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# Beneficial Design

Designing Beyond the Norm to Meet  
the Needs of All People

Research  
Design  
Education

Stanford University

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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.

**Bill Blythe,  
Technical Assistant,  
keeps the network and computers  
running, assists in design work with the  
projects. When not working he likes to  
cook, play guitar, work with computers,  
and lead worship with his wife at church.**



**Jeremy Vlcan,  
Trails Assistant ,  
assists with conducting UTAP, development of  
the HETAP program, and advancement of the  
Trail Gate barrier project. He also enjoys hiking,  
photography and playing in the yard.**

**Seanna Kringen,  
Research Associate,  
has a background in physiological sciences,  
and assists on the research components of our  
projects. She enjoys swimming and hiking with  
her husband and three children.**



**Carla Shepard,  
Bookkeeper,  
is in charge of BD finances. When she is not  
crunching our numbers, she enjoys four-wheeling,  
exploring old mines, playing piano, singing, and  
cross-stitching.**





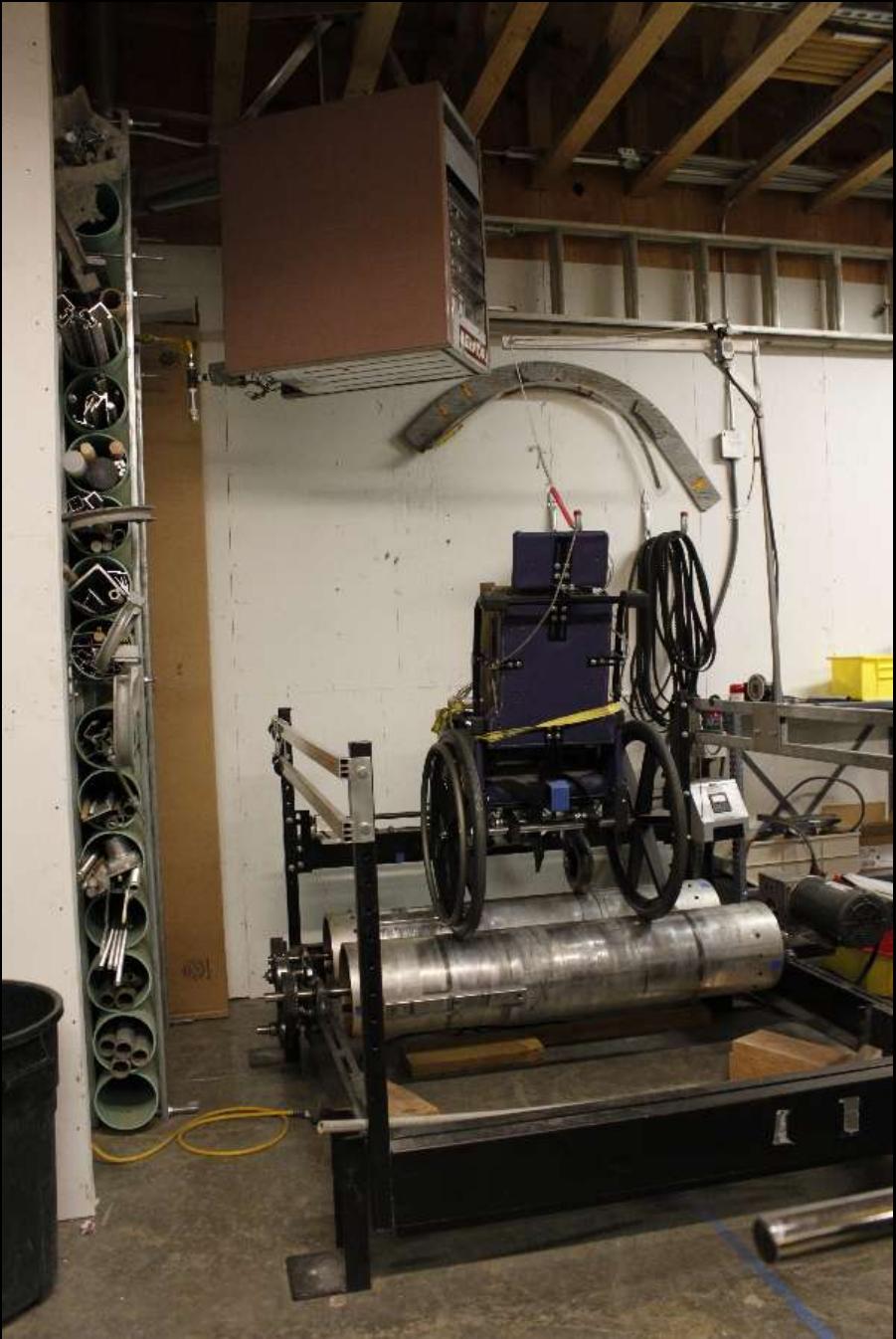
# Beneficial Designs

research/design/education

































# 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

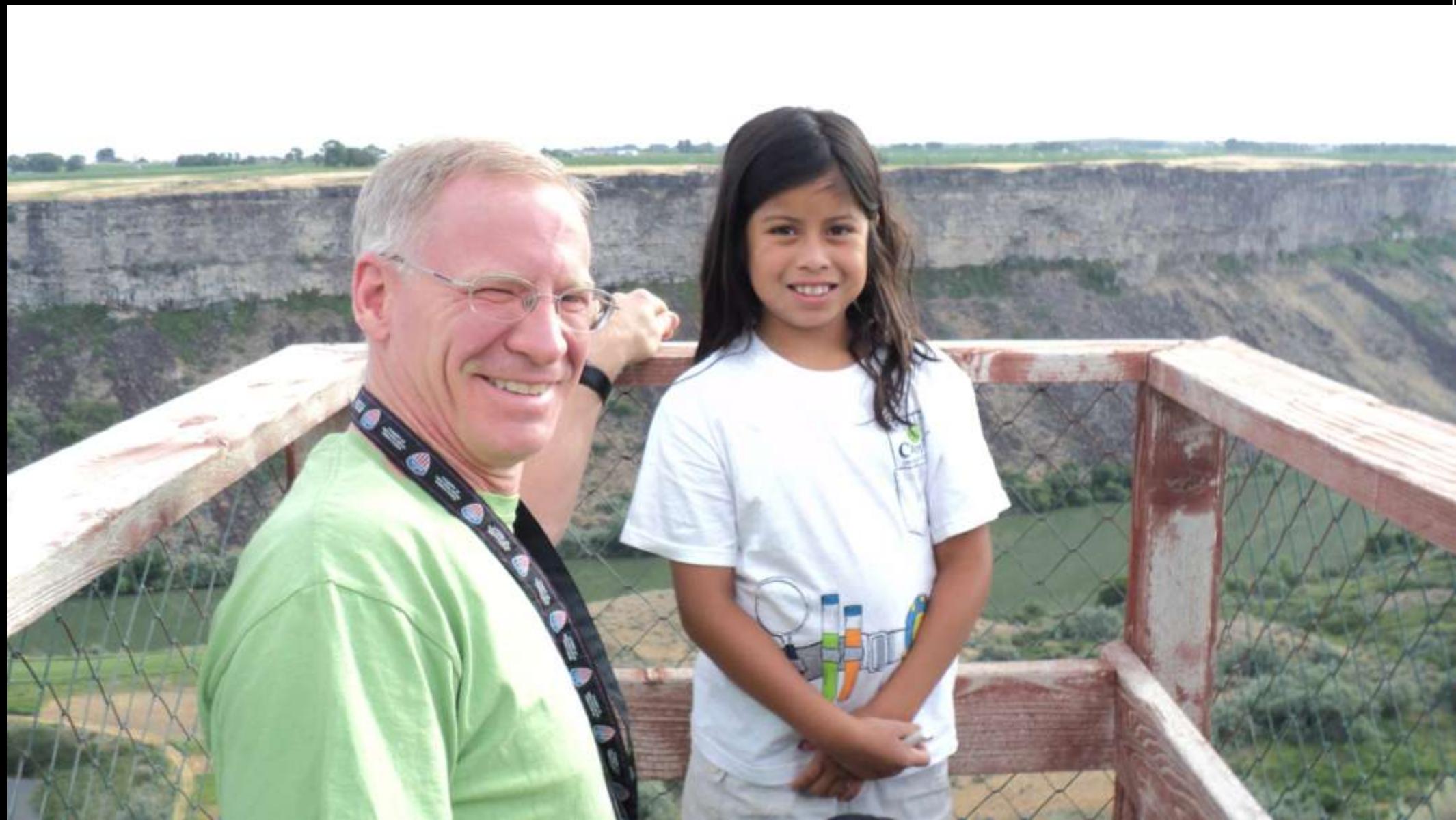
Activity Specific Technologies

# Balance Dimension

Physical

Intellectual

Spiritual



















# Sociological Dimension

Dependence

Independence

Interdependence







# Personal Technologies

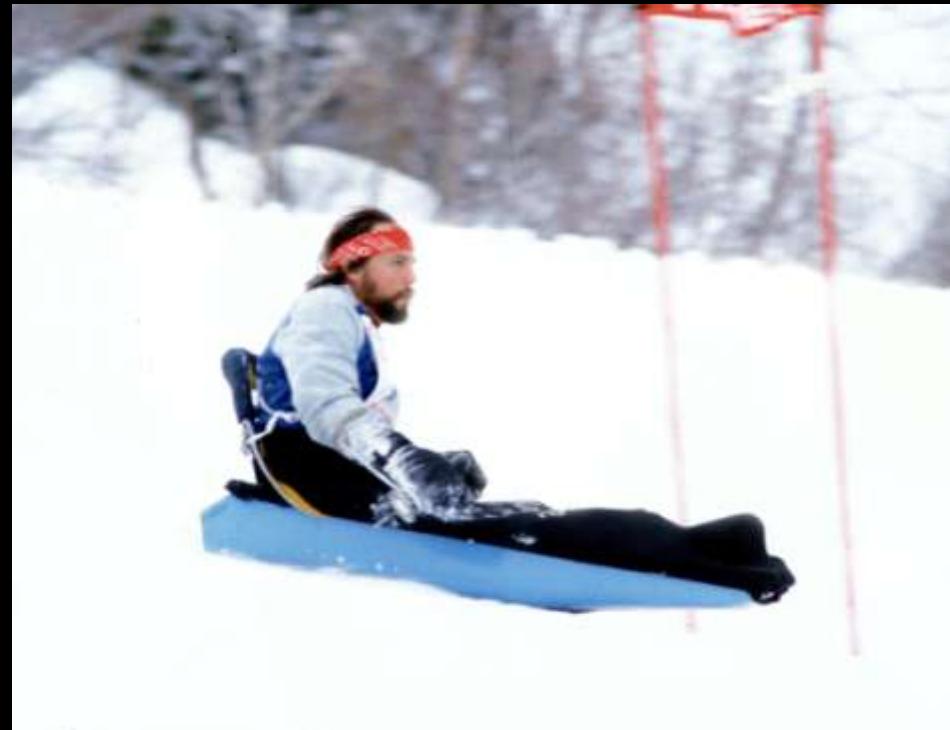
# Activity-Specific Technologies

# Environmental Technologies

# Environmental Technologies

Things that do not move

# Activity-Specific Technologies



# Arroya Sit Ski





## Mono Ski













# Dynamic Seating Spring Assist

# Cross Country Ski





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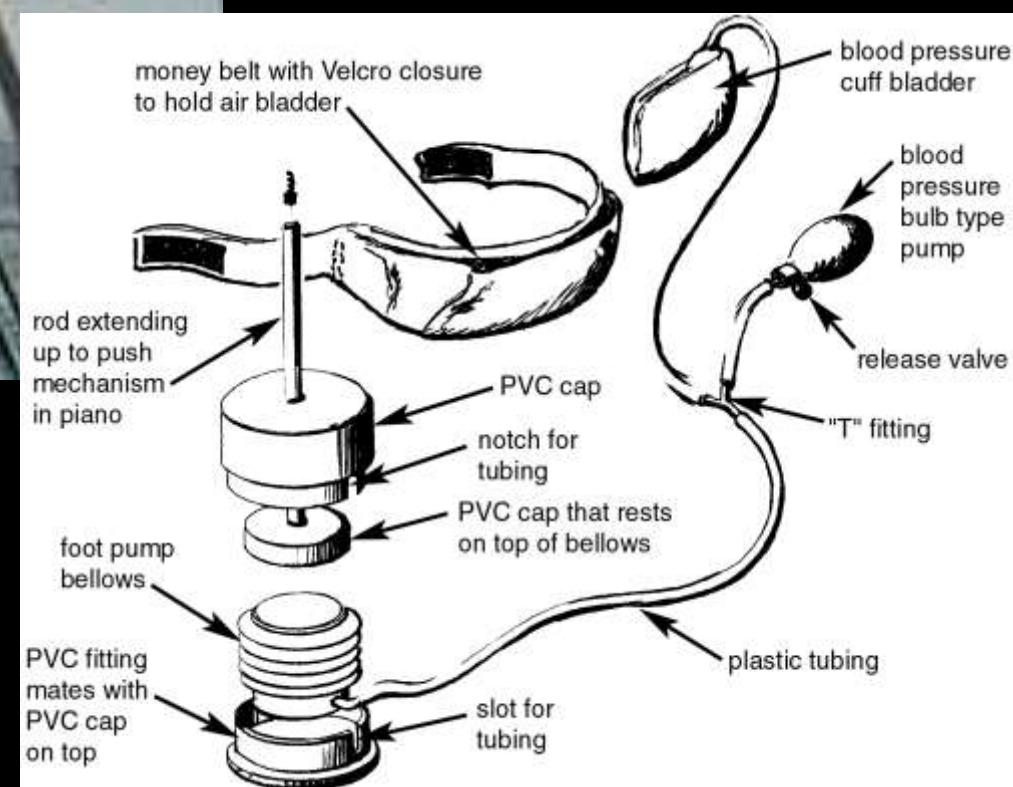
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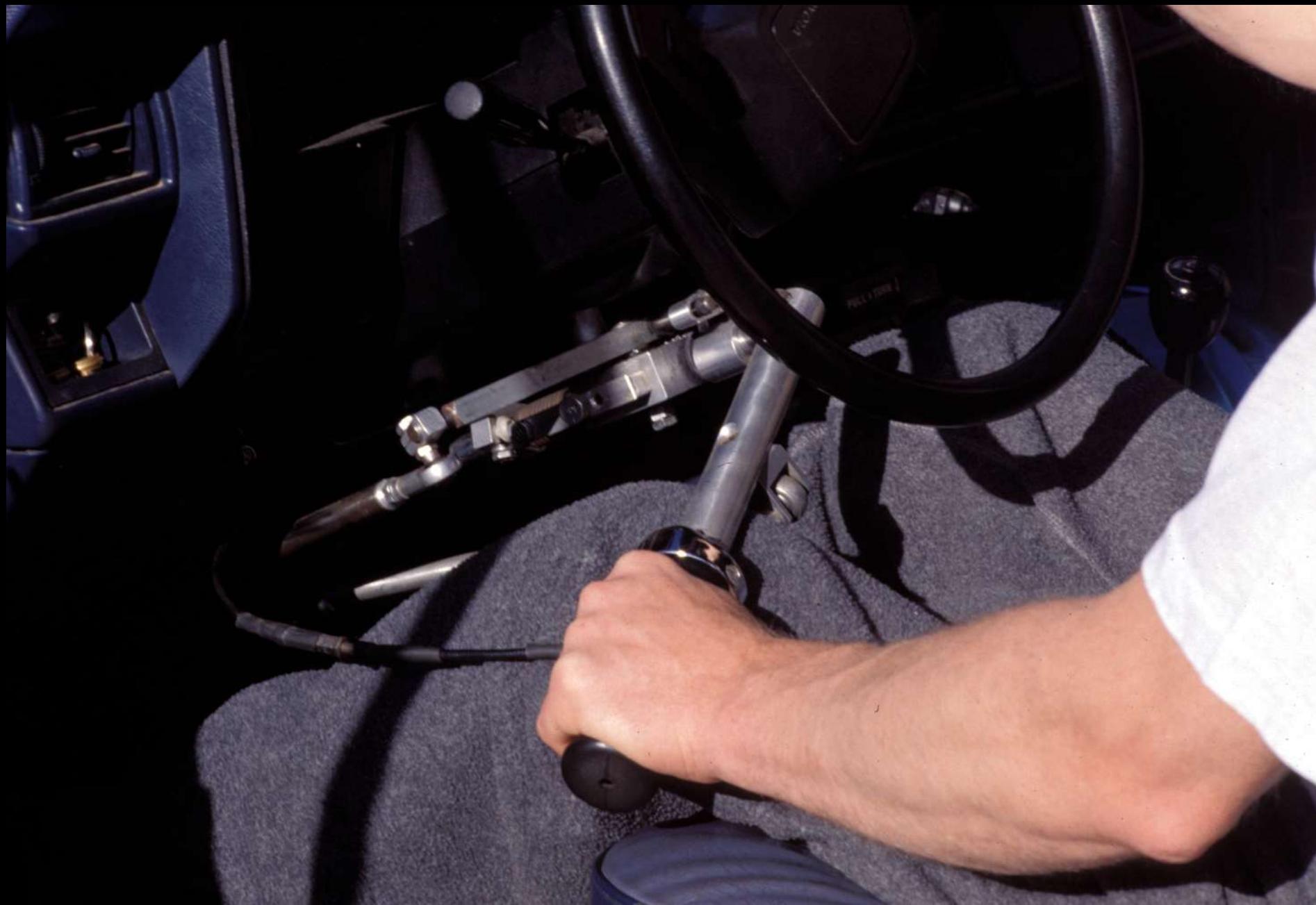


Available from  
**BES Rehab Ltd**



# Aircraft Aisle Chair







# Dynamic Seating

# Dynamic Seating









# Hand Bike

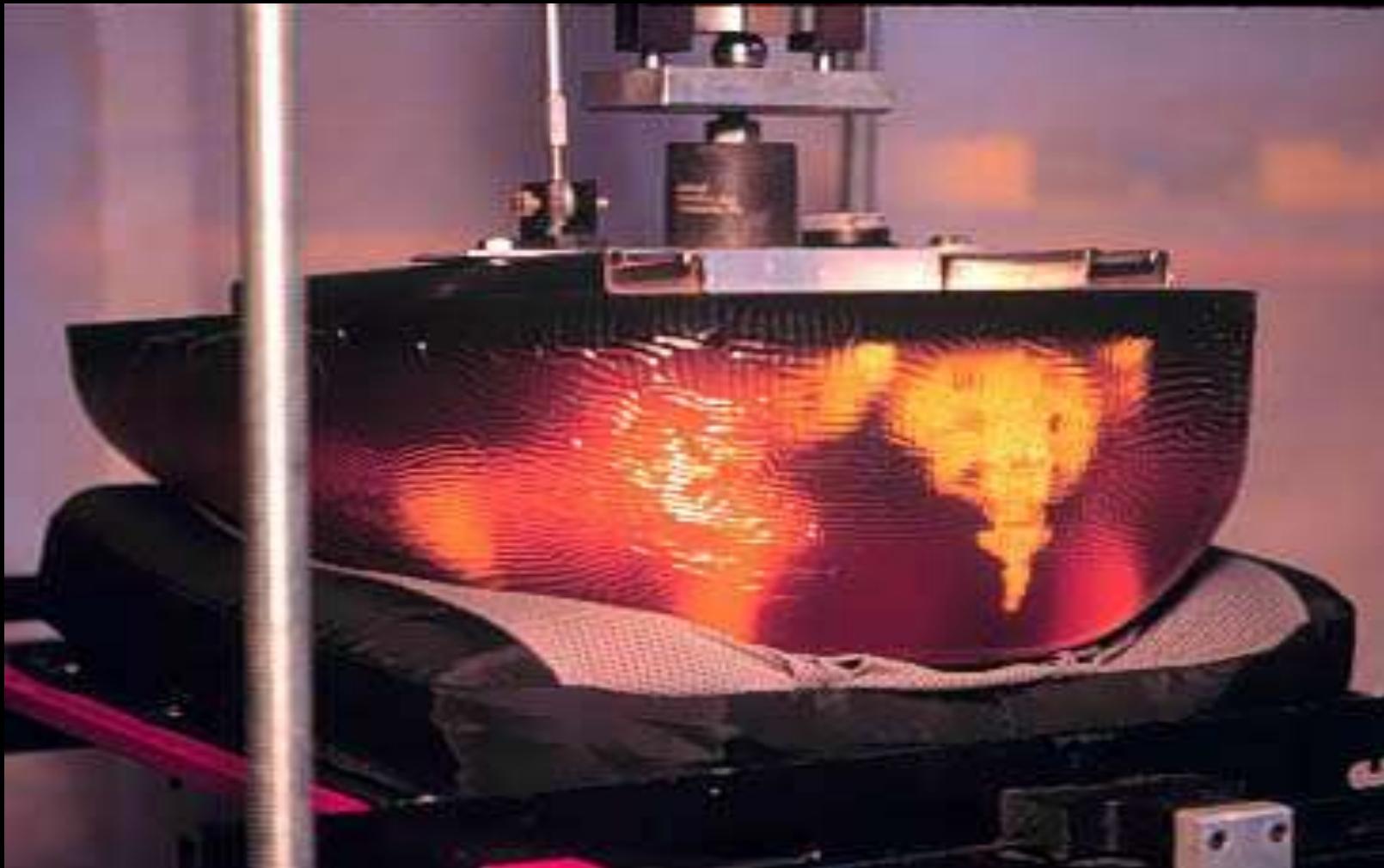
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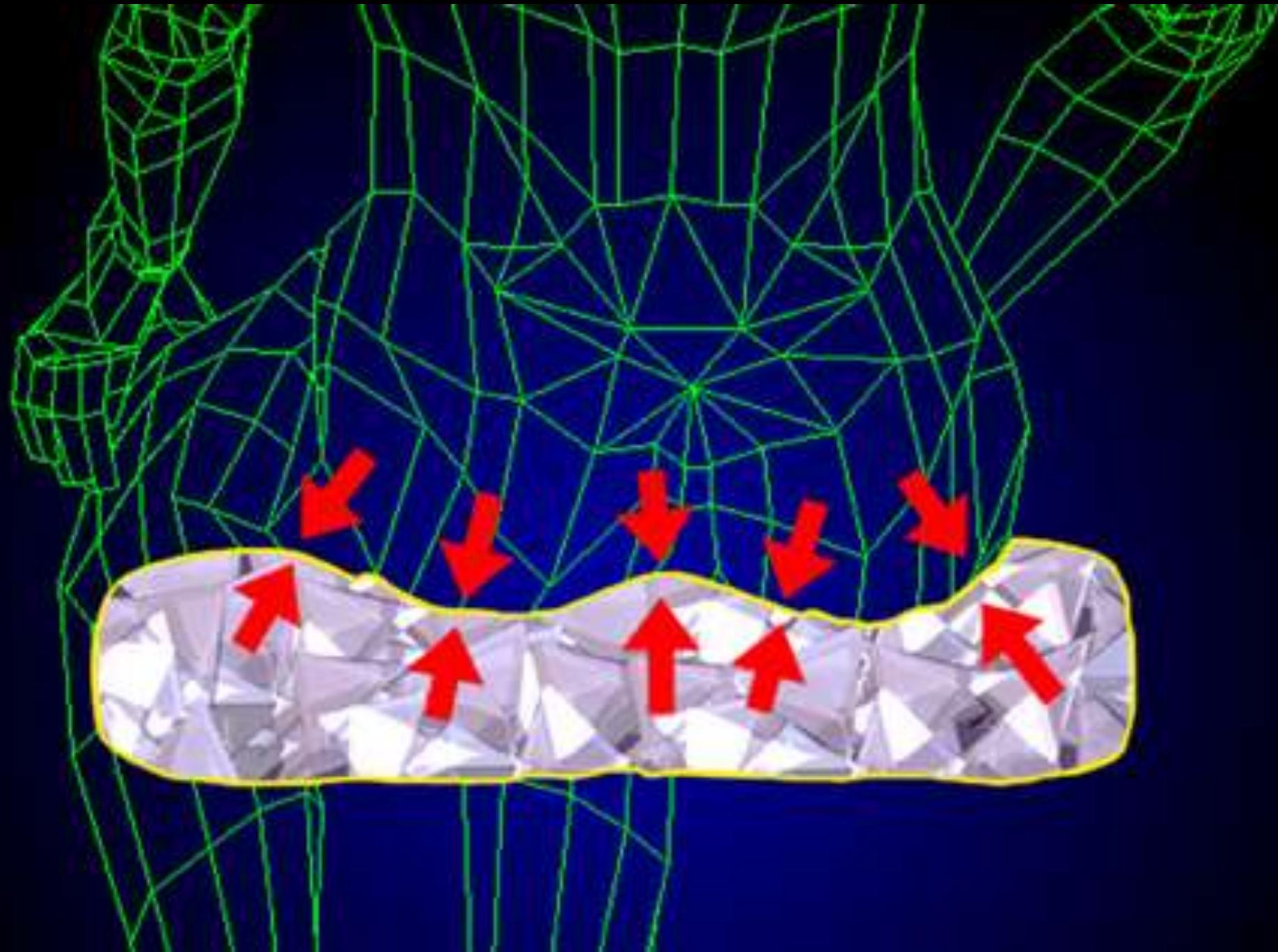


