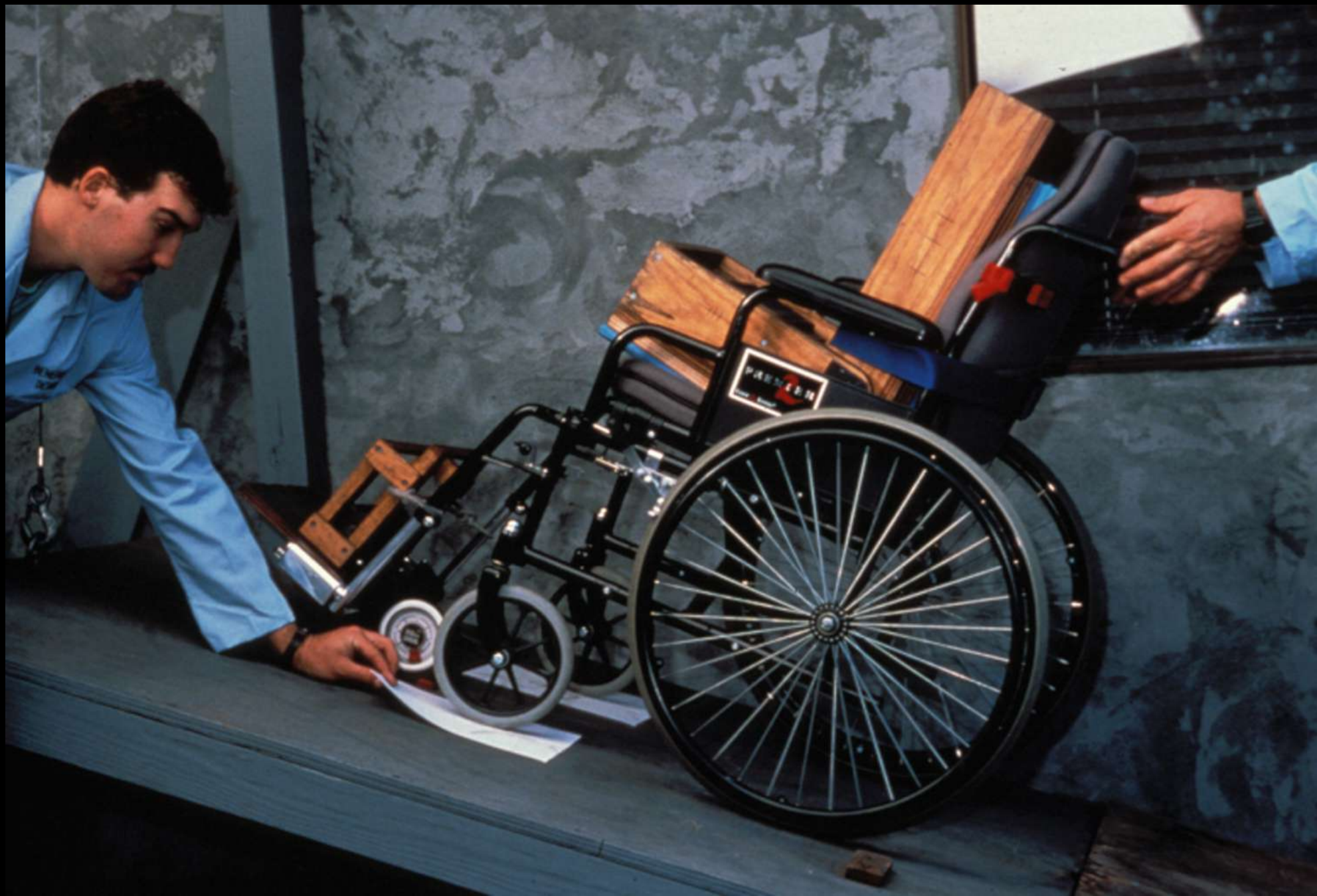
Speed, acceleration,  
retardation

Climatic tests

Obstacle-climbing  
ability

Power & controls

Electromagnetic  
compatibility



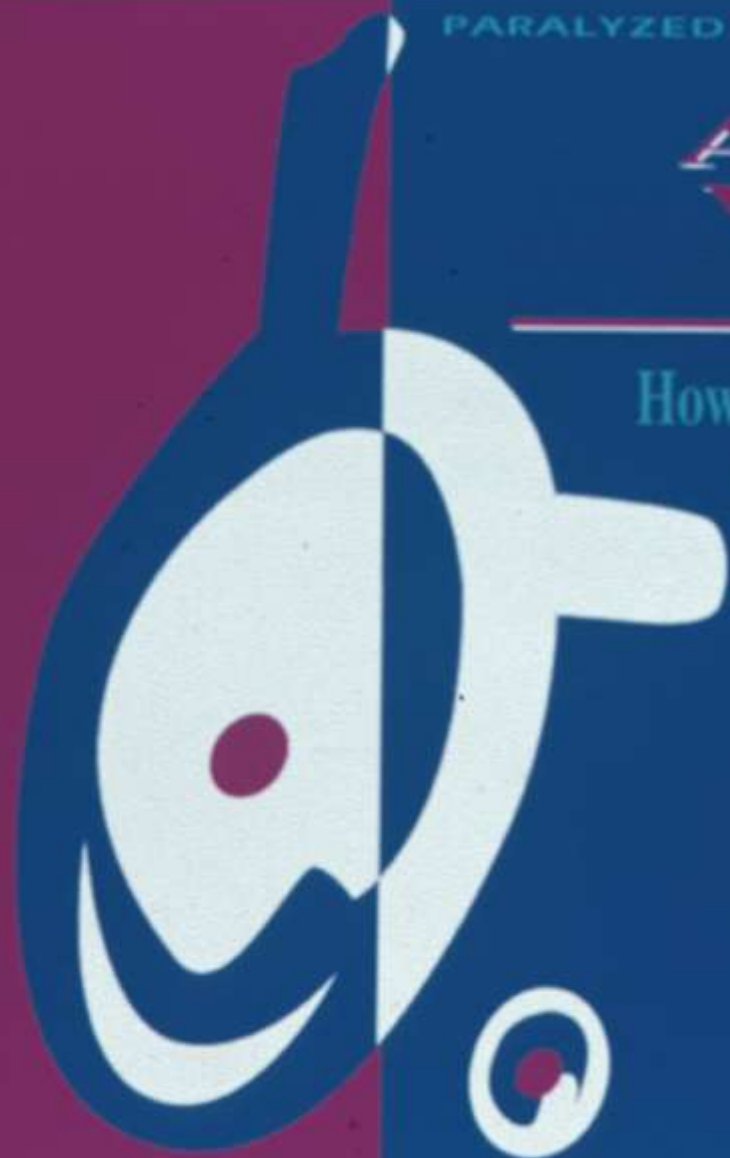
