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### **Beneficial Design** Designing Beyond the Norm to Meet the Needs of All People

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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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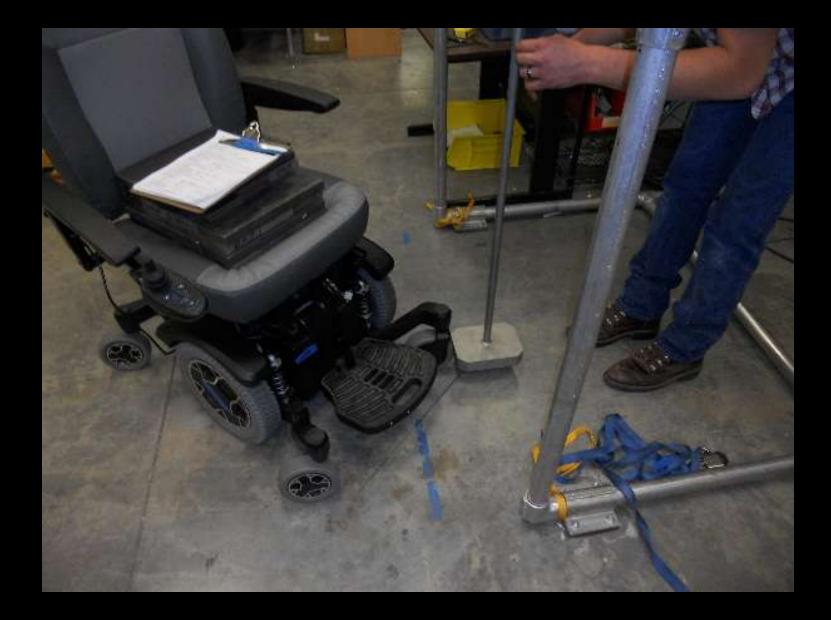


