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Beneficial Design

Designing Beyond the Norm to Meet the Needs of All People

Research
Design
Education

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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.

Beneficial Designs' Mission Statement

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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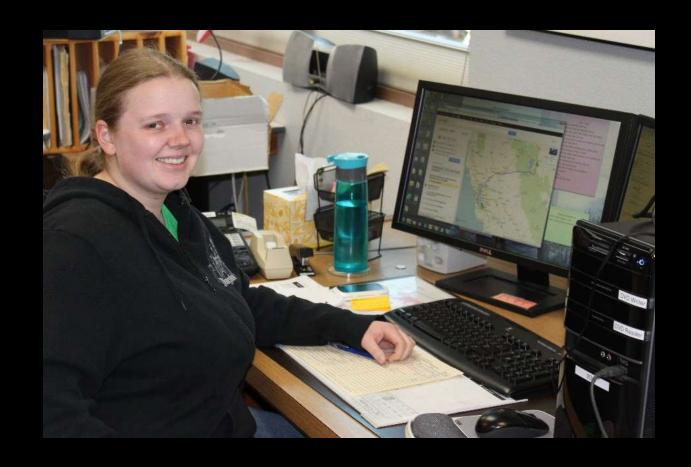
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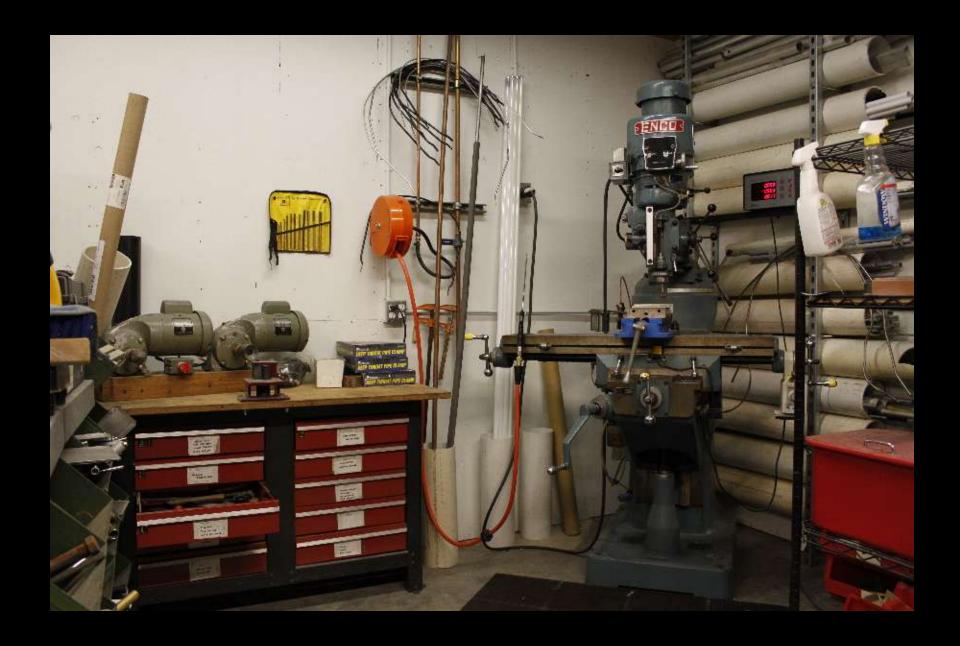
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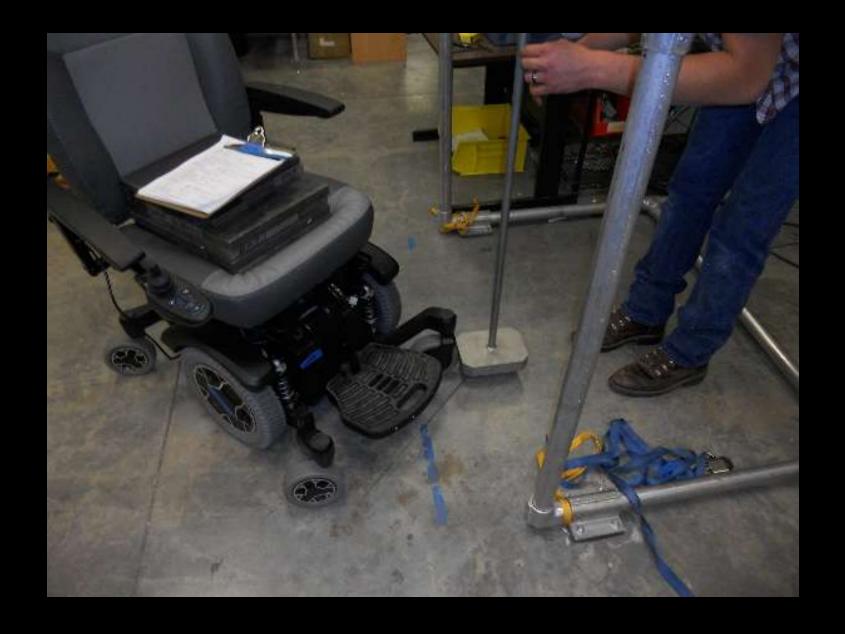