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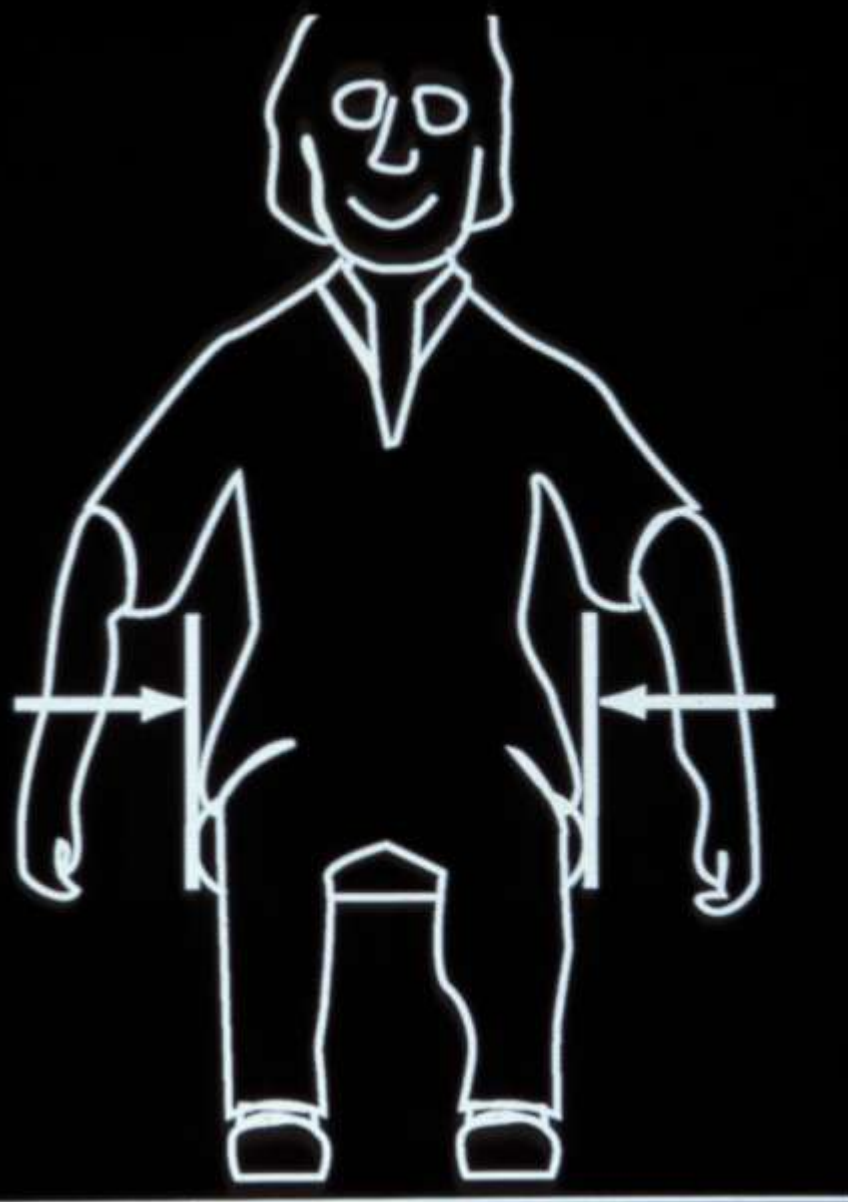
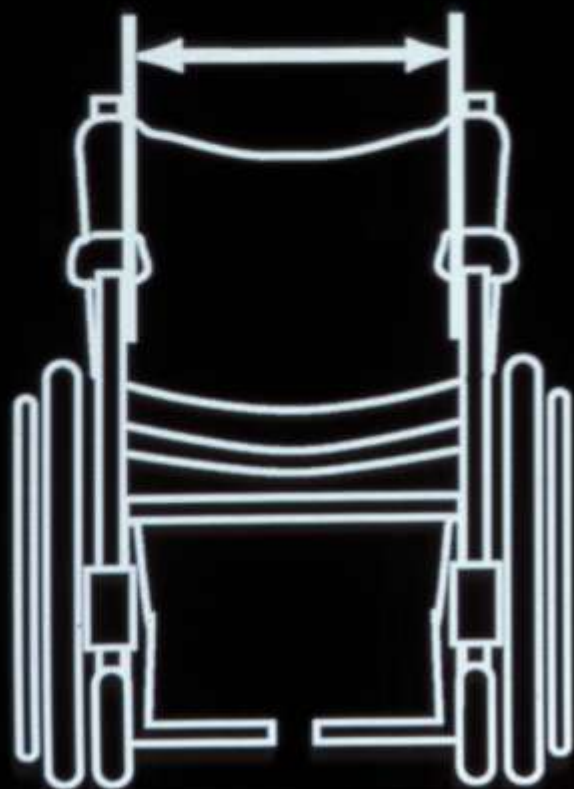
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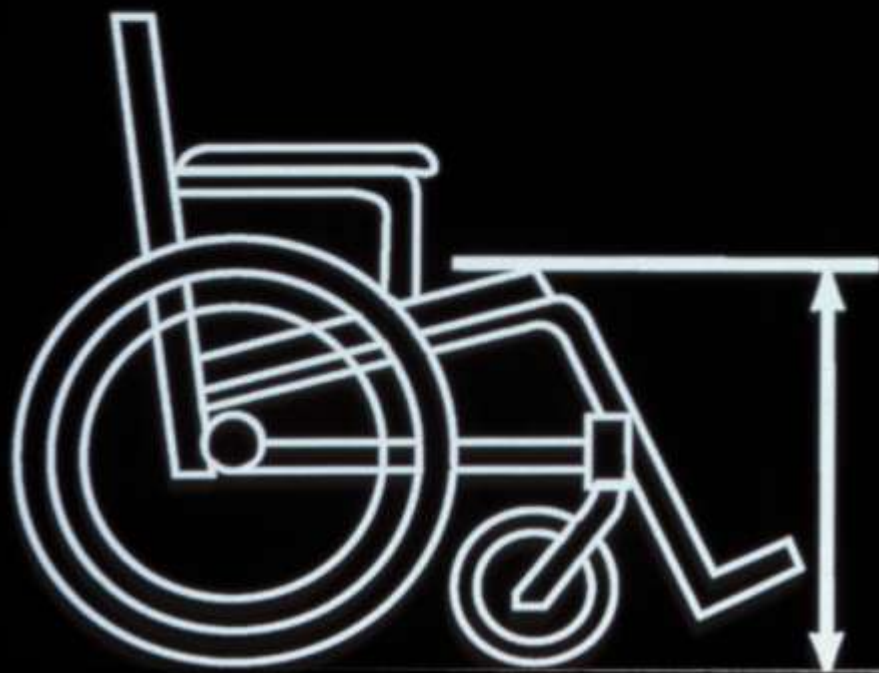
# **A Guide to Wheelchair Selection**