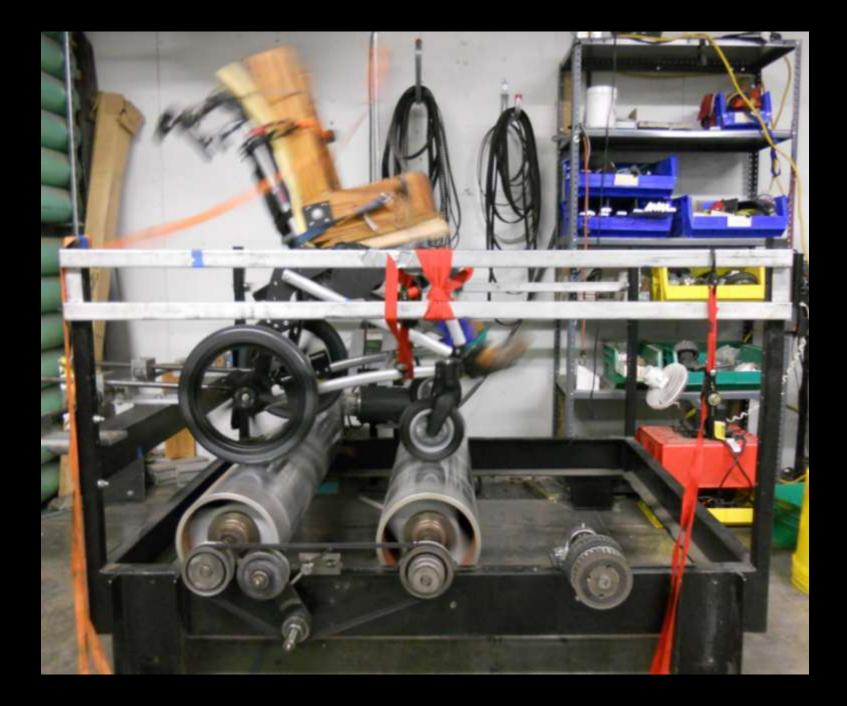


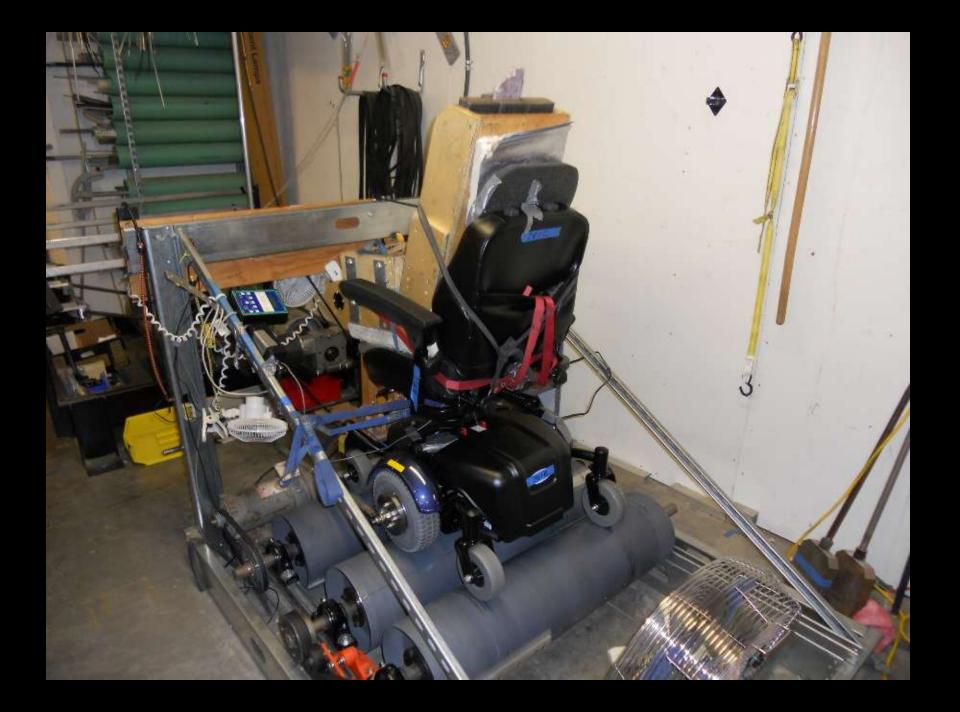




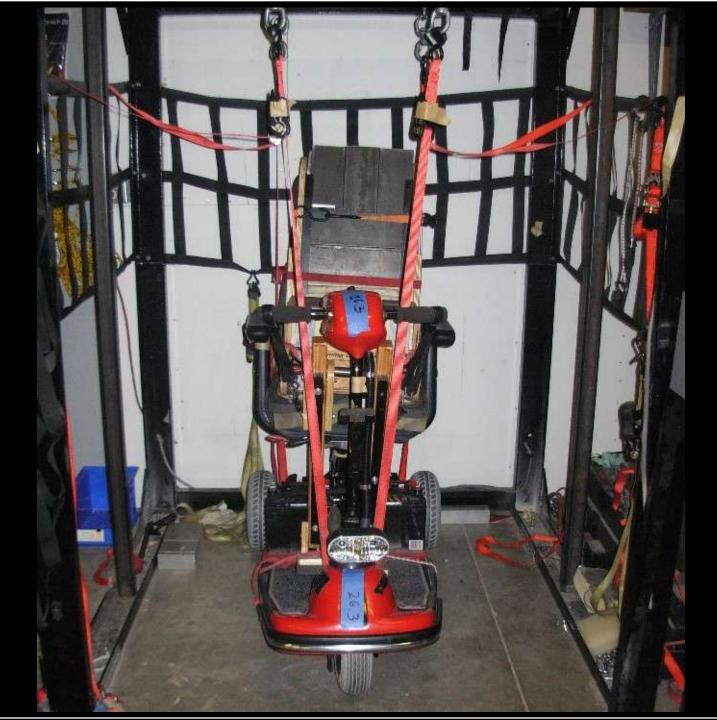




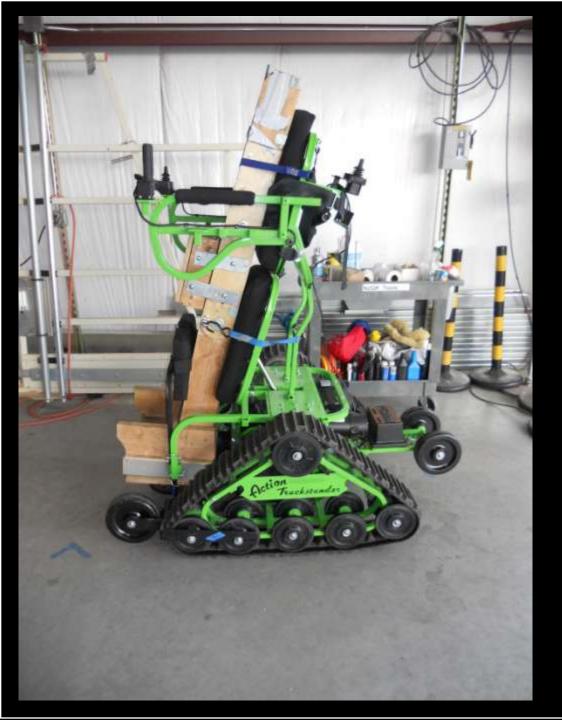










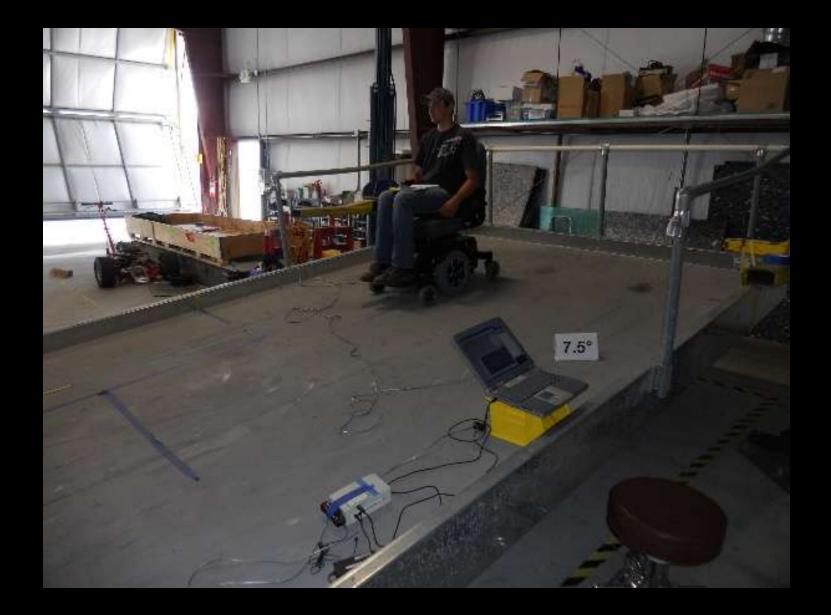


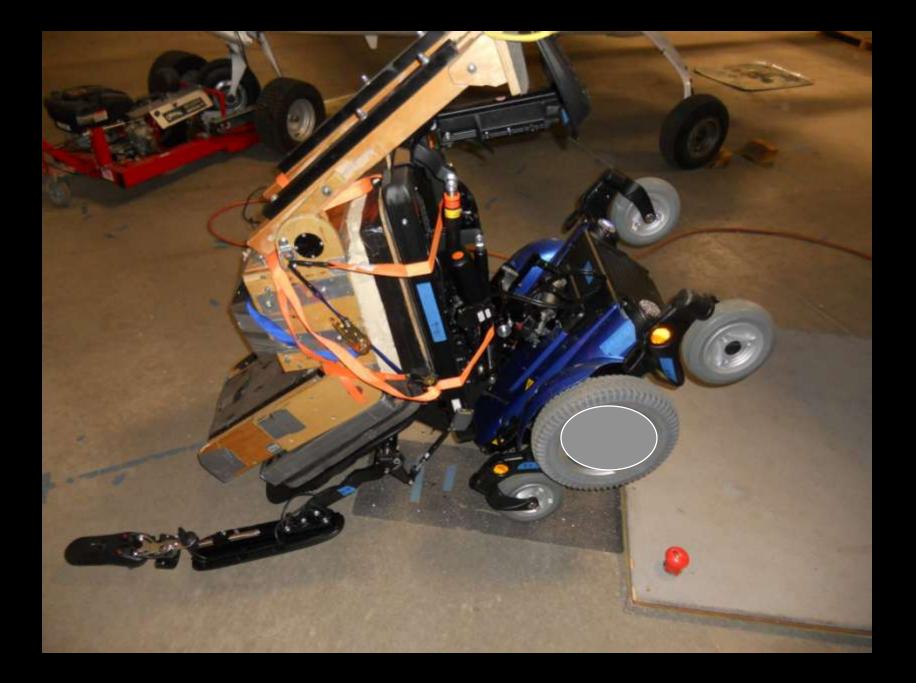












## Design of Consumer Products

Product Development Assessment of Products Universal Design of Products



### **Product Development**

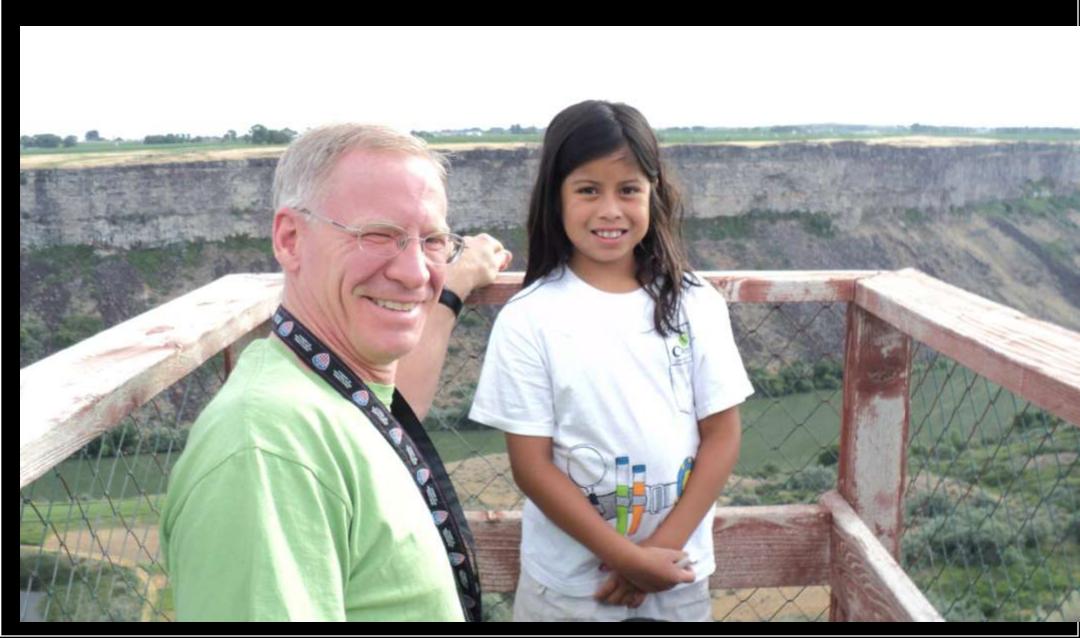
Mainstream Products Opportunity for Universal Design Adaptive Products Personal Technologies Activity Specific Technologies



# **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

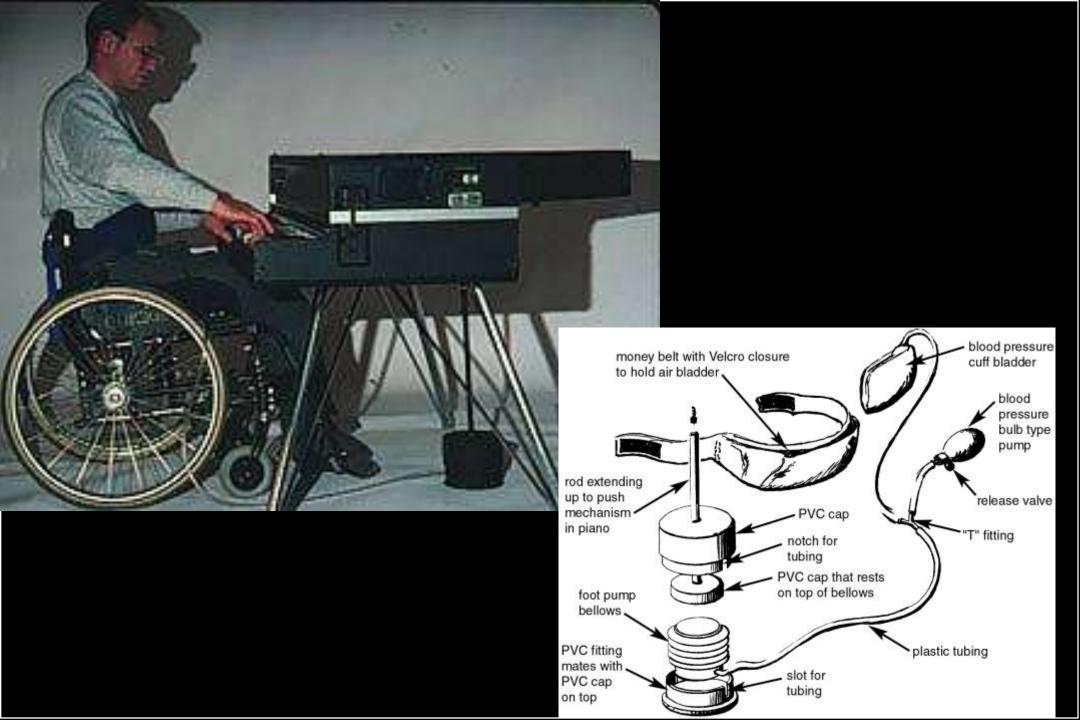
#### **Improved Posture**





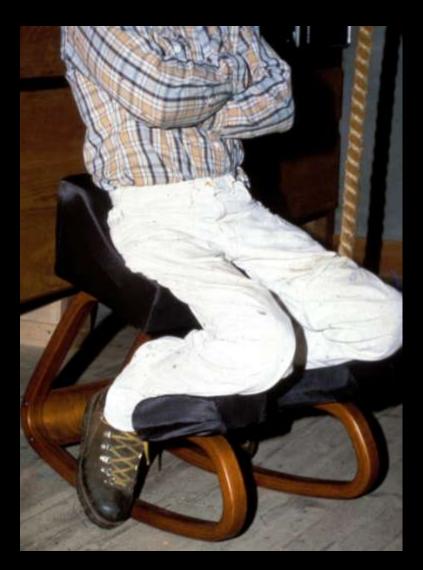
#### Available from BES Rehab Ltd





### Clutch, Brake and Gas on Hand Control





### Dynamic Seating





### **Dynamic Seating**









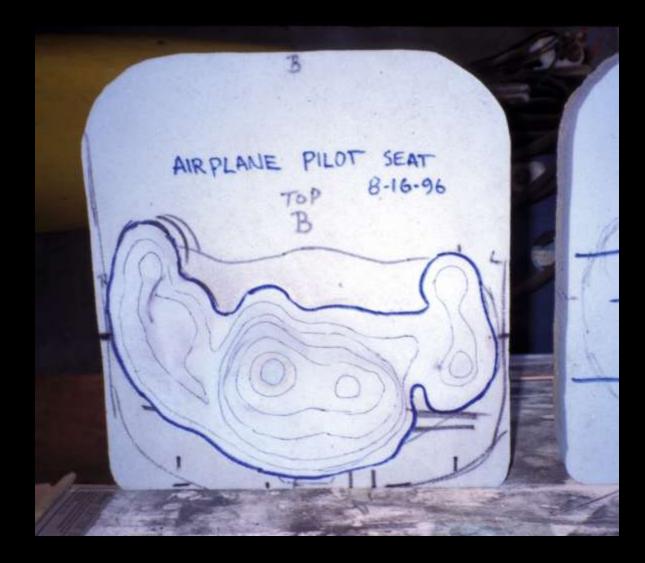
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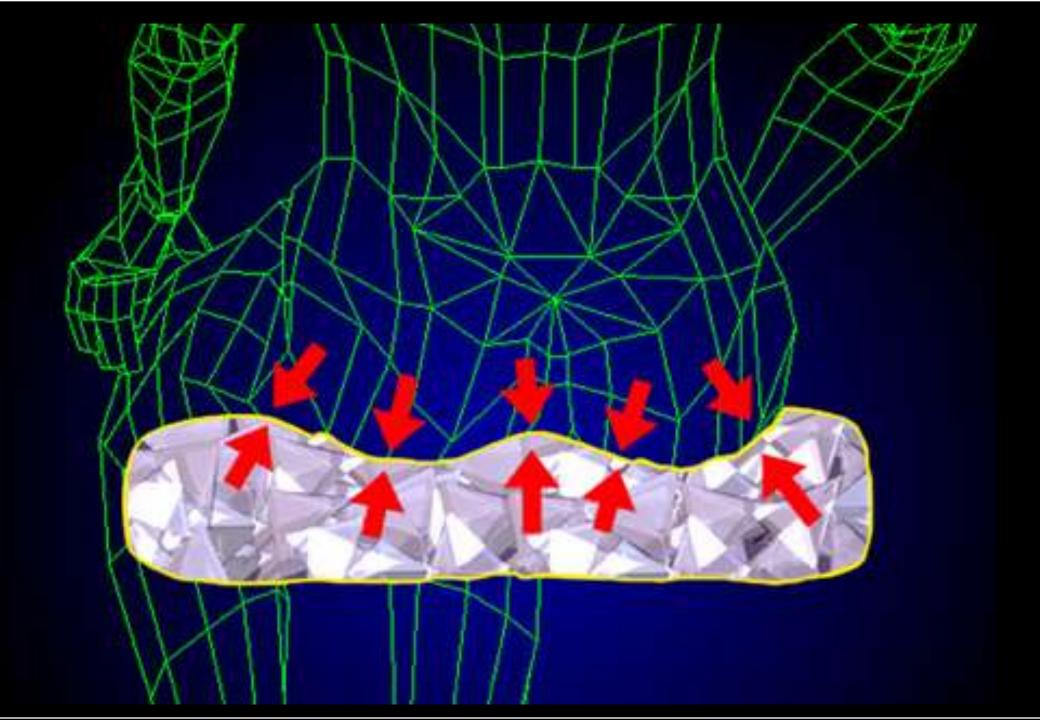


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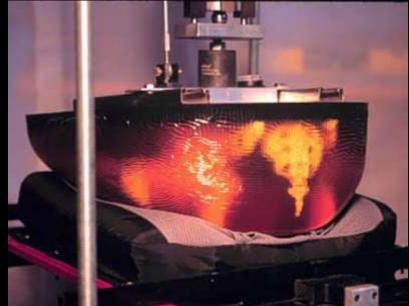
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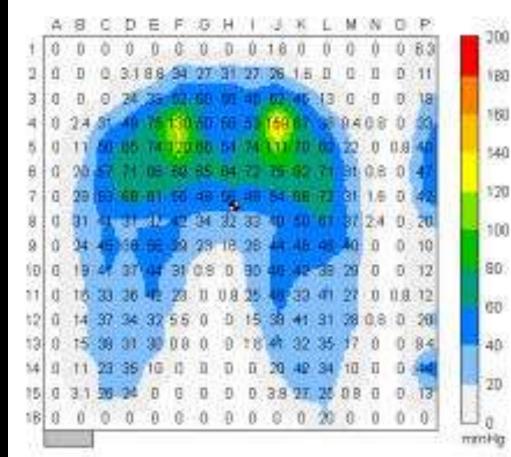
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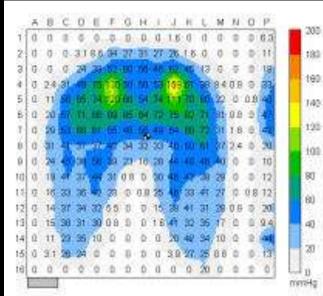




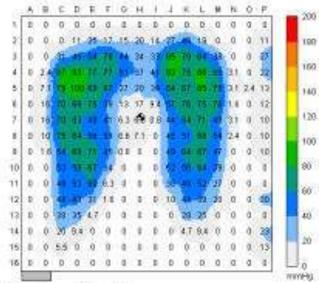
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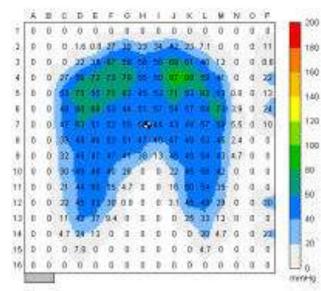
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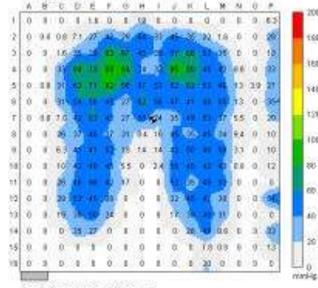
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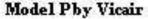