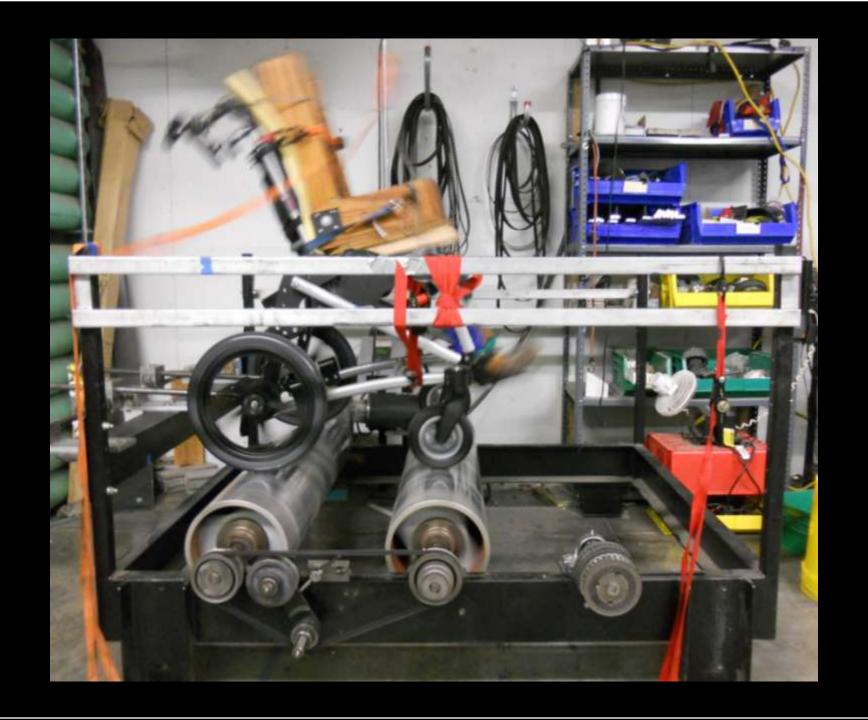


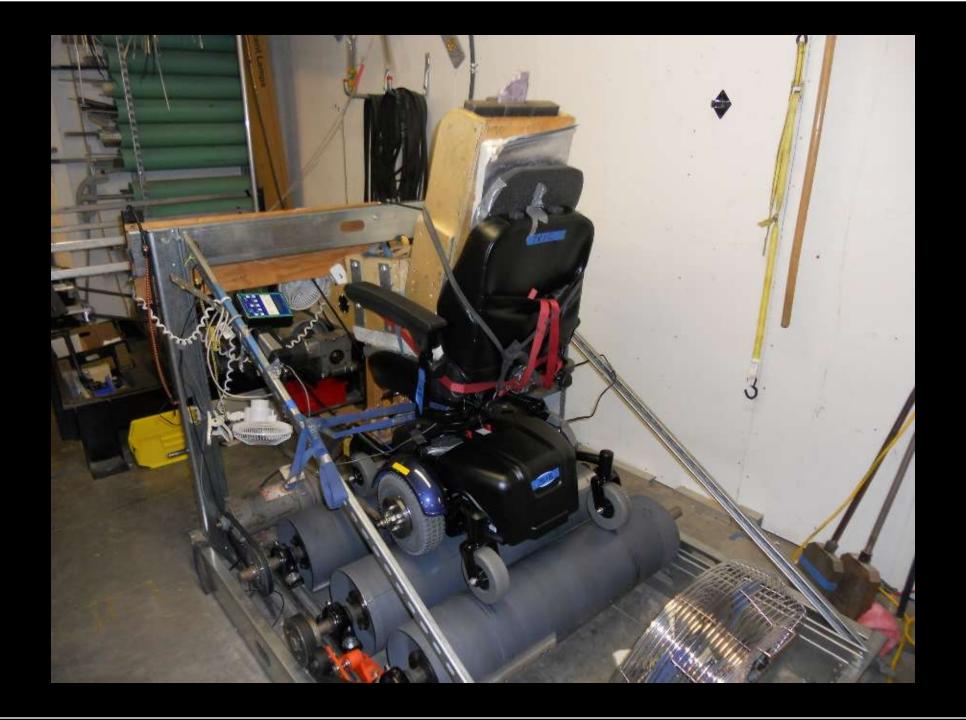


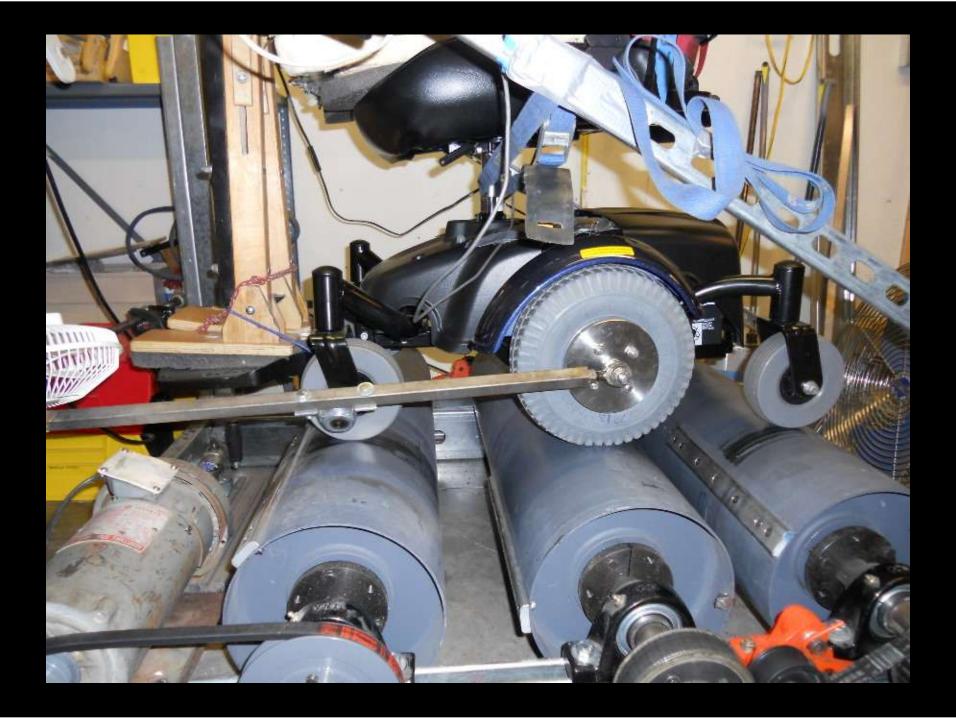


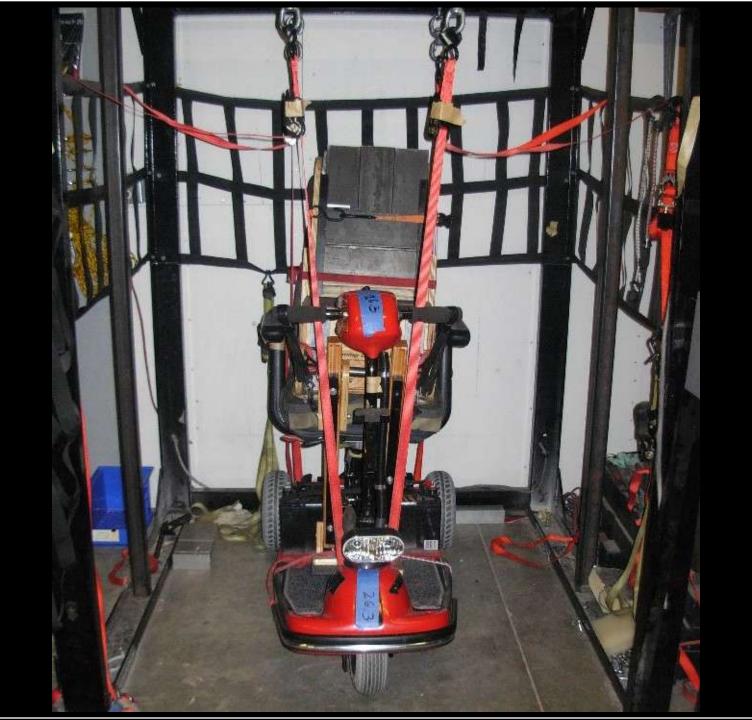




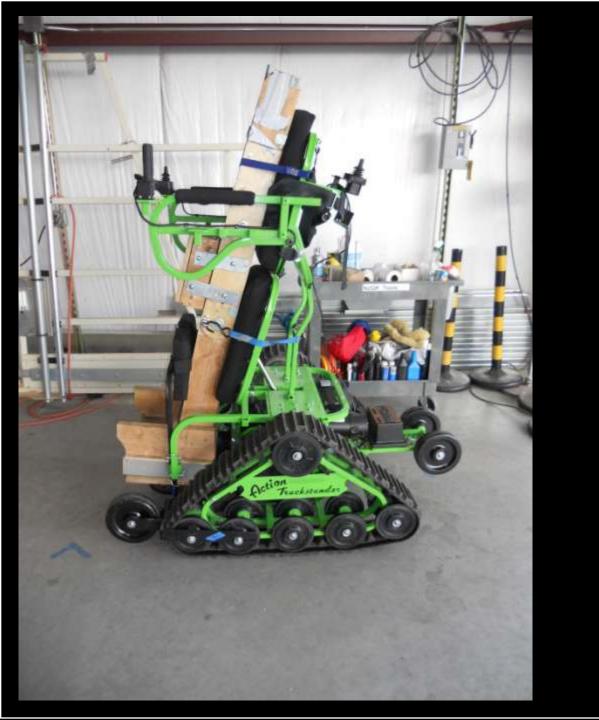






















Design of Consumer Products

Product Development

Assessment of Products

Universal Design of Products



Product Development

Mainstream Products

Opportunity for Universal Design

Adaptive Products

Personal Technologies

Activity Specific Technologies



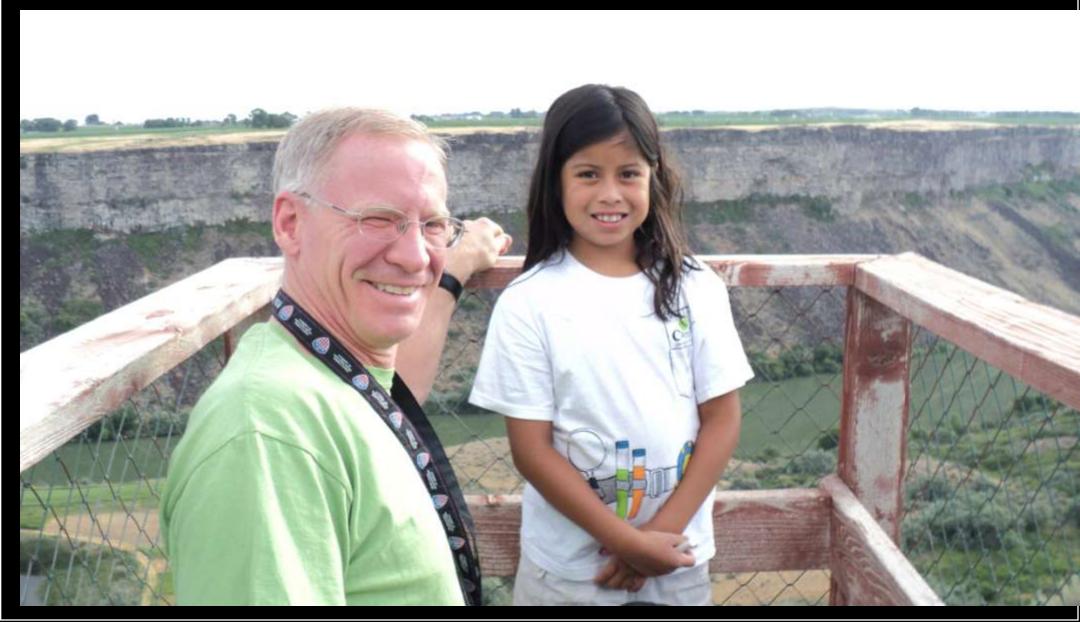
Establishing Balance

Physical

Intellectual

Spiritual



















Sociological Dimension

Dependence

Independence

Interdependence









Personal Technologies Activity-Specific Technologies Environmental Technologies



Activity-Specific Technologies







Arroya Sit Ski









Mono Ski













Dynamic Seating Spring Assist



Cross Country Ski











Pax Back

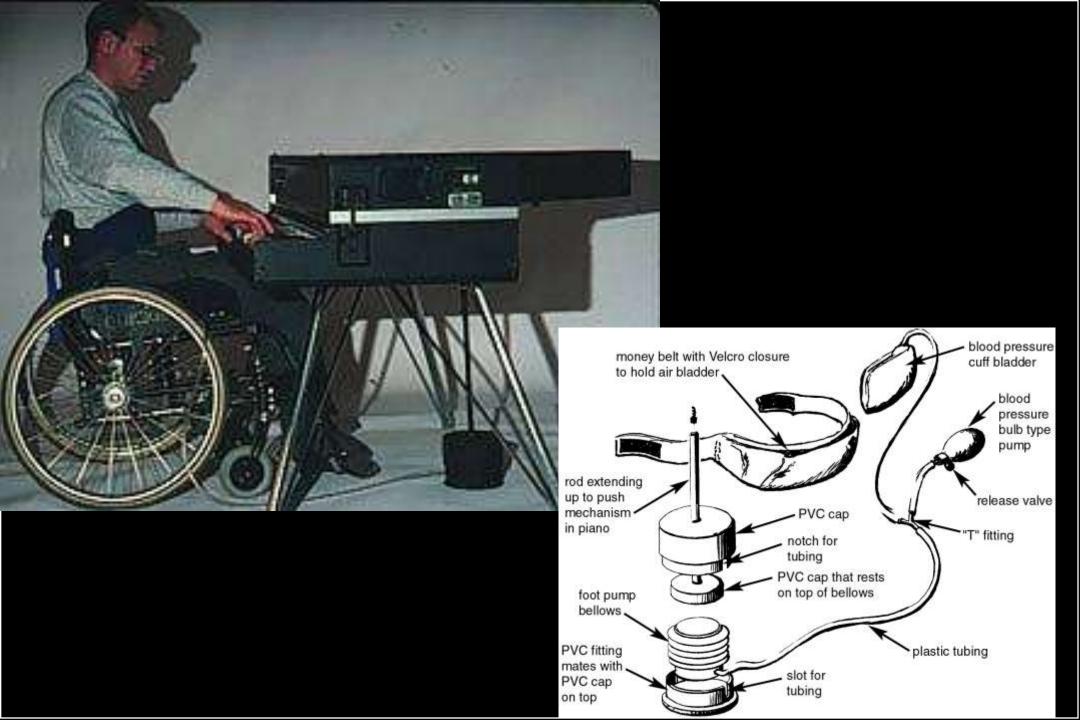


Improved Posture



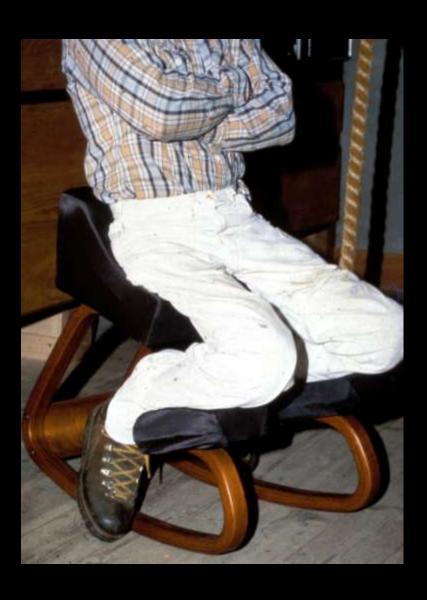
Available from **BES Rehab Ltd**





Clutch, Brake, and Gas on Hand Control





Dynamic Seating





Dynamic Seating









Hand Bike



Hand Bike

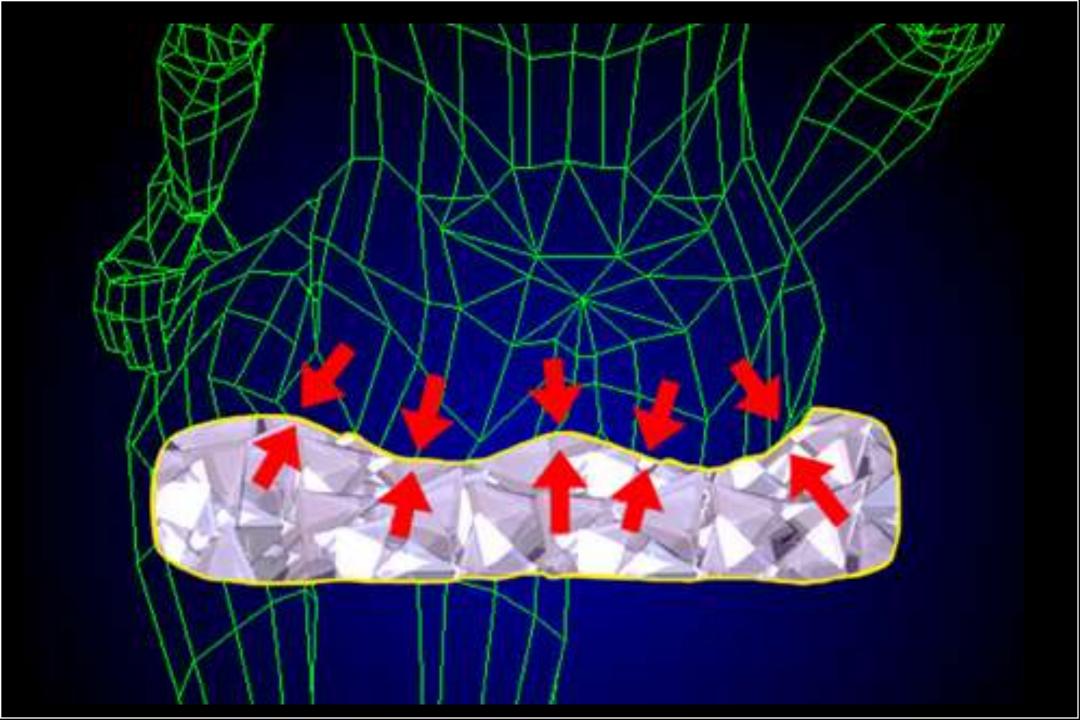


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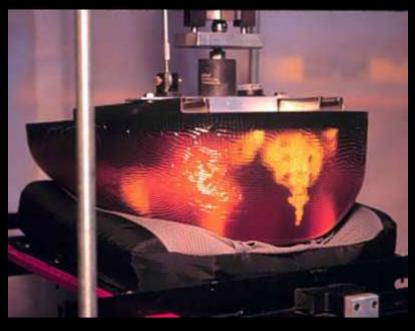
Contoured Seating