# SKELI with Pelvis Model

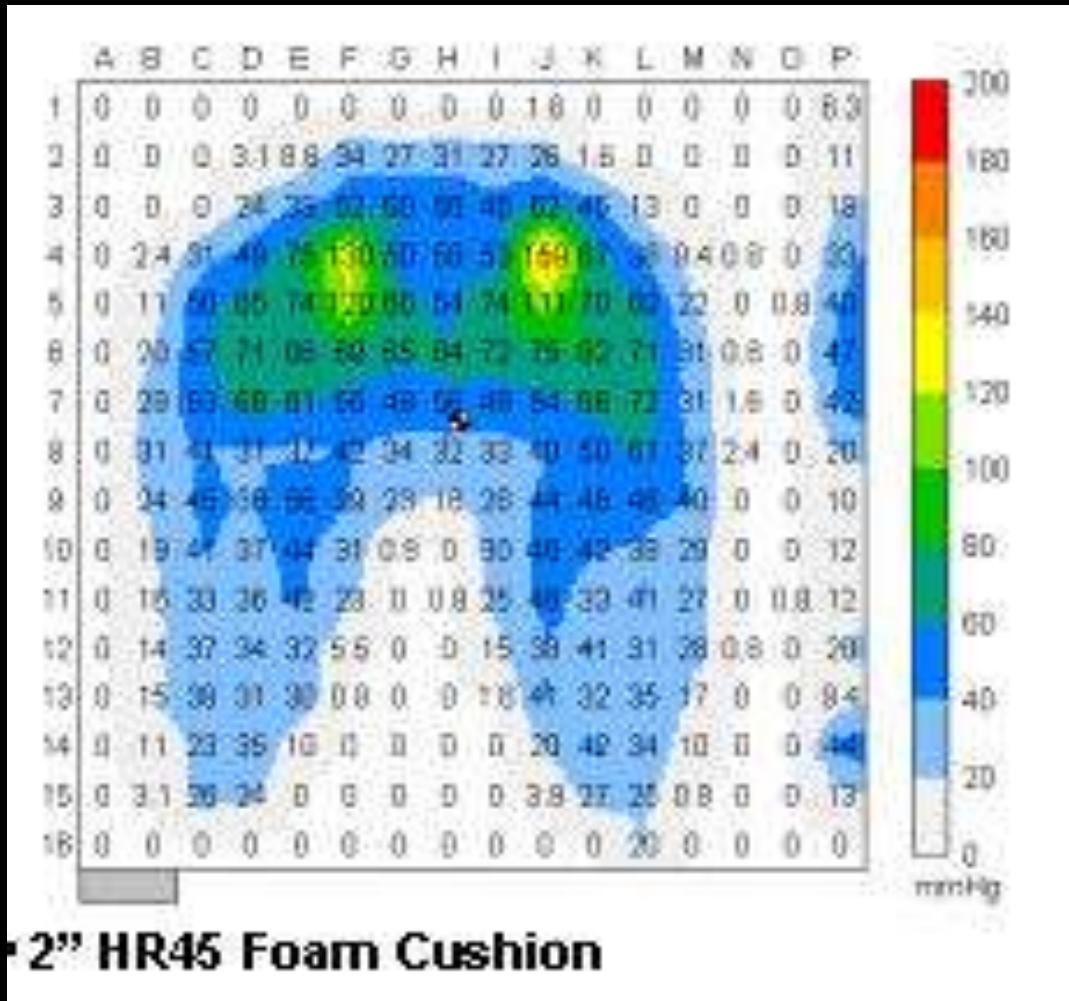


# SKELI from Rear





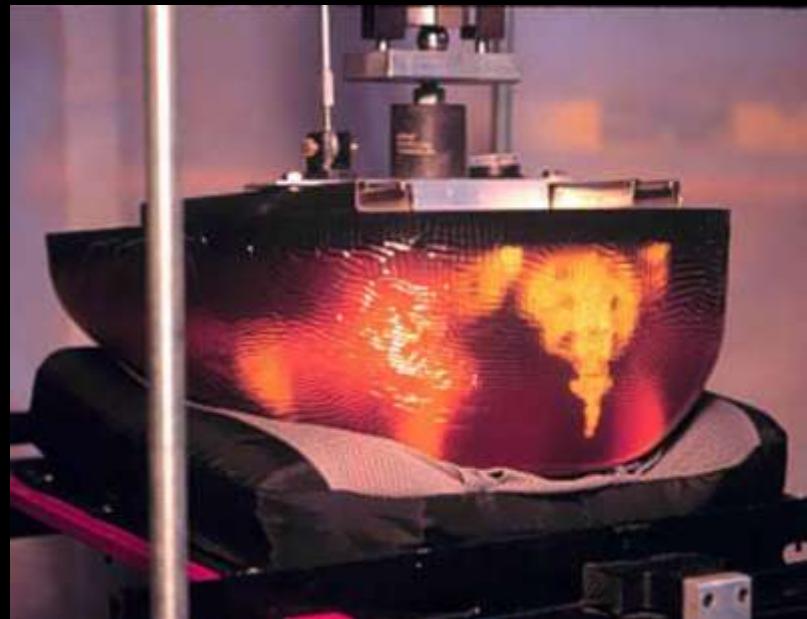
# SKELI Used on Foam

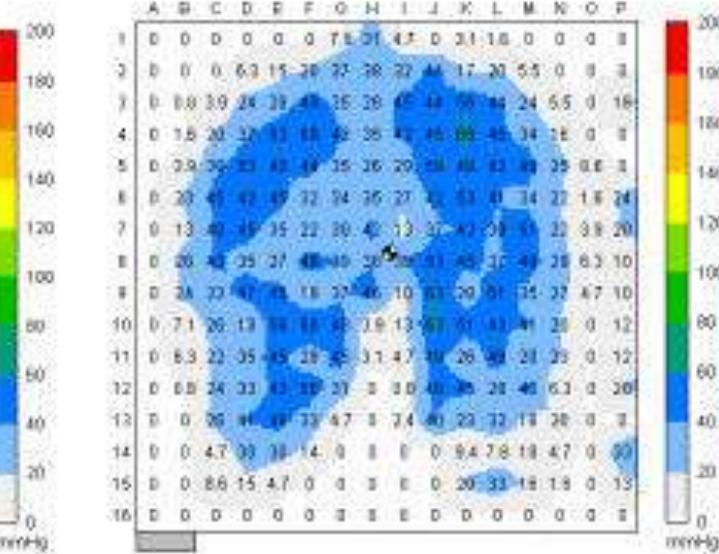
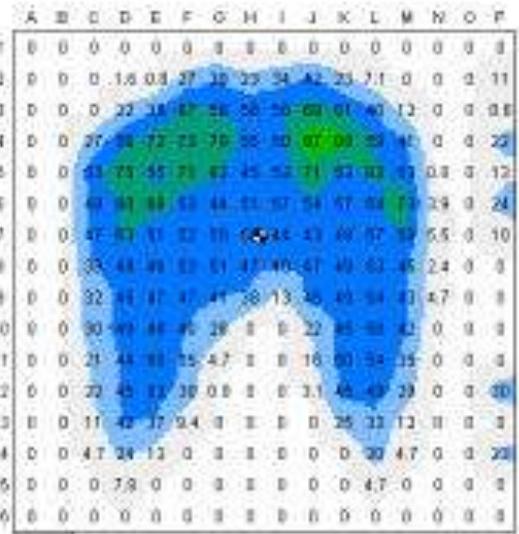
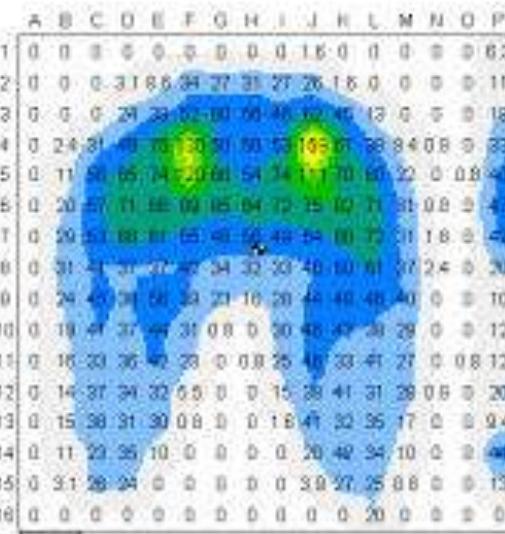


**Beneficial Designs has played a key part in the ongoing effort to develop Wheelchair Seating Standards within the ISO. The Skeletal Imbedded Loading Loading Indenter (SKELI) was developed to provide an anatomically based loading indenter for the standard.**



## Seat Cushion Testing





**2" HR45 Foam**

**Jay 2 by Sunrise Medical**

**ROHO High Profile by ROHO Inc.**

**Contoured by Supracor**

**Model P by Vicair**

**Model P Deep Immersion by Vicair**

# ASLI Prototype ISO Part 2 Shape



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



# ASLI Prototype

## 10 Pelvic Obliquity



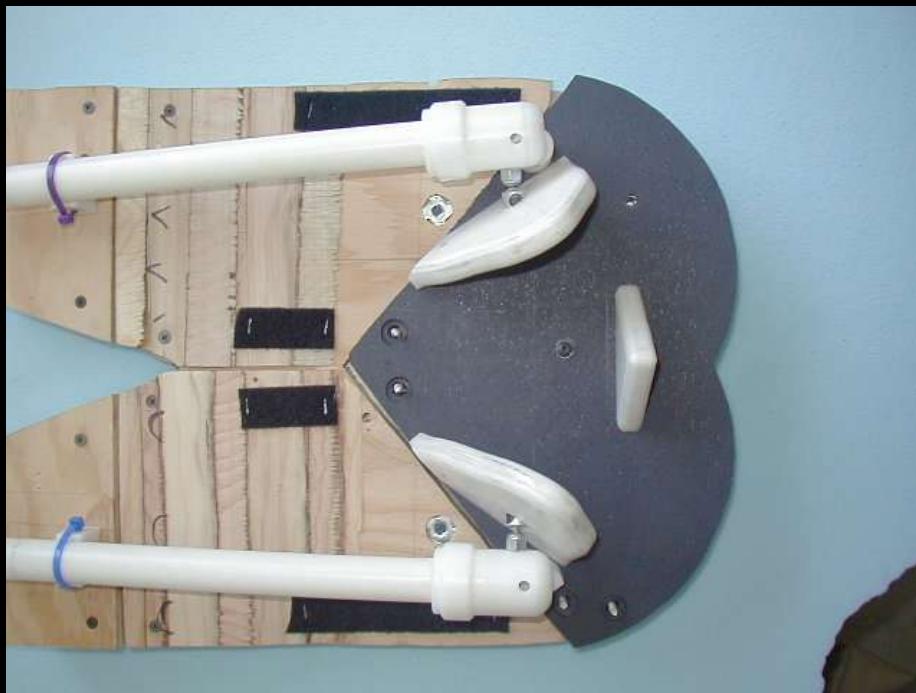
# ASLI Prototype

## 15 Posterior Pelvic Tilt

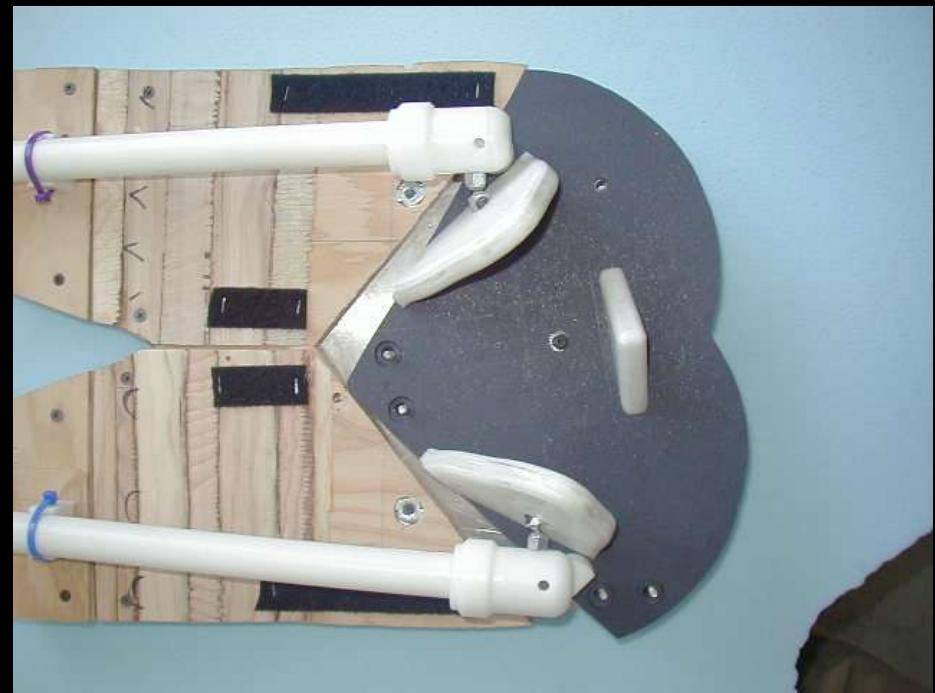


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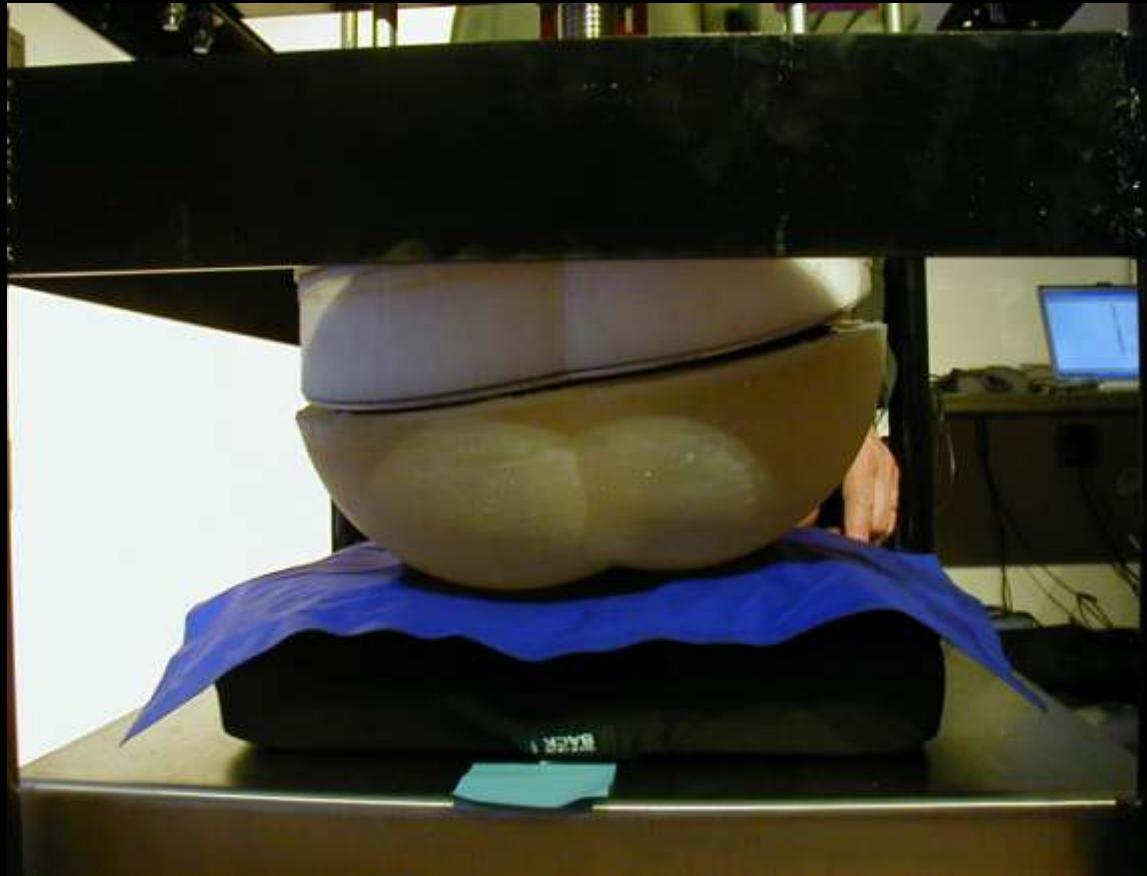
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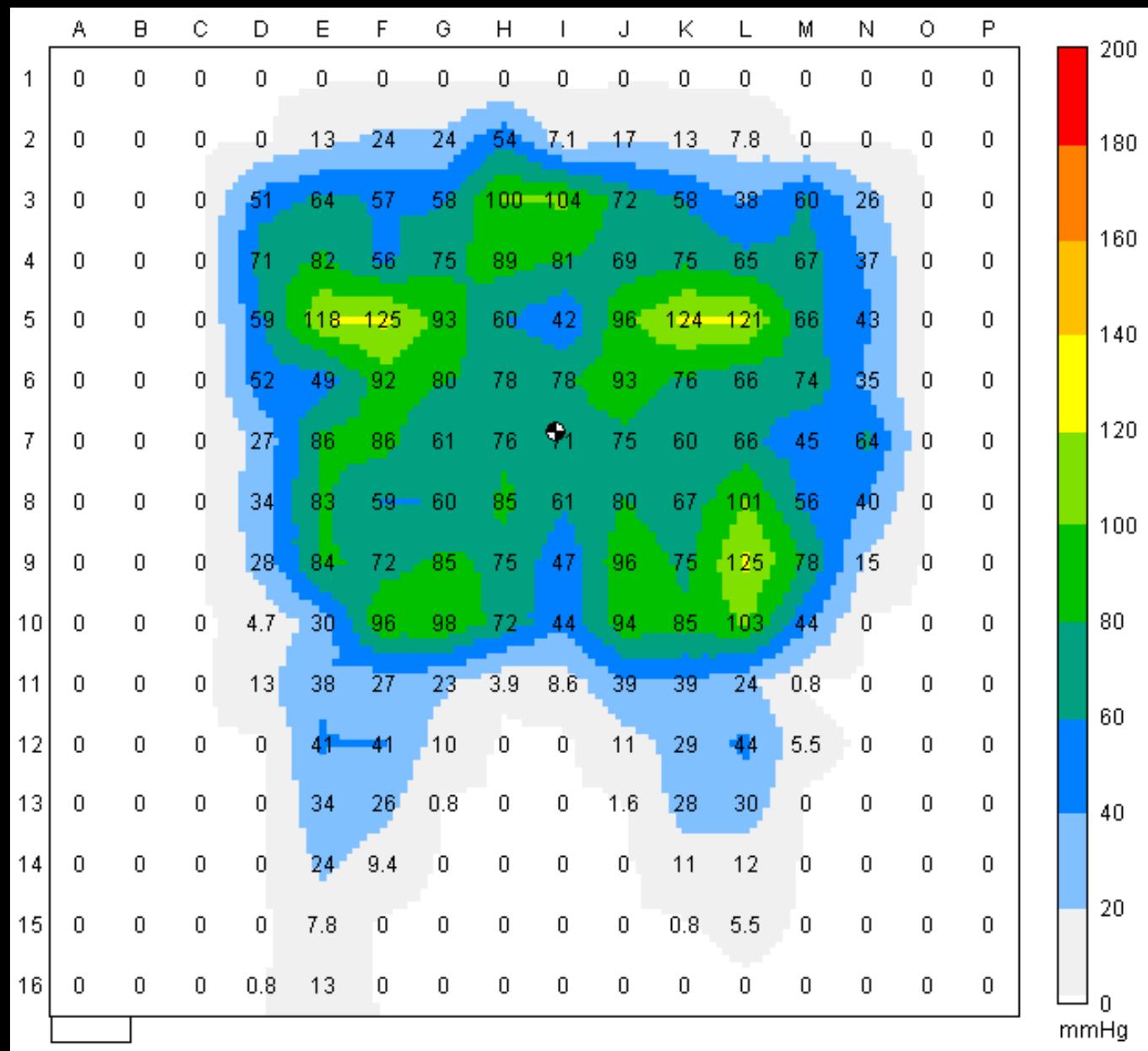
10 Rotation