How to Use the ANSI/RESNA  
Wheelchair Standards to  
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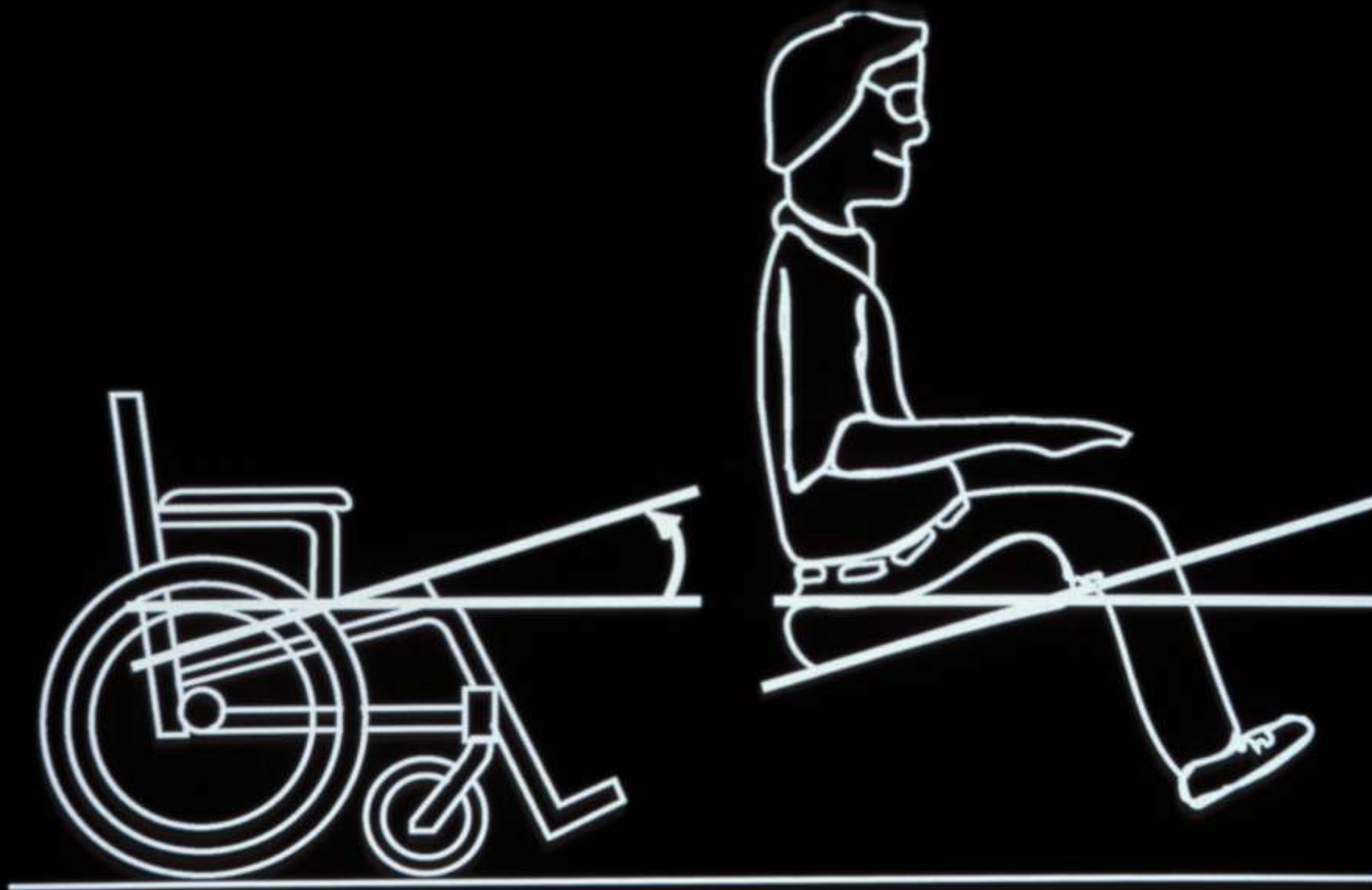