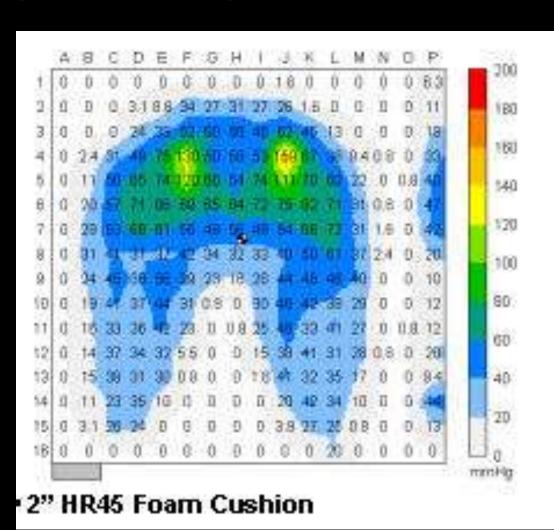
Seat Cushion Testing

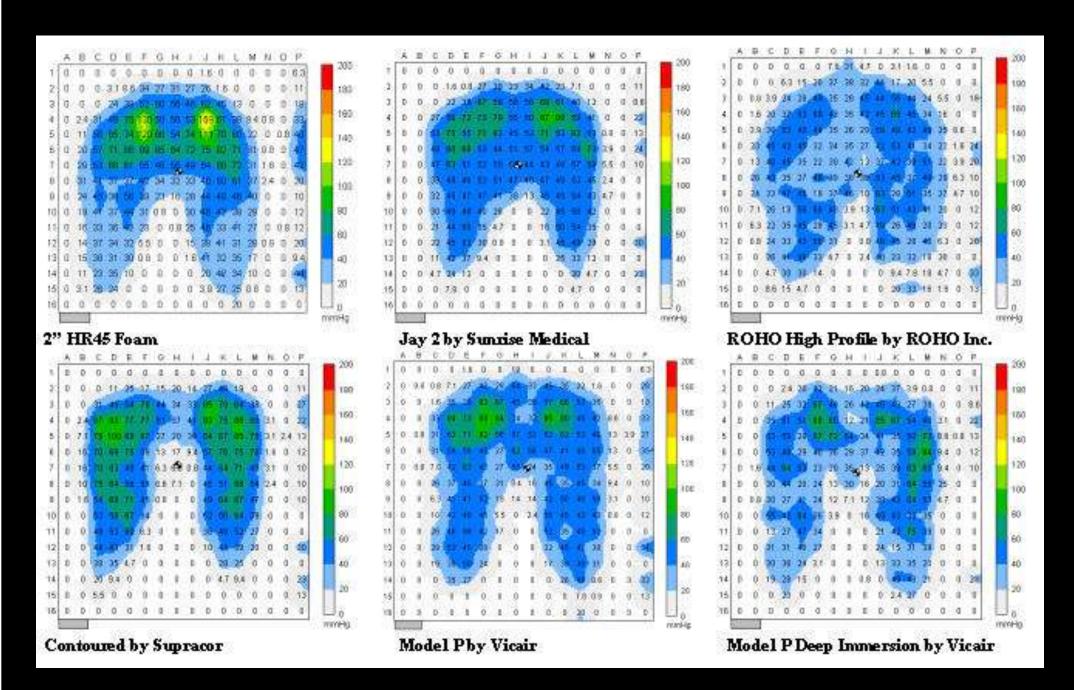






SKELI Used on Foam



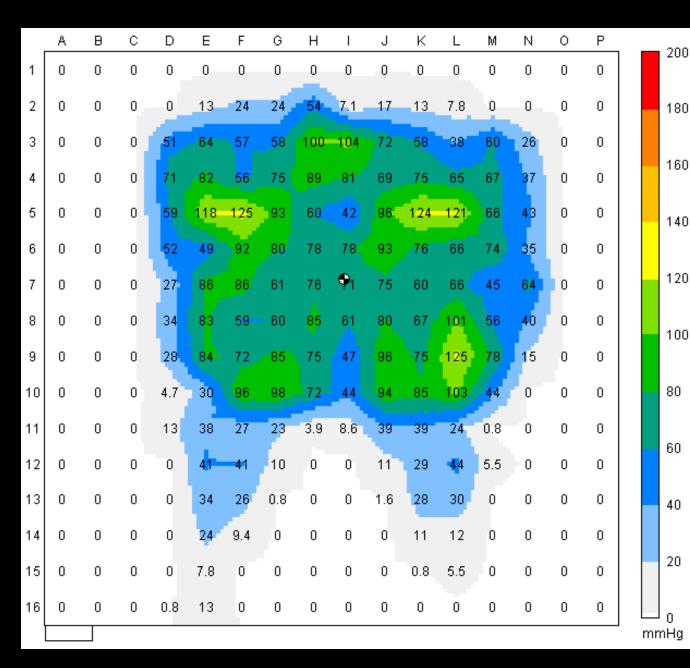


ASLI Prototype ISO Part 2 Shape





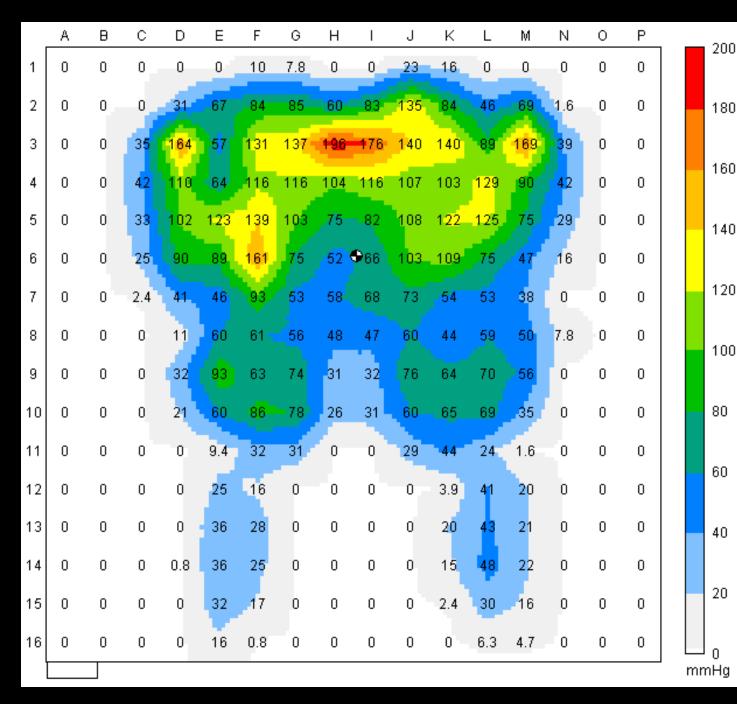
Pressure Measurements Symmetric



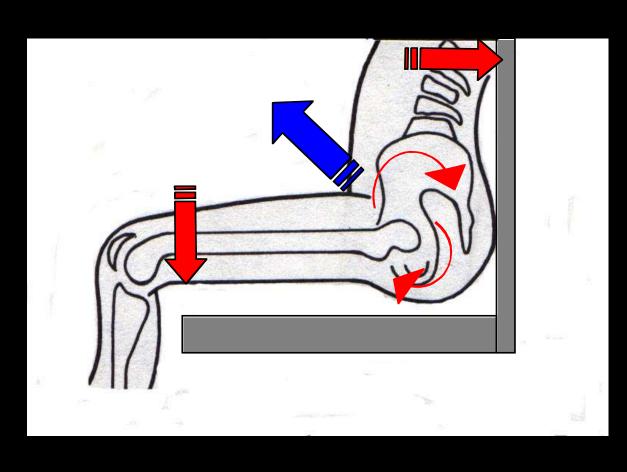
Pressure Measurements 10 Pelvic Obliquity

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| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.6 | 23 | 46 | 53 | 63 | 80 | 136 | 68 | 67 | 115 | 59 | 0 | 0 | | 180 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 56 | 85 | 67 | 70 | 122 | 110 | 128 | 120 | 181 | 85 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 117 | 91 | 63 | 45 | 89 | 140 | 137 | 171 | 135 | 120 | 3.9 | 0 | | 160 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 39 | 103 | 78 | 59 | 93 | 112 | 122 | 178 | 200 | 72 | 0 | 0 | | 140 |
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Pressure Measurements 15 Posterior Pelvic Tilt



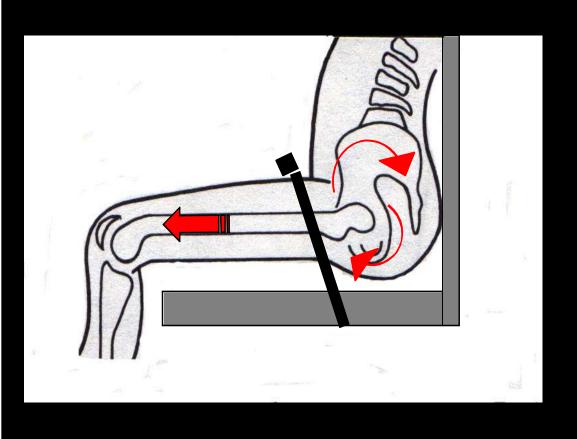
Pelvis Movement During Extensor Thrust Activity



Force at Thigh and Backrest During Extension

Pelvis Moves Up, Out and Rotates

Variations of Belt Angle

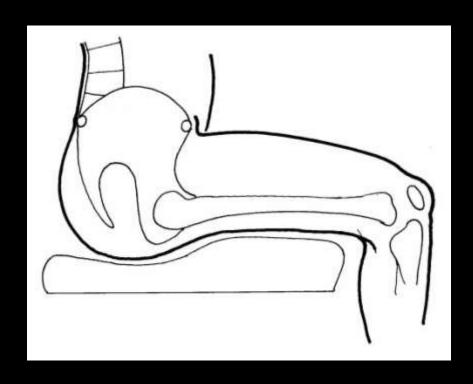


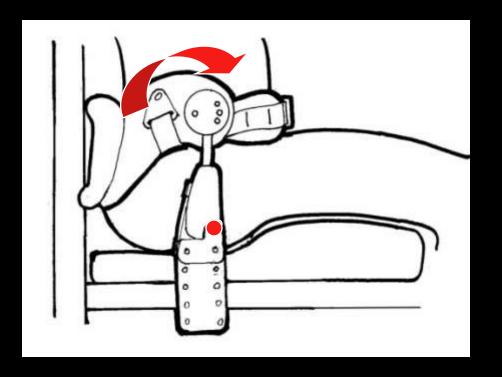
Downward Pull Limits Upward Movement

Allows Posterior Pelvic Rotation

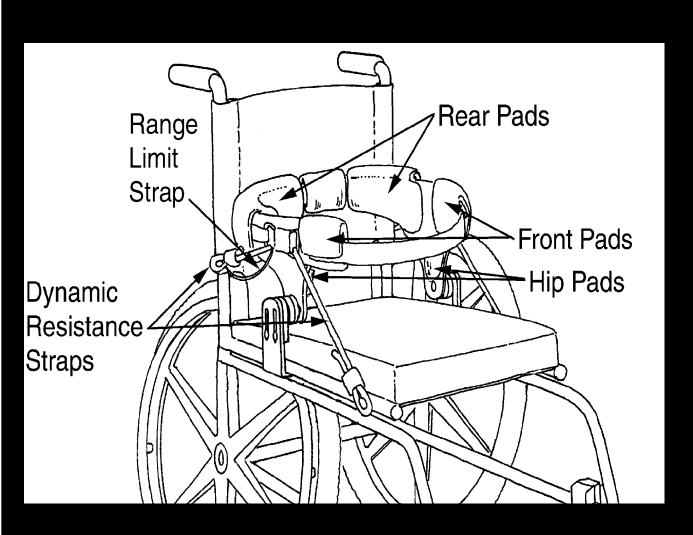
Limits Full Anterior ROM

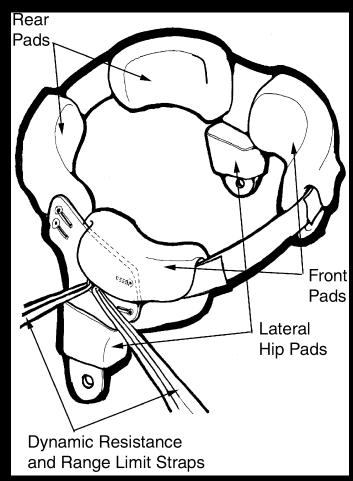
HipGrip Concept





HipGrip Ph1 - Prototype 2





What Is the HipGrip?



- Dynamic PelvicSupport
- Provides PelvicStability
- Allows Controlled Anterior Tilt ROM





HipGrip Test Fixture



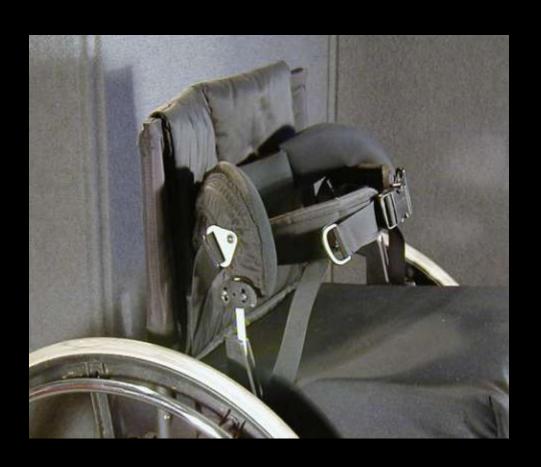
Functional Forward Reach



Functional Reach Downward



HipGrip



Available from **Bodypoint**

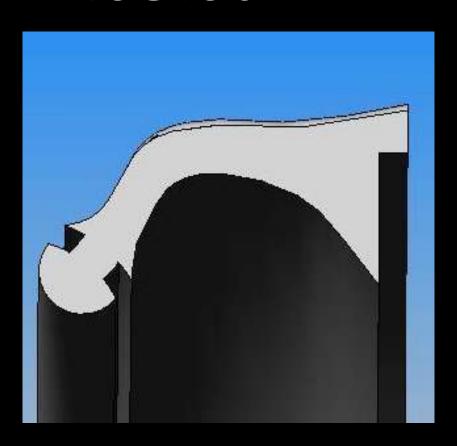


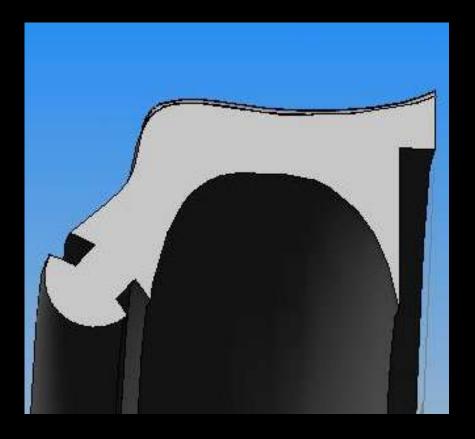
FlexRim – Combining the discrete compliant fasteners into one