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

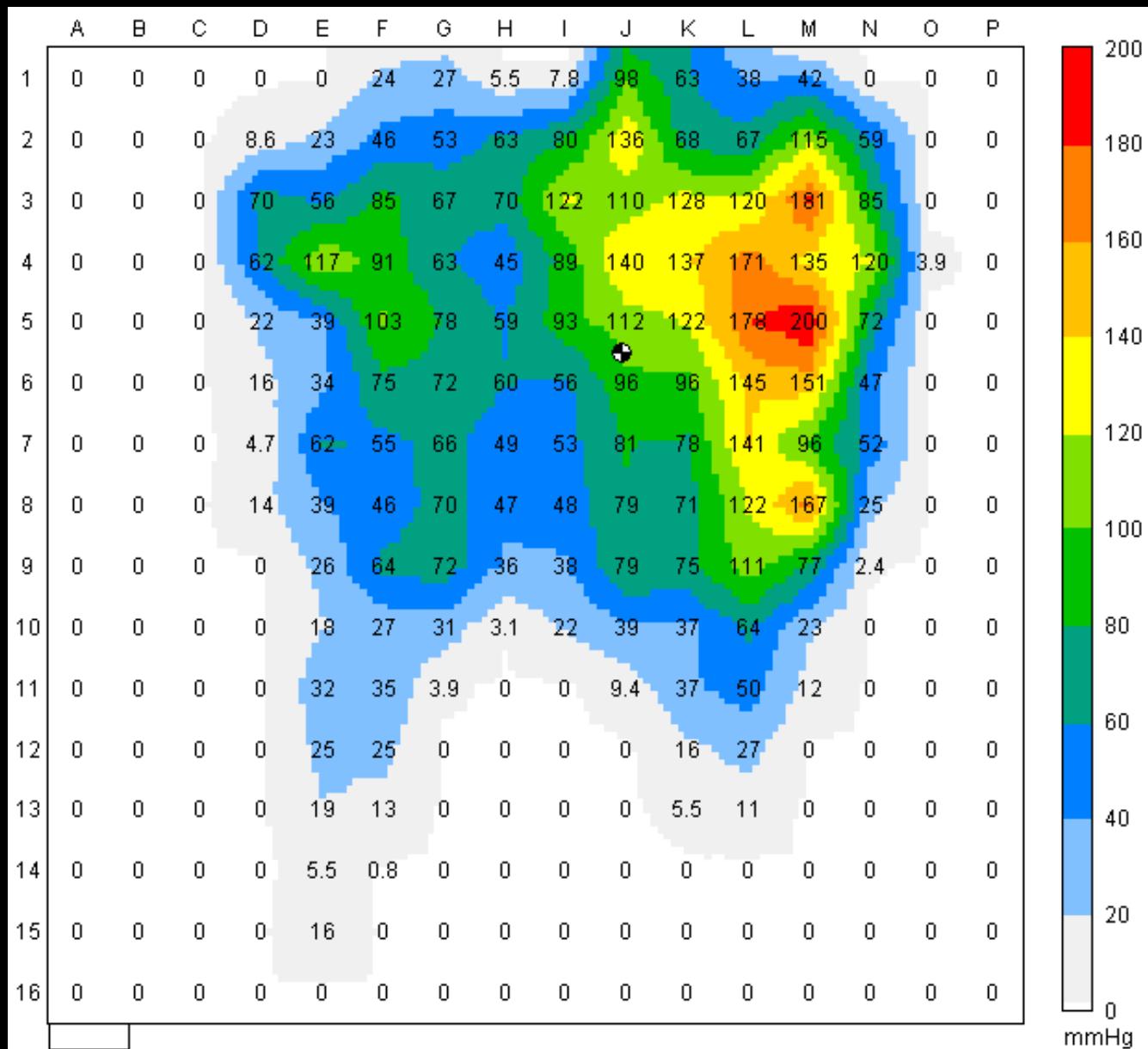


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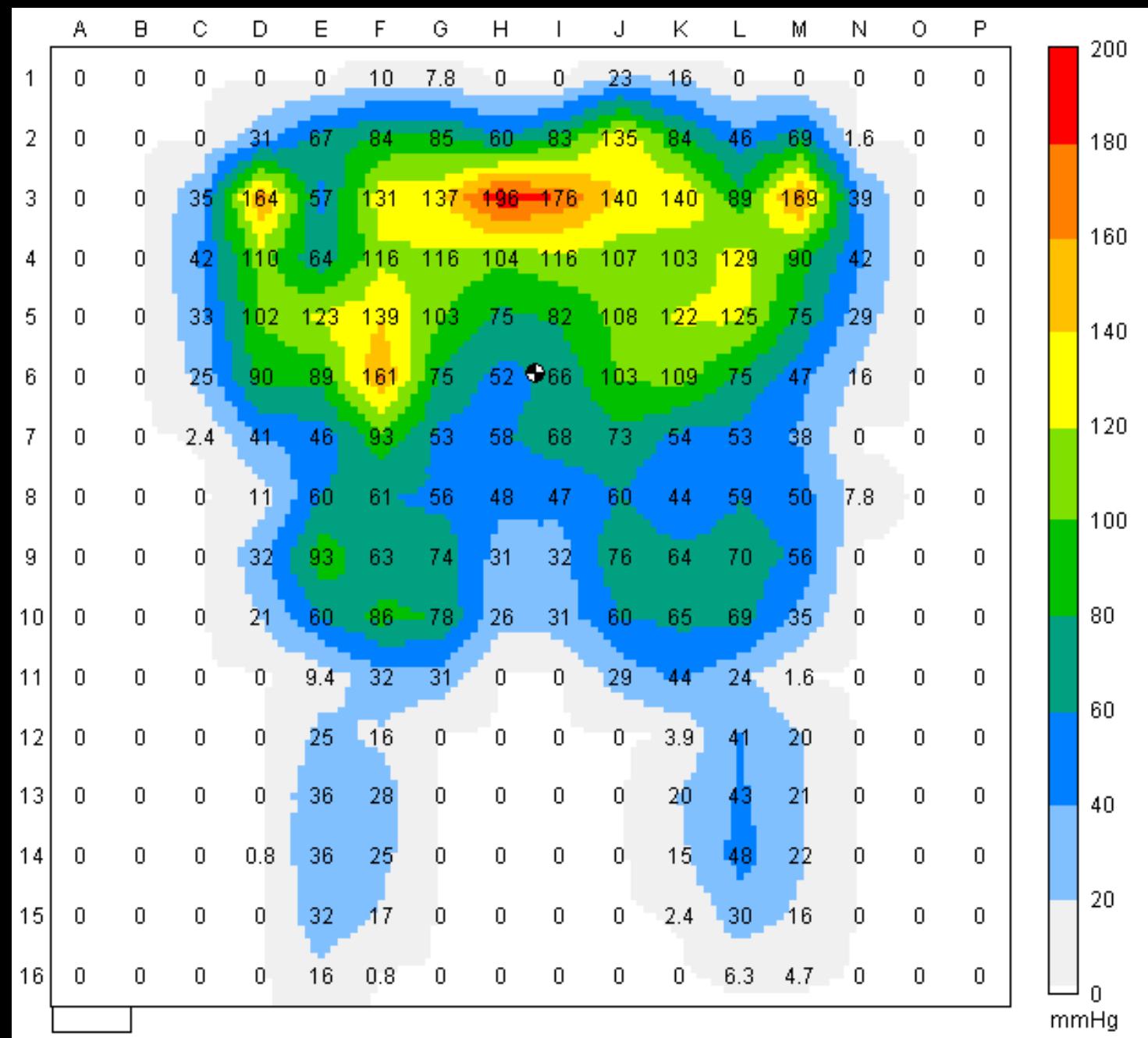
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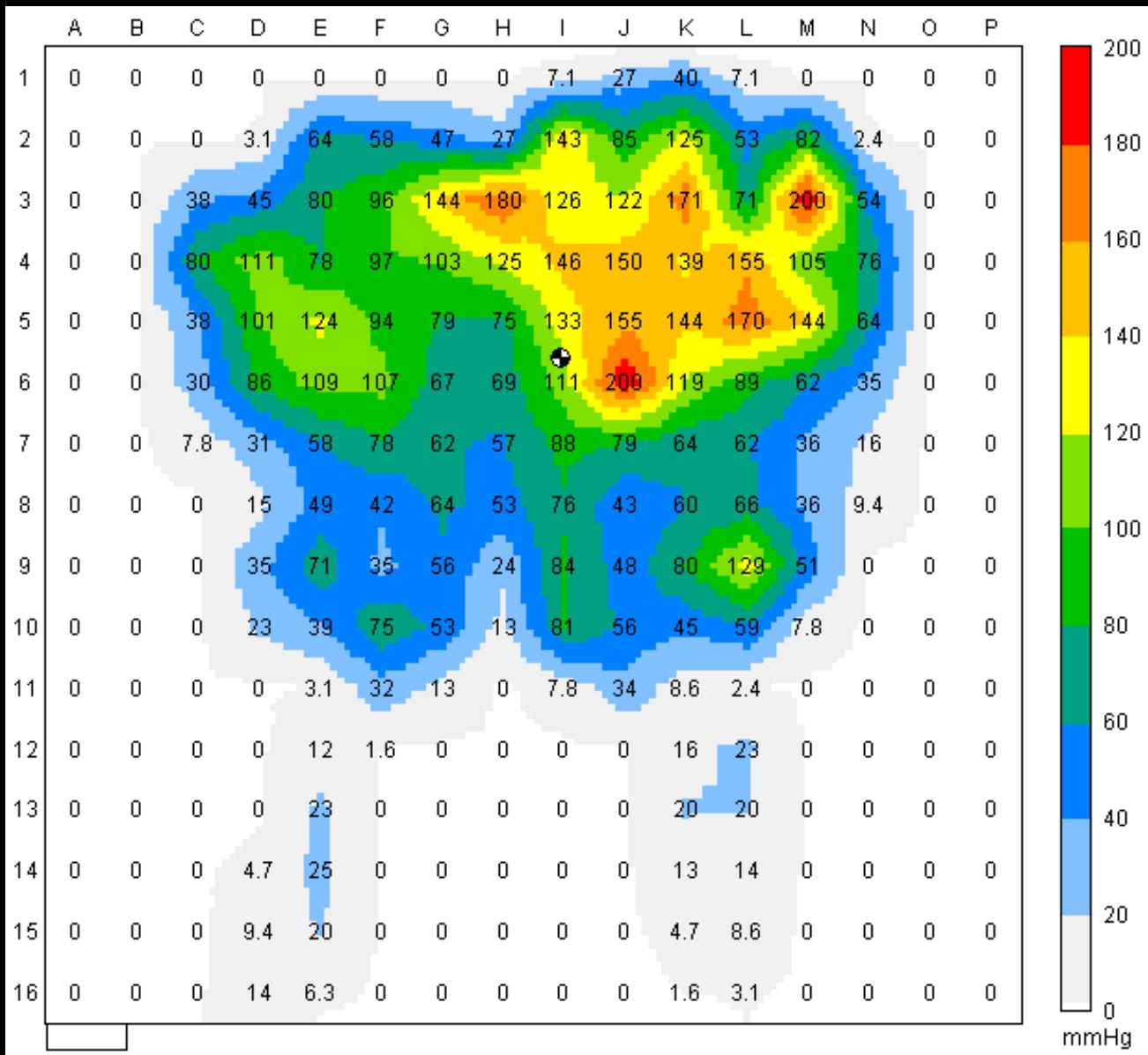
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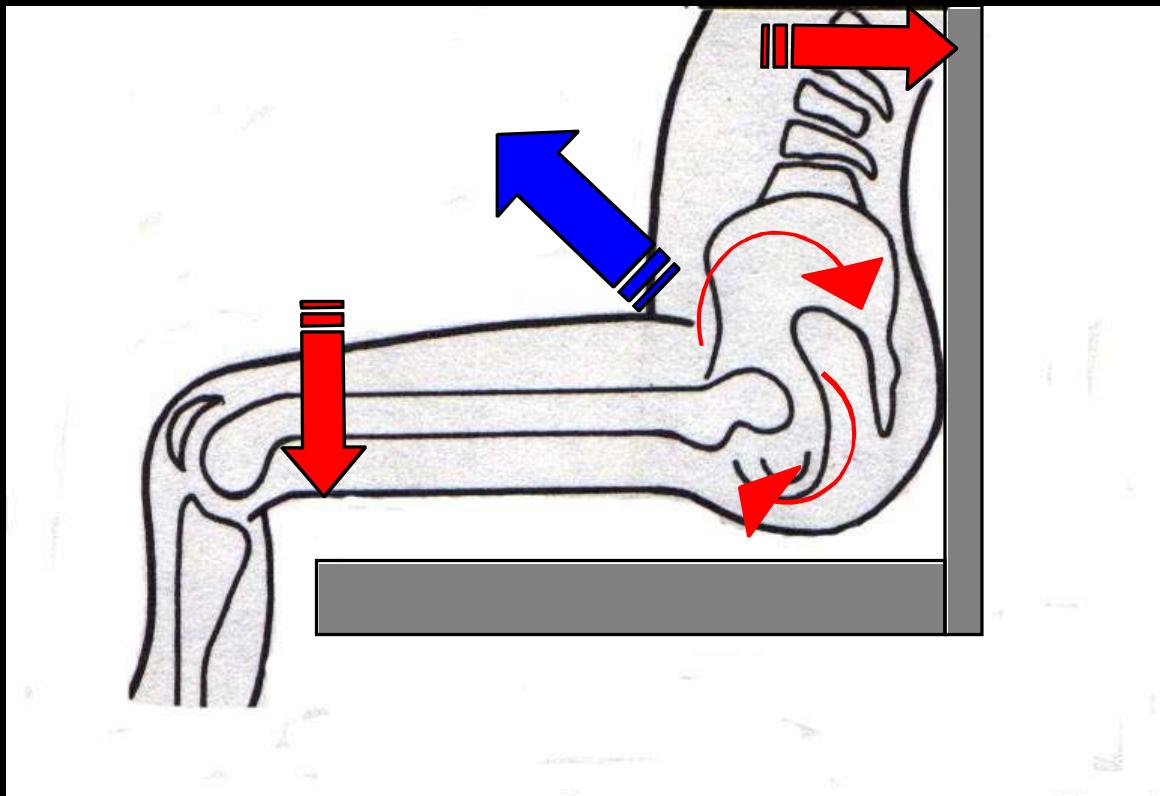
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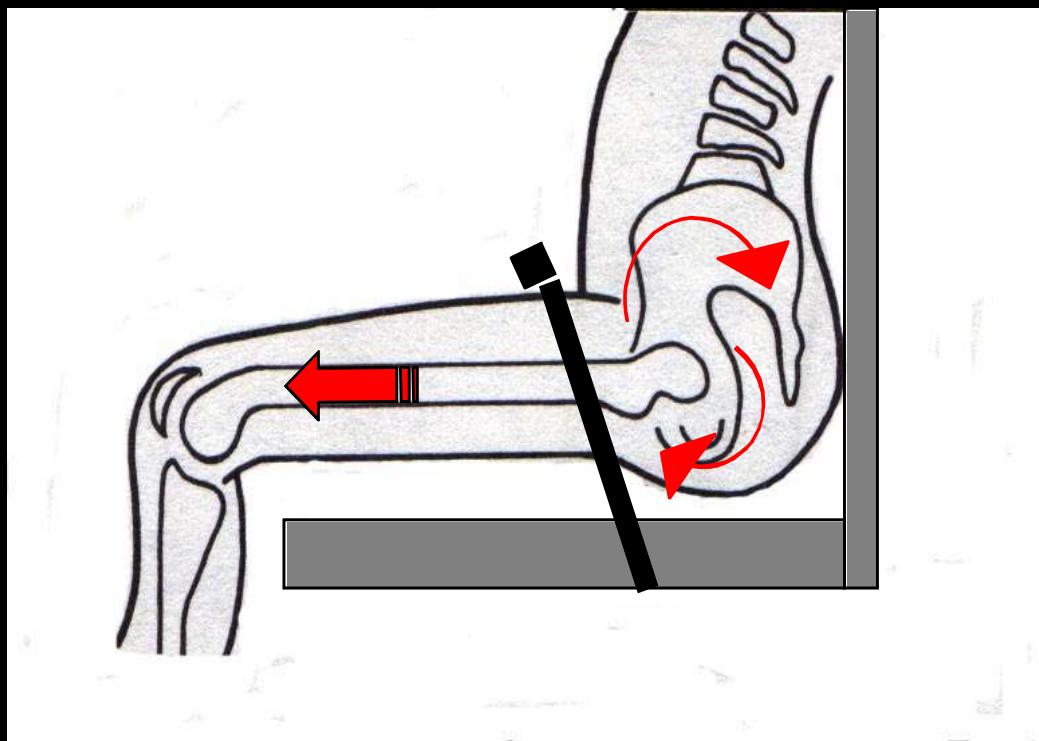
# Pelvis Movement During Extensor Thrust Activity



Force at Thigh  
and Backrest  
During Extension

Pelvis Moves Up,  
Out and Rotates

# Variations of Belt Angle

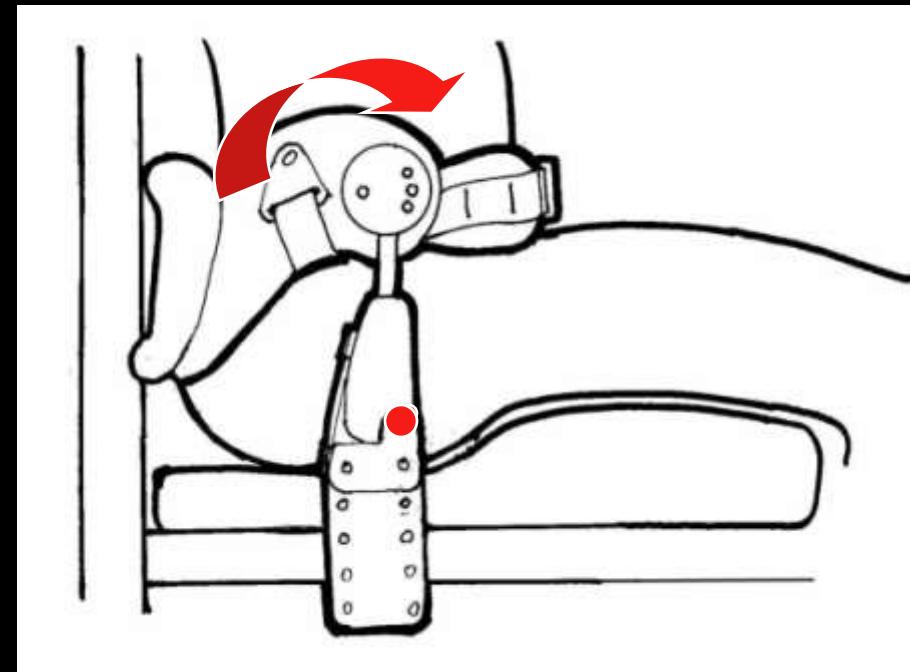
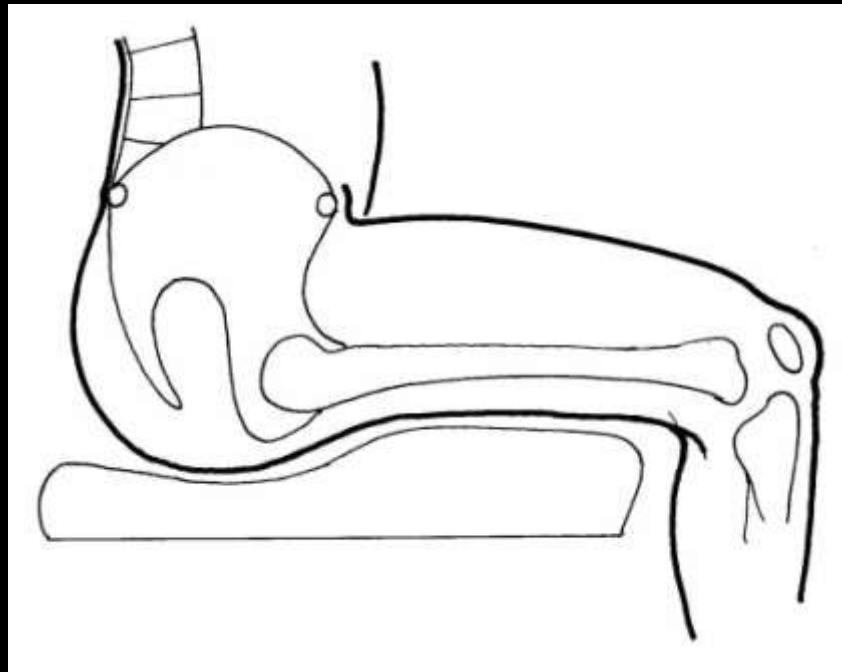