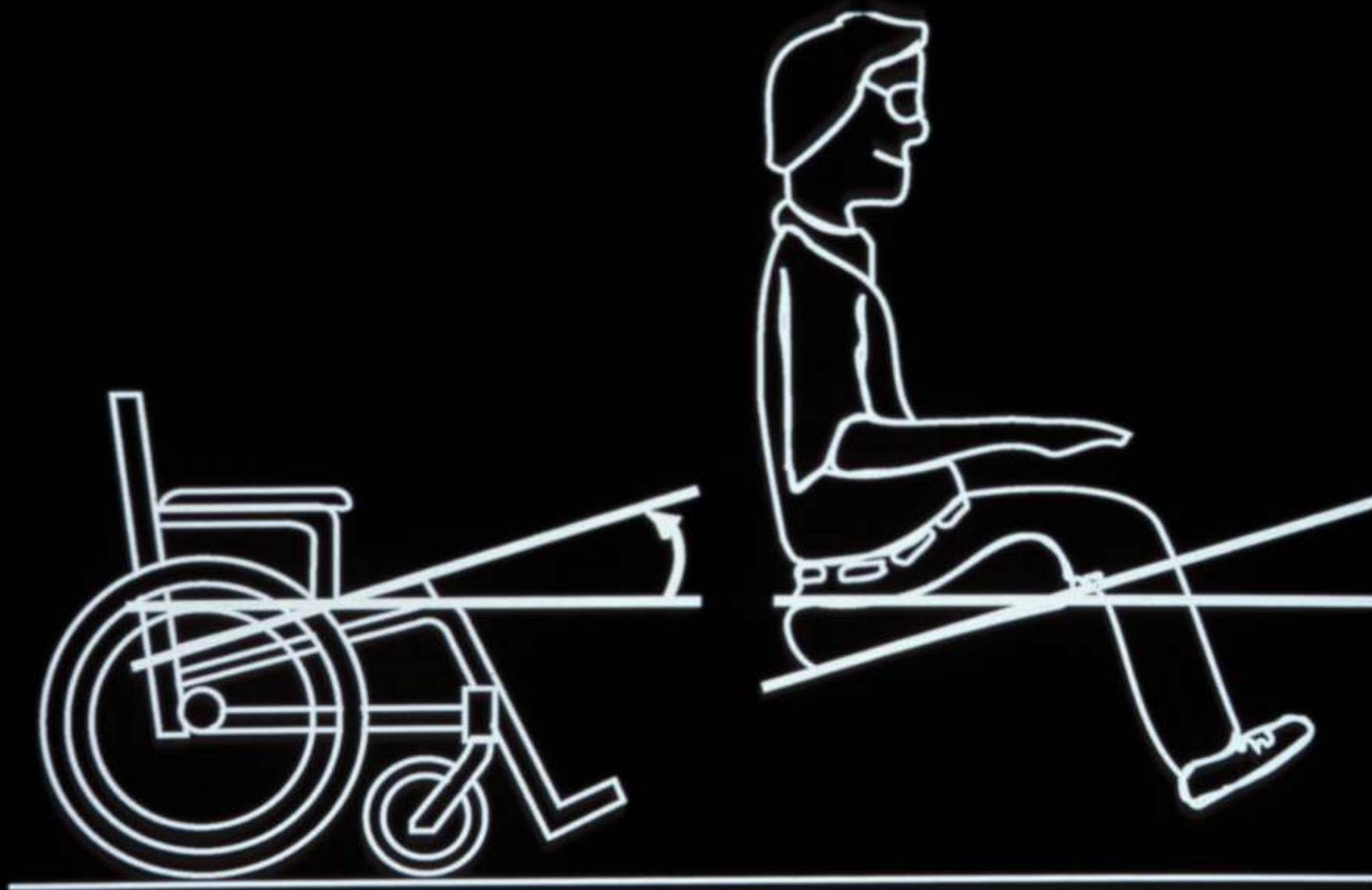
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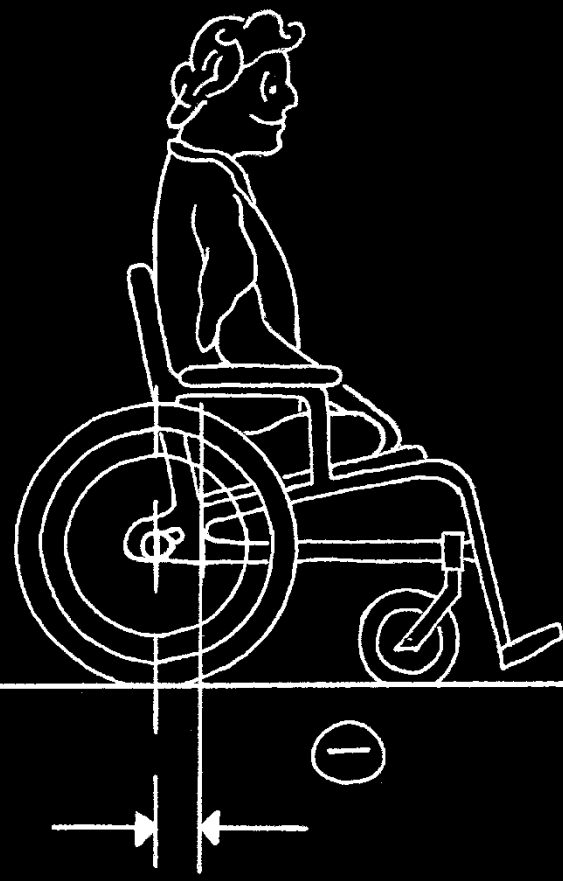
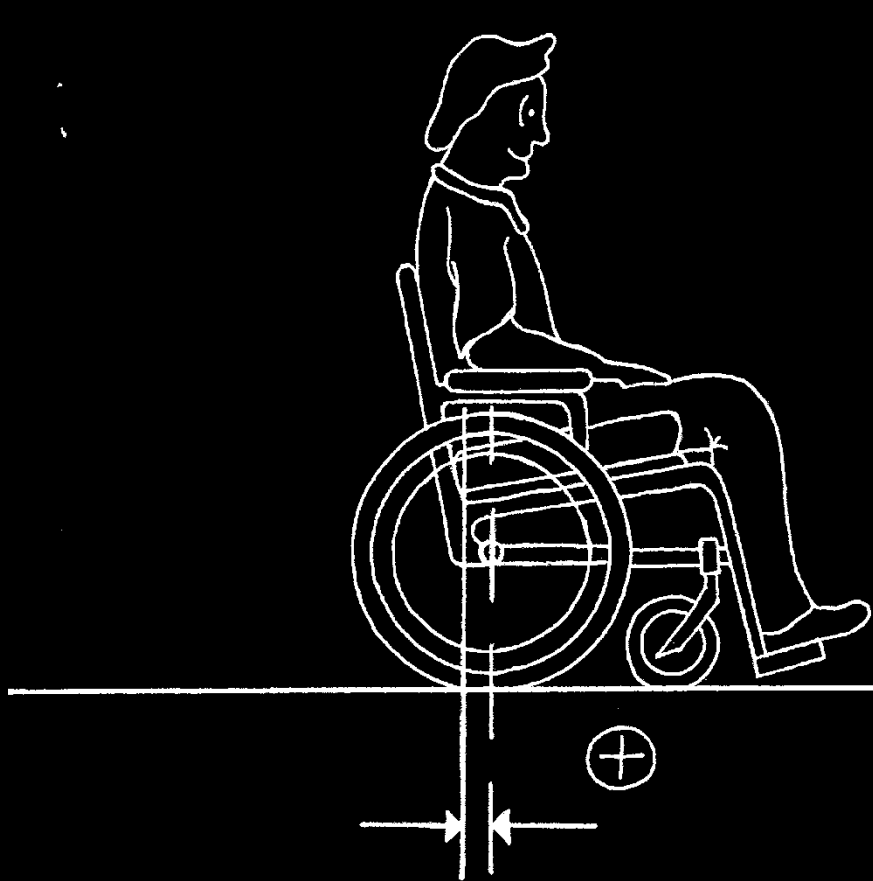