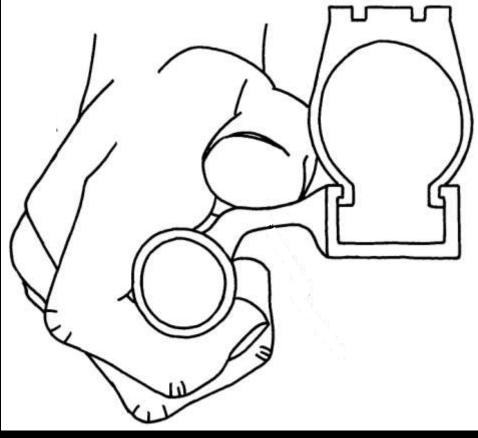
The best profiles were fully developed and tested





FlexRim Ergonomic Pushrim



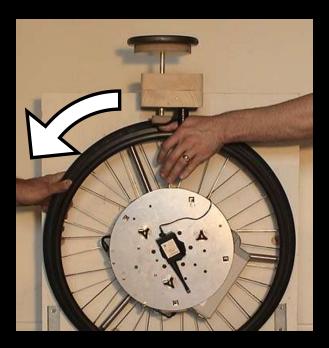


Frictional improvements

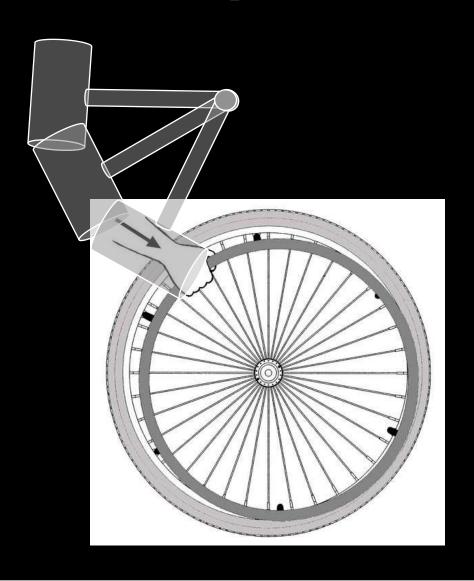
Preliminary tests show over a 2x increased frictional coefficient







Impact absorption

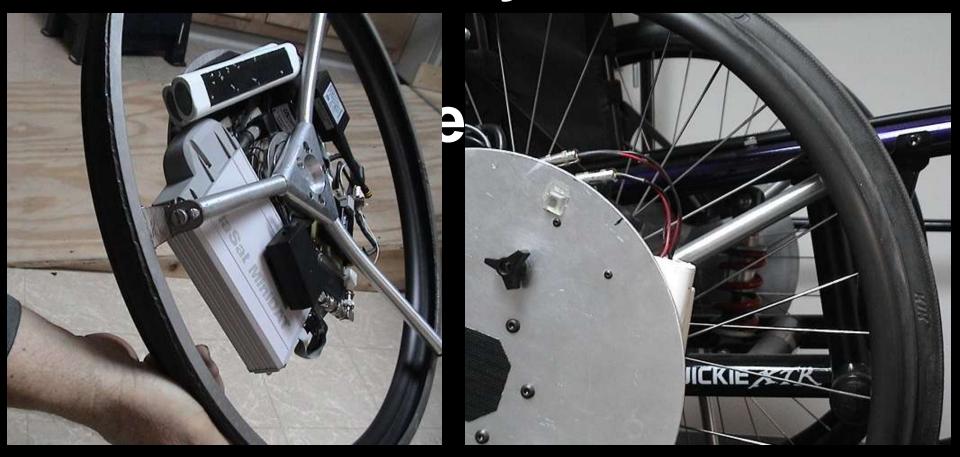


Applied a 120 lb repetitive load in one place until failure

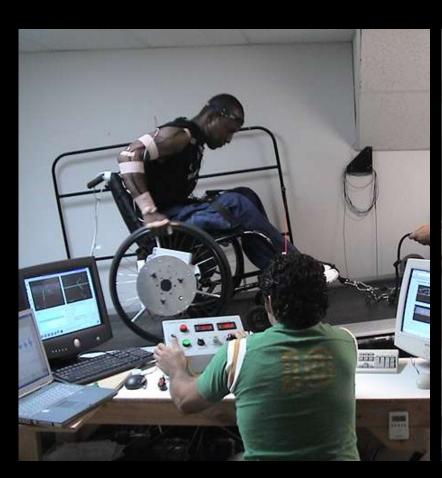


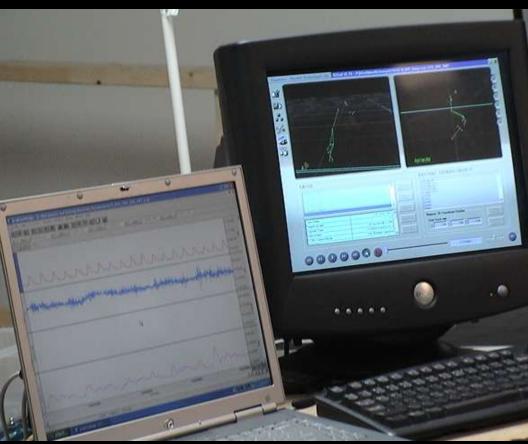


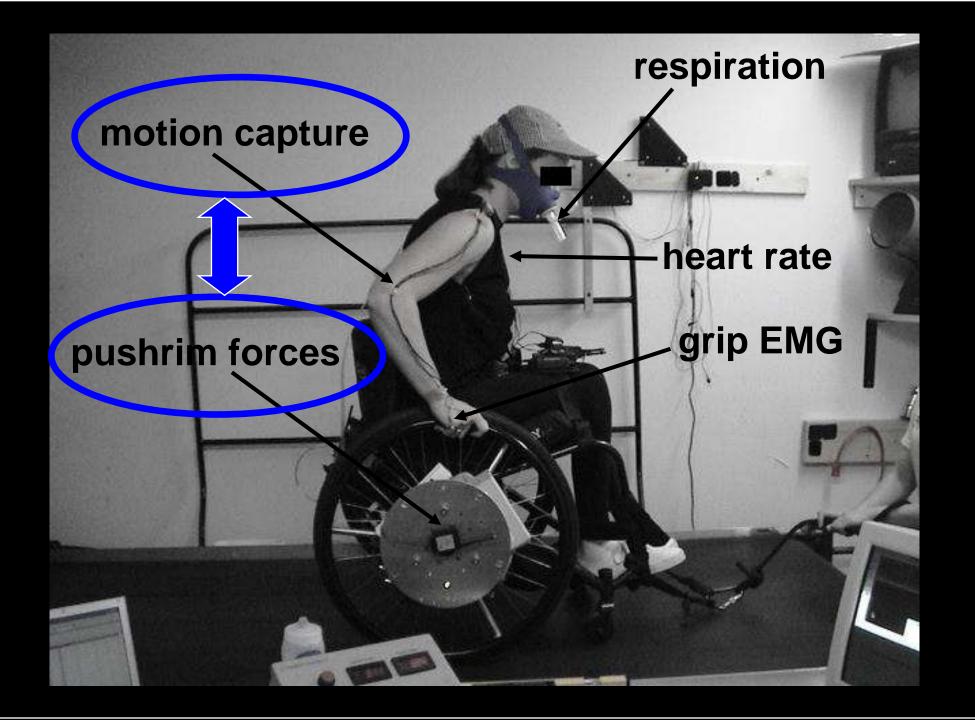
Baseline study – FlexRim



Subjects are tested over a wide variety of usage environments







FlexRim

Design

The Fleckim consists of a durable high friction nubber surface that spans between the aluminum puth in and the wheet. The shape of the rubber is eigenomically designed to conform to your hand when gripped, making it the most comfortable path may be will ever use.





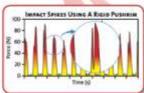
llecause the rubber is flexible, the pushrim can compress to allow your wheelchair to squeeze through narrow doorways.





Overuse Injuries

Shoulder and wrist problems are very common among wheelchair aren. 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 FleaRim was studied for a wide range of impact intensities.

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



Propulsion Testing

in lab testing, wheelchair users pushed with both a standard pushern and the Fiesfan on a research treadmill. Crip muscle activity, reggen 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 Flexisim.
- . Overall grip exertion was reduced by 15%.
- On average users required I2% less axygew to push with the Flexforn than with a standard pushron.
- Users generated IPK more power when using the FlexRim.

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



Advanced Ergonomics





GripRim





Adaptive Canoe Seating











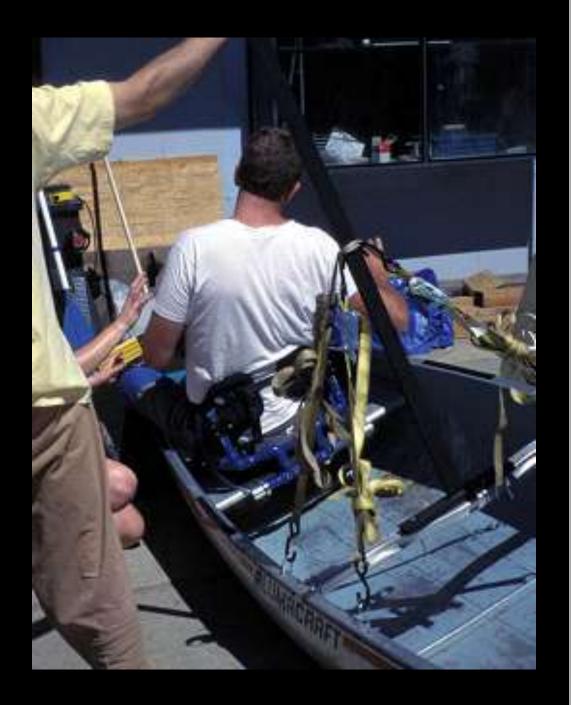


Methods - Endurance

MedGraphics VO2000 portable metabolic system



Lateral Balance Test







Water Egress Testing



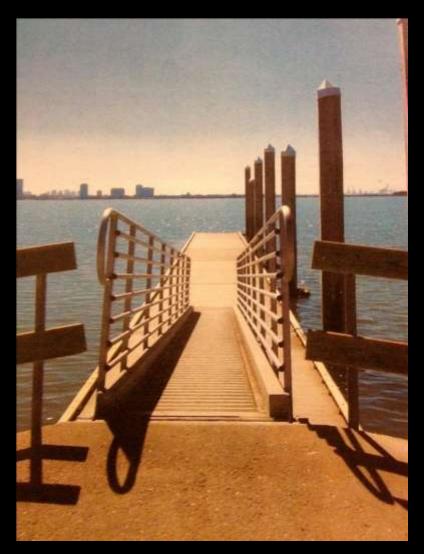
Environmental Technologies

Things that do not move



Small Watercraft Launch Access





State of California



Amenities & Allowed Uses:



Boat launch



Drinking water



Canoe access



Fishing pier



Hand launch



Kayaking



Motorboating



Parking



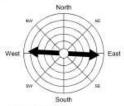
Restrooms

Water Conditions / Exposure:

Fetch:



Current:



Type: Tidal Fluctuation: ~8 ft Type: Tidal

Wave Height: < 1 ft

High Float Boat Launch Pier

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Program



Water Trail Access Information

| Access Route | | Water Access Route Edge of Environment to Transfer Area | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|---|---|--|--|
| arking to Laune | ch Environment | | | | |
| Length | +200 ft | Length | 66 ft 6.5 ft | | |
| Elev Loss | 2 ft | Elev Loss | | | |
| Grade | 99 | Grade | | | |
| Typical | < 5% | Typical | 14% | | |
| | < 5% | Maximum | 15% | | |
| Cross Slope | | Cross Slope | | | |
| Typical | < 2% | Typical | < 2% | | |
| Tread Width | 72 | Tread Width | | | |
| Typical | > 10 ft | Typical | 98 in | | |
| Surface | 23 X3 | Surface | come contract on | | |
| Туре | Asphalt/Concrete | Туре | Concrete/Composite Floating Dock Panels | | |
| Stability | Paved | Stability | Hard | | |
| Amount | 100% | Amount | 100% | | |

| ransfer Area | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Launch Type | Concrete Boat Launch / High Float Dock | | | |
| Clear Space | | | | |
| Length | Unlimited /~60 ft | | | |
| Width | ~50 ft / 98 in | | | |
| Grade | 14% / 0% | | | |
| Cross Slope | 0% / 0% | | | |
| Surface | Concrete / Composite | | | |
| Height Above Water | 0 / 19 in | | | |
| Boat Orientation | Unlimited / Parallel | | | |

WARNING: Conditions may have changed since December 2012 when this facility was assessed. Temporary obstacles are not reported.