Downward Pull  
Limits Upward  
Movement

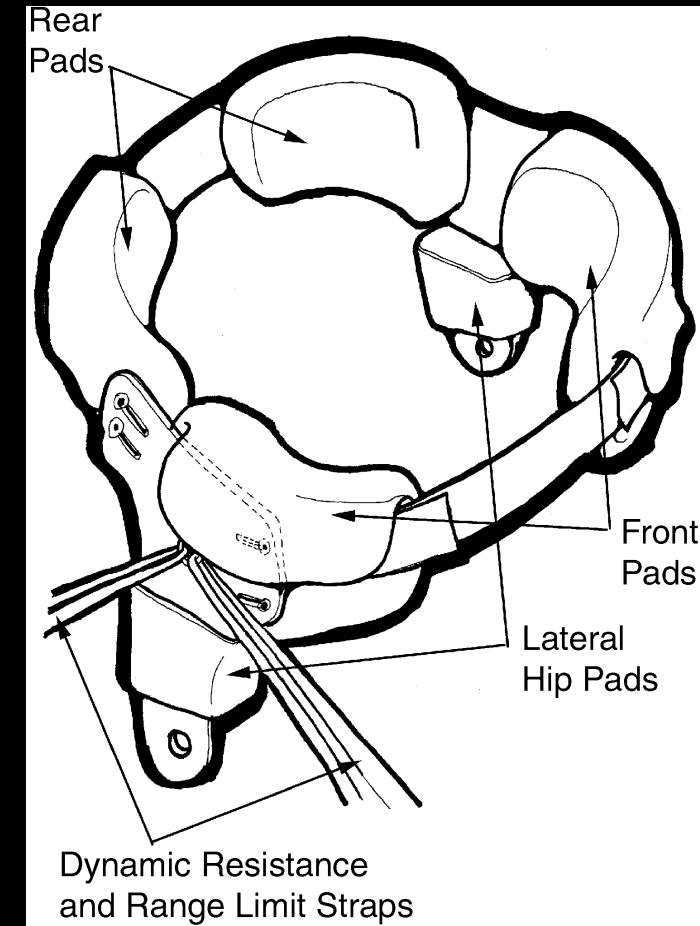
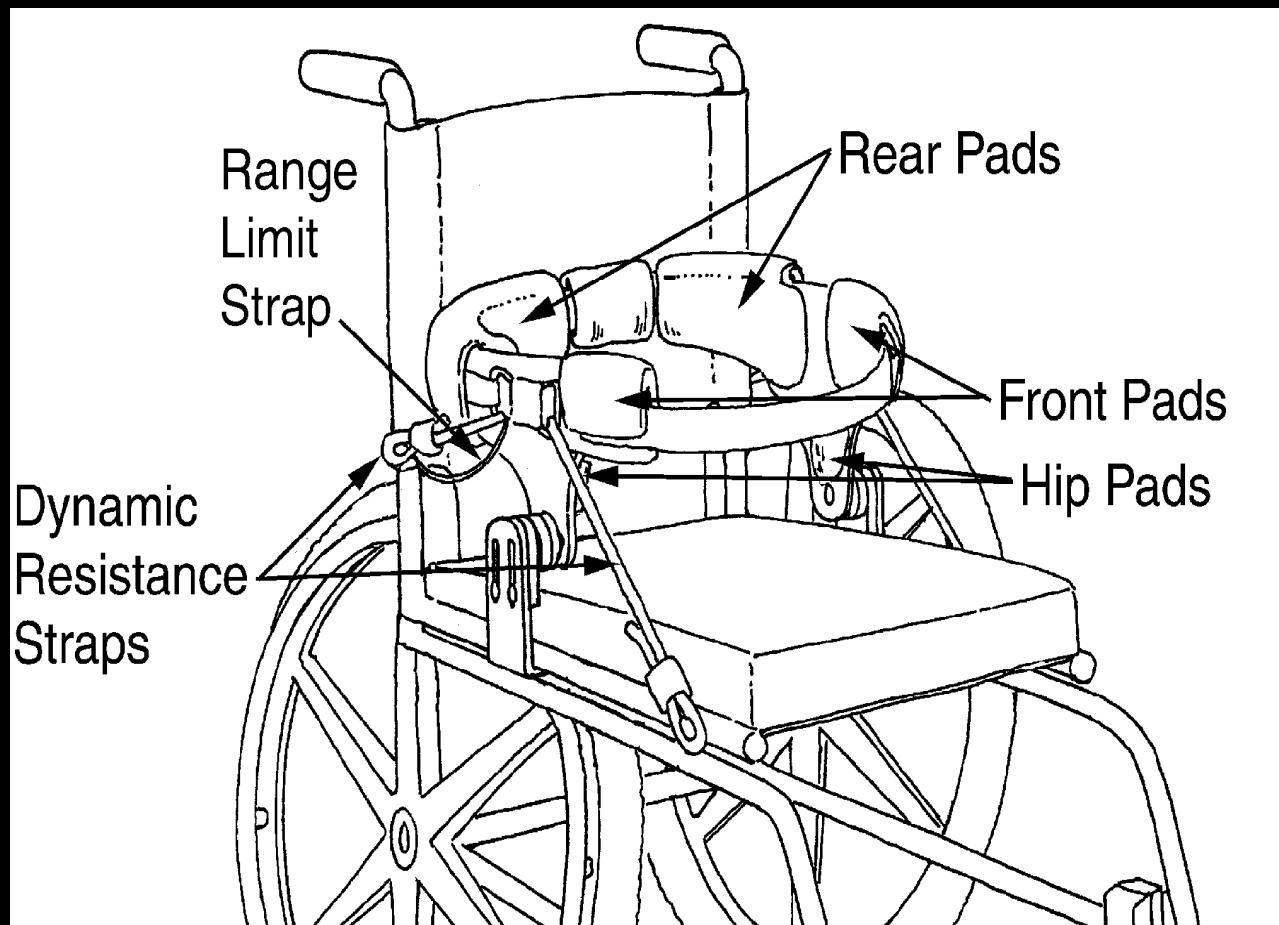
Allows Posterior  
Pelvic Rotation

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



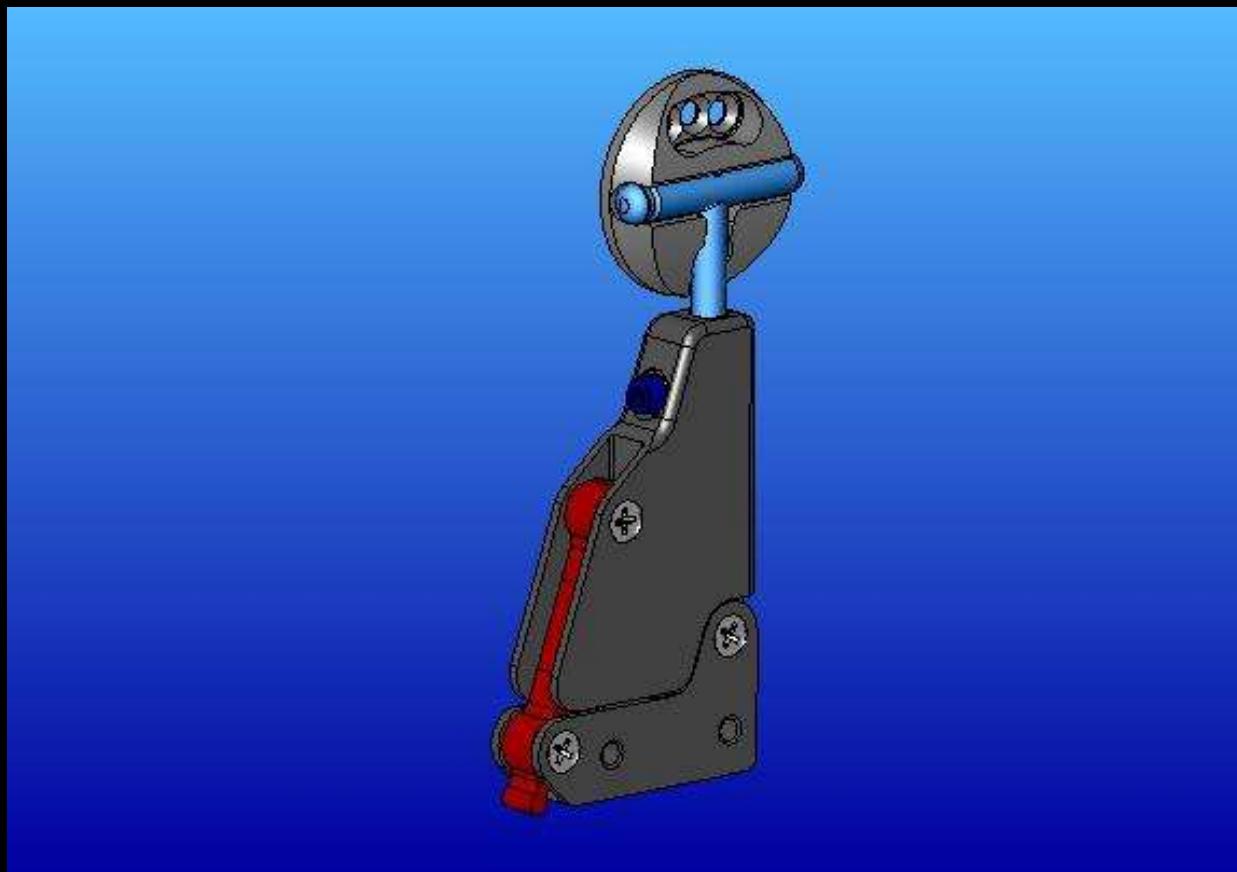
# Hip Grip Components



# 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 Reach



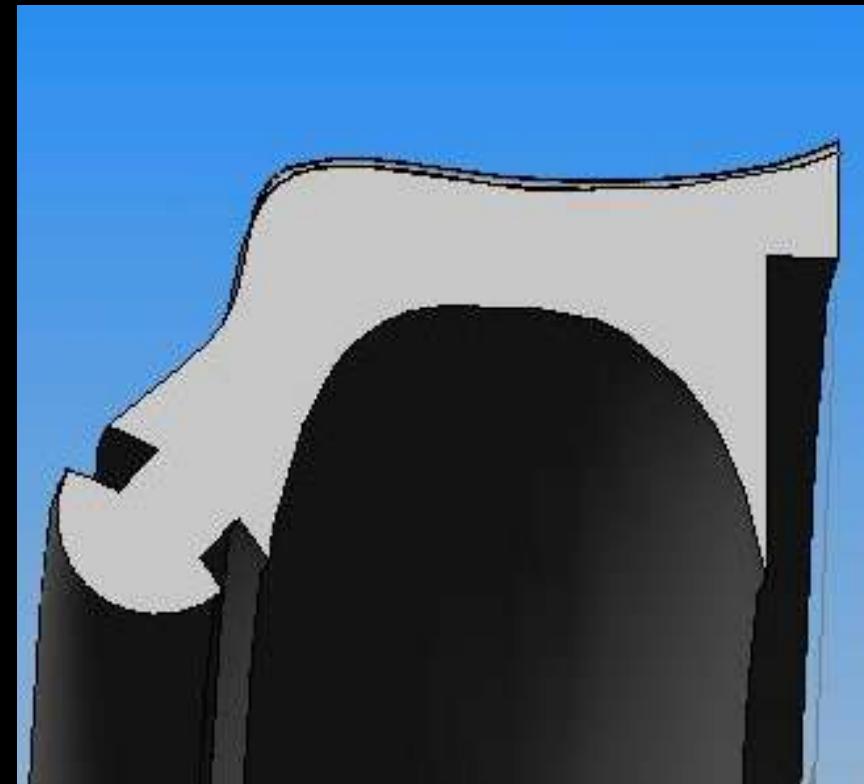
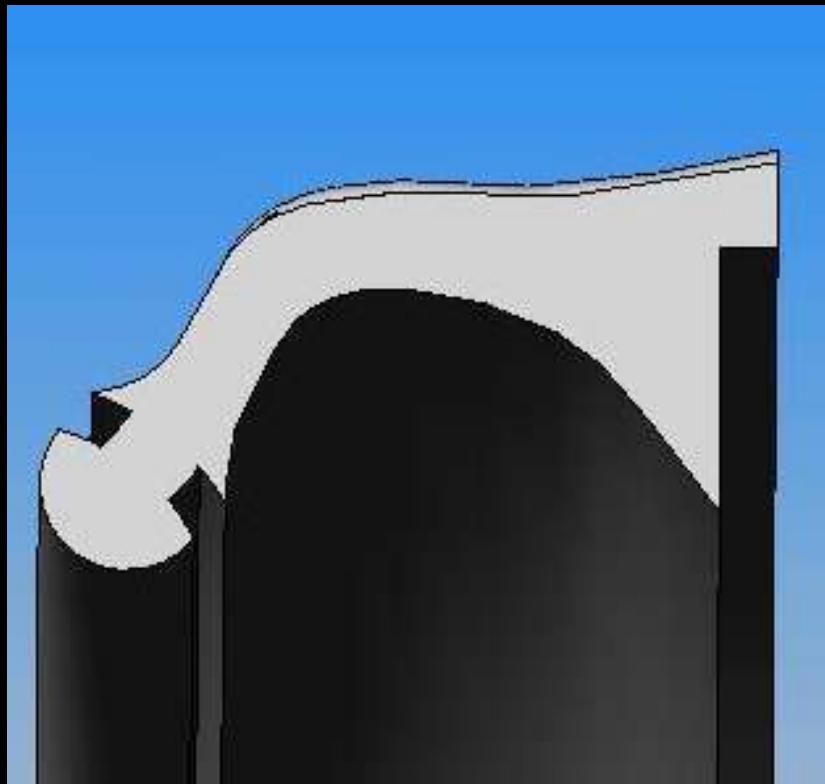
# Functional Reach Downward



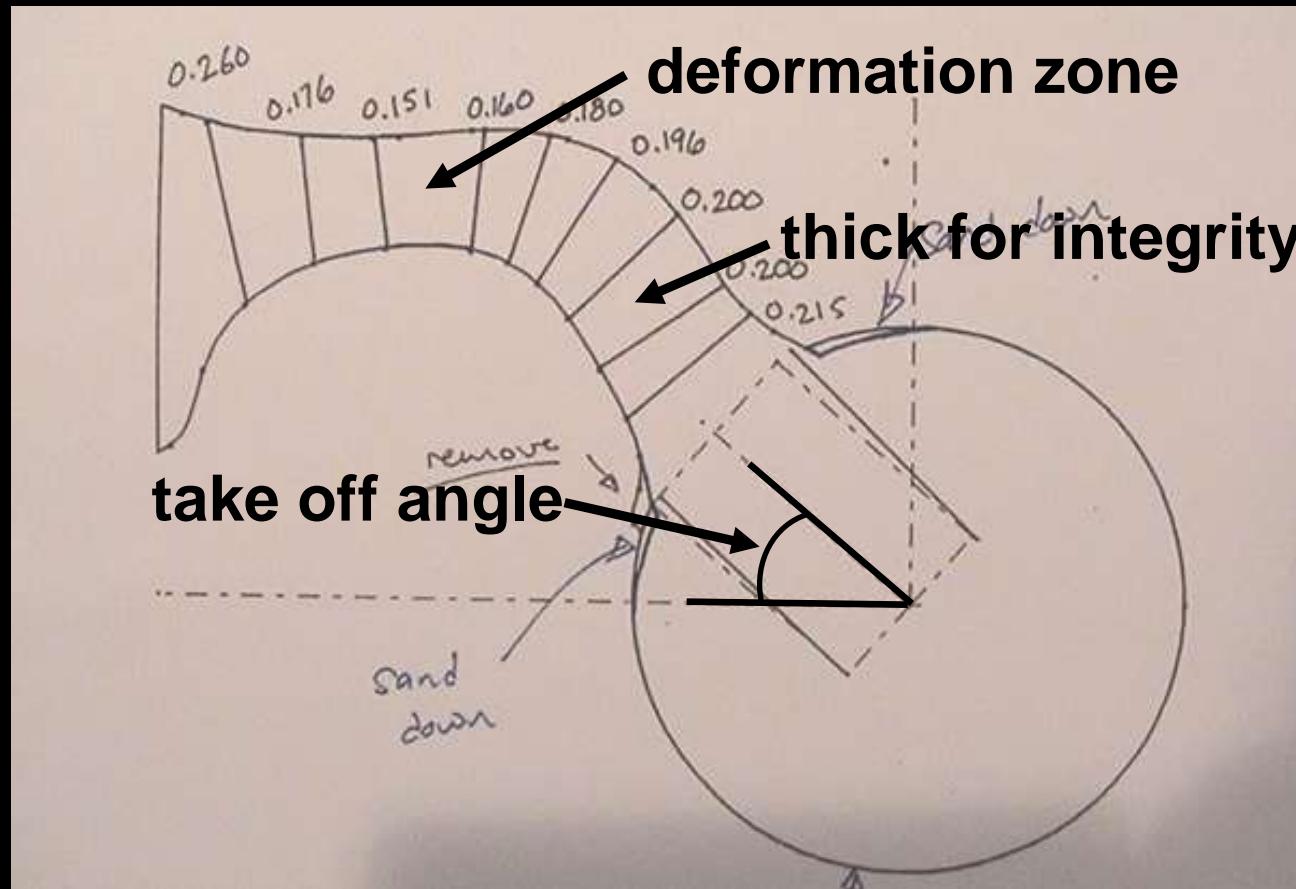
# FlexRim – Combining the discrete compliant fasteners into one



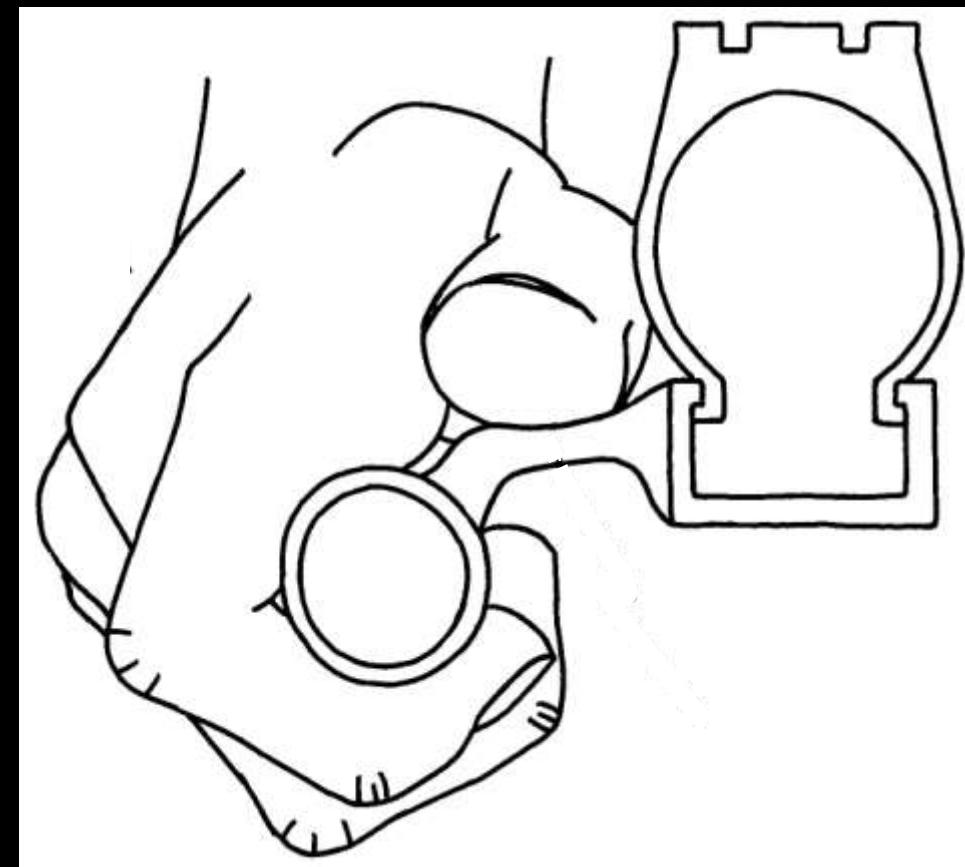
The best profiles were  
fully developed and  
tested