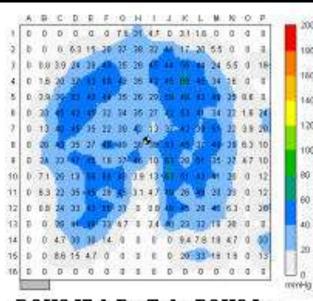
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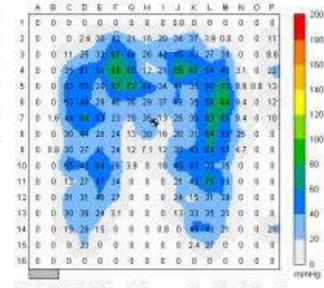


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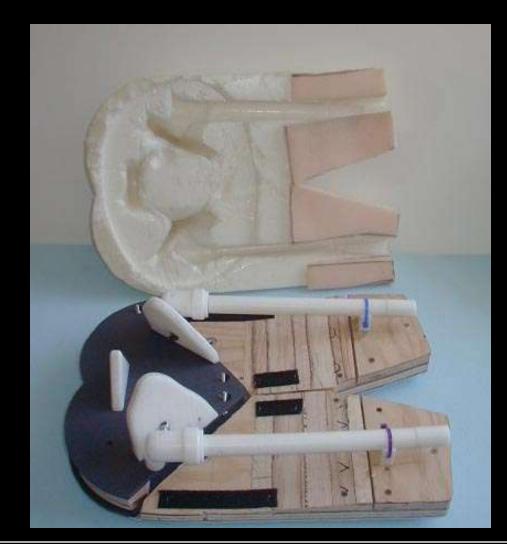
### **ROHO High Profile by ROHO Inc.**

IDE



Model P Deep Immersion by Vicair

### ASLI Prototype ISO Part 2 Shape





### Pressure Measurements Symmetric

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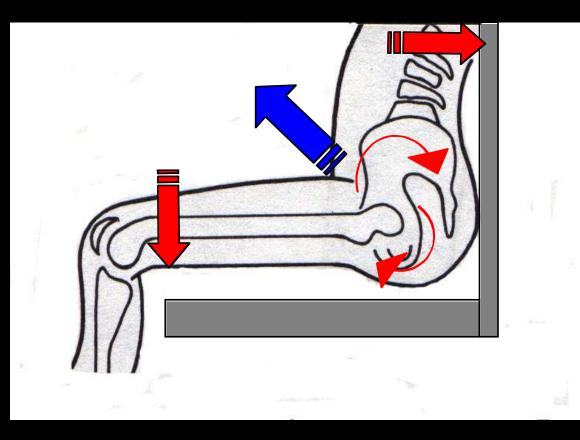
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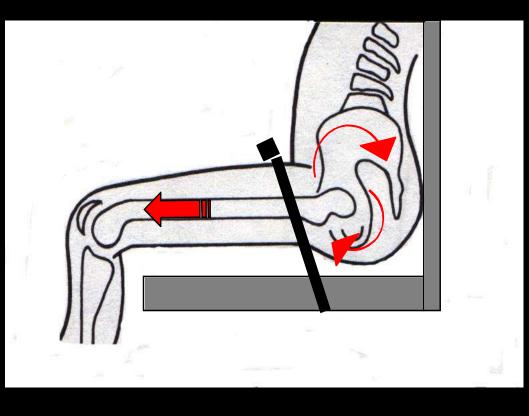
# Pelvis Movement During Extensor Thrust Activity



Force at Thigh and Backrest During Extension

Pelvis Moves Up, Out and Rotates

### Variations of Belt Angle

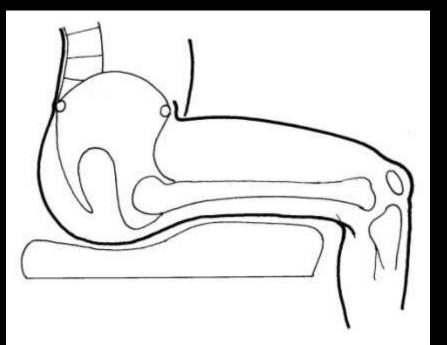


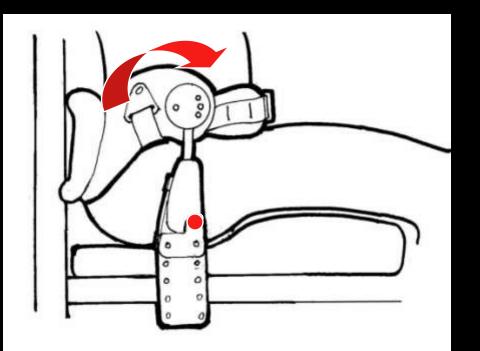
Downward Pull Limits Upward Movement

Allows Posterior Pelvic Rotation

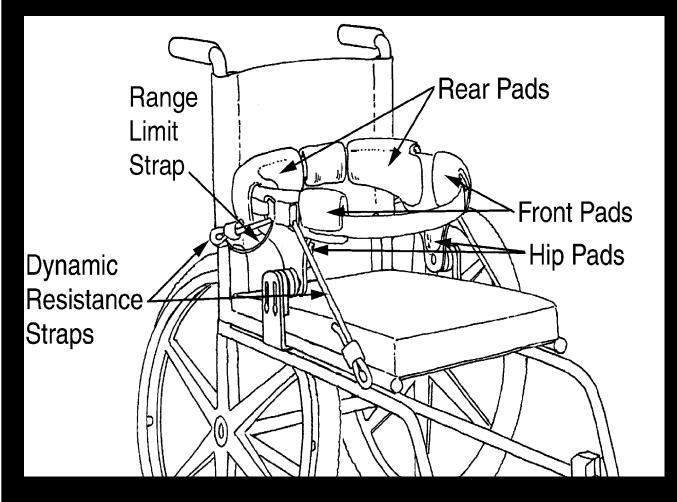
Limits Full Anterior ROM

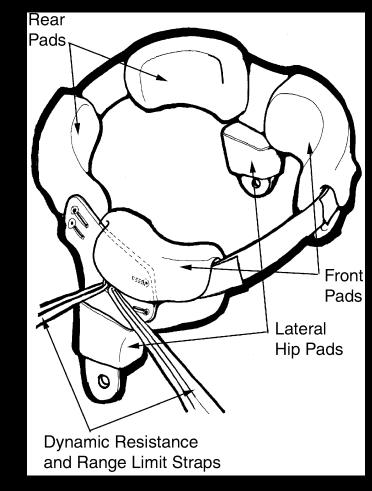
# **HipGrip Concept**





### HipGrip Ph1 - Prototype 2





### What Is the HipGrip?



 Dynamic Pelvic Support
Provides Pelvic Stability
Allows Controlled Anterior Tilt ROM





# HipGrip Test Fixture



### **Functional Forward Reach**



### **Functional Reach Downward**







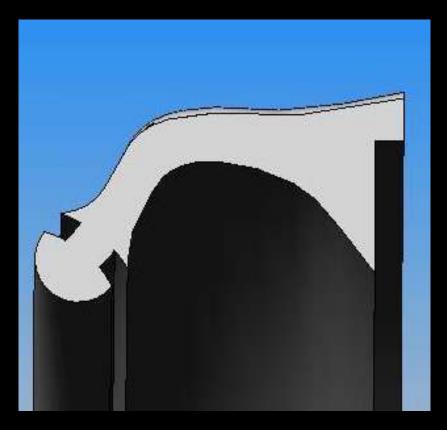
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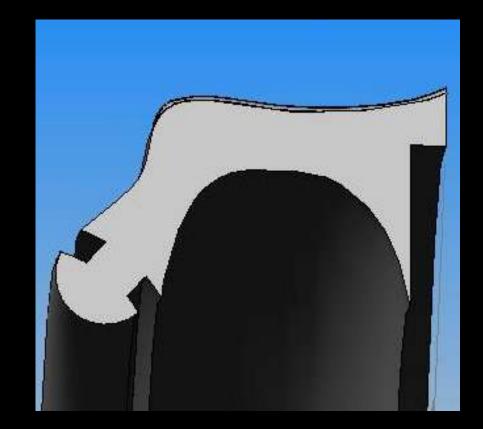