Signage created by Beneficial Designs Inc. using data collected by a certified trail assessment coordinator.

The State Coastal Conservancy is leading the implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail) in close collaboration with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the Department of Boating and Waterways. The Water Trail is a growing network of access sites (or "trailheads") that will help people using non-motorized, small boats or other beachable sail craft, such as kayaks, canoes, dragon boats, stand-up paddle and windsurf boards, to safely enjoy single and multiple-day trips around San Francisco Bay.

http://scc.ca.gov/2010/07/30/san-francisco-bay-area-water-trail/

Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP)







Key UTAP Information

Length



Grade



Width



Surface



Cross slope



Features & Facilities



UTAP Assessment Team







UTAP – Implementation Status

Over 1200 people trained to lead UTAP assessments

Over 155 trainers to teach UTAP workshops



High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process

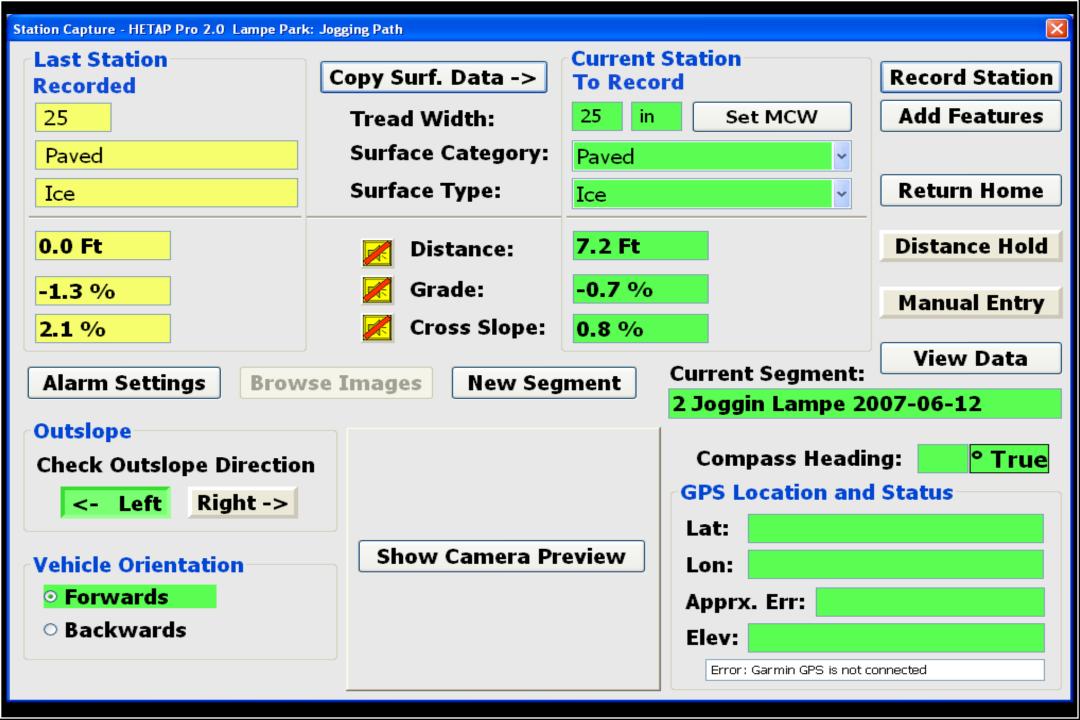




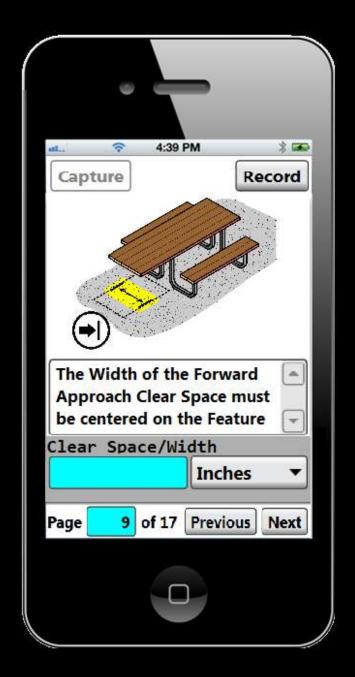
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Developed Outdoor Recreation Assessment **Process**



Outdoor Constructed Features

Bench

Camp Shelter

Cooking Surface/Grill

Fire Ring, Wood

Stove/Fireplace

Outdoor Rinsing

Shower

Parking Area

Picnic Table

Pit Toilet

Tent Pad/Platform

Toilet Building

Trash/Recycling

Receptacle

Utility/Sewage

Connection

Viewing Area at

Overlooks

Viewing Scope

Water Spout

Adjustable Height Cooking Grill



Water Pump with Closed Fist Operation



Water Pump Actuation Force

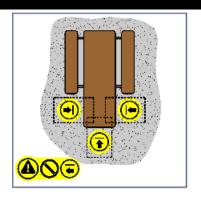


Water Pump Height Measurement



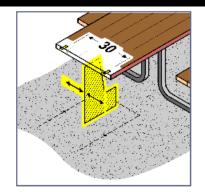
Picnic Table Clearance Space



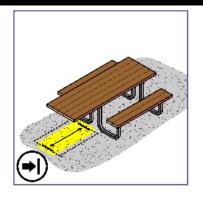




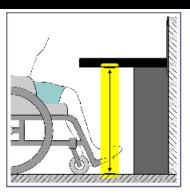
Verify that a Clear Space is positioned for Forward Approach to Tables



Using the appropriate profile, verify that the minimum clear space is provided below the table surface at each wheelchair space provided



The Length of the Parallel Approach Clear Space must be centered on the Fixture



Measure the Vertical Distance from the Ground Surface to the top of the Knee Clearance



Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Trail

Length 1.5 ml (2.3 km)



Hiking



Dogs On Leash



Grade

Typical Grade 2.3%

7% of the trail is 5%

327 ft (100 m) is 7% DN grade is a standard ramp



X-Slope

Typical Cross Slope 2.0%

36% of the trail is 3% to 5%.

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



Typical Tread Width 7.5 ft (2.3 m) Minimum Clearance Width

42 in (107 cm)



Aggregate / Gravel

82% is Firm or better

1408 ft (429 m) is Soft or worse



Rook 2 inches high Entranchment 1 inch.



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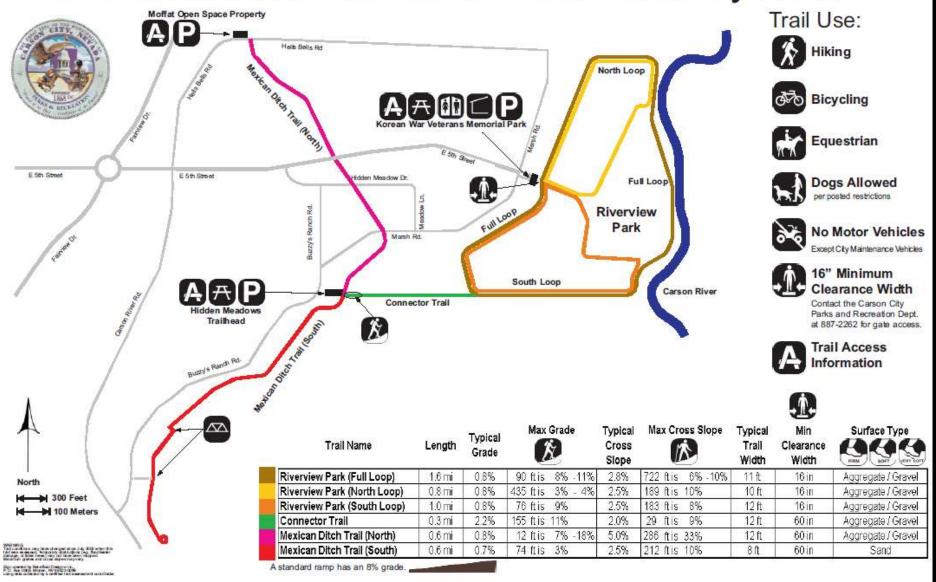
Trail Access Informationin a Food Facts Label Format

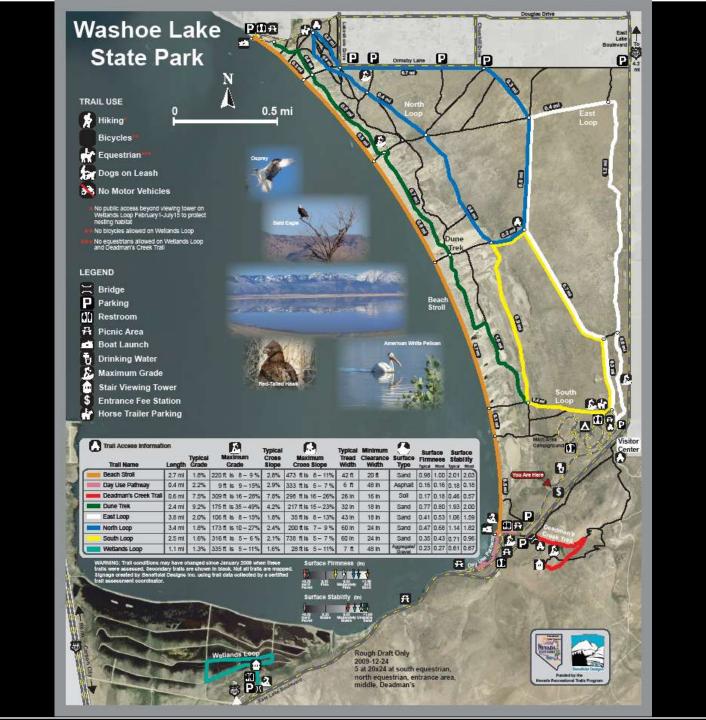


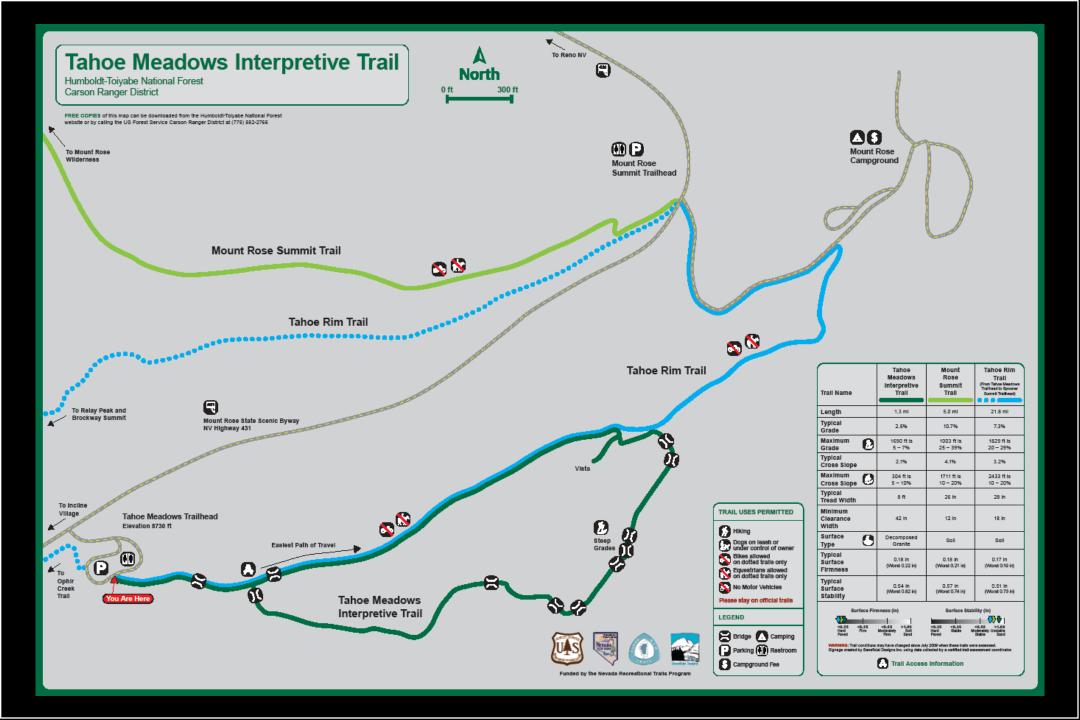




Riverview Park / Mexican Ditch Trail System







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Trails with desired access features



OME ABOUT US

DEFINITIONS

TRAIL ACCESS INFORMATION

Click on the trail name for more information. Click on the column heading to sort by column.