# The subtle details of the final profile were refined

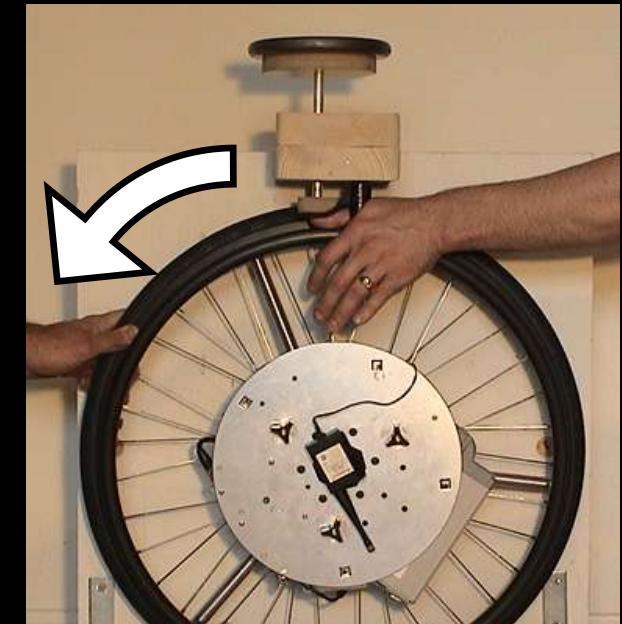


# FlexRim Ergonomic Pushrim

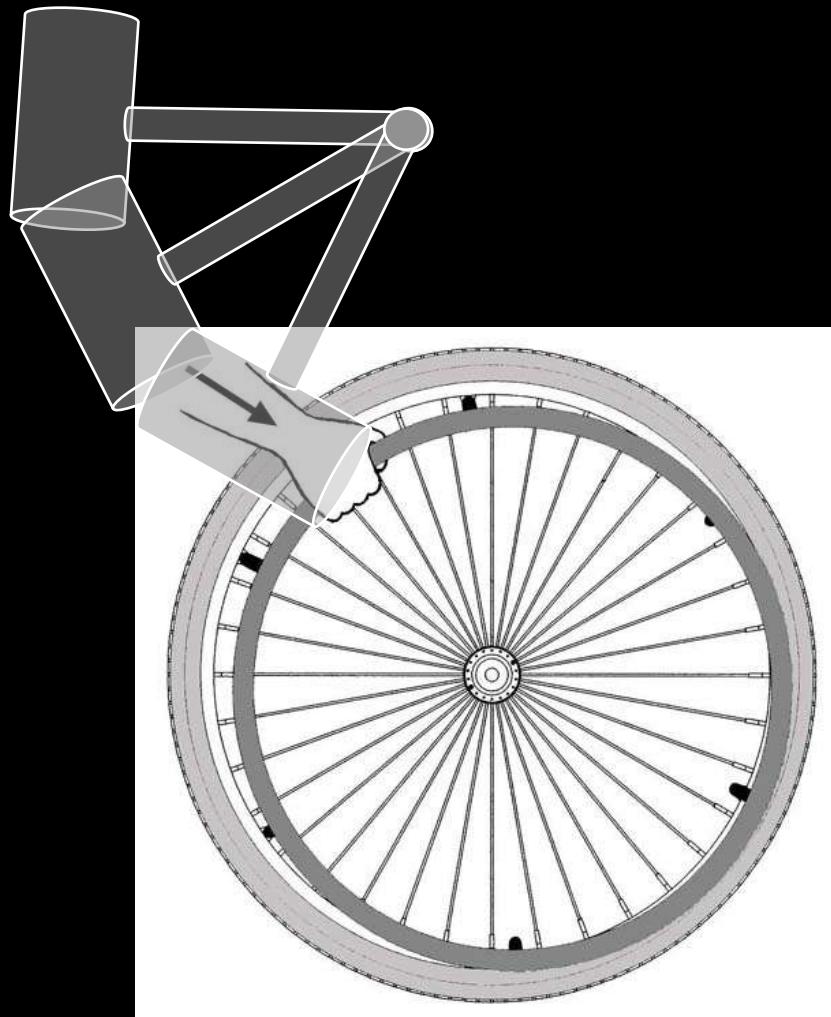


# Frictional improvements

Preliminary tests show over a 2x increased frictional coefficient



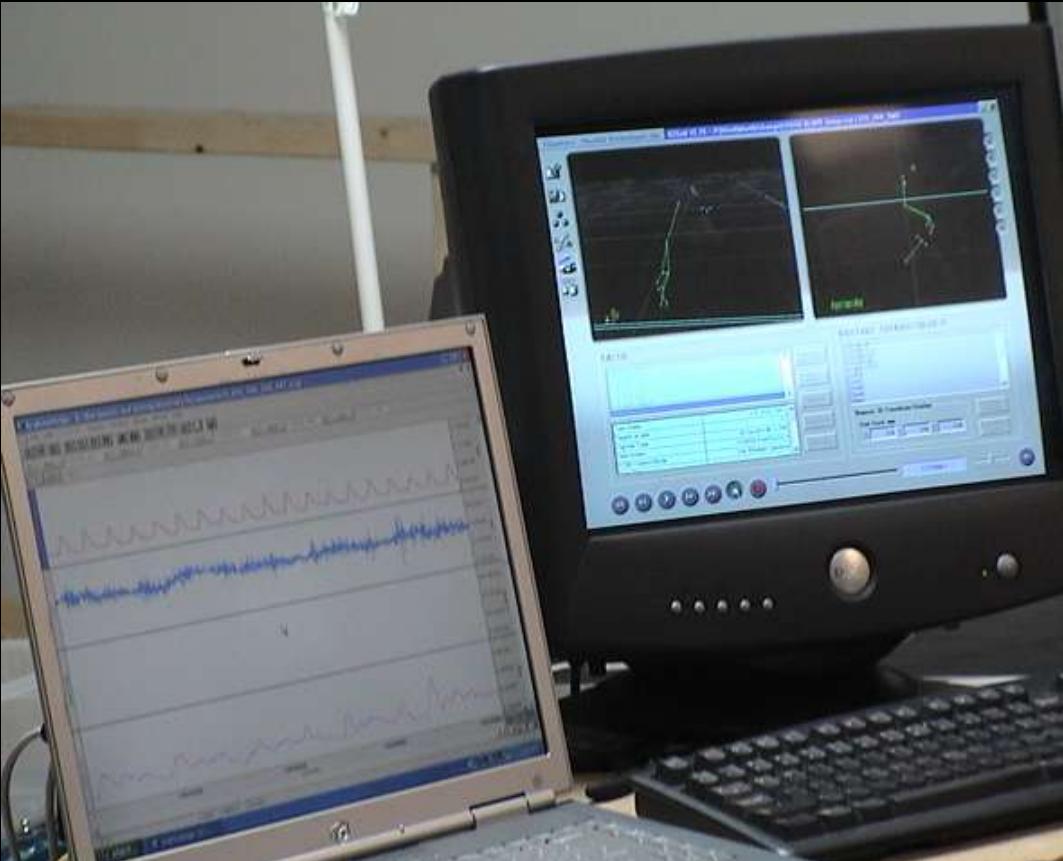
# Impact absorption

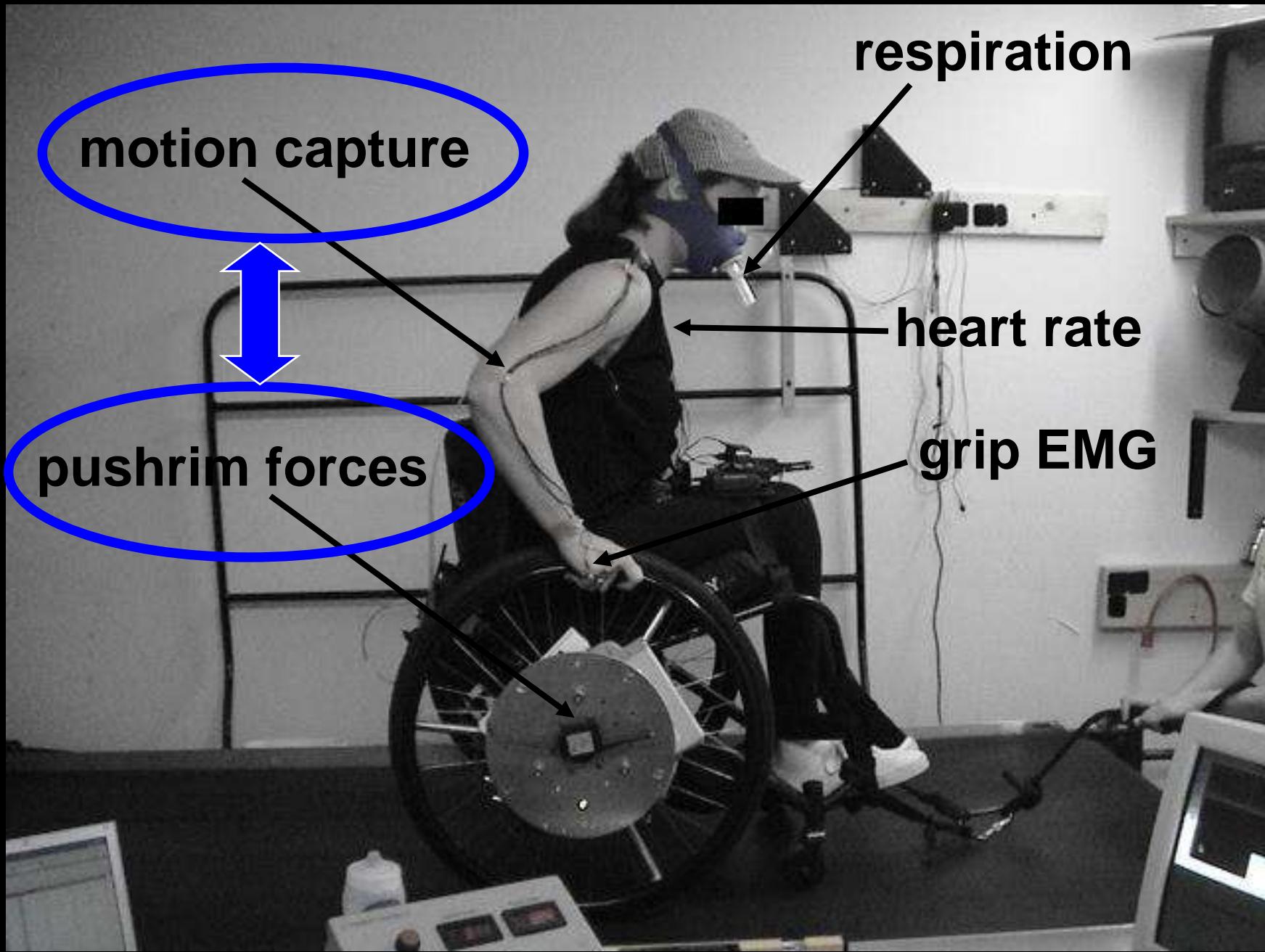


# Applied a 120 lb repetitive load in one place until failure



# Subjects are tested over a wide variety of usage environments





# Baseline study – FlexRim



# FlexRim

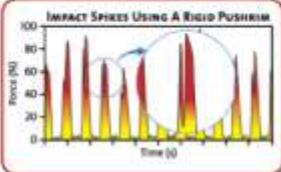
**Design**

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.



**Oversize 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 oversize 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%**.

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



**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**  
Advanced Ergonomics



# 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

# Lateral Balance Test



# Water Egress Testing

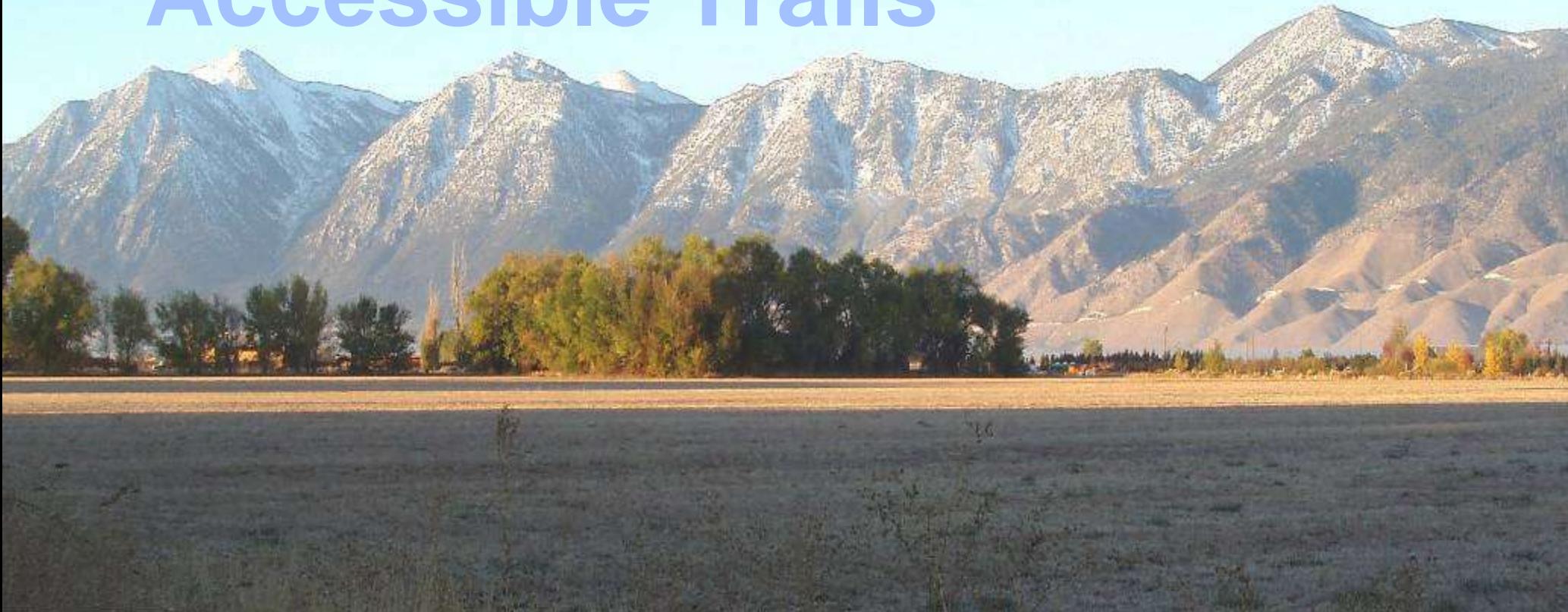




# Wave Ski



# Tools and Technology for Accessible Trails



Beneficial Designs, Inc.  
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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 1200 people trained to lead UTAP assessments

Over 155 trainers to teach UTAP workshops



# Warning, required station data missing

## TrailWare Station Data Entry

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

Trail Name Pioneer Segment Name 1 Seg Pioneer to Mill Date Apr 22, 2002

Add Station

Finish Entry

Help

Exit TW

Station		Distance	in	pct	pct		pct		ft	pct	ft	in	Re-order
0	Distance	Tread Width	X-Slope	Surface Category	Type	+/- Typ Grade	Compass Fwd	Compass Back	Max X-Slope Magnitude	Max Grade Magnitude	MCW		
35	Distance	60	1.9	Firm	Soil	1.5	132	131					
112	Distance	60	2.1	Firm	Soil	1.0	146	147					
149	Distance	60	1.6	Firm	Soil	1.5	150	151	6.8	8			
227	Distance	55	1.4	Firm	Soil	0.0	150	150		0.1			
318	Distance	55	1.8	Firm	Soil	-1.0	141	142					

2264 Final Distance

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# Required feature data omitted

[Help](#)[Exit TW](#)

## TrailWare Feature Data Entry

[Park List](#) [Park Info](#) [Trail List](#) [Trail Detail](#) [Segments](#) [Segment Cover](#) [Stations](#) [Features](#) [Reports](#)Trail Name **Pioneer**Segment Name **1 Seg Pioneer to Mill**Date **Apr 22, 2002**[Re-order](#)[Add Feature](#)[Finish Entry](#)

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

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# High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process

## USDA SBIR Phase II

# HETAP- Rollawheel







**Last Station Recorded**

25

Paved

Ice

0.0 Ft

-1.3 %

2.1 %

**Alarm Settings****Browse Images****New Segment**
**Outslope**
**Check Outslope Direction**

&lt;- Left

Right -&gt;

**Vehicle Orientation**
 **Forwards** **Backwards****Copy Surf. Data ->****Tread Width:**
**Current Station To Record**

25

in

**Set MCW****Surface Category:****Surface Type:****Distance:****Grade:****Cross Slope:**

Paved

Ice

7.2 Ft

-0.7 %

0.8 %

**Record Station****Add Features****Return Home****Distance Hold****Manual Entry****View Data**
**Current Segment:**

2 Joggin Lampe 2007-06-12

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

Error: Garmin GPS is not connected

Distance: 7.2 Ft

Type: Description: 

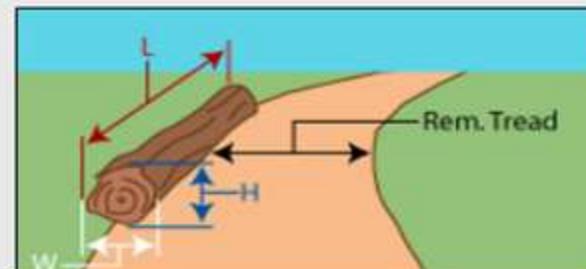
## Zone

 Trail Bed  Visual

## Dimensions

L  W  H Units of Measure:  Remaining Tread: 

	Distance	Feature Type	E D
1	7.2	Landslide	<input type="checkbox"/>



Quantity: Ending Distance: (to the nearest foot)

1  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









# 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



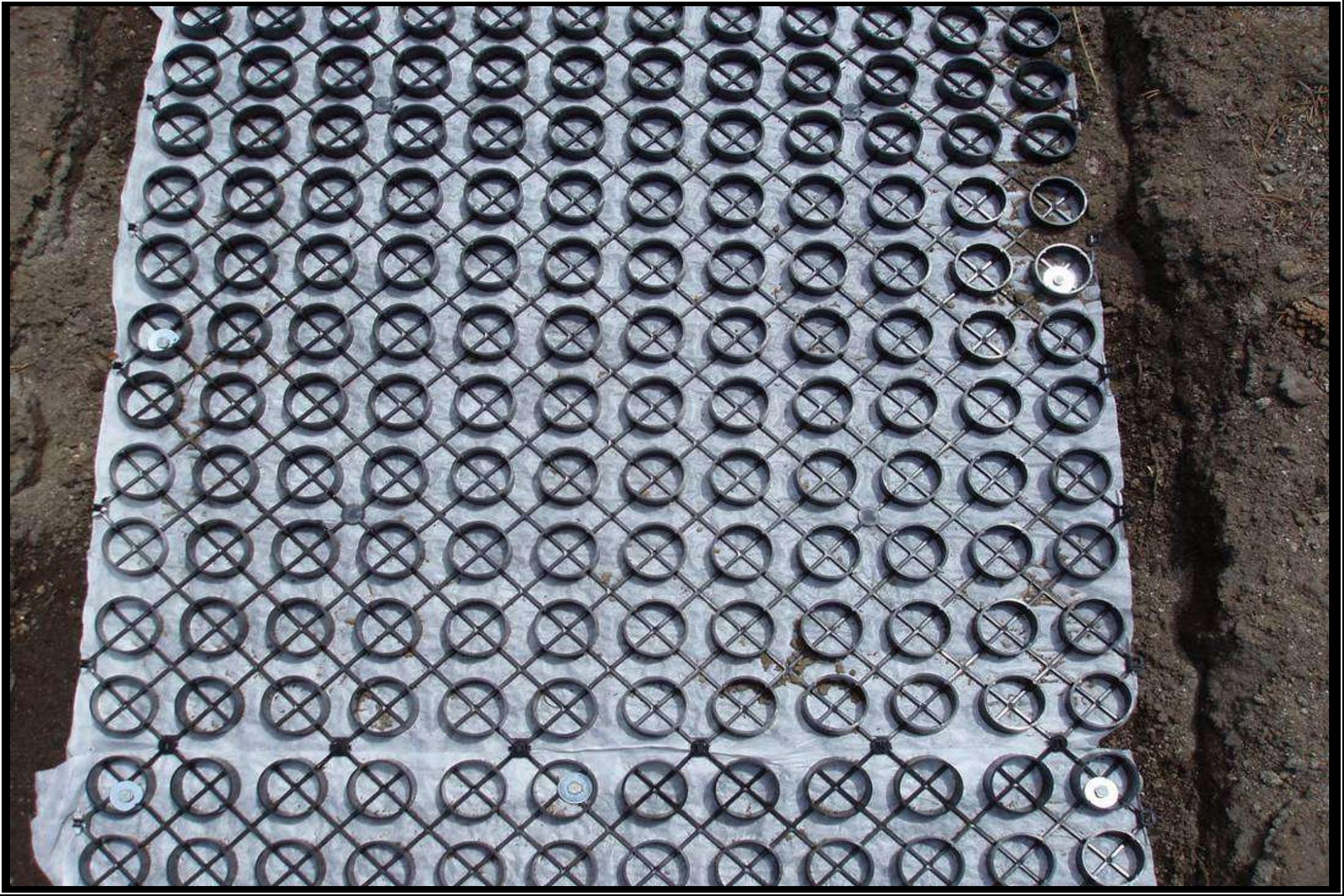
Objective surface measurement device

Draft Standard for firmness with stability measurement under development

Available from  
Beneficial Designs

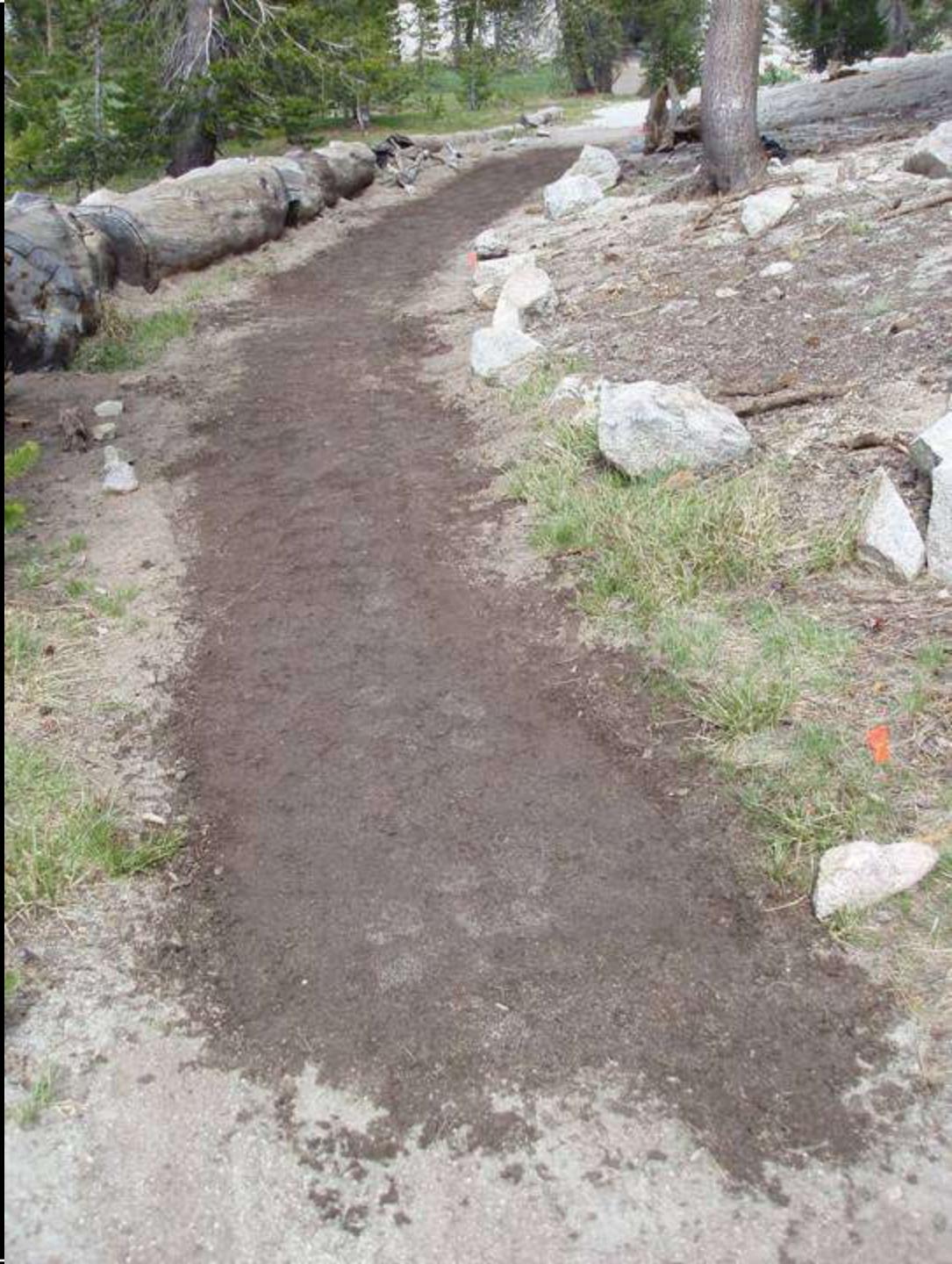
# Gravelpave2 Before Installation







# Gravelpave2 After Installation



# Rotational Penetrometer

## Readings-Gravelpave 2

<b><i>Before</i></b> Application		<b><i>After</i></b> 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
<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.40</u>
0.18	Avg	0.82	0.17
			Avg
			0.38

A dirt trail in a mountainous, grassy landscape. A small stream flows alongside the trail. In the background, a snow-capped mountain is visible under a clear sky.

# Trail Rutting and Braiding

# New Boardwalk Substructure



A photograph of a wooden boardwalk or bridge structure. The structure is made of light-colored wooden planks and features a prominent dark metal support beam. It is situated in a field of tall, dry grass and some reddish-brown shrubs in the foreground. In the background, there are more trees and a clear sky.

Side View

A photograph of a wooden boardwalk winding through a grassy field. The boardwalk is made of light-colored wooden planks and is bordered by a metal railing. It curves to the right and then to the left, eventually disappearing into the distance. To the right of the boardwalk is a dirt path that leads towards a small stream. The field is covered in dry, brown grass. In the background, there is a large, forested mountain covered in green trees under a clear blue sky.