# FlexRim – Combining the discrete compliant fasteners into one



# The best profiles were fully developed and tested



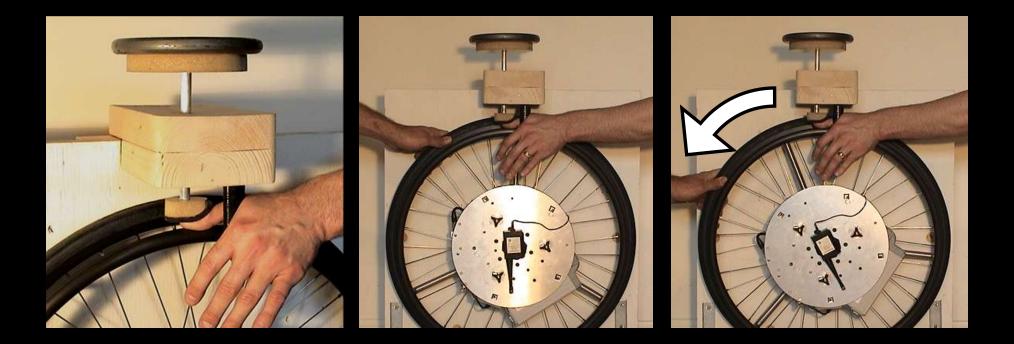


### FlexRim Ergonomic Pushrim

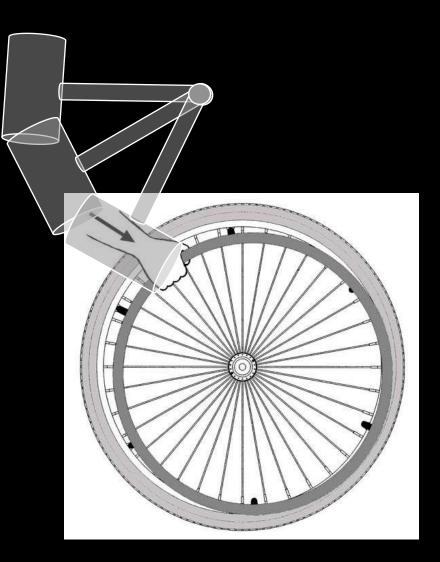


### **Frictional improvements**

# Preliminary tests show over a 2x increased frictional coefficient



### Impact absorption

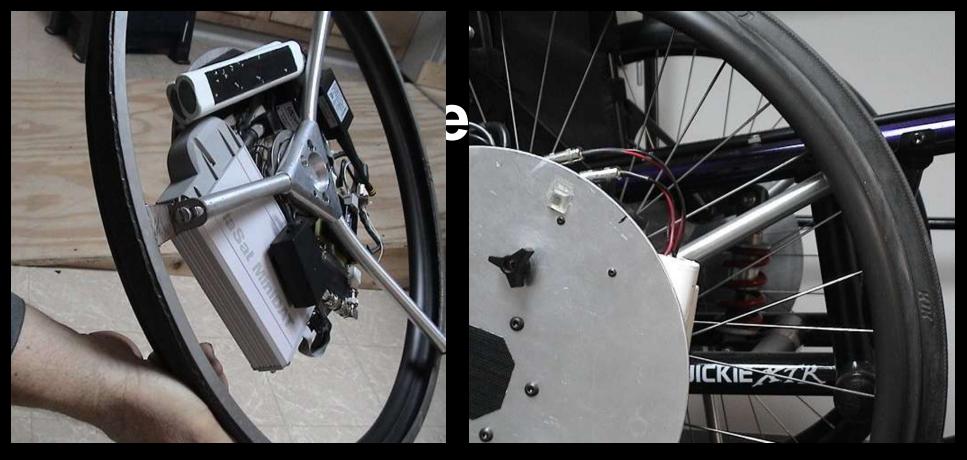


# Applied a 120 lb repetitive load in one place until failure

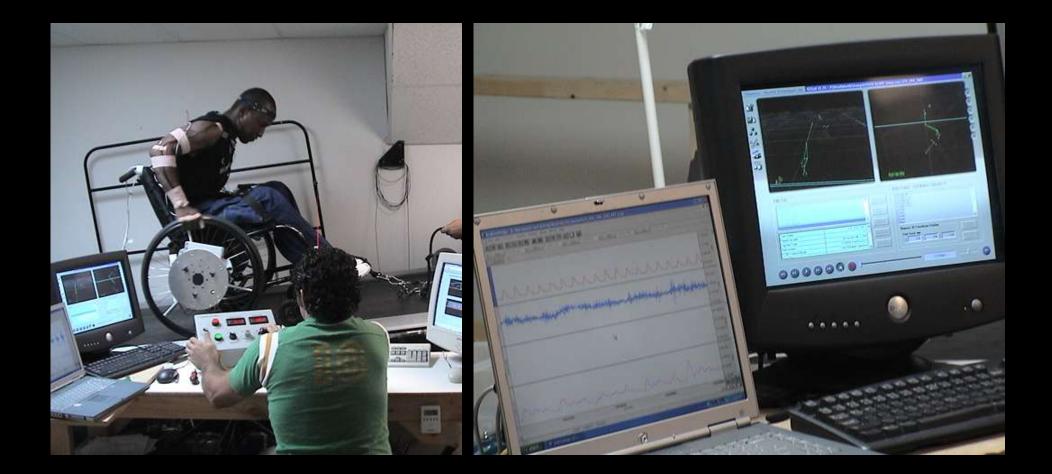


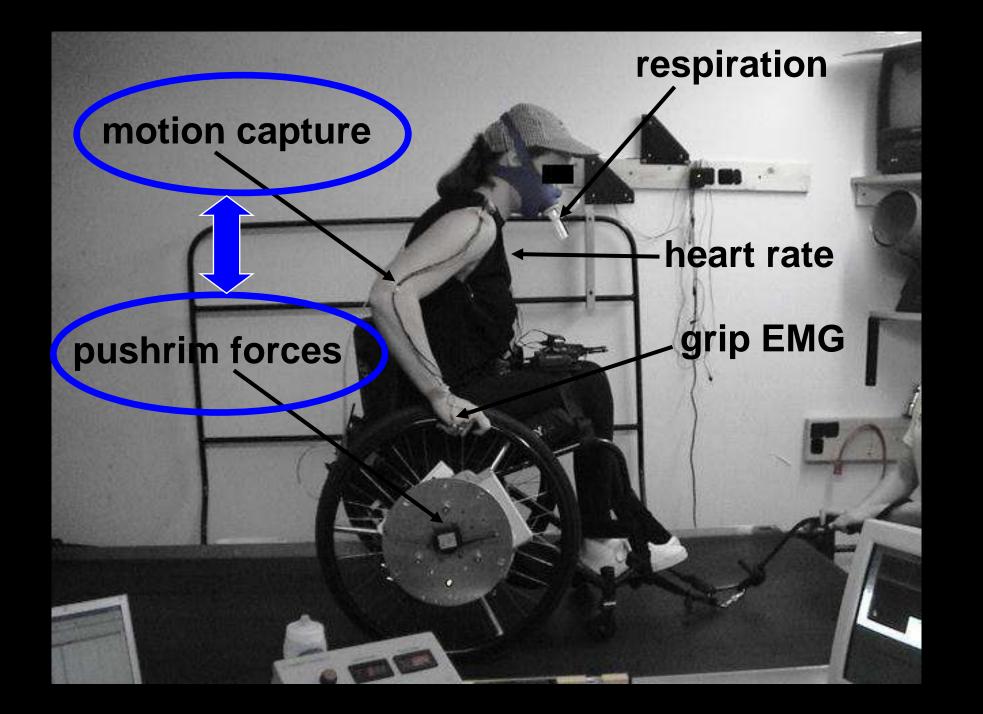
Pushrim cracked after 444,072 cycles

### **Baseline study – FlexRim**



# Subjects are tested over a wide variety of usage environments





### FlexRim



#### Design

The FlexRim consists of a durable high friction nubber rurface that spans between the aluminum puthtin and the whent. The shape of the nubber is ergonemically designed to conform to your hand when gripped, making it the most comfortable pathtim guo will ever use.

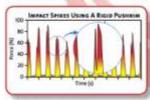


Because the rubber is flexible, the pushrim can compress to allow your wheelchair to squeece through narrow doorways.



### 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 hill the pushtim, 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 Flexitim was found to consistently reduce impact loading by 10%.



#### **Propulsion Testing**

In lab testing, wheekhair users pushed with both a standard pushtim and the Riestim on a research treadmill. Grip muscle activity, oxygen demand and power generated were all measured during propulsion and compared across pushtims.



Results of the testing were

- Users required 12% less grip force to push with the RexRim.
- Overall grip exertion was reduced by 15%.
- On average users required 12% Jess anyone to push with the Flexion than with a standard pushrum.
- Users generated IPS more power when using the FlexRim.

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



Advanced Ergonomics



### GripRim





### Adaptive Canoe Seating











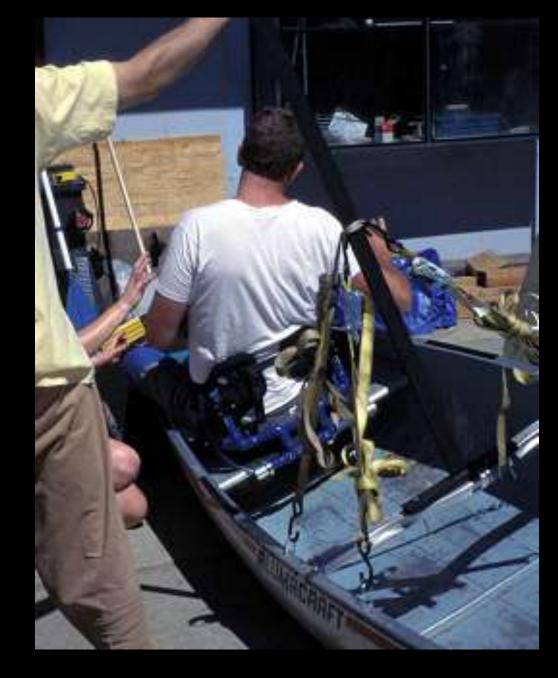


### **Methods - Endurance**

MedGraphics VO2000 portable metabolic system



# Lateral Balance Test





# Water Egress Testing





# Wave Ski

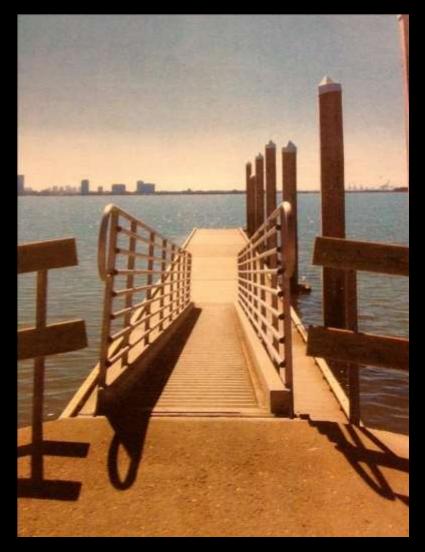


Environmental Technologies Things that do not move



## Small Watercraft Launch Access



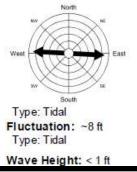












#### High Float Boat Launch Pier

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Program



#### Water Trail Access Information

	h Environment	Edge of Environment to Transfer Area			
Length	+ 200 ft	Length	66 ft 6.5 ft		
Elev Loss	2 ft	Elev Loss			
Grade		Grade			
Typical	< 5%	Typical	14%		
	07C ~	Maximum	15%		
Cross Slope	•	Cross Slope			
Typical	< 2%	Typical	<2%		
Tread Width	22	Tread Width			
Typical	> 10 ft	Typical	98 in		
Surface	13 - 72	Surface	i de la contrar de		
Туре	Asphalt/Concrete	Туре	Concrete/Composite Floating Dock Panels		
Stability	Paved	Stability	Hard 100%		
Amount	100%	Amount			
ansfer Area					
Launch Type	Conce	rete Boat Launch /	High Float Dock		

Clear Space					
Length	Unlimited /~60 ft				
Width	~50 ft / 98 in 14% / 0%				
Grade					
Cross Slope	0% / 0%				
Surface	Concrete / Composite				
Height Above Water	0 / 19 in				
Boat Orientation	Unlimited / Parallel				

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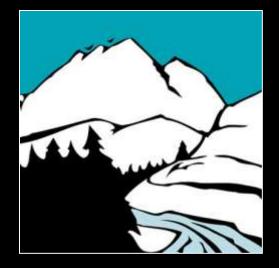
Signage created by Beneficial Designs Inc. using data collected by a certified trail assessment coordinator.

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**

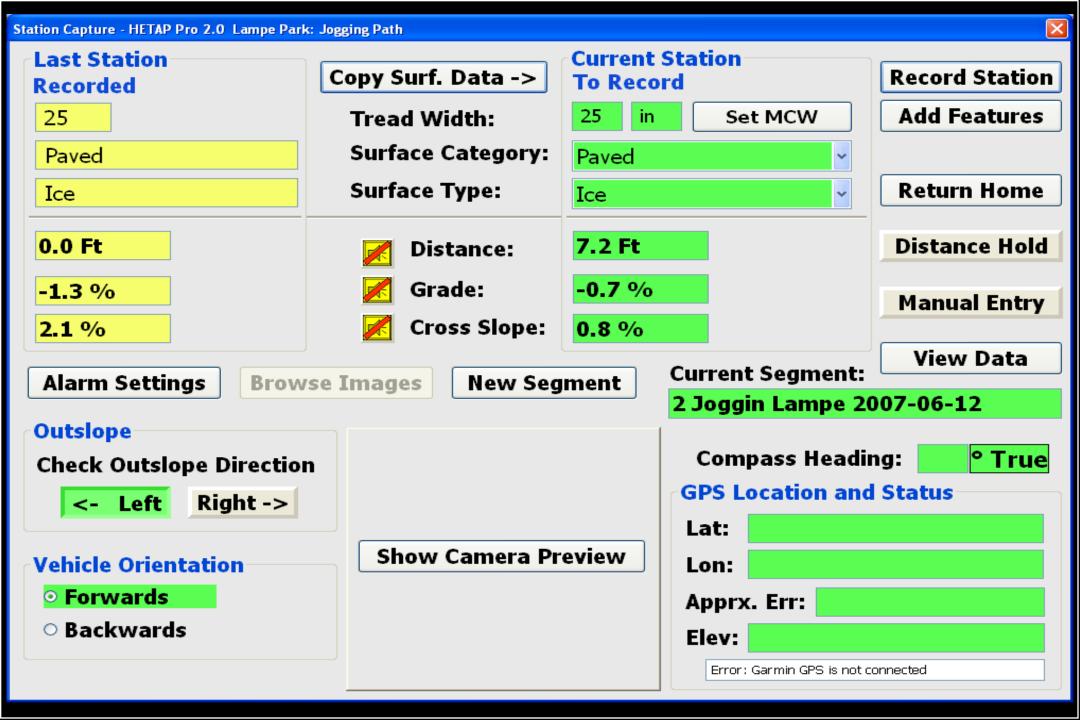




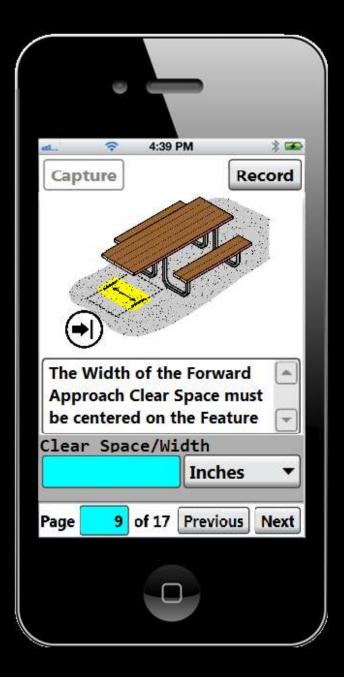
# HETAP-Rollawheel







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**

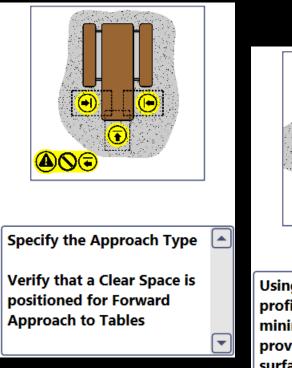


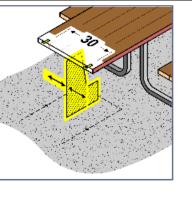
### Water Pump Height Measurement



## Picnic Table Clearance Space



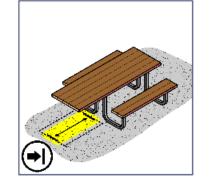




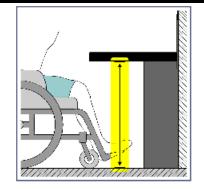
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Using the appropriate profile, verify that the minimum clear space is provided below the table surface at each wheelchair space provided