| Trail | Park | Nearest Town(s) State | Length | Uses | Typical Grade | Surface Firmness | Trail Information |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------|--|
| Trail 10 | 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. |
| <u>Trail 8</u> | 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. |
| Trail 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. |
| Trail 6 | 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. |
| <u>Trail 7</u> | Spring Mill State Park | IN | 0.9 miles (1.5 km) | Hiking | 3.3% | Firm | Trail 7 loops around the ⊙ak Ridge Picnic Area and connects with Trail 7 Spur that leads to Trail 4. |
| Trail 7 Spur to Trail 4 | 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 |
| Trail 10 Spur to Camels Back | Turkey Rün State Park | IN | 0.1 miles (0.2 km) | Hiking | 0.9% | Firm | The spurto 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. |
| Trail 11 | 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. |
| <u>Trail 7 Spur to</u> <u>Campground</u> | Turkey Run State Park | IN | 0.1 miles (0.2 km) | Hiking | 3,3% | Firm | Connector trail between the Campground and Trail 7. |

Develop standards for trail and sidewalk design



Architectural Barriers Act Outdoor Recreation Access Guidelines

Public Rights of Way Access 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





Rotational Penetrometer

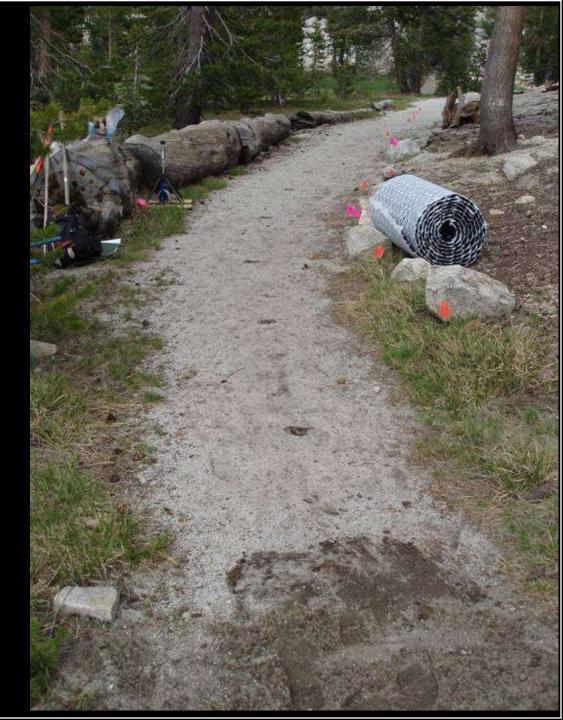


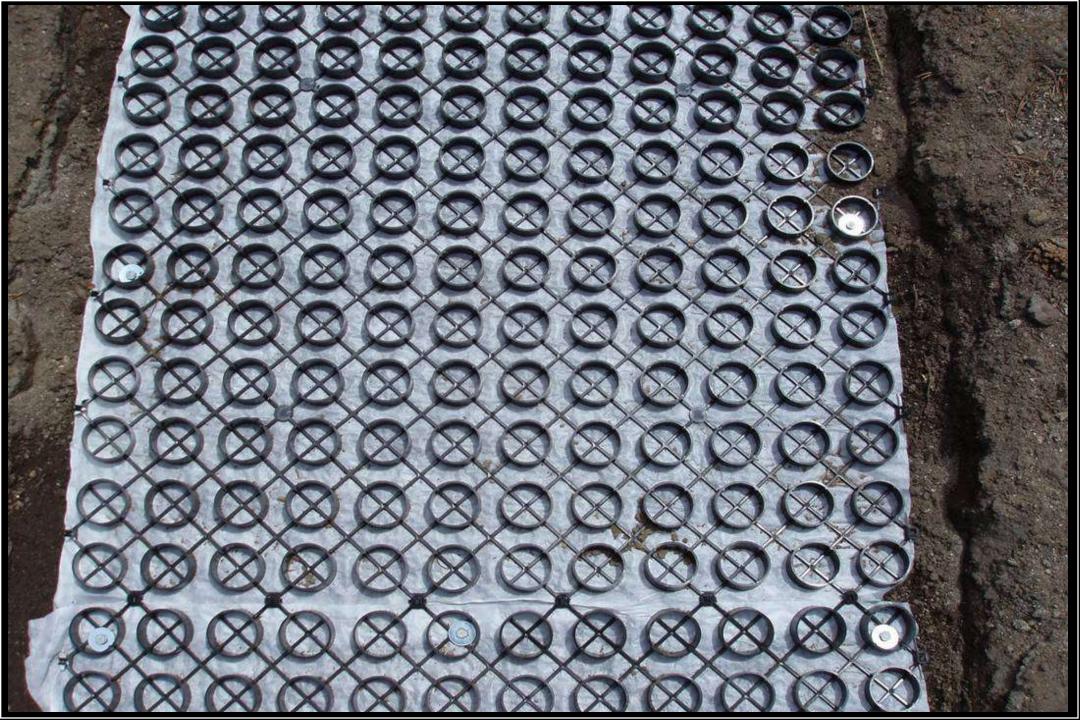
Objective surface measurement device

Available from Beneficial Designs



Trail with firm but unstable sandy surface

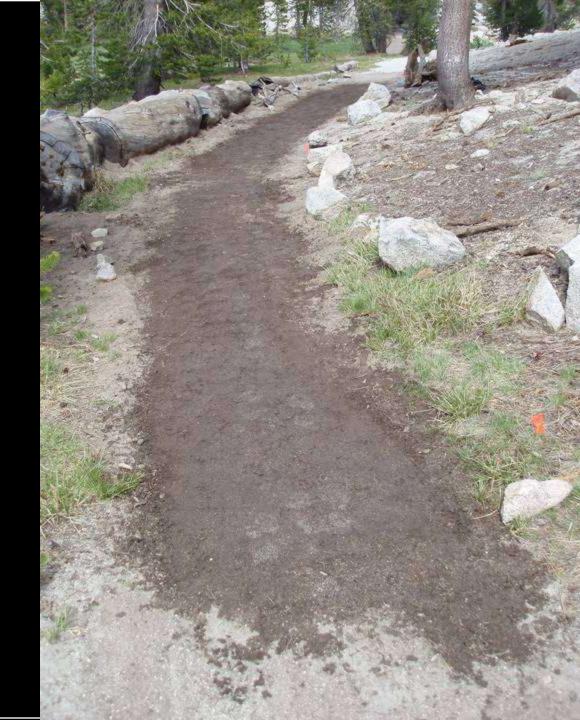






Trail after Installation of surface stabilizer

Gravelpave2



Rotational Penetrometer Readings-Gravelpave 2

| Before Application | | After App | After Application | |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Firmnes | ss Stability | Firmness | Stability | |
| 0.18 | 0.77 | 0.17 | 0.37 | |
| 0.17 | 0.87 | 0.17 | 0.38 | |
| 0.17 | 0.77 | 0.18 | 0.42 | |
| 0.18 | 0.88 | 0.17 | 0.35 | |
| 0.18 | 0.79 | <u>0.18</u> | 0.40 | |
| 0.18 | Avg 0.82 | 0.17 Av | g 0.38 | |





| HBIGHT TRANSITIONS | Project #: 216-2 | Date: 4/20/09 |
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Sidewalk Assessment Process





Digital Measuring Wheel

Wireless

High accuracy with resolution of 0.1 Inches (1 mm)



Digital Height Measuring Device

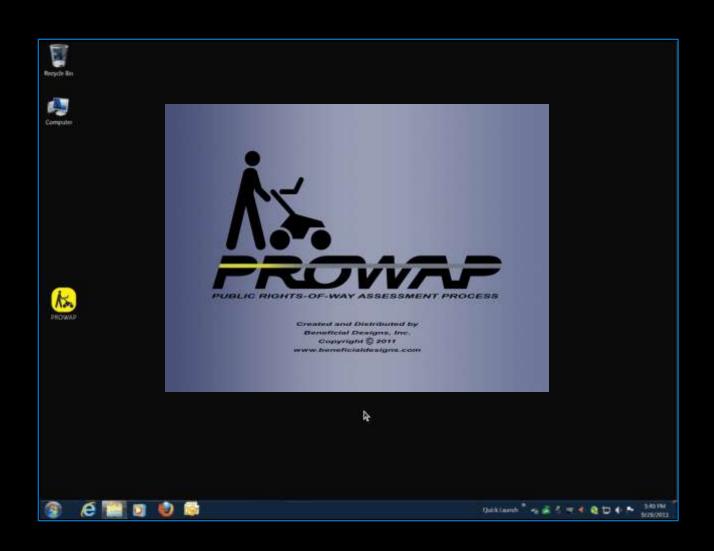
High accuracy

Fast measurement

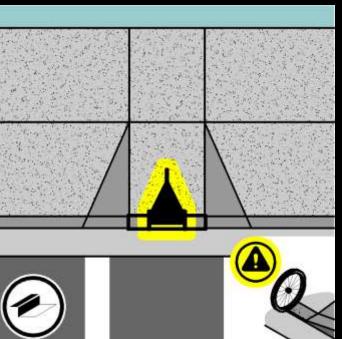
Resolution of 0.01 inches (0.1 mm)



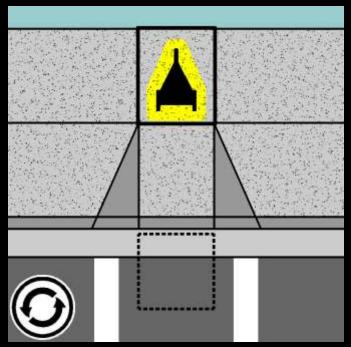
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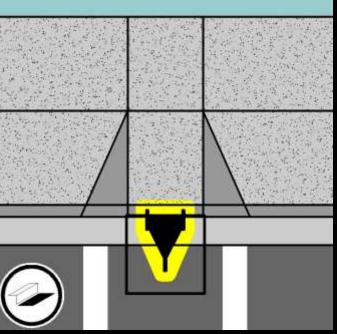