$\frac{1}{4}$  Mile Long

# Barrier at Riverview Park





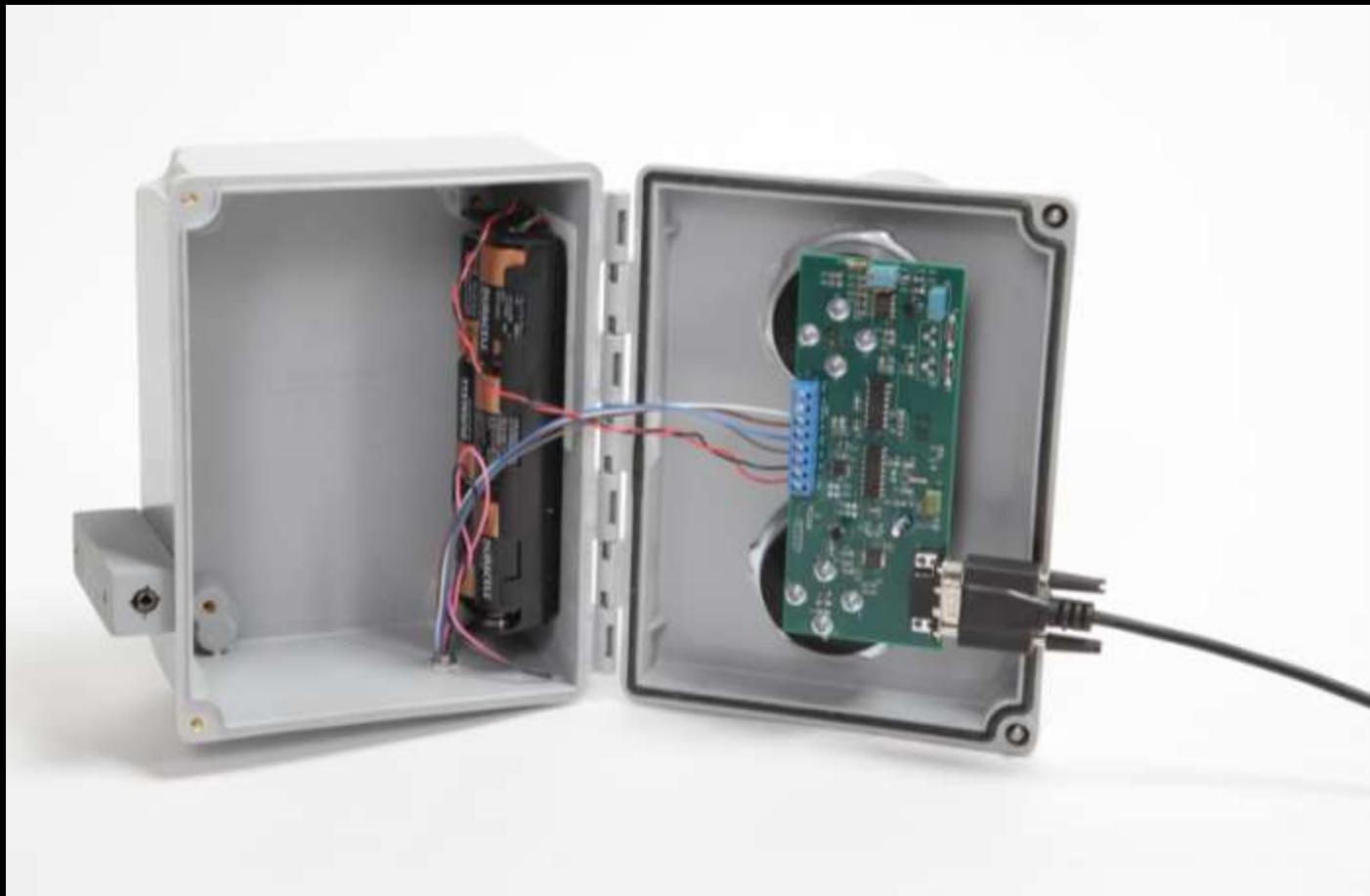
# Third Inverted Bollard Design

## Motorcycle Testing

# Electronic Gate Barrier



# Pedestrian and Motorized Vehicle Trail Traffic Counter



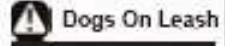


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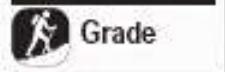
Length 1.5 mi (2.3 km)



Hiking



Dogs On Leash



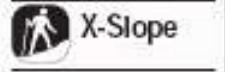
Grade

Typical Grade 2.3%

7% of the trail is 6%

327 ft (100 m) is 7%

8% 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 8% to 10%

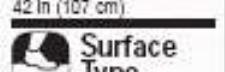


Tread Width

Typical Tread Width 7.5 ft (2.3 m)

Minimum Clearance Width

42 in (107 cm)

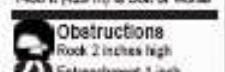


Surface Type

Aggregate / Gravel

82% is Firm or better

1408 ft (429 m) is Soft or worse



Obstructions

Rock 2 inches high

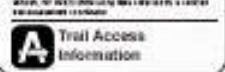
Entanglement 1 inch

deep

Root 2 inches high

WARNING: The conditions have not changed  
since the data was collected. Trail surfaces and  
conditions may have changed (e.g. fallen trees or debris  
that may not have been mapped). Interpret  
guidelines and cross-slope data only.

Data is based on a sample of 1000 ft (305 m) of trail  
length. For more information, visit [www.nvrt.org](http://www.nvrt.org)



Trail Access

Information

# Nevada Recreation Trails (NV NRT)



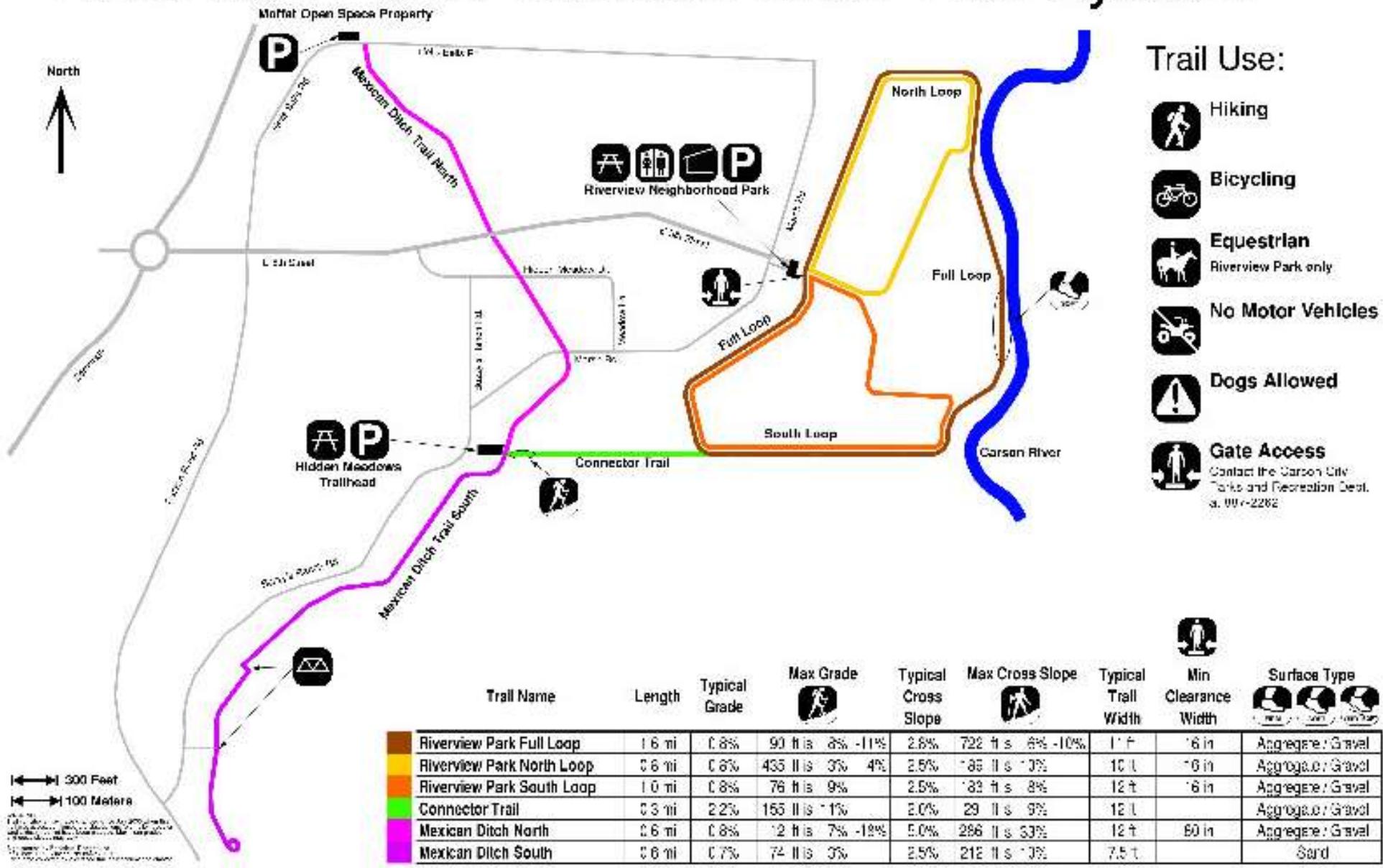


Narrow Trails



Color and Logos

# Riverview Park / Mexican Ditch Trail System



## Riverview Park / Mexican Ditch Trail System



AP



Trail Name

Length

Typical Grade

Max Grade

Typical Cross Slope

Max Cross Slope

Trail Width

Clearance Width

Surface Type

Riverview Park Full Loop

1.9 mi

0.0%

20' R to 8' L

11%

2.8%

100' R to 10' L

10' R

18' in

Riverview Park North Loop

0.8 mi

0.0%

20' R to 4' L

4%

2.5%

100' R to 10' L

10' R

18' in

Riverview Park South Loop

1.0 mi

0.0%

20' R to 10' L

11%

2.5%

100' R to 10' L

10' R

18' in

Connector Trail

0.3 mi

0.0%

150' R to 50' L

11%

2.0%

20' R to 8' L

10' R

18' in

Mexican Ditch Trail (North)

0.6 mi

0.0%

12' R to 2' L

16%

8.0%

20' R to 33' L

10' R

21' in

Mexican Ditch Trail (South)

0.6 mi

0.0%

12' R to 2' L

16%

2.5%

212' R to 10' L

8' R

60' in

A possible name for an 8% grade.

# South Fork State Recreation Area

**North**  
0 ft 1000 ft

**TRAIL USE**

- Hiking
- Bicycles
- Equestrians
- Dogs on Leash
- No Motor Vehicles

**LEGEND**

- Fishing
- Parking
- Showers
- Restroom
- Picnic Area
- Boat Launch
- Asphalt/Concrete
- Drinking Water
- Entrance Station
- Towers Campground
- Sanitary Dump Station
- Historic Towers Ranch
- West Shore Campground
- Road
- 4WD Road
- Secondary Trail

**South Fork Reservoir & Ruby Mountains**

**Dam Trail**

**West Shore Trail**

**A TRAIL ACCESS INFORMATION**

Trail Name	Length	Typical Grade	Maximum Grade Standard Asp & L.A.	Typical Cross Slope	Maximum Cross Slope	Typical Tread Width	Minimum Clearance Width	Surface Type	Surface Firmness	Surface Stability		
Towers Ranch Trail	1.3 mi	2.8%	15% R is 13% - 30%	2.5%	77% R is 9% - 10%	7 ft	3 ft	Ball	0.17	0.17	0.35	0.59
Dam Trail	0.8 mi	1.0%	30% R is 5% - 9%	1.0%	150% R is 0% - 7%	10 ft	3 ft	Aggregate Rock	0.17	0.17	0.35	0.45
West Shore Trail	1.2 mi	1.1%	97% R is 5% - 9%	2.0%	500% R is 0% - 5%	6 ft	2 ft	Aggregate Rock	0.17	0.17	0.38	0.45
Scouts Trail	0.1 mi	7.0%	101% R is 13% - 24%	3.0%	73% R is 9% - 10%	3 ft	2 ft	Ball	0.17	0.18	0.69	1.09
Hastings Trail	1.0 mi	0.2%	129% R is 25% - 34%	3.0%	222% R is 10% - 14%	6 ft	2 ft	Ball	0.17	0.17	0.35	0.45
Humboldt Trail	2.9 mi	2.0%	24 R is 15% - 26%	2.7%	201% R is 8% - 19%	7 ft	3 ft	Aggregate Rock	0.18	0.23	0.68	1.01

**WARNING:**  
Trail surfaces may have changed since January 2012 when these trails were assessed. Signage created by Sustainable Design Inc. using trail data collected by a certified trail assessment contractor.

**Surface Firmness (ft)**

**Surface Stability (ft)**

**Funded by the Nevada Recreational Trails Program**

# Eisenhower Park



## LEGEND

- No Bikes
- Tower
- Bridge
- Parking
- Restroom
- Picnic Area
- Bat Houses
- Park Entrance
- Drinking Water
- Shelter/Pavilion
- Highest Elev.
- Lowest Elev.
- Natural Trail
- Paved Trail
- Road



## A Trail Access Information

Trail Name	Length	Typical Grade	Maximum Grade Standard Ramp is 0.3%	Typical Cross Slope	Maximum Cross Slope	Typical Trail Width	Minimum Clearance Width	Surface Type
Red Oak Trail	0.5 mi	7.1%	78 ft is 20% - 29%	5.7%	78 ft is 20% - 22%	48 in	48 in	Aggregate
Shady Creek Trail	0.4 mi	9.4%	86 ft is 95% - 25%	4.4%	140 ft is 95% - 17%	44 in	36 in	Aggregate
Cedar Flats Trail	0.9 mi	4.4%	244 ft is 13% - 21%	3.4%	87 ft is 9% - 10%	88 in	84 in	Asphalt
Hillview Natural Trail	2.6 mi	4.8%	263 ft is 21% - 37%	3.9%	231 ft is 89% - 26%	55 in	36 in	Gravel/Stone (Paved)
Hillview Paved Trail	0.2 mi	4.1%	45 ft is 9% - 14%	3.3%	302 ft is 87% - 10%	35 in	36 in	Asphalt
Yucca Natural Trail	0.9 mi	4.6%	160 ft is 15% - 35%	3.7%	150 ft is 15% - 24%	54 in	30 in	Gravel/Stone (Paved)
Yucca Paved Trail	0.4 mi	2.9%	46 ft is 9% - 11%	2.9%	231 ft is 8% - 8%	68 in	66 in	Asphalt
Live Oak Trail	0.1 mi	4.5%	33 ft is 1% - 15%	4.2%	65 ft is 10% - 19%	65 in	60 in	Hard Coat Metal



**WARNING:**  
Trail conditions may have changed since March 2021.  
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## McAllister Park



## LEGEND

-  Parking
-  Dog Park
-  Restroom
-  Picnic Area
-  Park Entrance
-  Drinking Water
-  Shelter/Pavilion
-  Baseball Field
-  Soccer Field
-  Playground
-  Minor Trail
-  Creek
-  Road

A Trail Access Information		B		C		D		E			
Typical Trail Details		Maximum Grade Steepest Slope is 8.2%		Typical Cross Slope		Maximum Cross Slope		Typical Tread Width		Minimum Clearance Width	
Trail Name	Length	Typical Grade	Maximum Grade Steepest Slope is 8.2%	Typical Cross Slope	Maximum Cross Slope	Typical Tread Width	Minimum Clearance Width	Surface Type	Surface Type		
Blue Loop	5.8 mi	3.2%	181 ft is 15% - 30%	3.0%	941 ft is 12% - 26%	43 in	24 in	Sol	Sol		
Bandit Field Trail	1.5 mi	1.2%	145 ft is 8% - 15%	1.0%	259 ft is 6% - 8%	72 in	72 in	Asphalt	Asphalt		
Mud Creek Loop	1.5 mi	3.0%	181 ft is 12% - 34%	3.0%	473 ft is 9% - 22%	34 in	24 in	Sol	Sol		
Salado Creek Greenway North	2.4 mi	1.8%	94 ft is 11% - 17%	1.0%	131 ft is 6% - 8%	10 ft	10 ft	Asphalt	Asphalt		
Playground Trail	1.0 mi	1.8%	60 ft is 9% - 10%	2.5%	304 ft is 9% - 14%	64 in	72 in	Asphalt	Asphalt		
Dog Park	0.2 mi	1.4%	100% of trail is 8% - 15%	1.0%	30 ft is 8% - 15%	65 in	109 in	100 ft	Asphalt		
Red Trail	1.7 mi	3.7%	274 ft is 12% - 32%	3.4%	138 ft is 12% - 32%	34 in	24 in	Sol	Sol		



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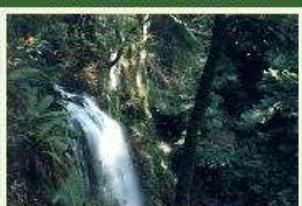
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Click on the trail name for more information. Click on the column heading to sort by column.  
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Trail	Park	Nearest Town(s) State	Length	Uses	Typical Grade	Surface Firmness	Trail Information
Trail 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.
Trail 8	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.
Trail 7	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.
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 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.
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.
Trail 7 Spur to Campground	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:

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<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**

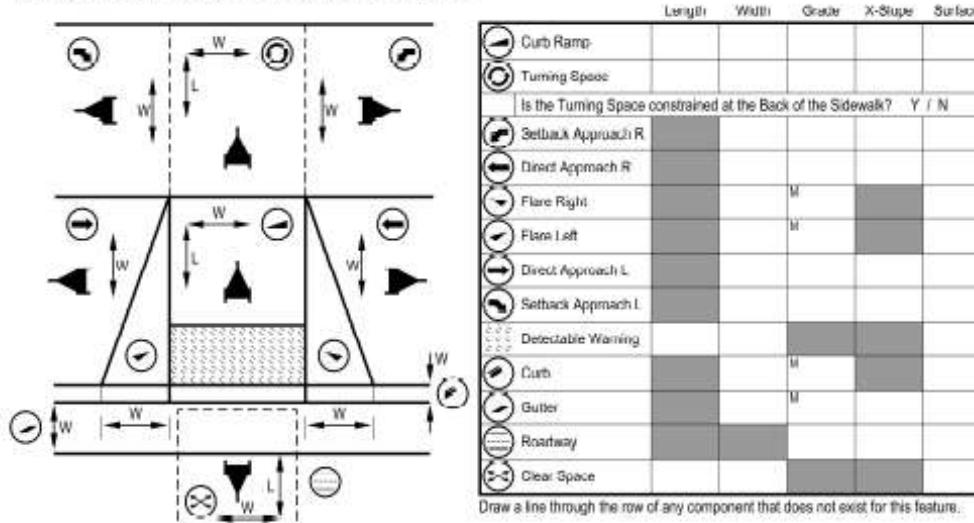
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Yes  No Is the Curb Ramps Cross Slope Warped to meet the Roadway Grade?  
 Yes  No Is the Grade of the Curb Ramp Cut through, built up or does it meet the curb at right angles to the curb?  
 Yes  No Are the Grade Breaks at the top and bottom of each 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.



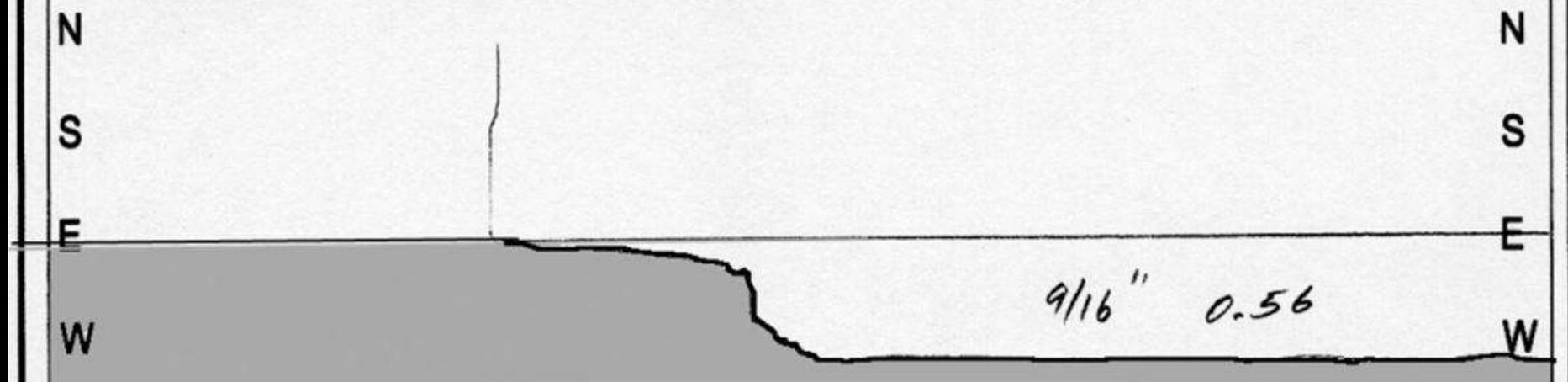


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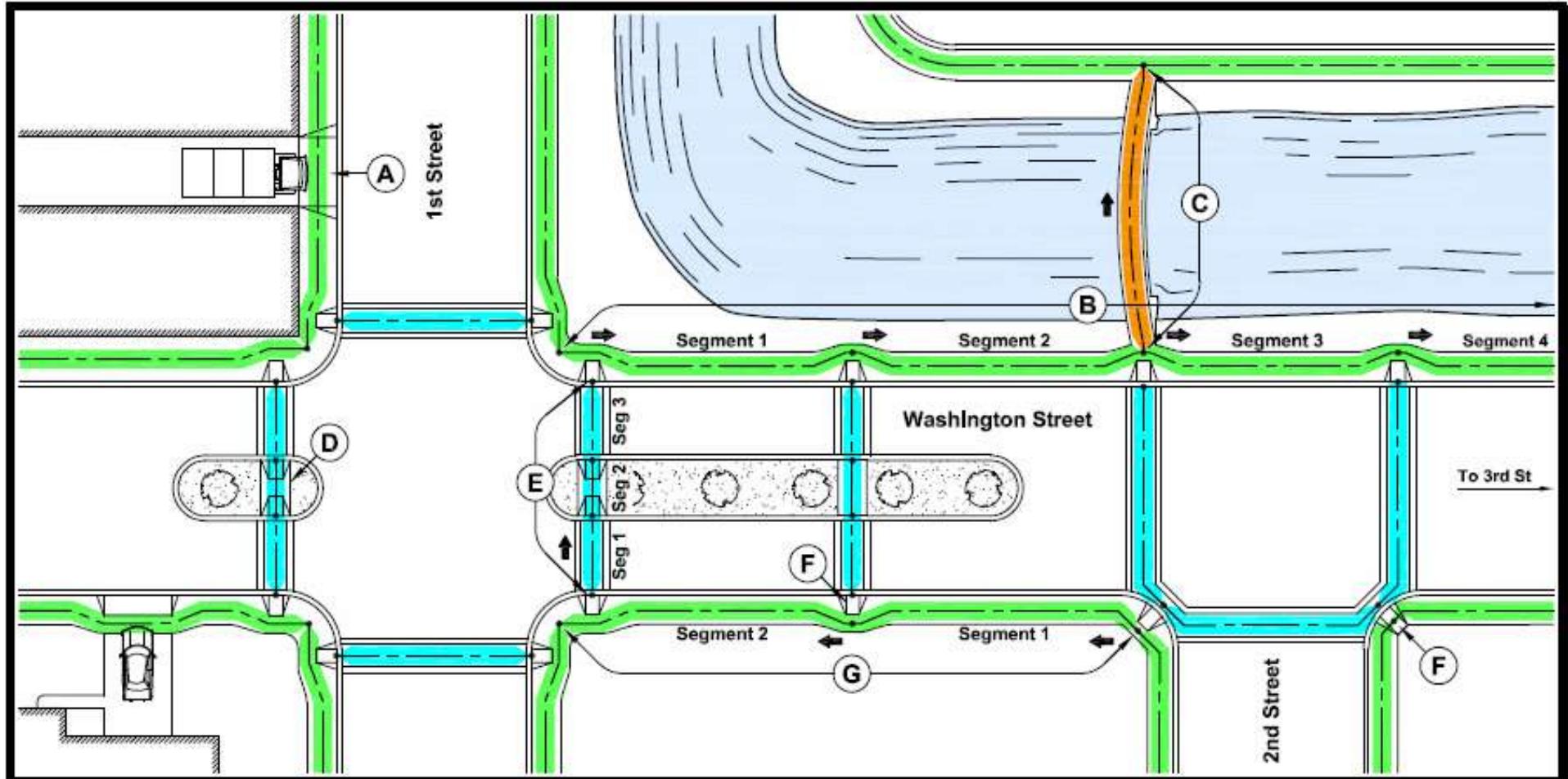
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Street Name: OLVA WEST Segment Name: \* Distance: 233' 9"  
\* N COUNTY ROAD TO INTERLAKEN



# 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



# Wheeled Instrument Sensor Package (WISP)



Three wheeled data collection cart



**Rear Wheel Distance Encoder with resolution of 0.1 feet**

# Digital Measuring Wheel

Wireless Range of 60 meters

On-Device Field Collection  
Prompts

Measurement resolution  
of 0.1 Inches (1 mm)