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

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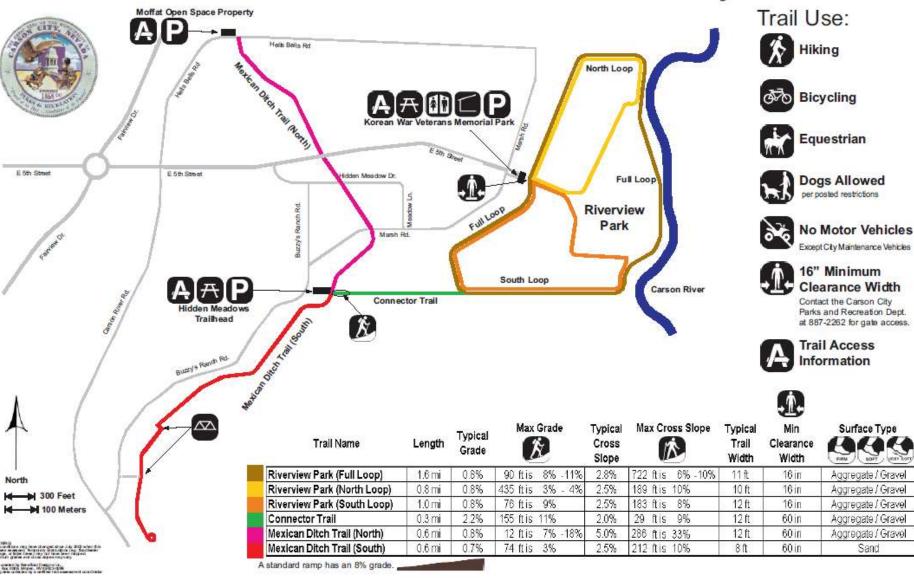
#### **Trail Access Information** .....in a Food Facts Label Format



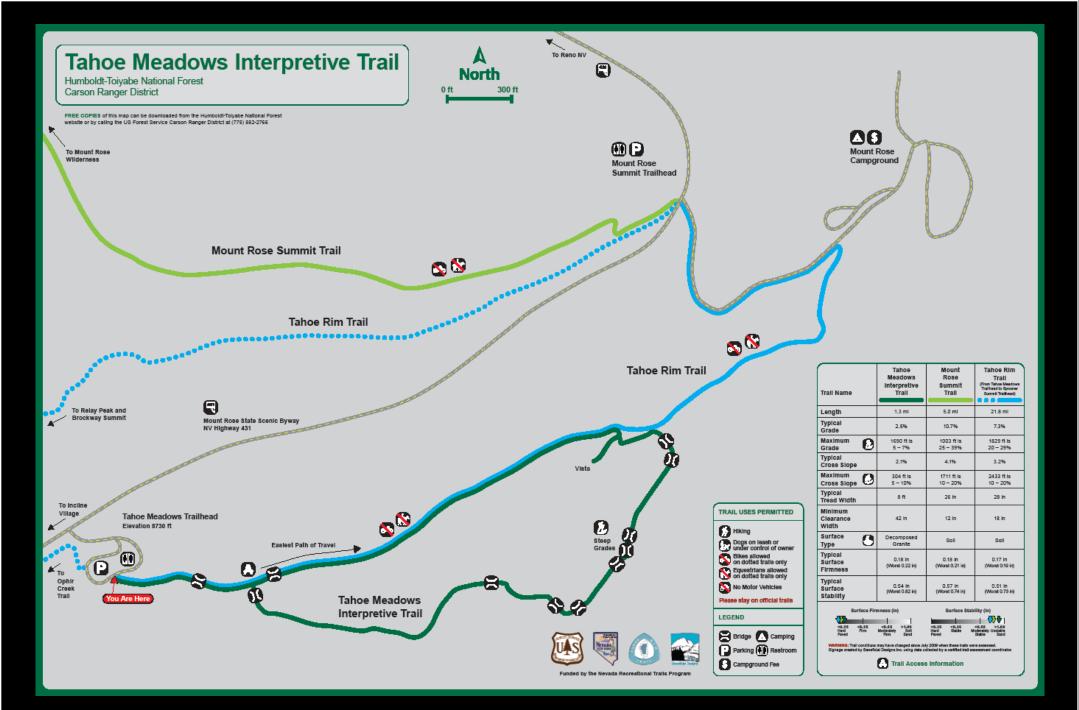




#### Riverview Park / Mexican Ditch Trail System







# www.trailexplorer.org





"moderate 'train? Have you ever encountered barriers on an 'easy' train? it so, you already know the benefits of having objective trail information. The Trail Explorer website conveys objective trail information in a unique <u>Trail Access Information</u> format to help trail users make informed decisions about which public lands to visit, and which trails will best meet their interests, abilities and desired experiences. Trail Explorer benefits all users, but is particularly helpful for individuals who may have specific trail needs, such as individuals with disabilities, older adults, parents with young children, and novice hikers.

#### Acknowledgement

Trail Explorer was designed by <u>Beneficial Designs</u> in collaboration with <u>American</u> <u>Trails</u>, land management, and disability organizations and with the support of the US Department of Education.

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Trail	Park	Nearest Town(s) State	Length	Uses	Typical Grade	Surface Firmness	Trail Information		
<u>Trail 10</u>	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.		
<u>Trail A</u>	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.		
<u>Trail 6</u>	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 Oak Ridge Picnic Area and connects with Trail 7 Spur that leads to Trail 4.		
<u>Trail 7 Spur to</u> <u>Trail 4</u>	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		
<u>Trail 10 Spur to</u> <u>Camels Back</u>	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.		
<u>Trail 11</u>	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.		

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# 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



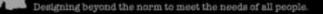


#### **Rotational Penetrometer**



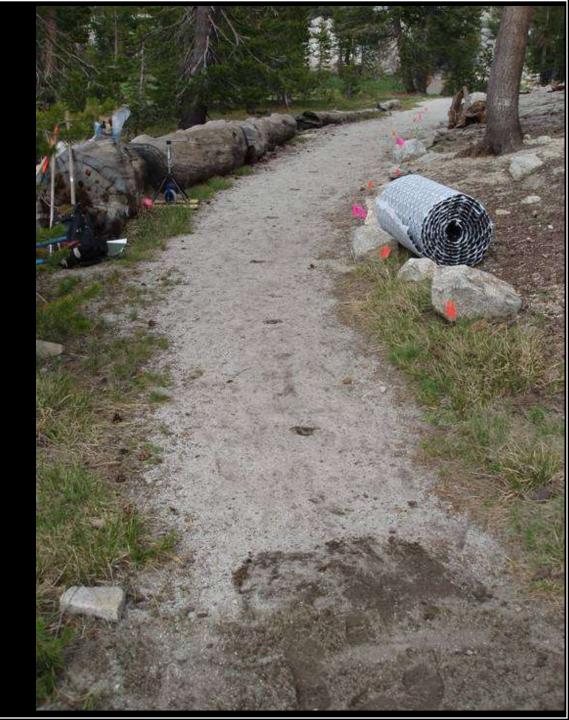
#### Objective surface measurement device

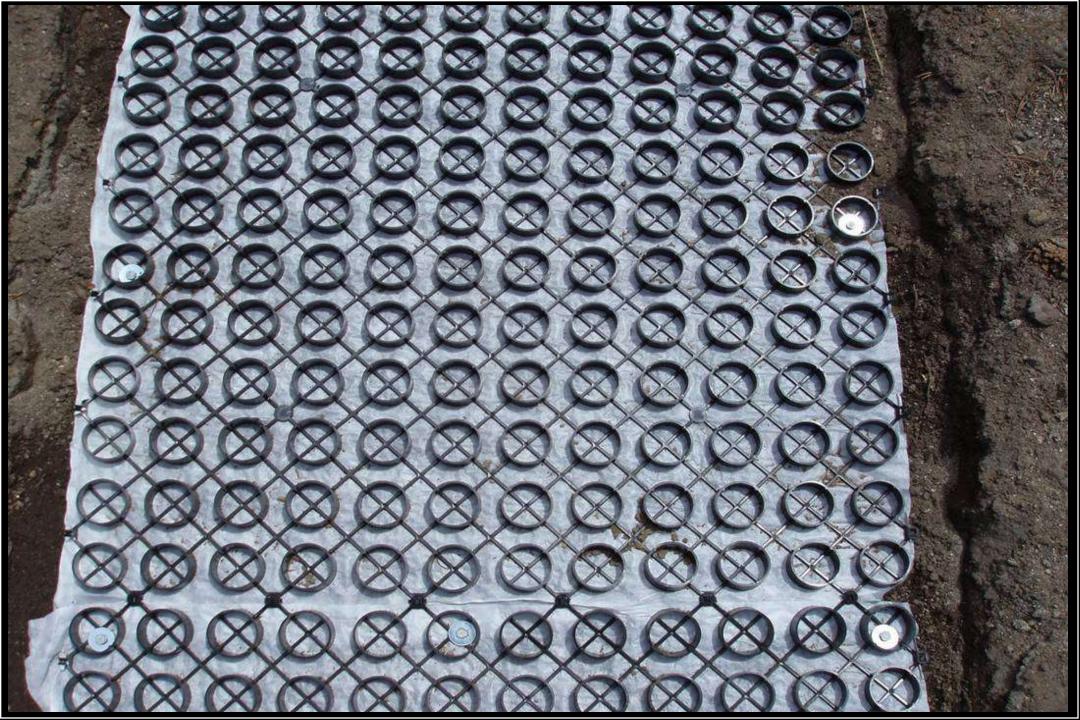
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# Trail with firm but unstable sandy surface

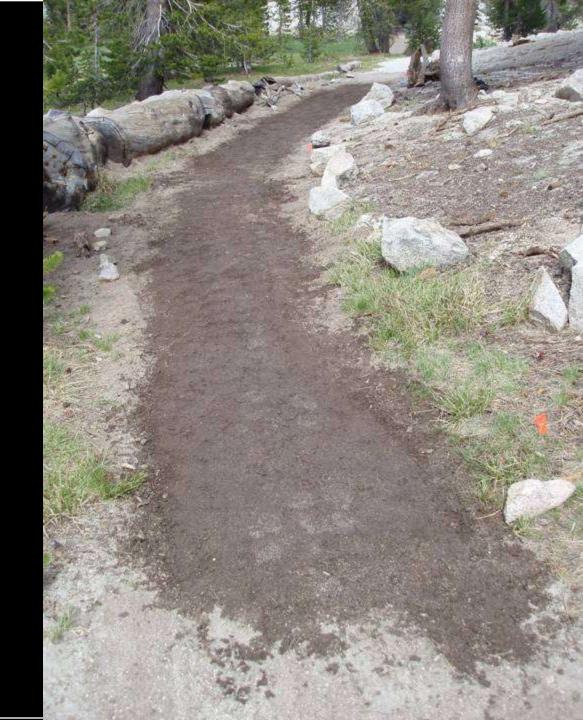






Trail after Installation of surface stabilizer

## Gravelpave2

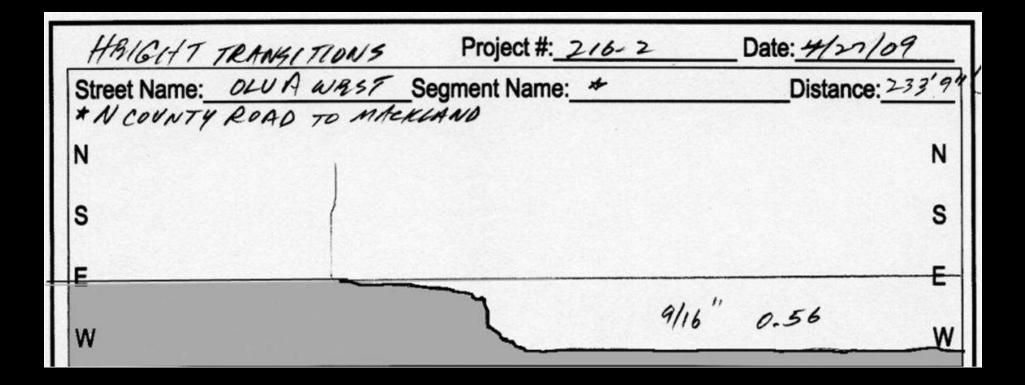


# Rotational Penetrometer Readings-Gravelpave 2

<b>Before</b> Application		After Application	
Firmness	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 Av	a 0.82	0.17 Av	a 0.38