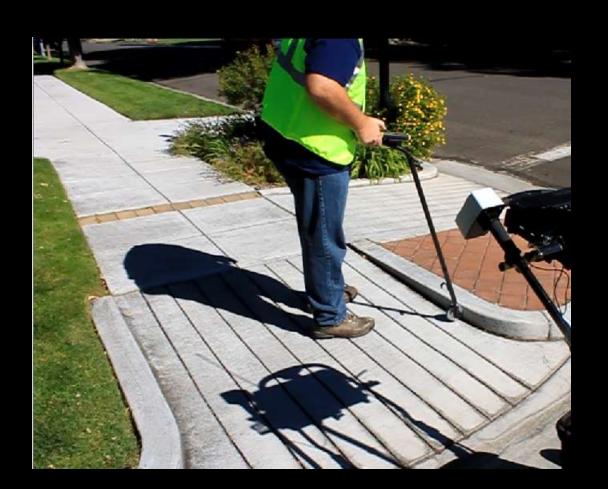


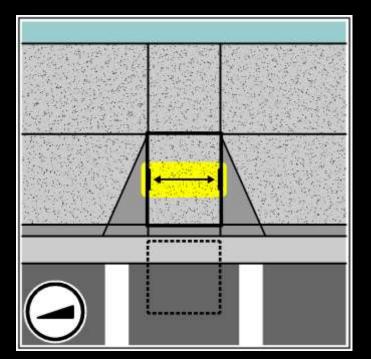




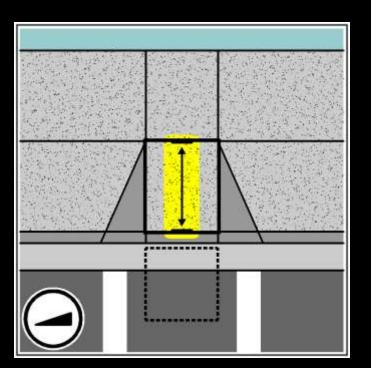








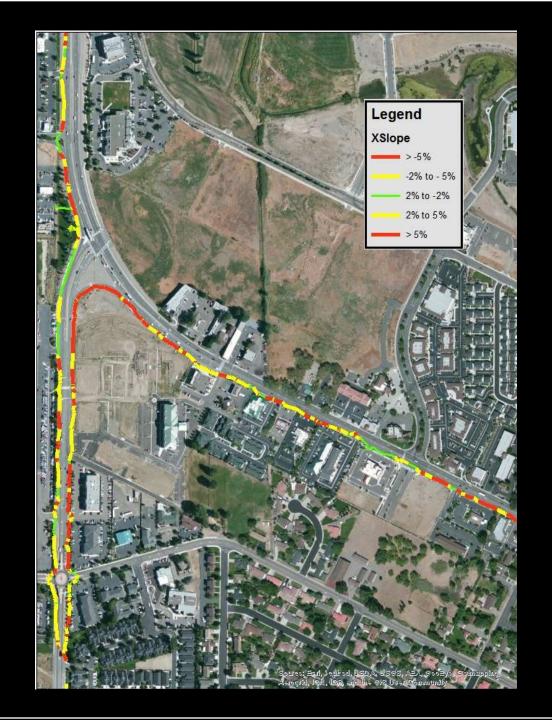




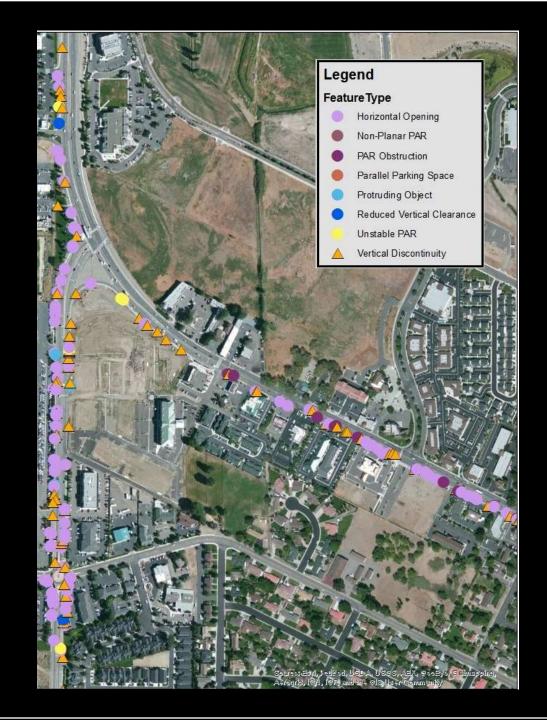
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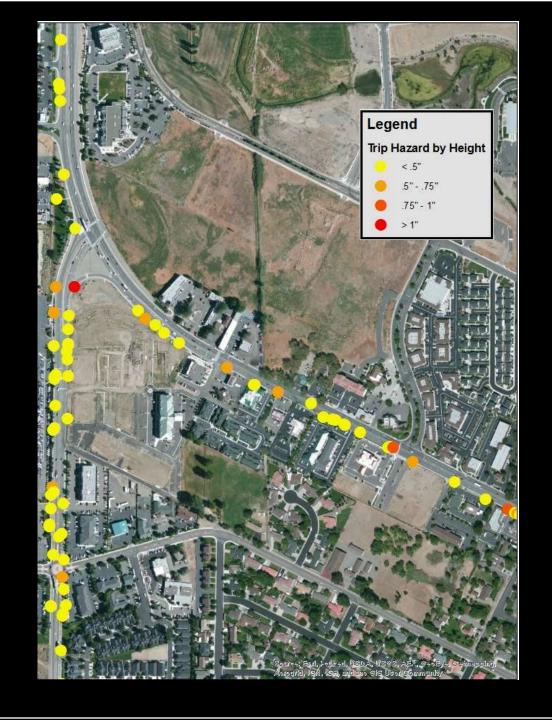
Cross Slope



Hazard locations



Tripping hazard height



Universal Design Standards for Products



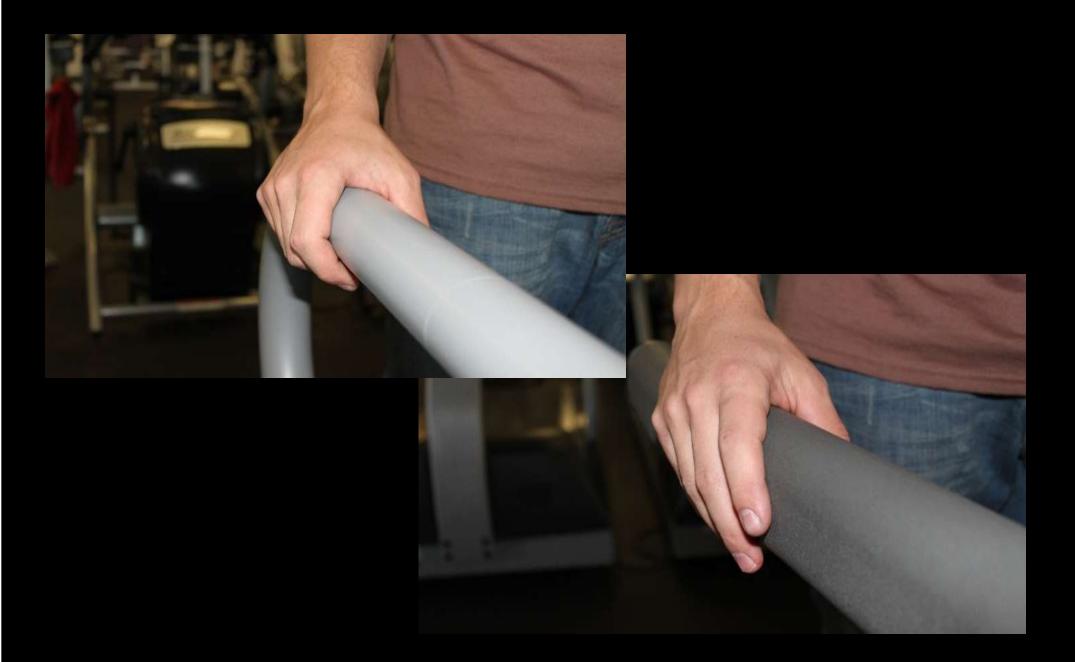
Universal Design of Fitness Equipment (UDFE) Standards



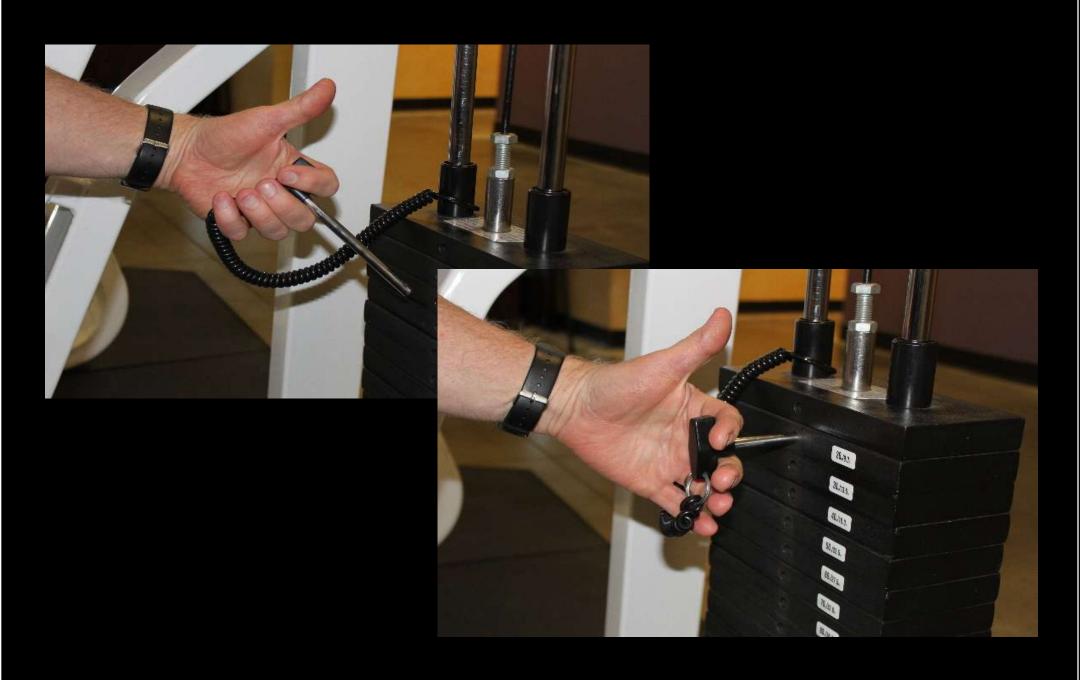


Low Stepup Height Design









Life Fitness

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Life Fitness

Speed

Quick Start

Cool Down



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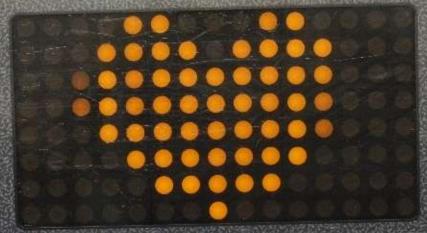
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Advanced Options



Fat Burning





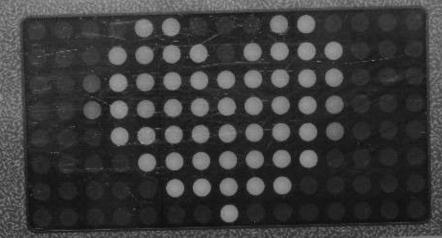


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Endurance





Advanced







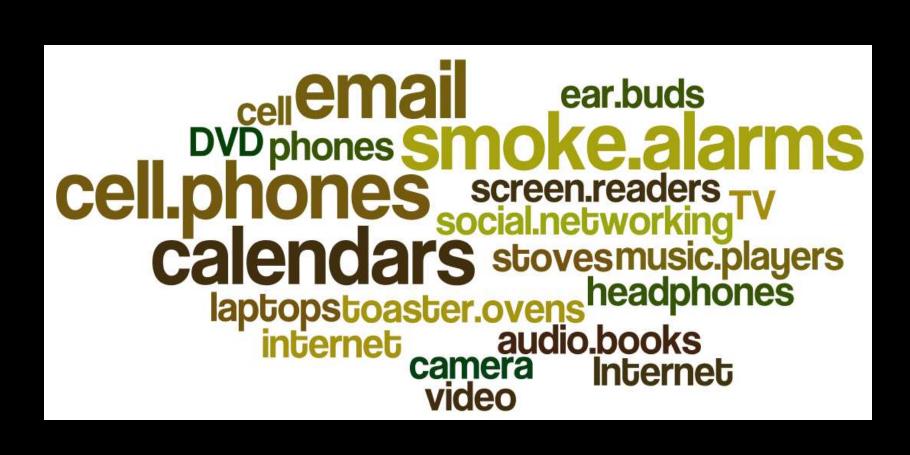


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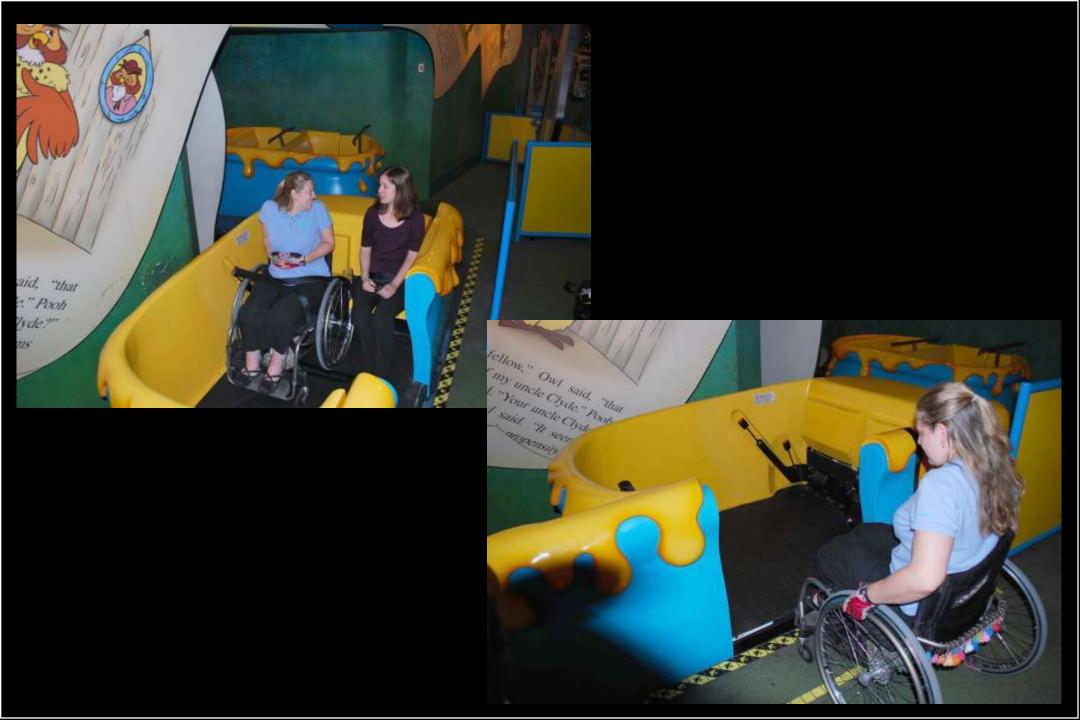
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Universal Design of Products used by persons with Cognitive Impairments

Goal – To increase Access to Technology for People with Cognitive Impairments



Universal Design of Amusement Park Rides for Persons with Mobility and Sensory Impairments