# The Population is Aging



# Characteristics of Pedestrians

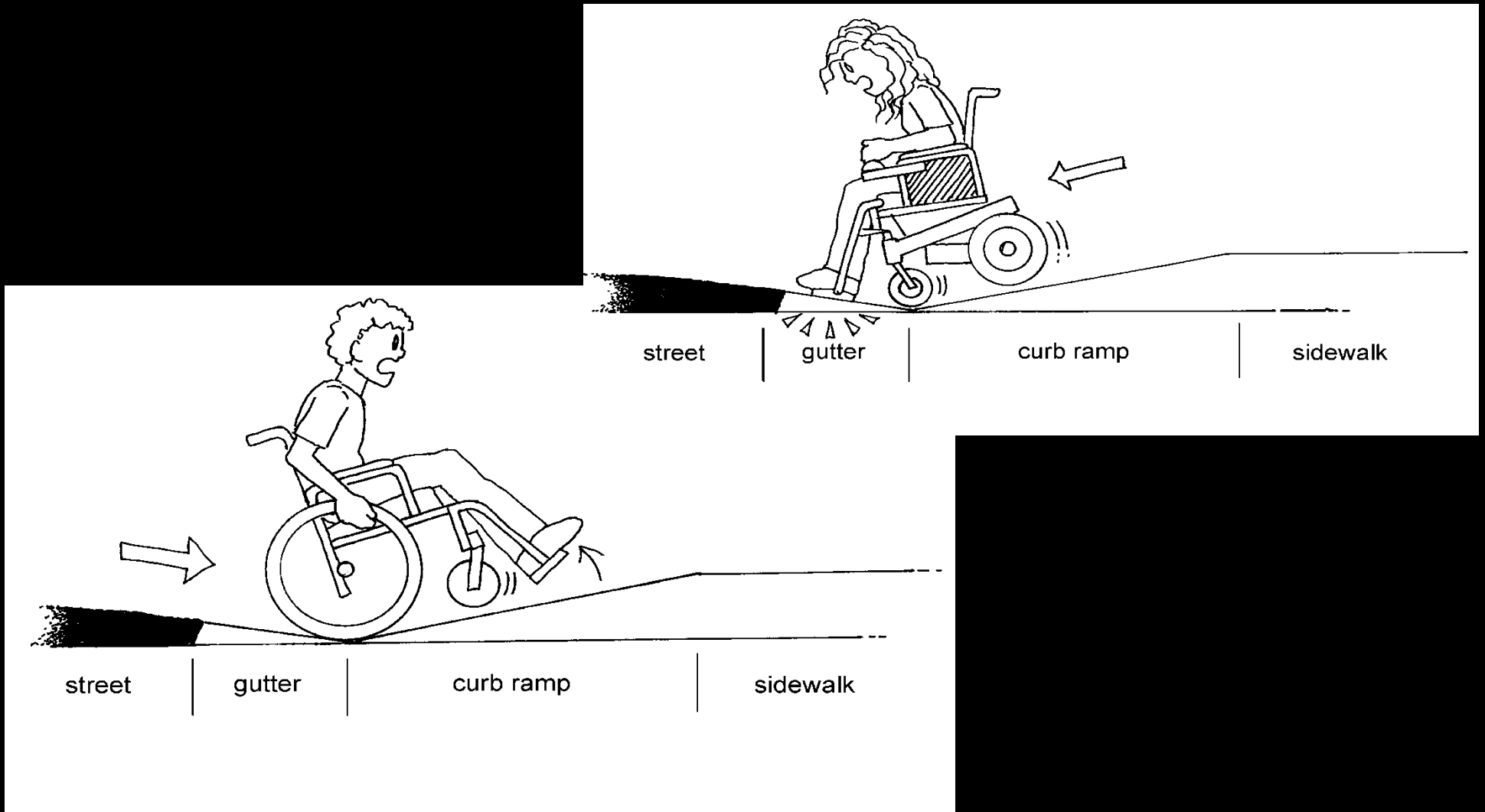


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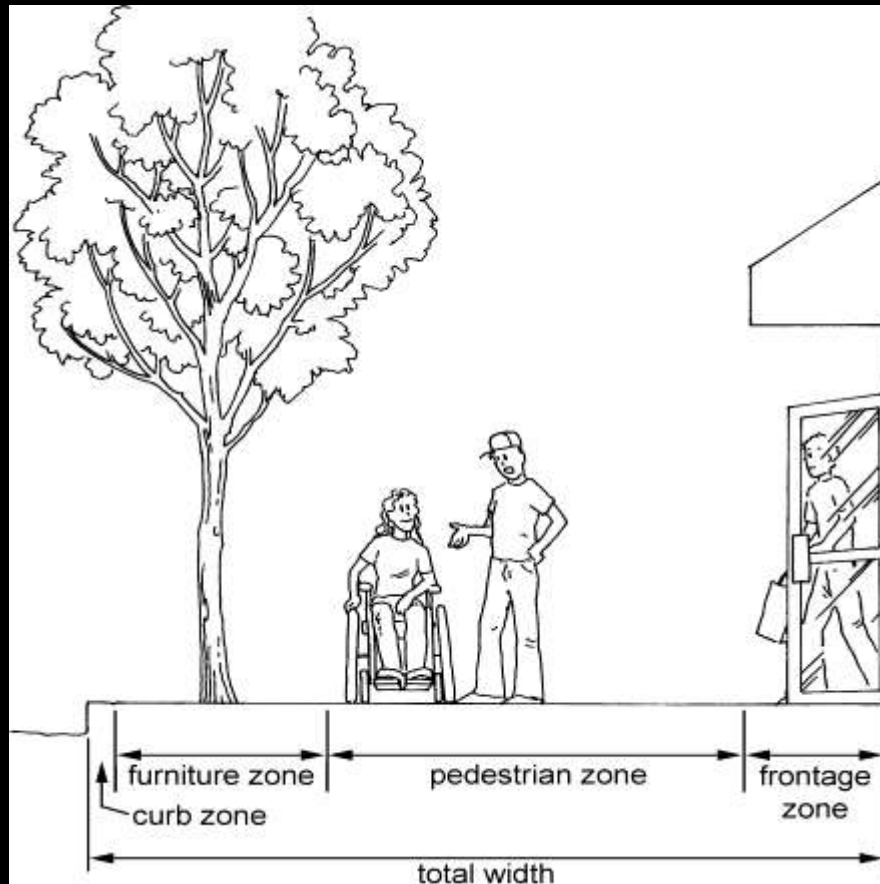