#### **Sidewalk Assessment Process**



GPS receiver

1.9-megapixel webcam automatically captures sidewalk imagery

distinguishes between changes in grade and acceleration/

Detachable wheel measures areas the cart can't reach

> Detachable height tool measures trip hazards

Laptop prompts the user to evaluate conditions when a walkway violates the standard

> the plane between the three wheels to measure grade and cross-slope

Magnet in the rear wheel tracks distance



# **Digital Measuring Wheel**

Wireless

#### High accuracy with resolution of 0.1 Inches (1 mm)



# Digital Height Measuring Device

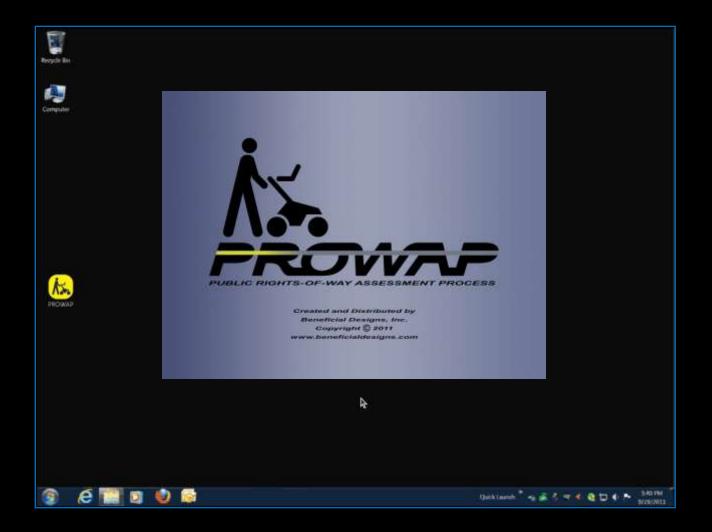
High accuracy

Fast measurement

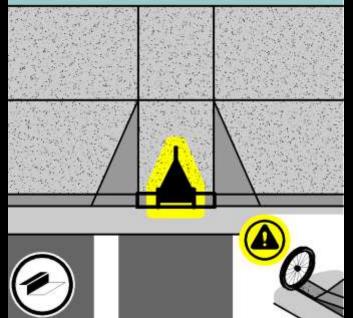
Resolution of 0.01 inches (0.1 mm)



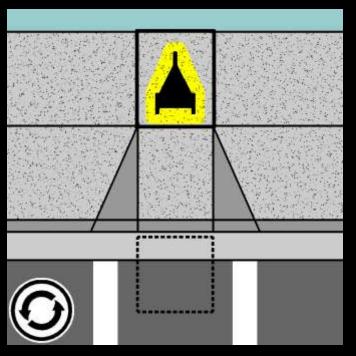
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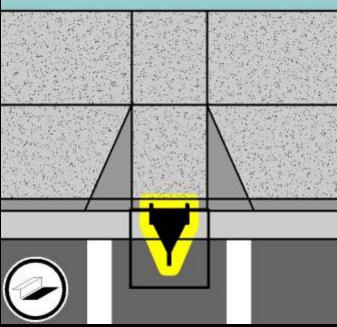


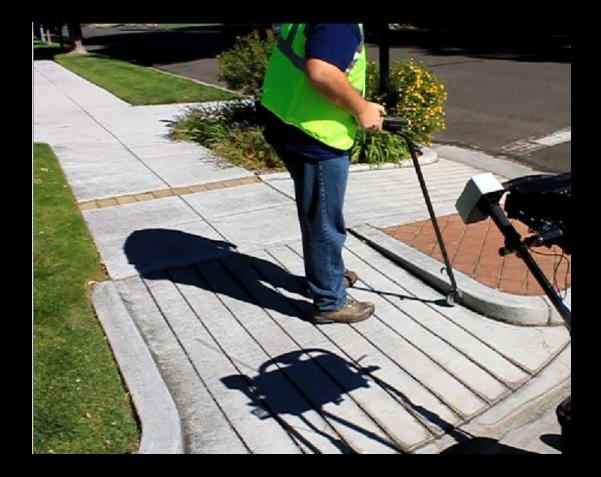


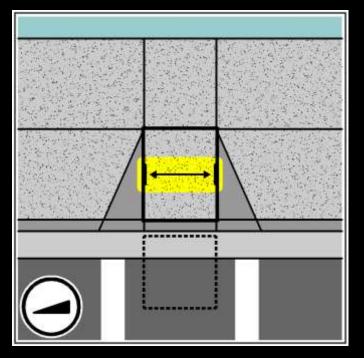




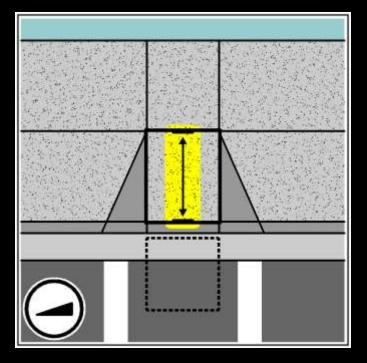








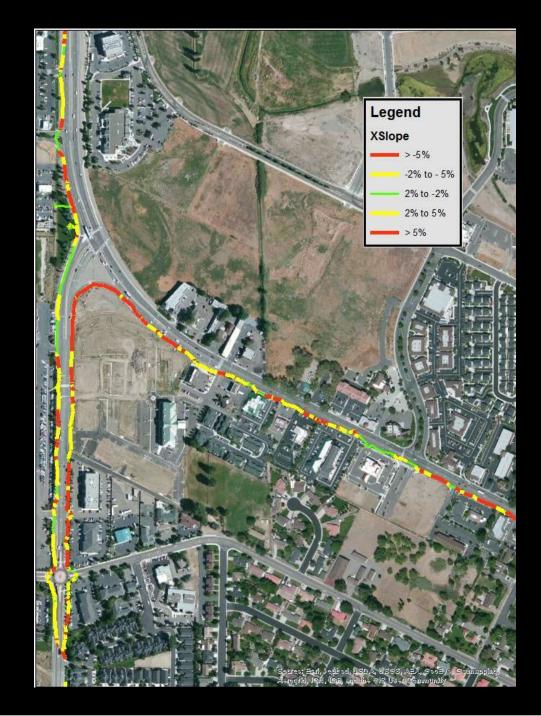




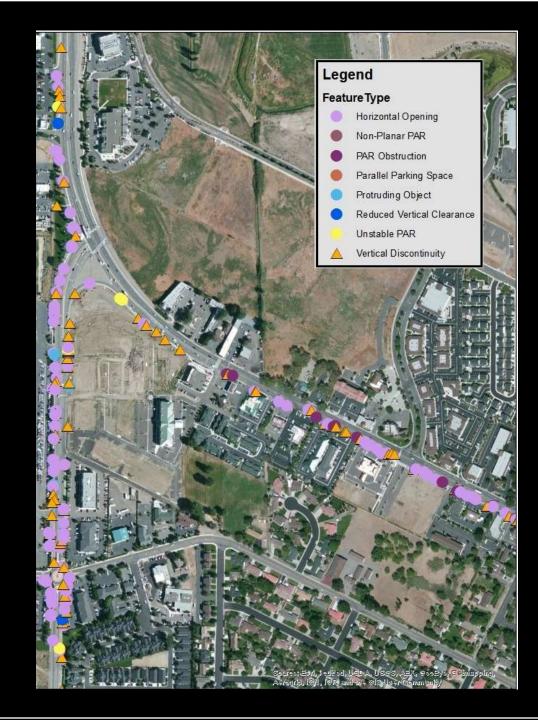
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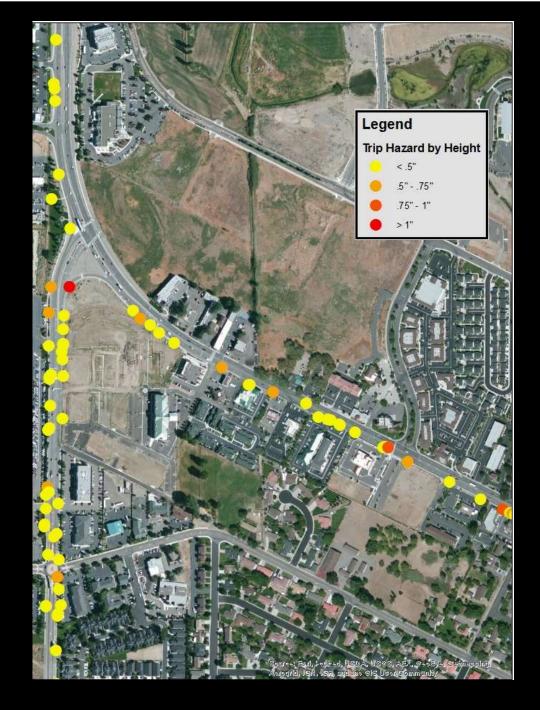
## **Cross Slope**