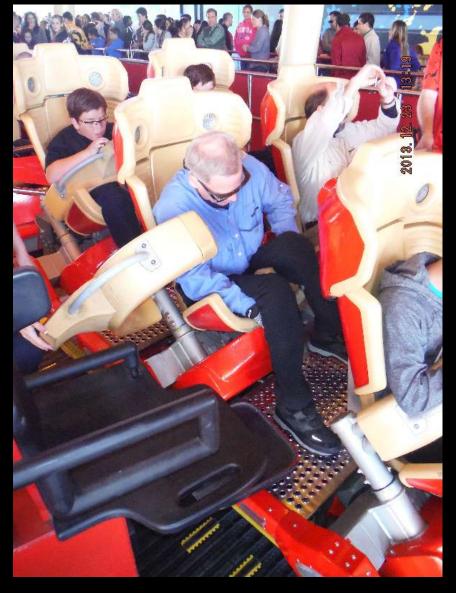














Aircraft Boarding and Seating



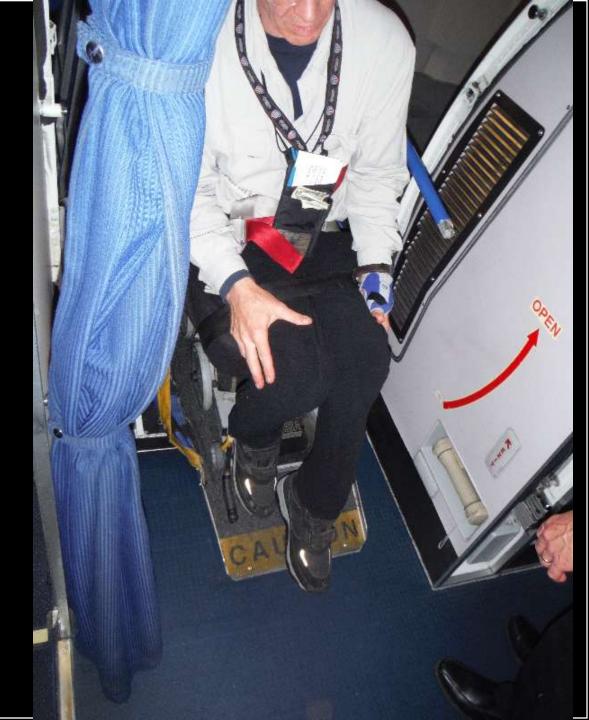
Aircraft Access Using a Boarding Chair



Requires a transfer to an aircraft boarding chair



Boarding chairs have inadequate seating and foot support



Attendant operated boarding chairs require dependence on airport attendants





Aircraft Compatible Wheelchair



Aircraft Boarding

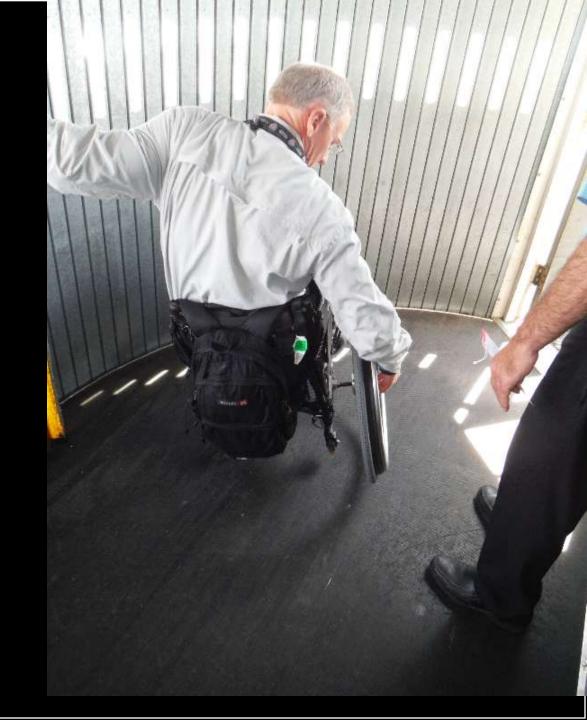
Using a
Personal
Aisle Chair

Removable Wheels



Aircraft Boarding Using a wheelchair with narrow accessory wheels

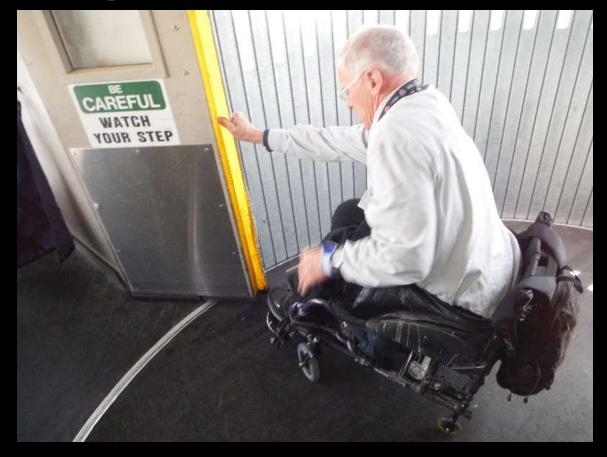
Fewer Transfers



Aircraft Seating Using a

Personal Aisle Chair

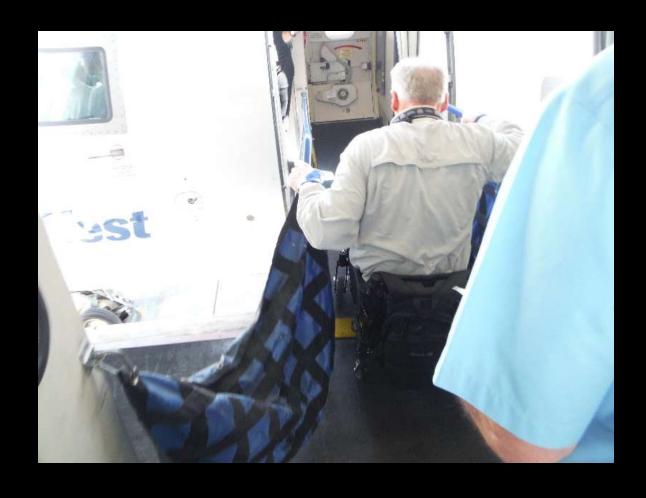
Feet Remain Secure



Aircraft Seating Using a

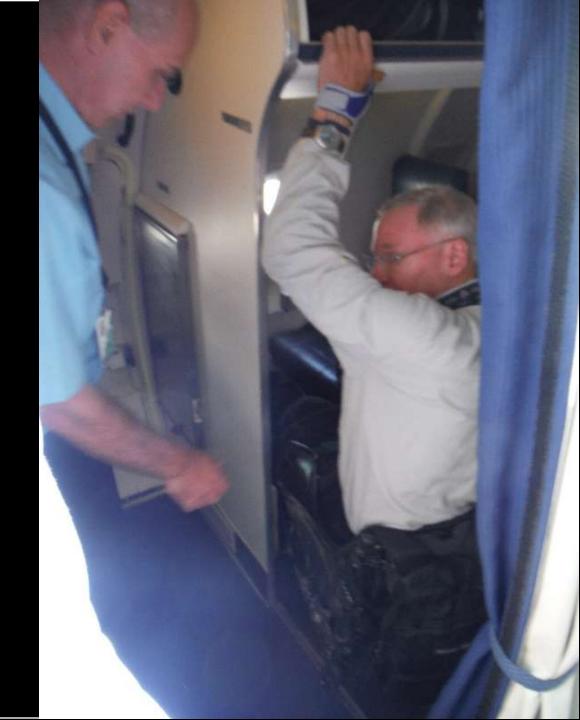
Personal Aisle Chair

Allows for More Independent Boarding

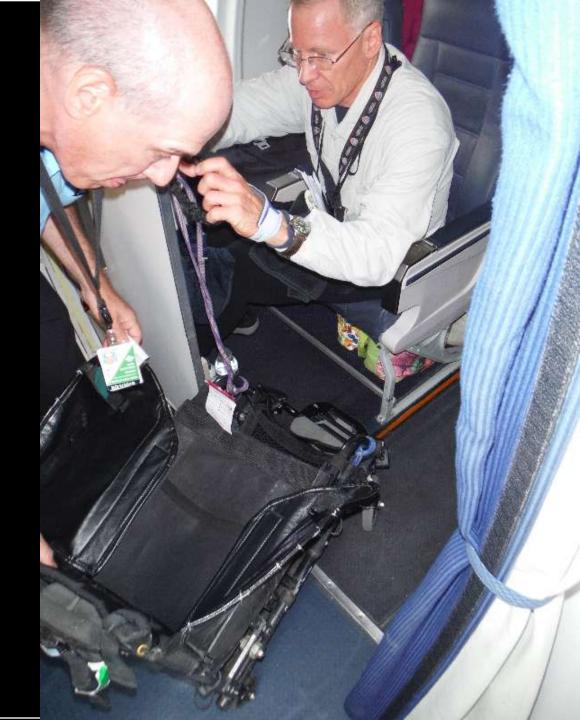


Aircraft Seating
Using a
Personal
Aisle Chair

A Single
Transfer using
overhead shelf
to assist transfer

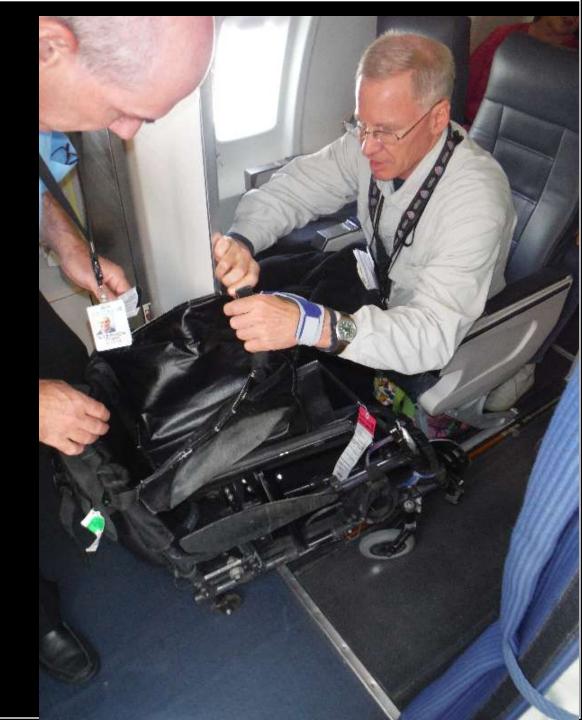


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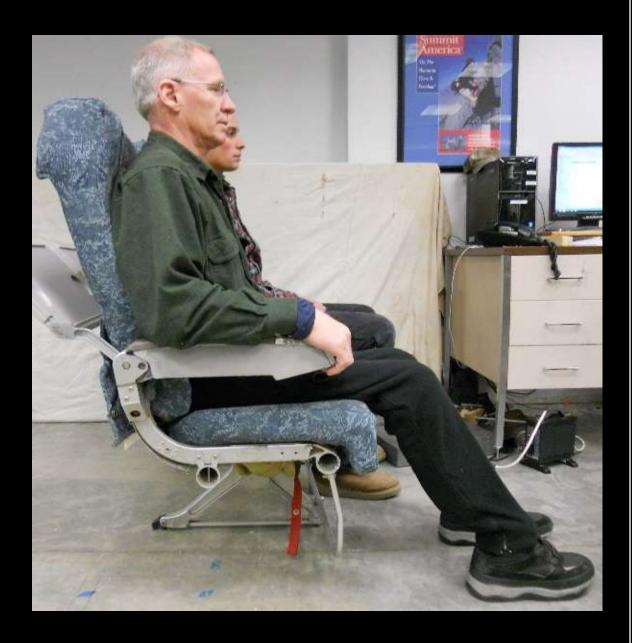


Aircraft Seating
Using a
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Fold and store wheelchair on board aircraft



Aircraft seating without pressure relief Cushion



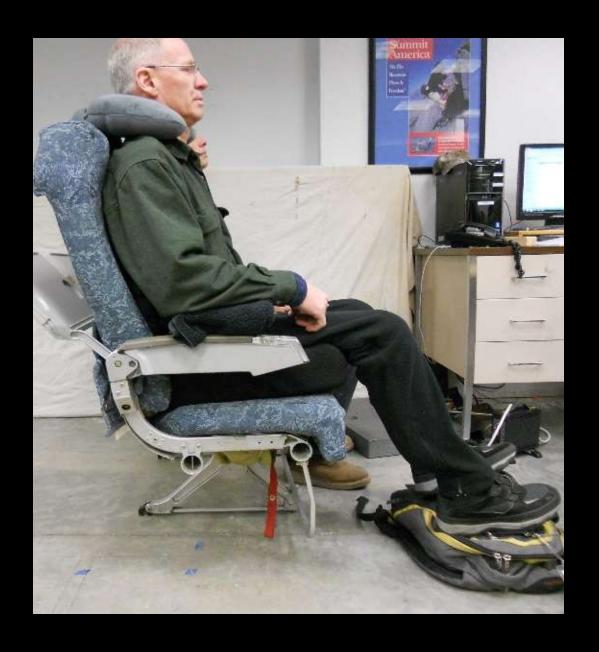
Aircraft seating with pressure relief cushion from wheelchair

legs hanging shoulders forward neck extended arm not supported



Aircraft seating with pressure relief cushion and "accessories"

feet supported
lumbar and spine
supported
neck/head support
arm supported



Aircraft seating with pressure relief cushion and "accessories"

foot support lumbar and spine support neck/head support arm support





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