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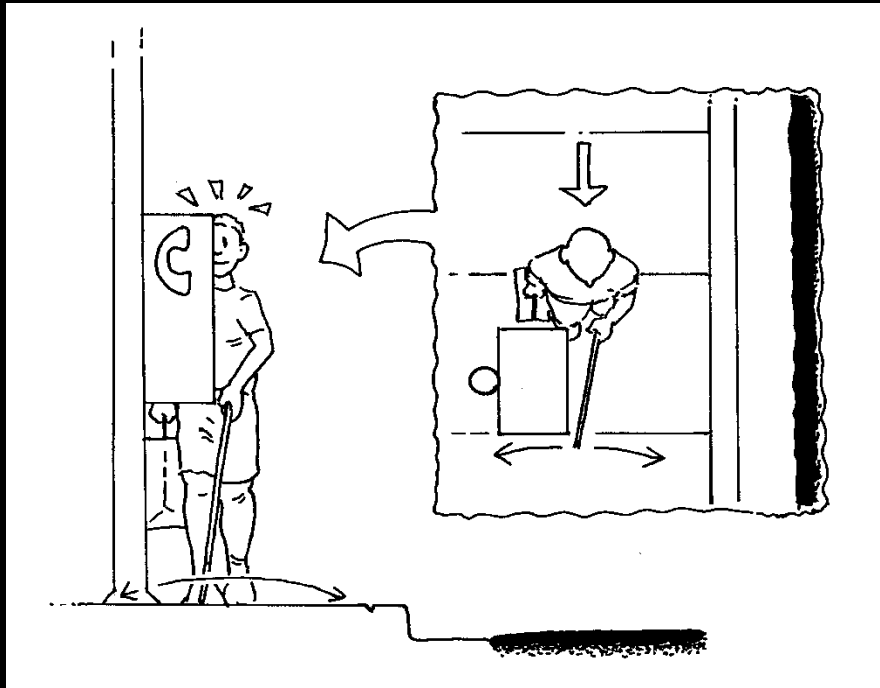


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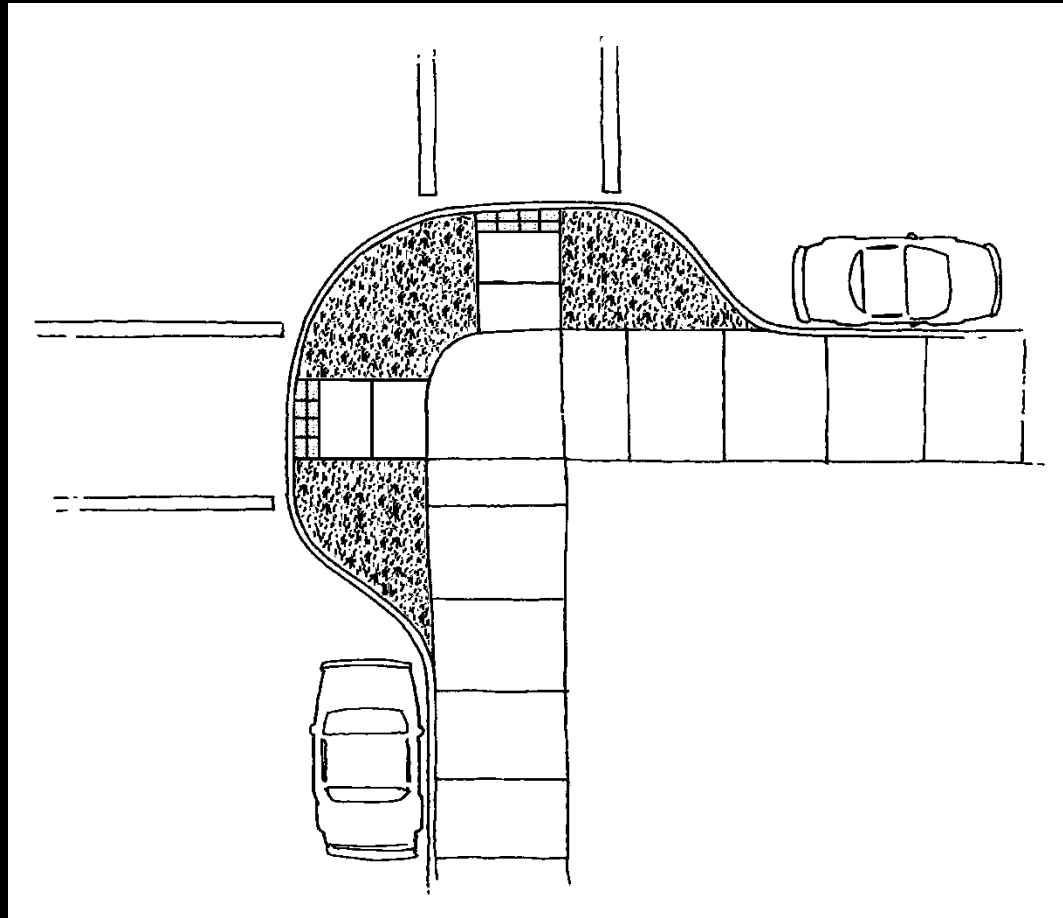