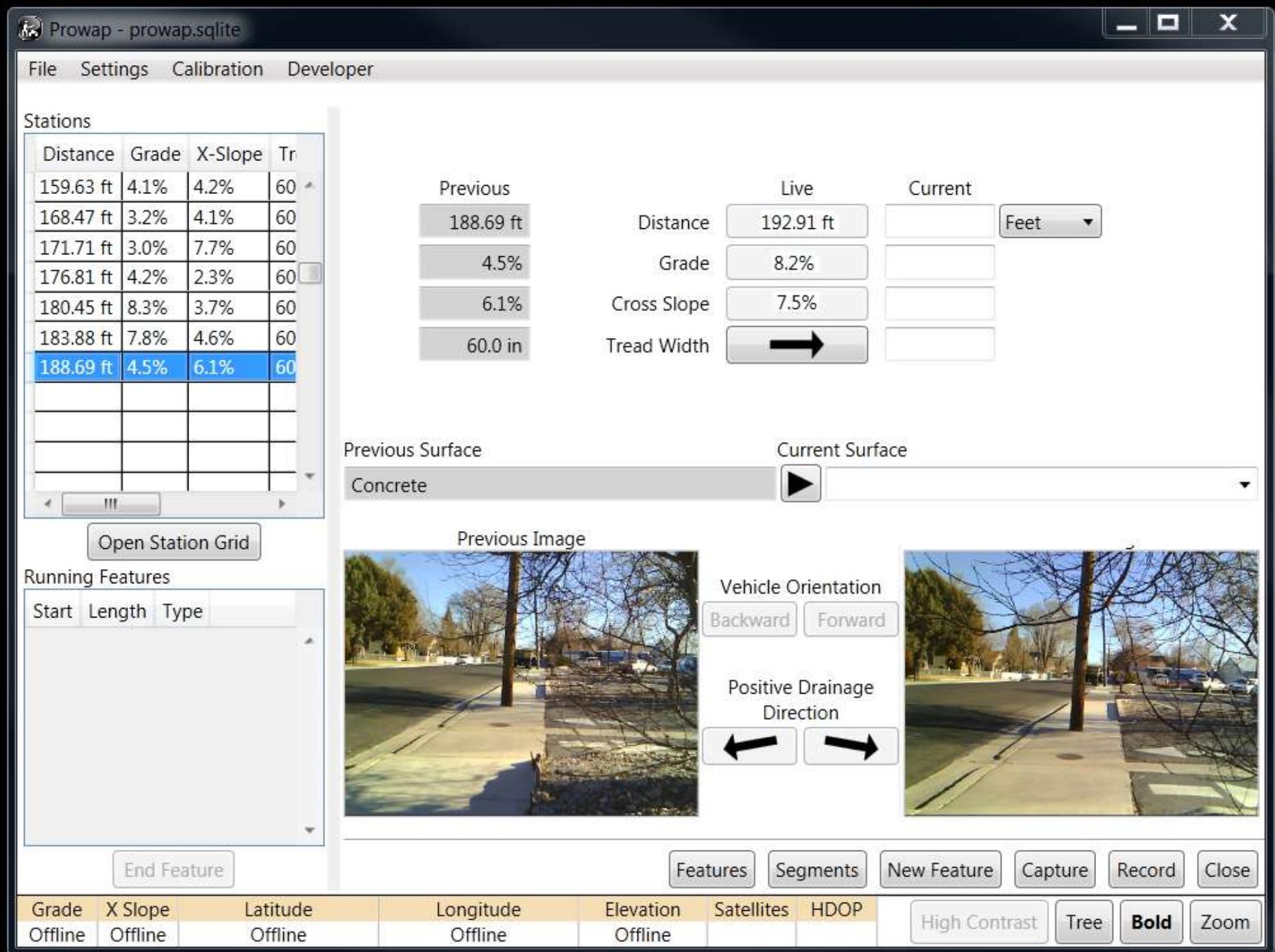
# Digital Height Measuring Device

Same Range and similar  
Automatic population of Data

Measure vertical distances  
from Zero to 44 inches

Measurement resolution of  
.01 inches (0.1 mm)





PROWAG

Database View Toolbox Calibration Administrator Developer

Town of Minden Esmerelda Ave S Side from 5th St to 6th St New Segment 6751 Collection

**Data Tree**

- ...- ▼ Town of Minden
  - ▶ Esmerelda Ave S Side f
  - ▶ 6th St E Side from Esm
- ▶ Test/Sample Data
- ▶ Town of Gardnerville
- ▶ Minden BK
- ▶ Old Data

**Field Collection**

Position the cart near the center of the surface and record the Grade and Cross Slope values.

**Curb Ramp\Grade**

8.3%

PROWAG ADA 2010 CBC Min 5% Max 8.3%

**Curb Ramp\X-Slope**

2.0%

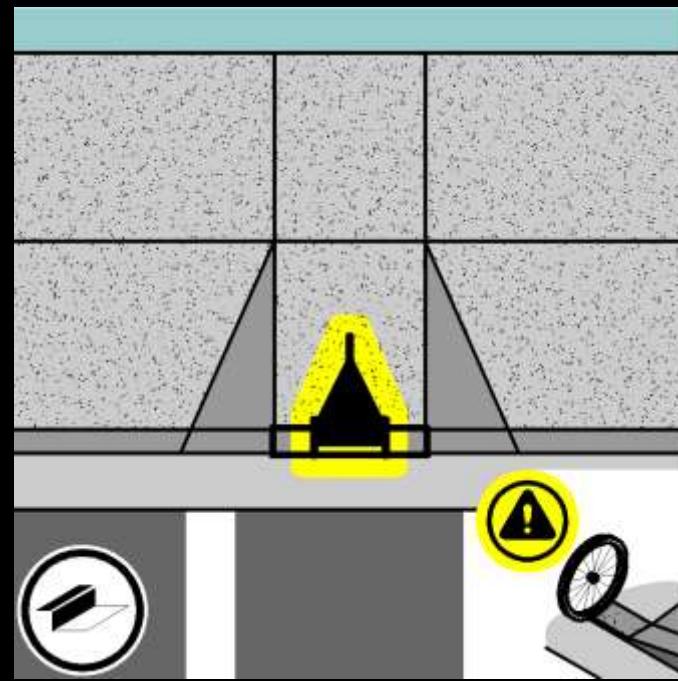
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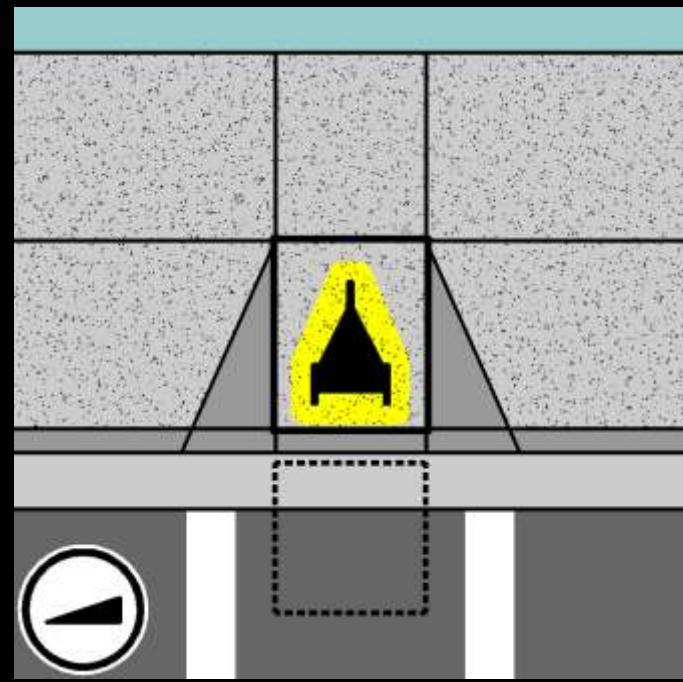
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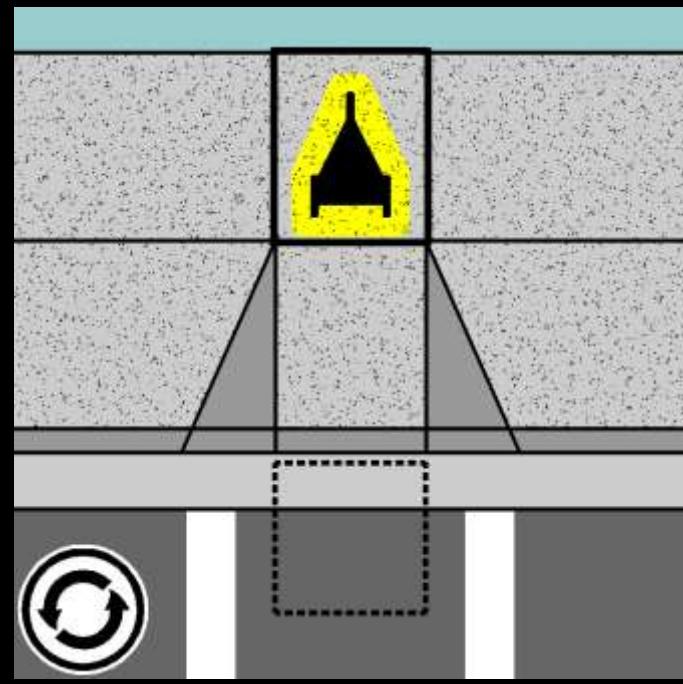
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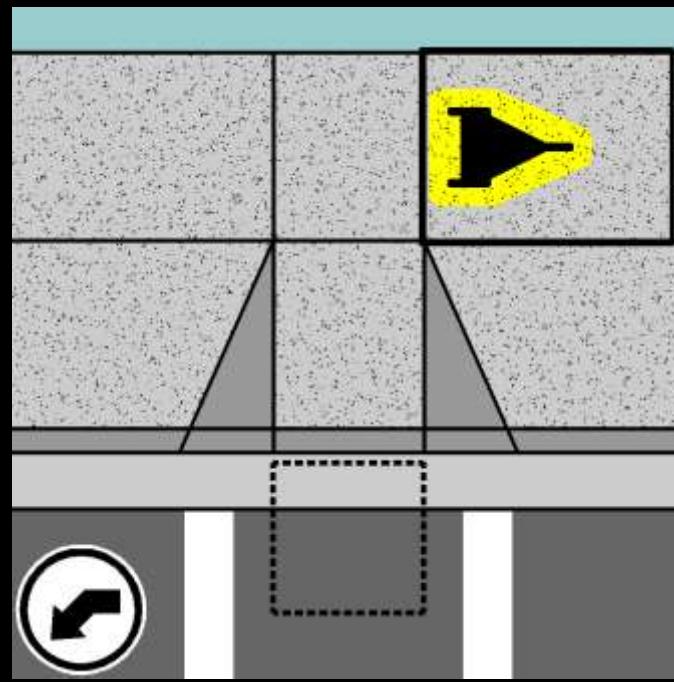
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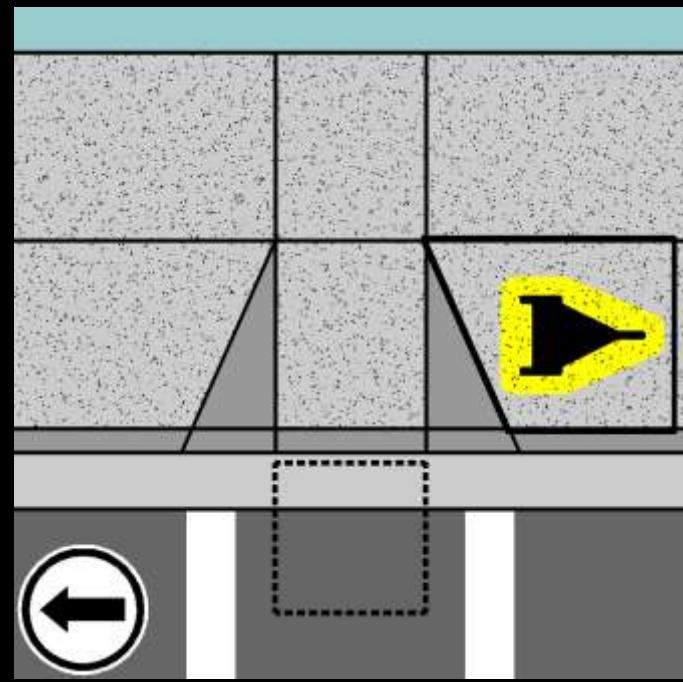
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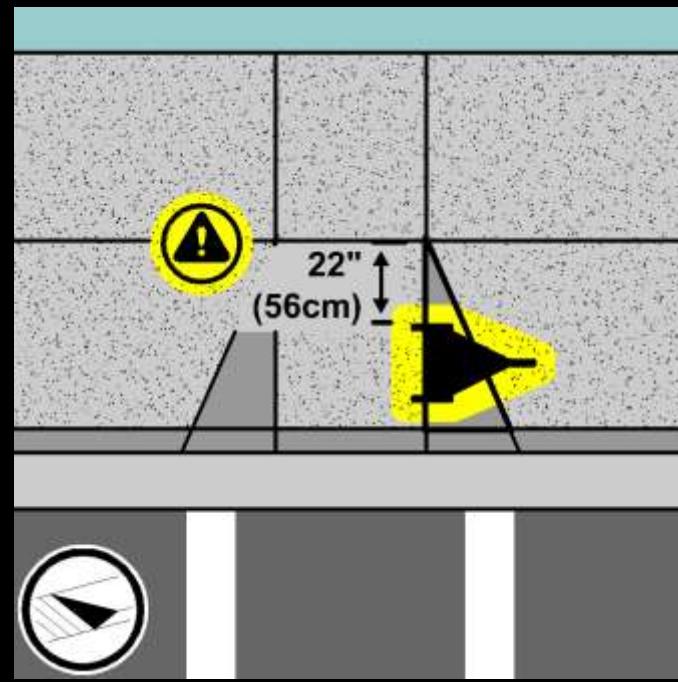


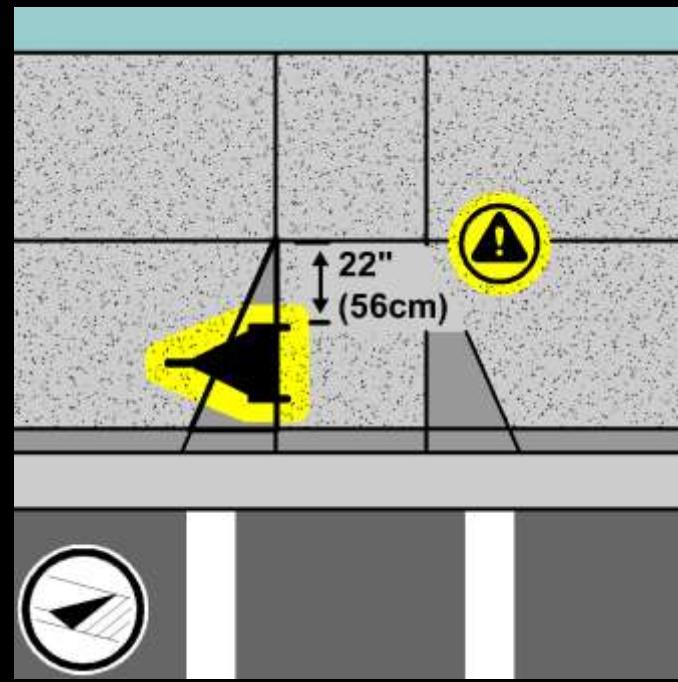


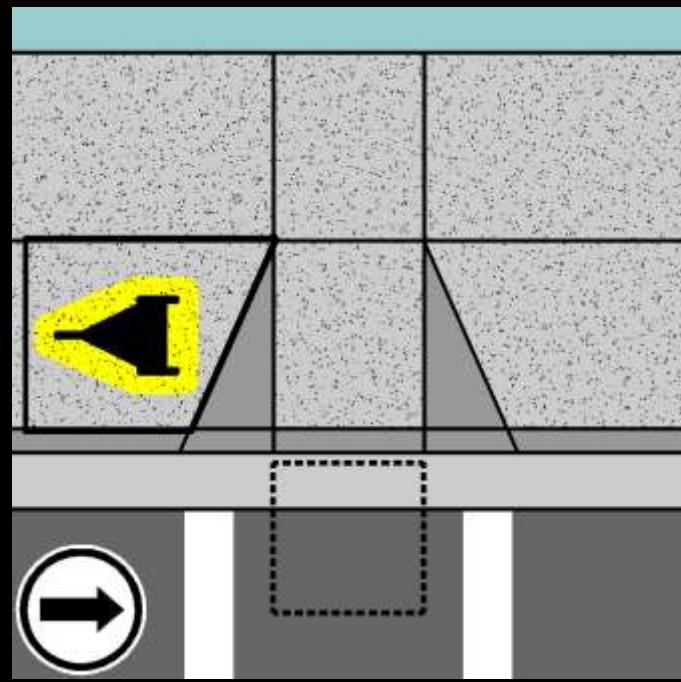


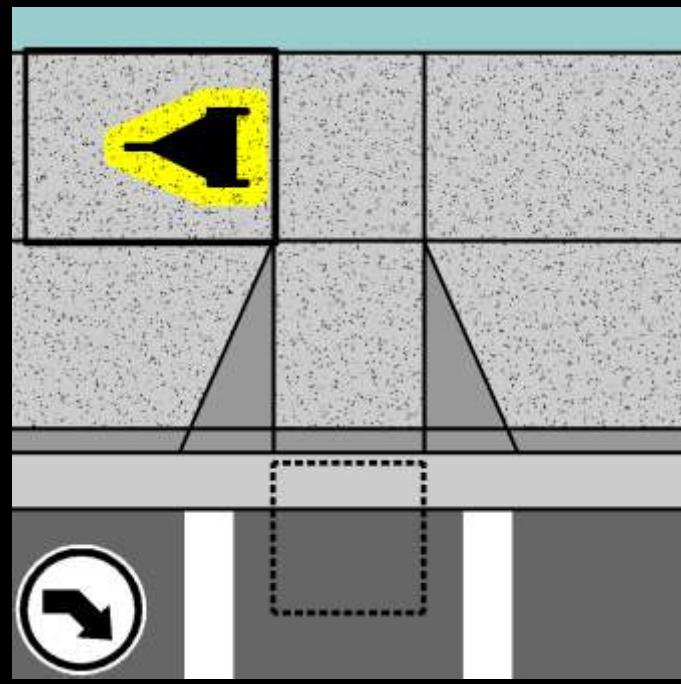


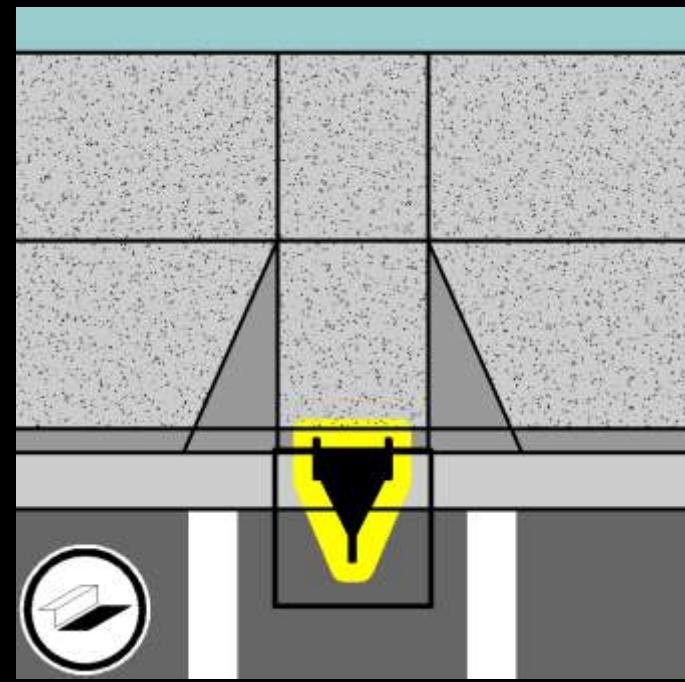


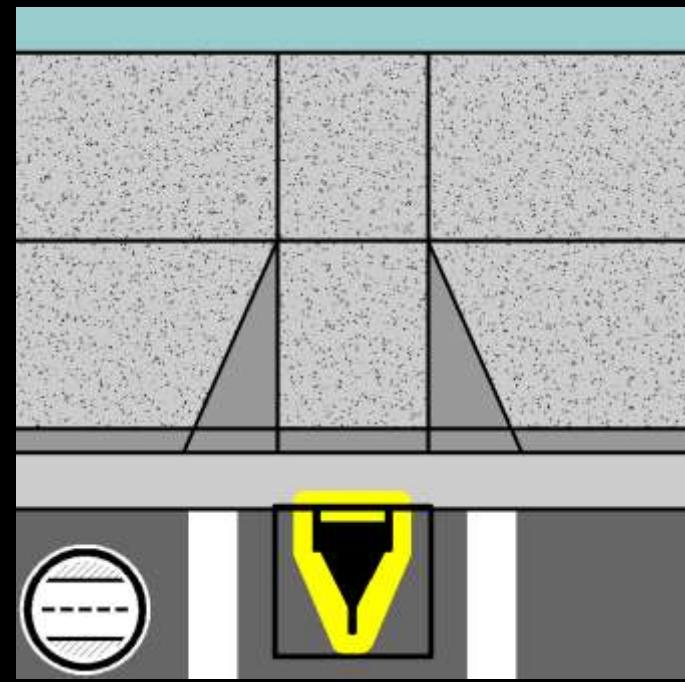












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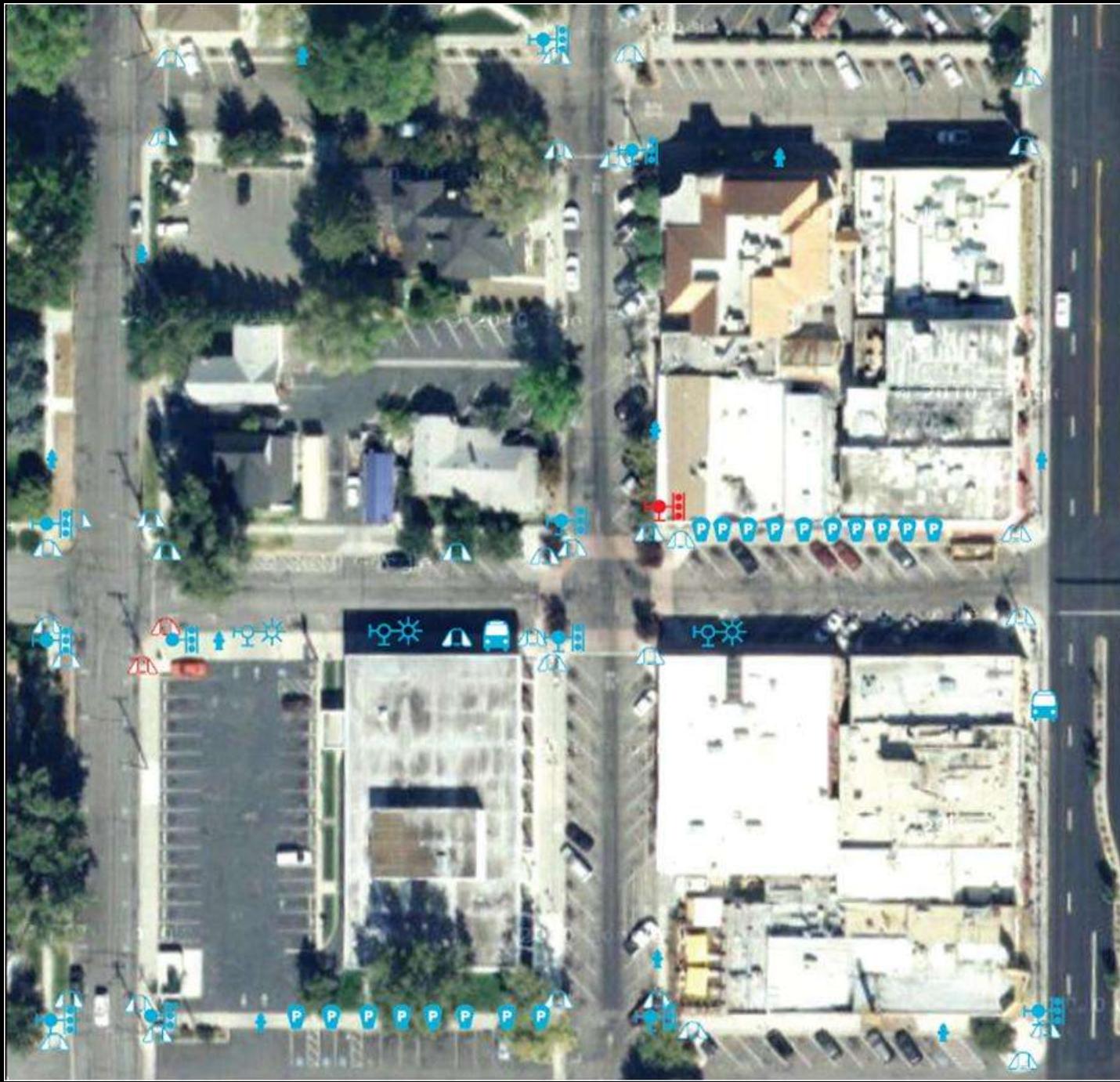
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Rich Text Format (CSV)