Hazard locations



#### Tripping hazard height

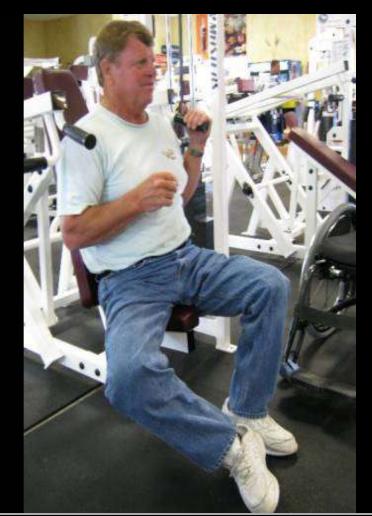


# Universal Design Standards for Products



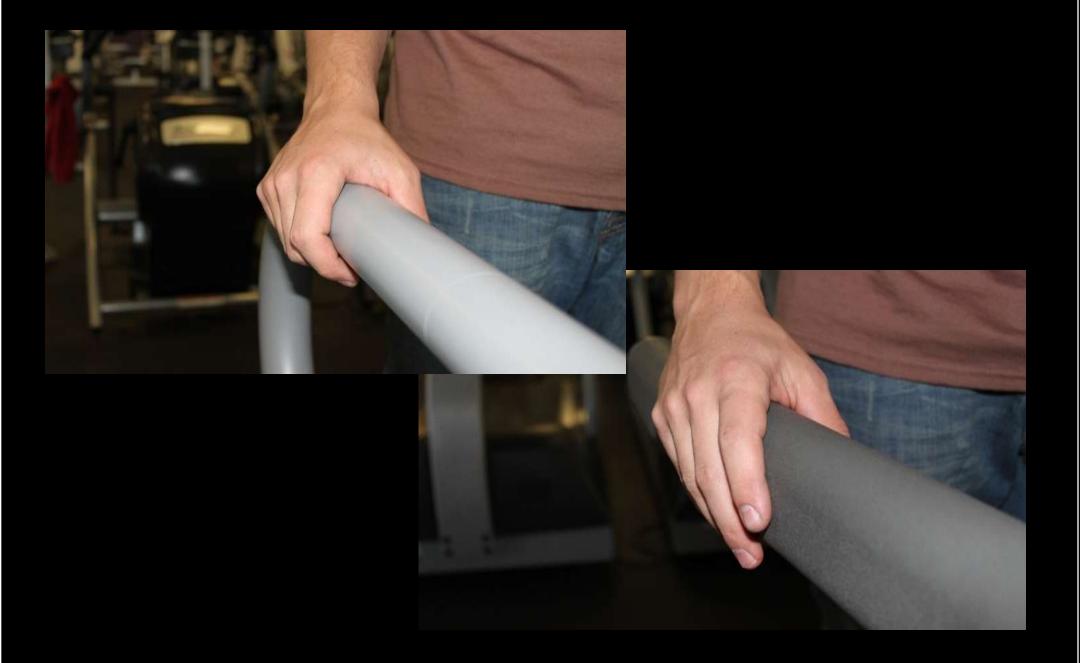
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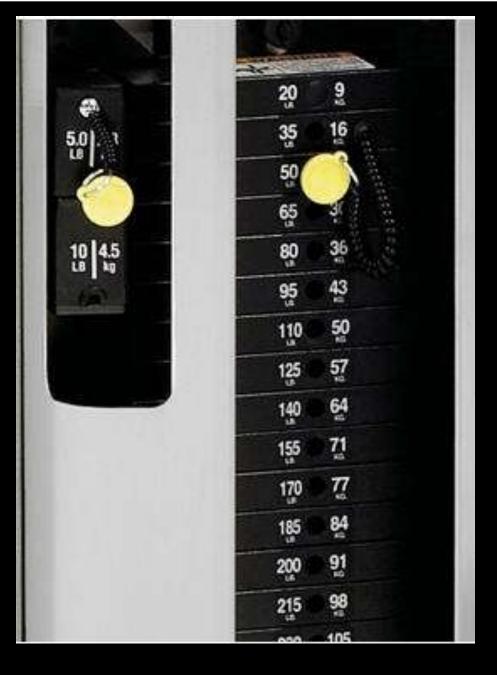


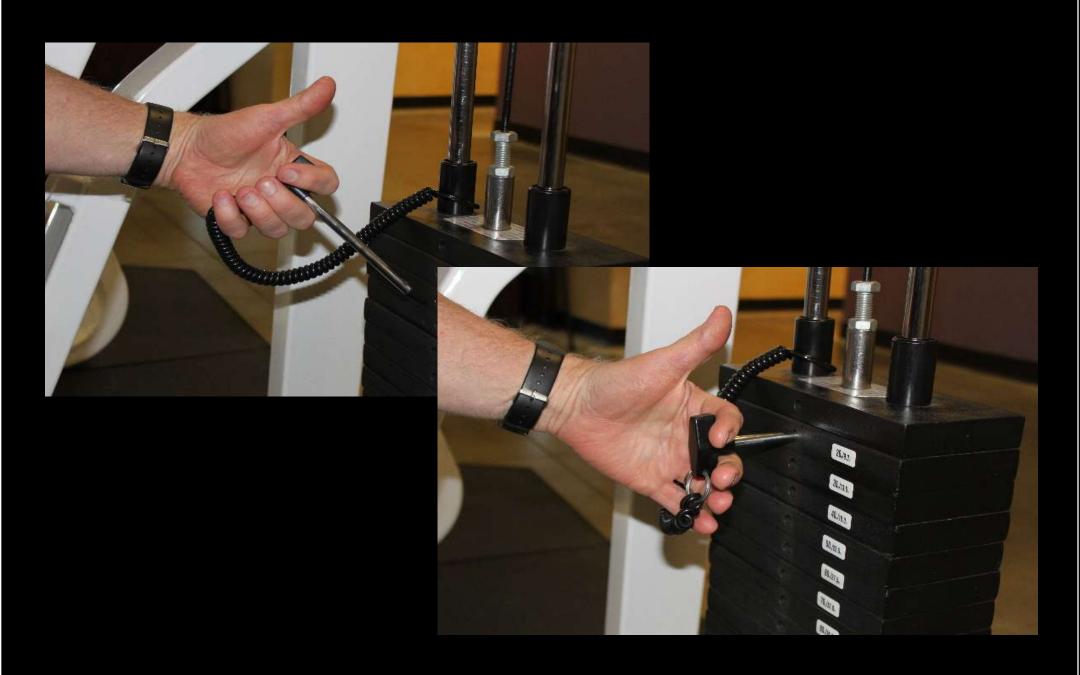


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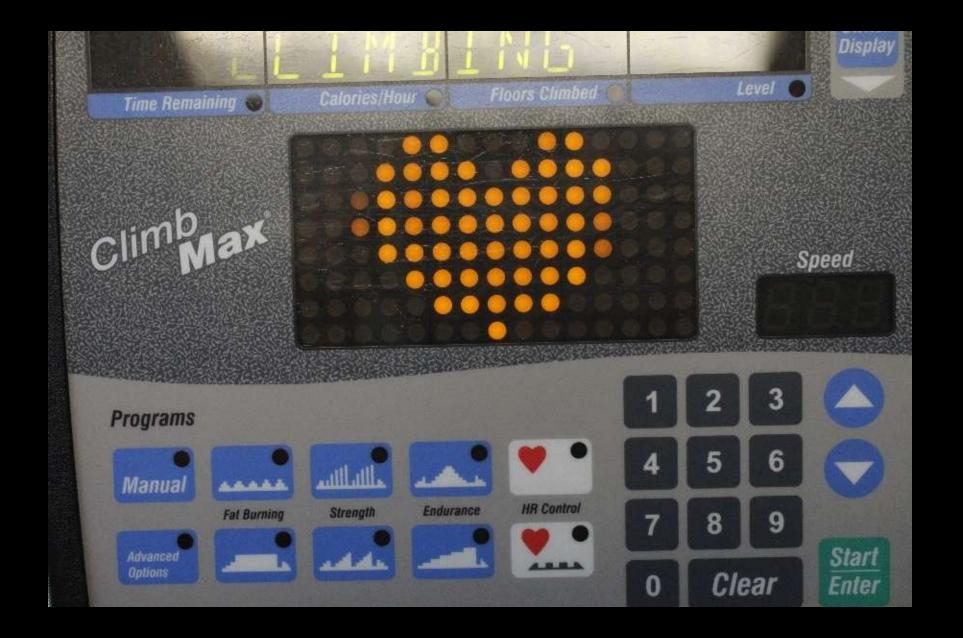


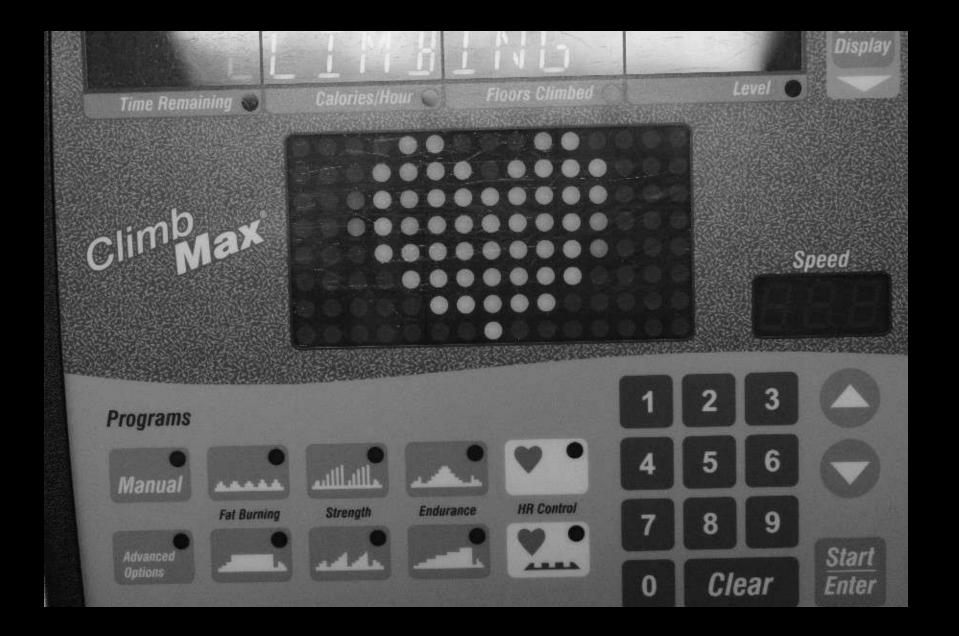


#### UT OR PRESS QUICK START









# Universal Design of Products used by persons with Cognitive Impairments

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

# cell phones Sceen.readers TV DVD phones Sceen.readers TV Social.networking Caleada Sceen.readers TV Social.networking Stovesmusic.players headphones internet audio.books internet

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





























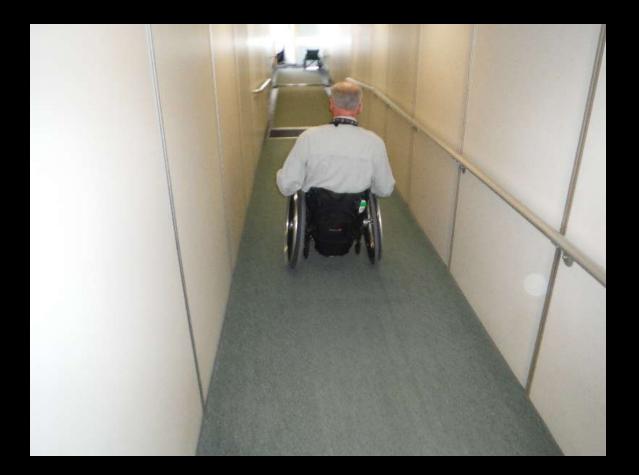








# **Aircraft Boarding and Seating**



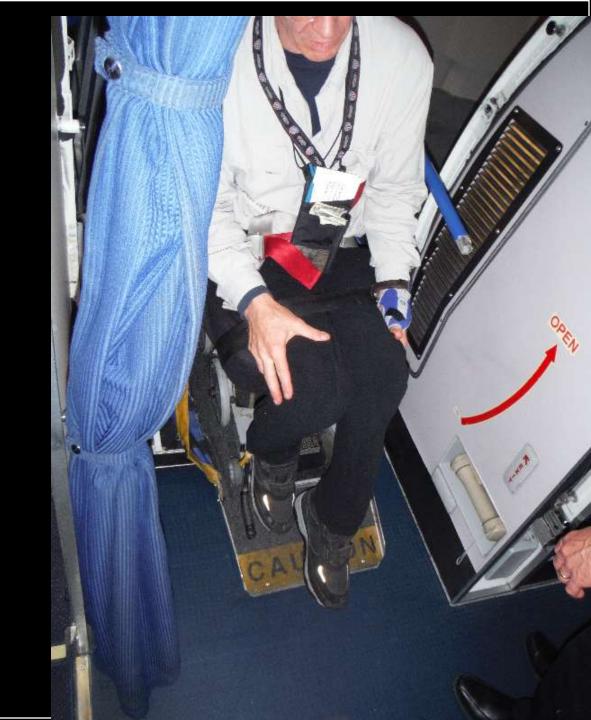
### Aircraft Access Using a Boarding Chair



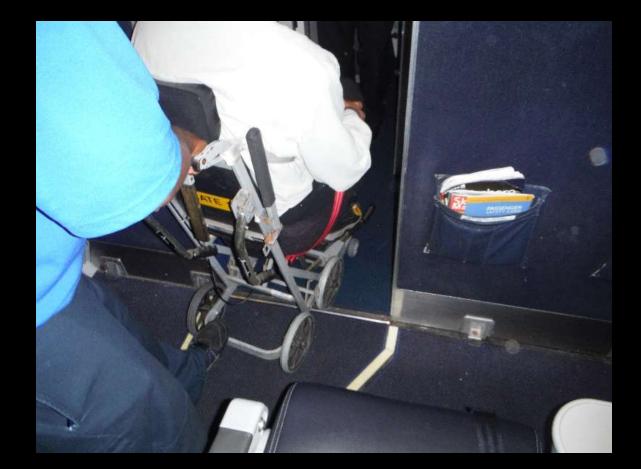
Requires a transfer to an aircraft boarding chair