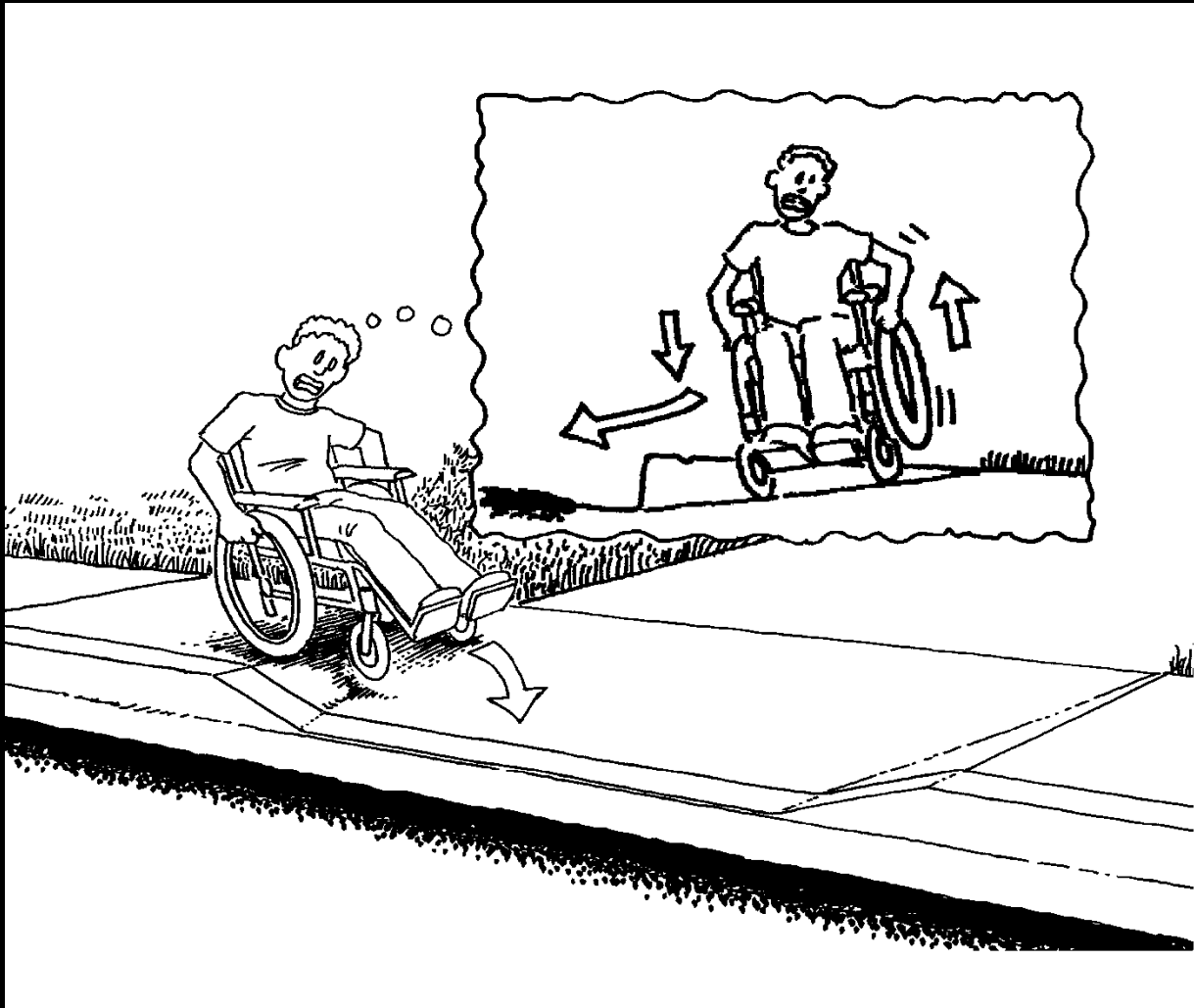
# Protruding Objects and Vertical Clearance



# Solutions for Narrow Sidewalks



# Change in Cross Slope



# Gaps, Grates and Openings



# Universal Design of Fitness Equipment (UDFE) Standards

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– user friendly

Health benefits for everyone

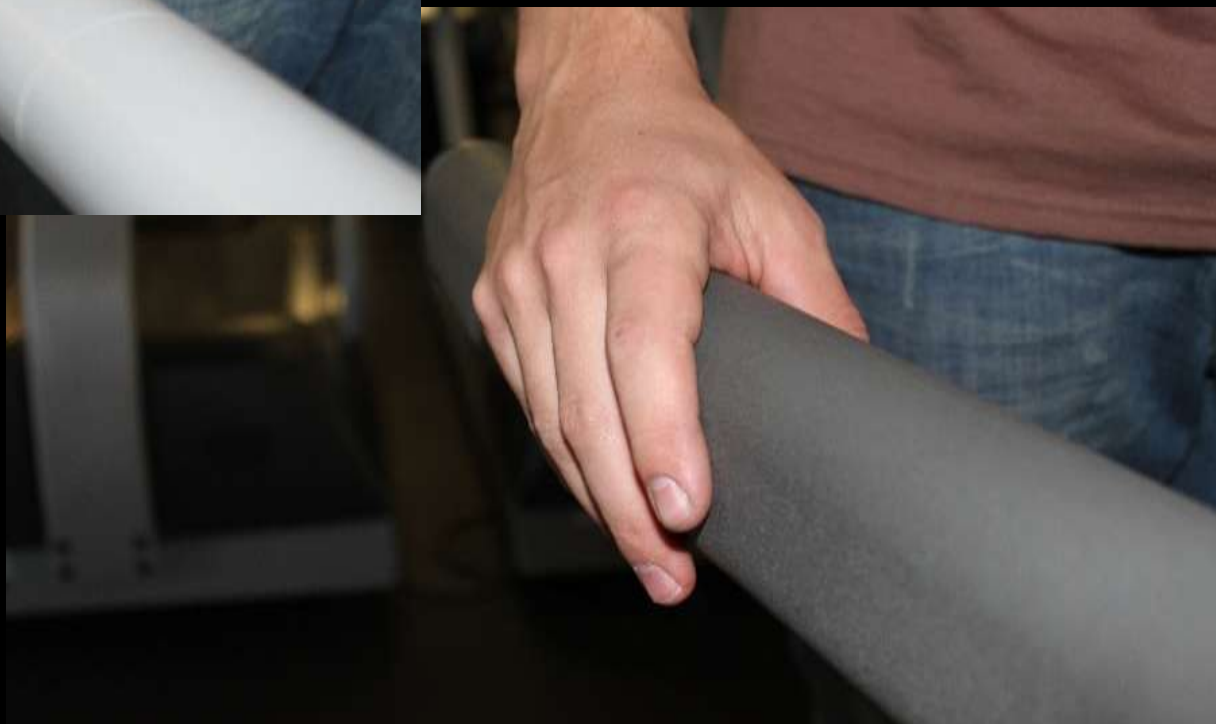
Social benefits for everyone

Comply with the Americans with  
Disabilities Act (ADA)



# Low Step-up Height Design











# LifeFitness

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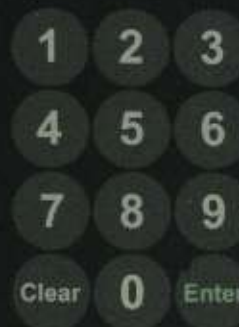
Distance

Time

Incline

Speed

Heart Rate



### WARNING

Read and follow all instructions and warnings. Consult your physician prior to using this equipment. Follow all applicable safety rules and instructions. Keep children away from this equipment.

**CAUTION:** Contact a physician before using this equipment. Stop exercising if you feel pain, dizziness or short of breath.

**CAUTION: RISK OF INJURY TO PERSONS - TO AVOID INJURY, STAND ON THE SIDEWALKS BEFORE STARTING TREADMILL. READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE USING.**

**ATTENTION:** Consult an instructor about correct use of the equipment. An instructor is not your supervisor and should not wear your safety belt. Always use a seat belt.

**When in gear:** Hold onto handrails, do not put the hands on top of the console. Do not drink, eat, or use a mobile phone while using the equipment.

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Calories

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Time

Incline

Speed

Heart Rate



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READ ALL WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS ON THE EQUIPMENT.

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CLIMBING

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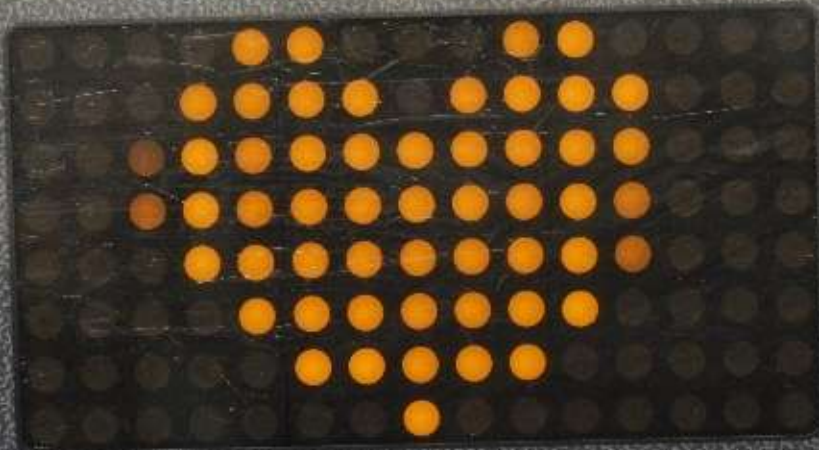
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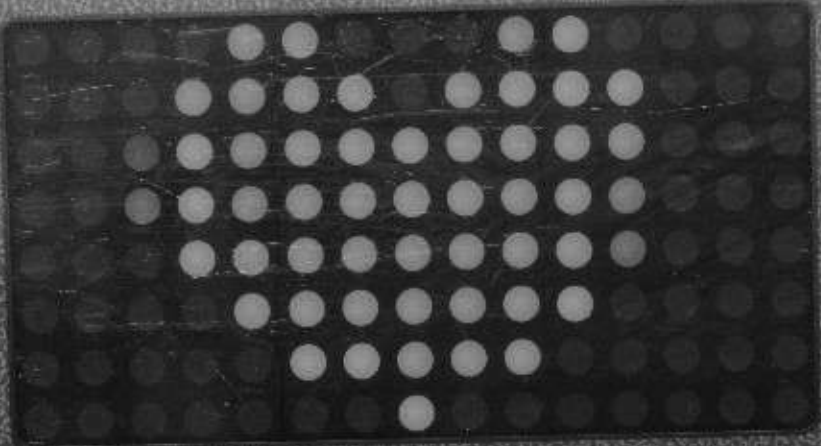
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Speed



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# **Development of Uniform Standards for Cognitive Technologies**

## **Goal**

**Increase Access to Technology  
for People with Cognitive  
Impairments**

A word cloud featuring various technology-related terms. The words are arranged in a roughly triangular shape, with the largest words at the top and smaller words at the bottom. The colors of the words range from dark green to light yellow. The most prominent words are 'email', 'smoke.alarms', 'cell.phones', and 'calendars'. Other visible words include 'cell', 'DVD', 'phones', 'ear.buds', 'screen.readers', 'social.networking', 'TV', 'stoves', 'music.players', 'headphones', 'laptop', 'toaster.ovens', 'internet', 'camera', 'audio.books', 'Internet', and 'video'.

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