Boarding chairs have inadequate seating and foot support



Attendant operated boarding chairs require dependence on airport attendants





### Aircraft Compatible Wheelchair



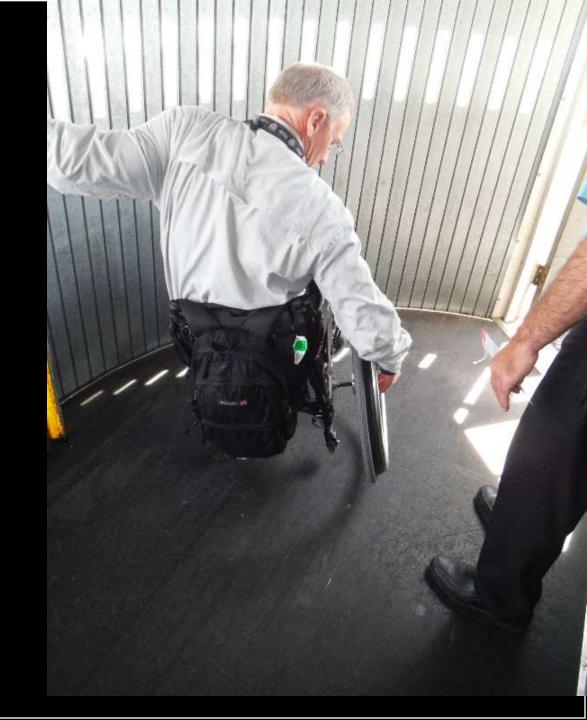
Aircraft Boarding Using a Personal Aisle Chair

Removable Wheels



Aircraft Boarding Using a wheelchair with narrow accessory wheels

Fewer Transfers



#### Aircraft Seating Using a Personal Aisle Chair

#### Feet Remain Secure



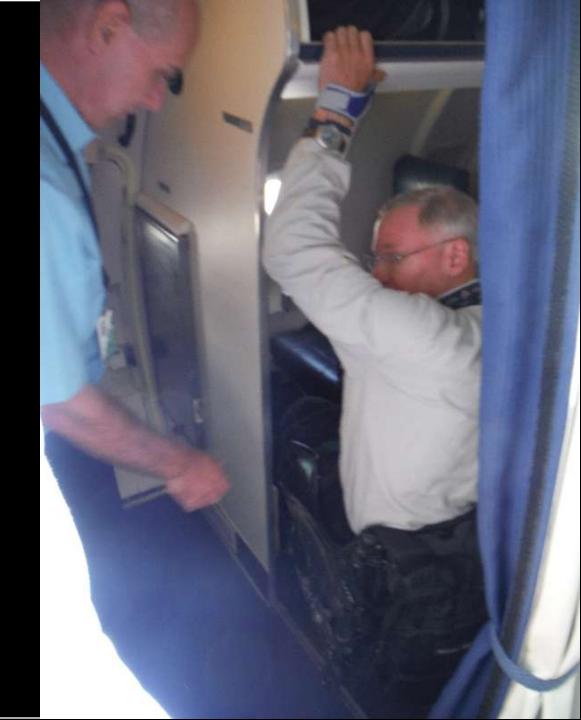
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Allows for More Independent Boarding

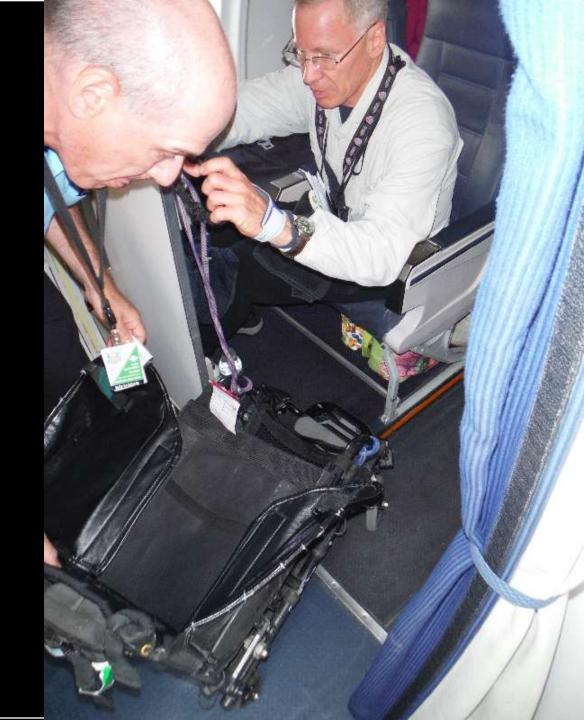


Aircraft Seating Using a Personal Aisle Chair

A Single Transfer using overhead shelf to assist transfer

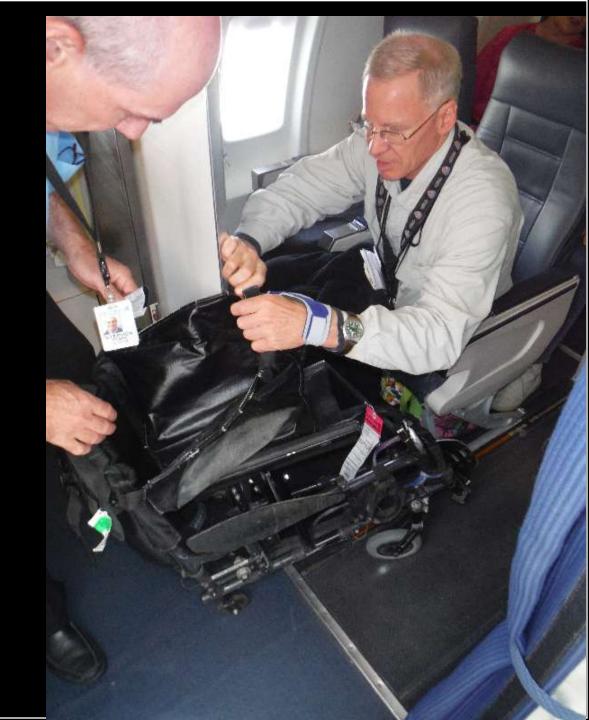


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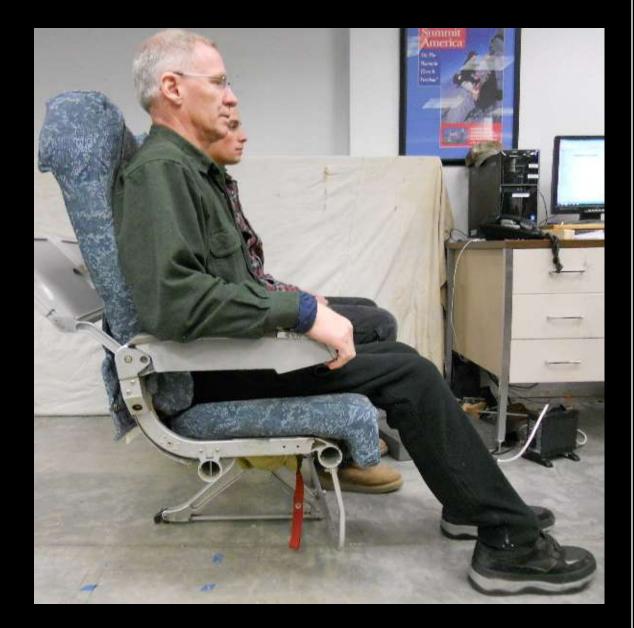


Aircraft Seating Using a Personal Aisle Chair

Fold and store wheelchair on board aircraft

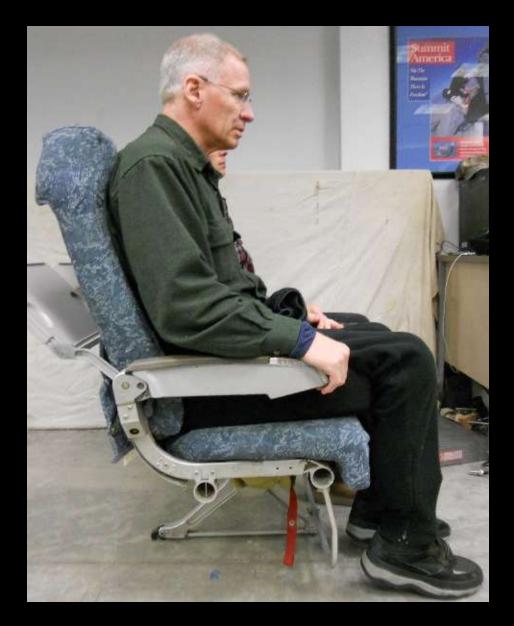


### Aircraft seating without pressure relief Cushion



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"

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



Aircraft seating with pressure relief cushion and "accessories"

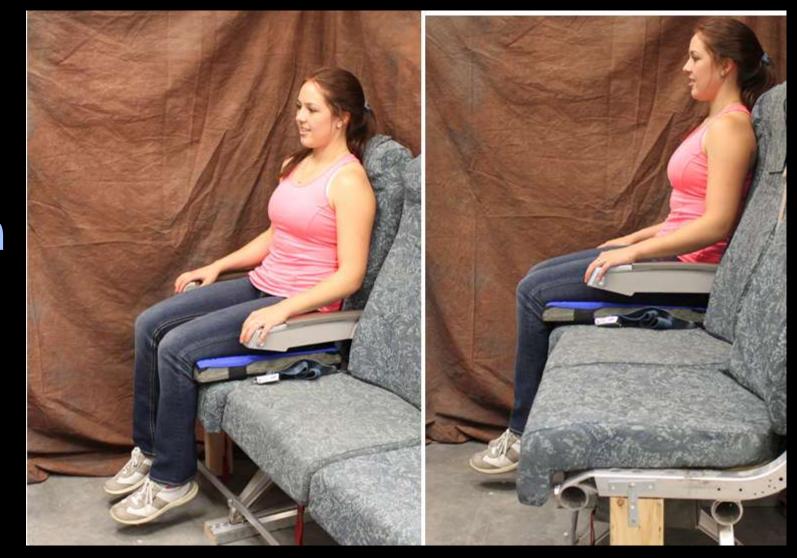
feet supported lumbar and spine supported neck/head support arm supported



Seat height on Aircraft seating



Seat cushion raises the feet further



Aircraft seating with foot support





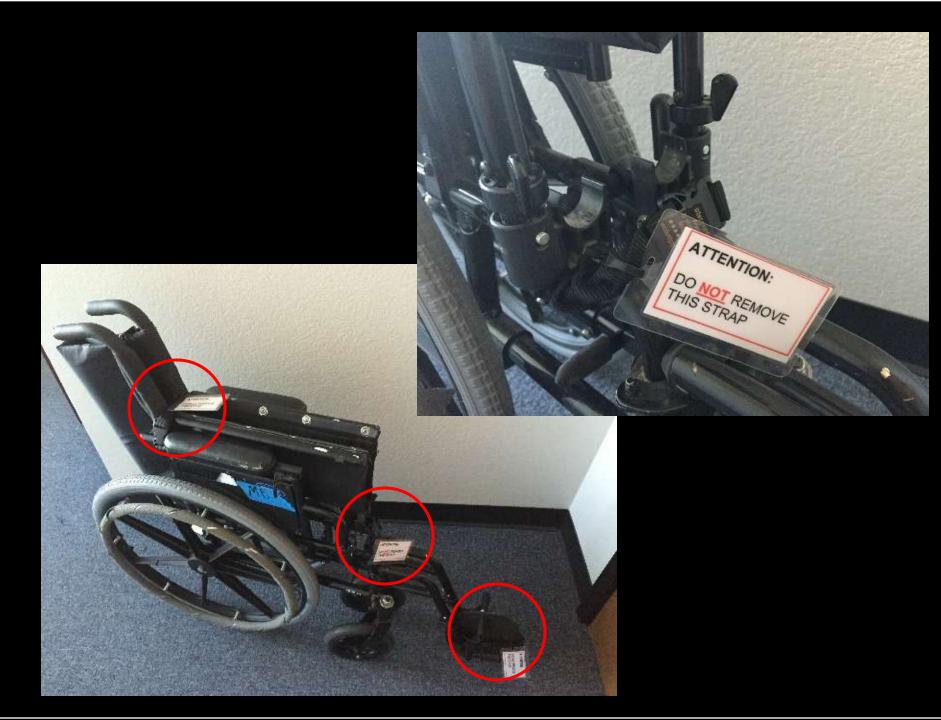


# Aircraft seating with lateral support

## Loading wheelchair into aircraft











Protect input control device



Fully protect input control device



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