Directly into a Geodatabase

## PROWAP Stroll Data 2012-01-04





North

- P Parking Meter
- Fire Hydrant
- Bus Stop
- Curb Ramp Perpendicular
- Traffic Light 1 Accessible Signal
- Traffic Light 2 Accessible Signal
- Street Light 2 Accessible Signal
- Feature not in compliance with ADA Draft Guidelines

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# The Manual Wheelchair Training Guide



## 1.2 Set Up and Adjustment



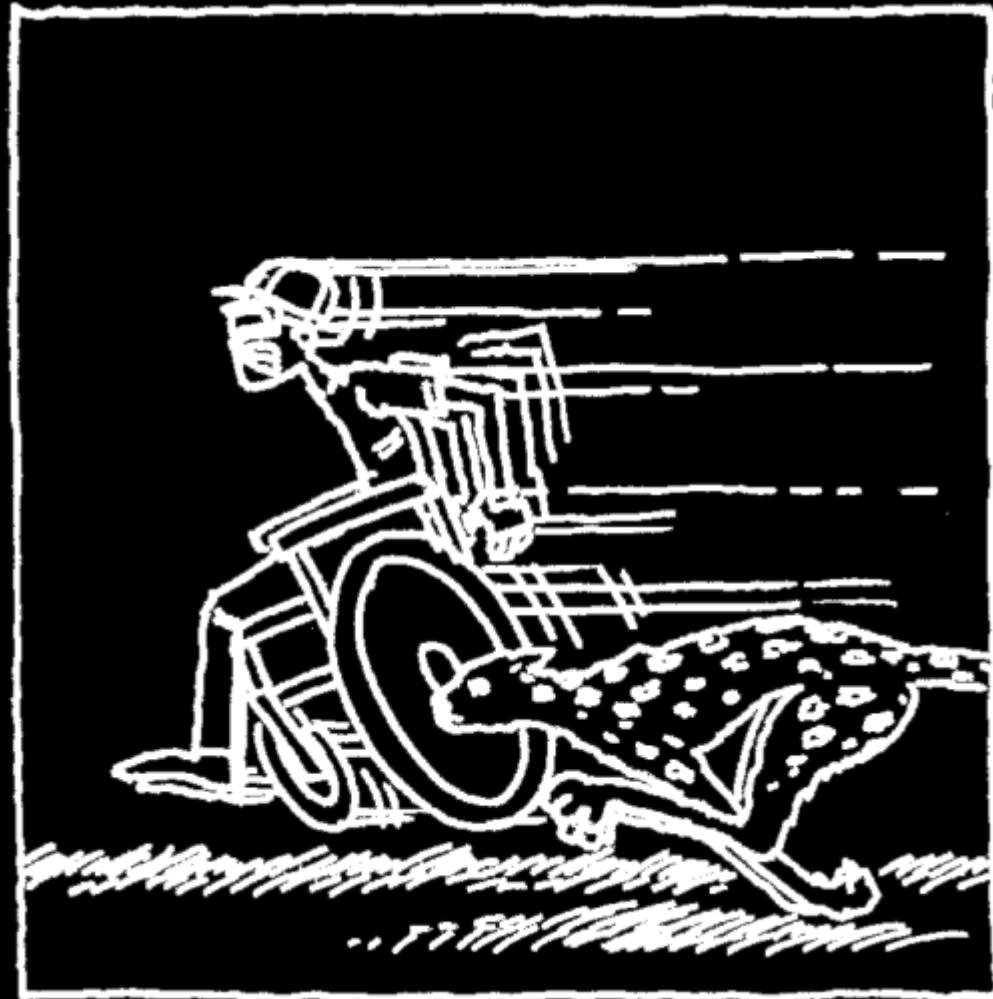
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## Learning Your Limits



# 1.8

## Propelling Your Wheelchair

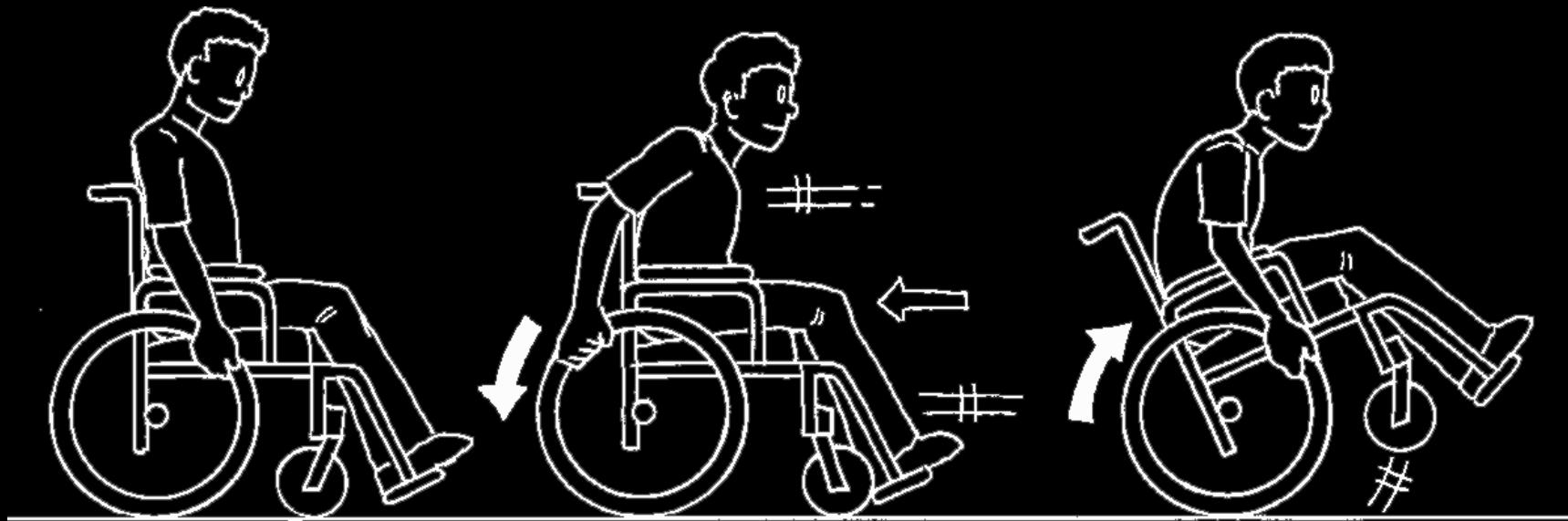


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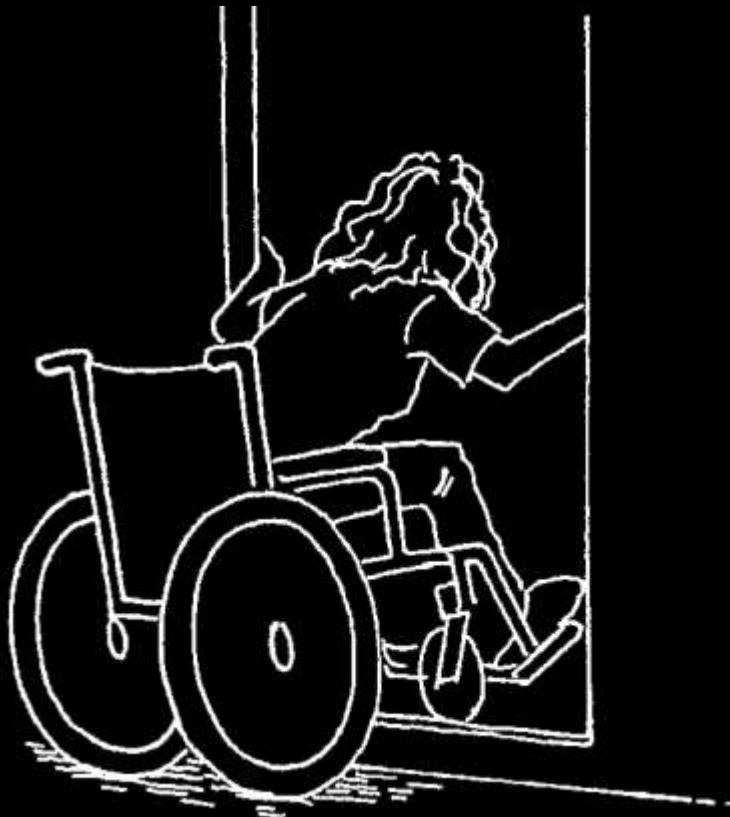
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## 1.9 Wheelies – Popping a Wheelie

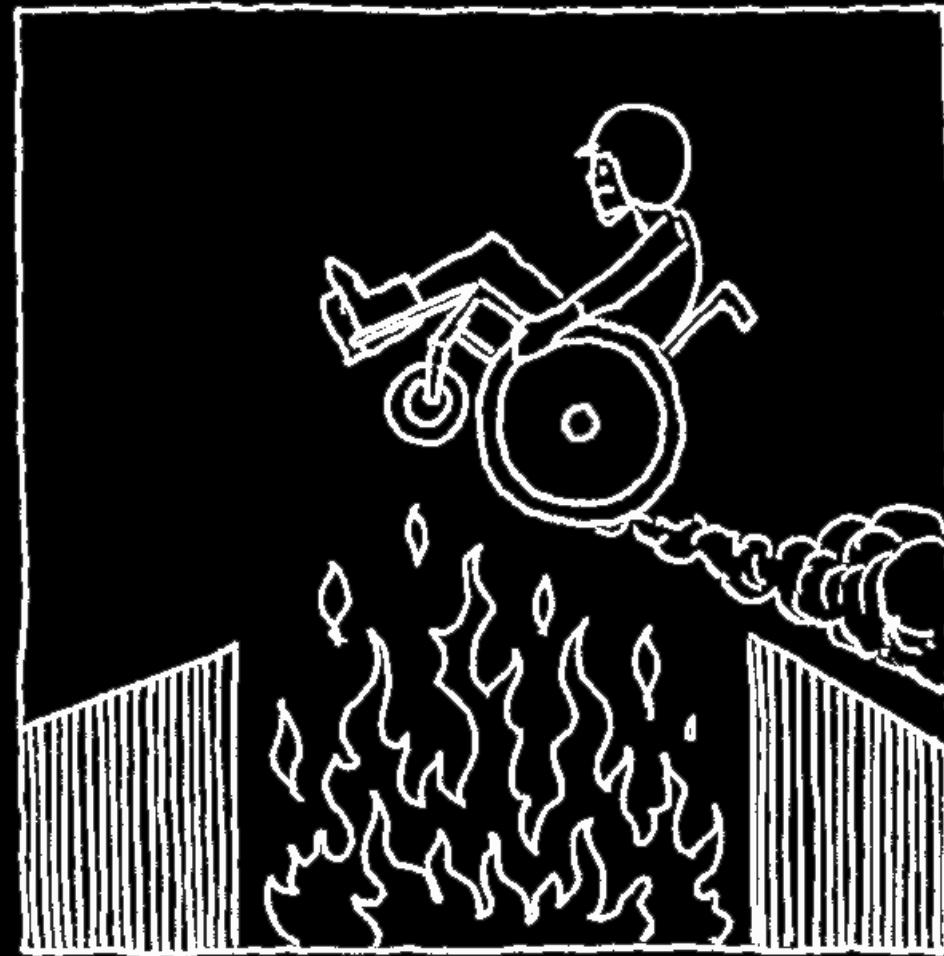


## 2.2 Thresholds and Obstacles



# 2.5

# Ramps



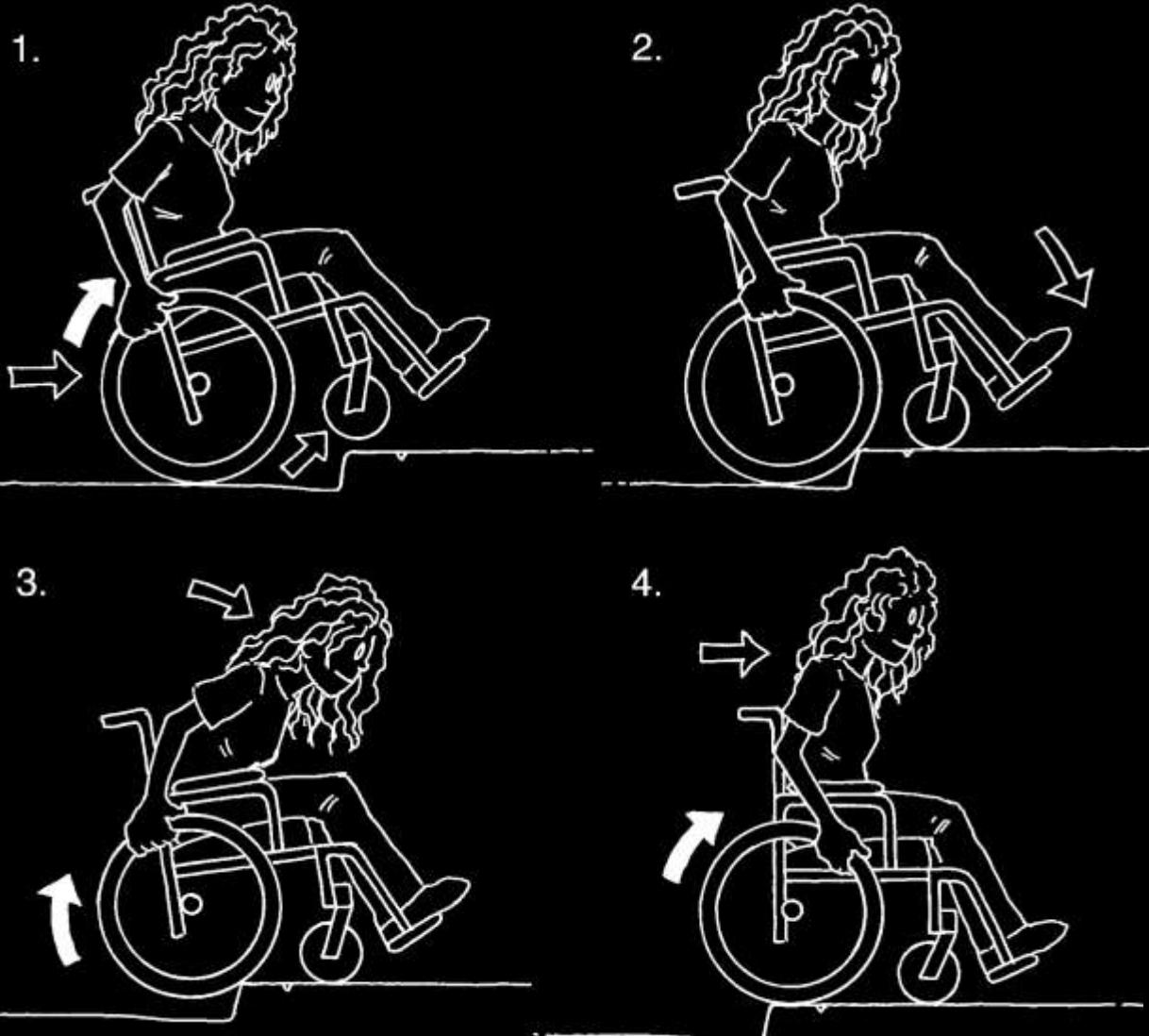
## 2.7 Curb Cuts



## 2.8 Curbs

Forward

Popping  
a partial  
wheelie

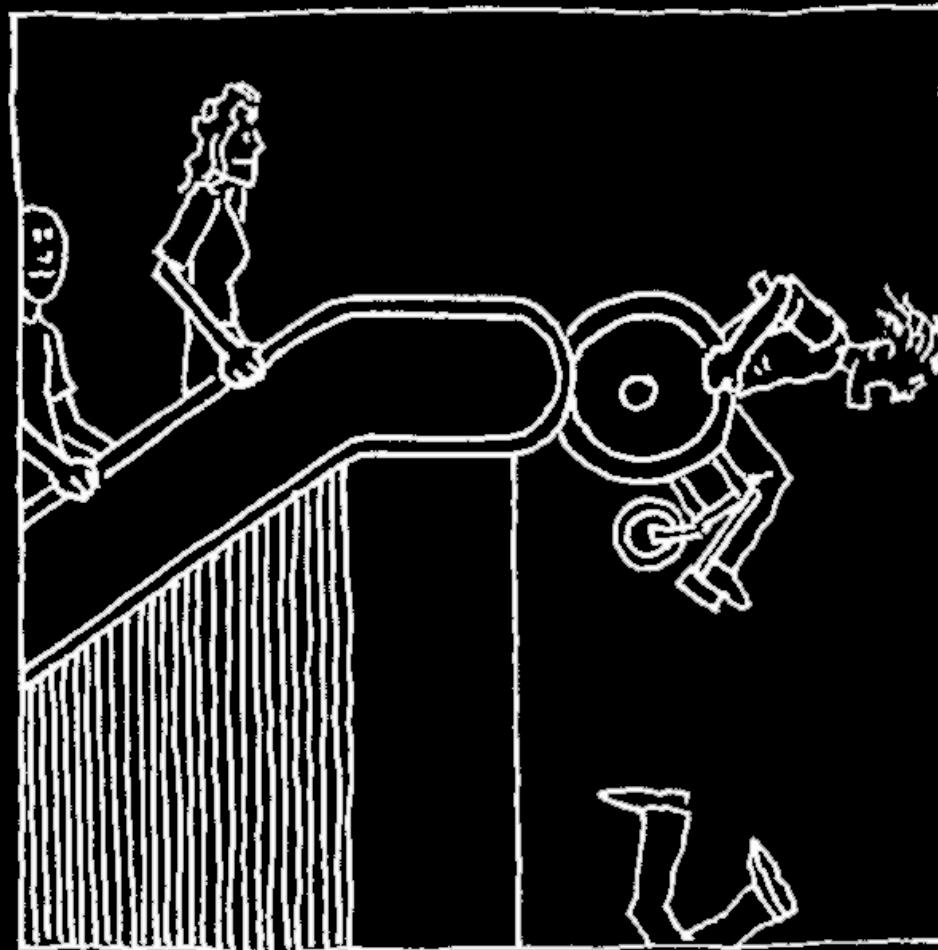


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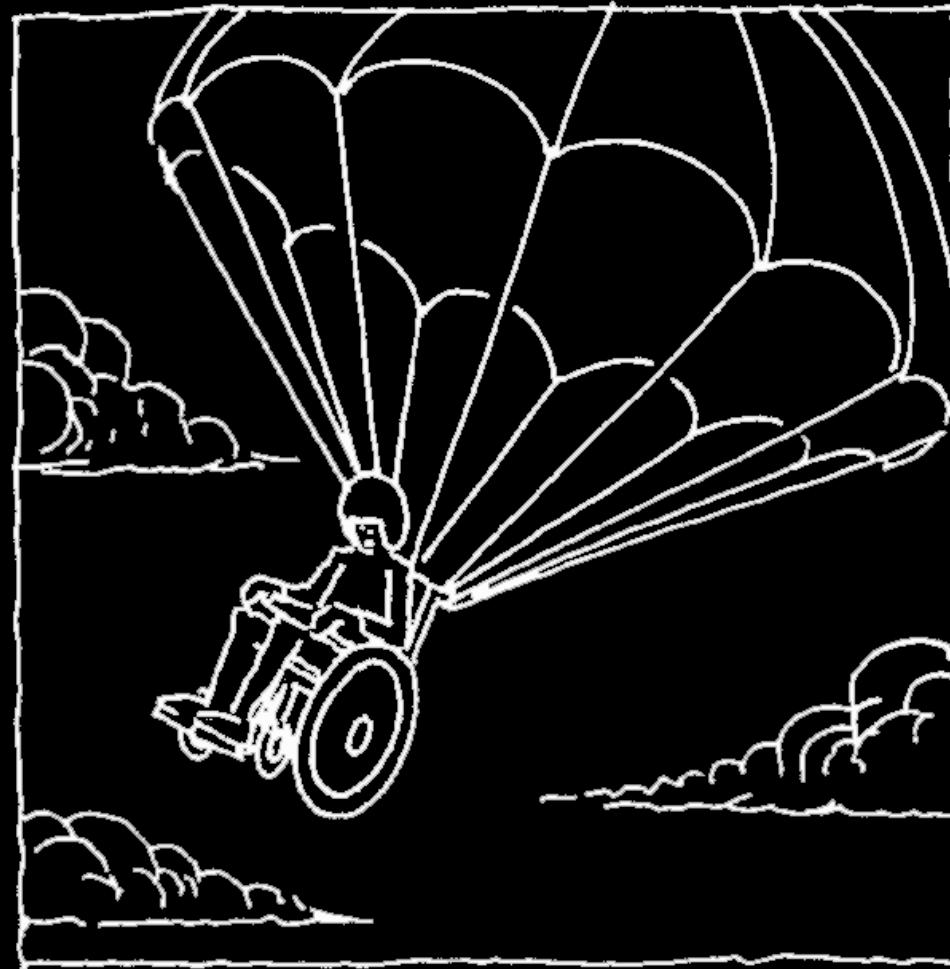
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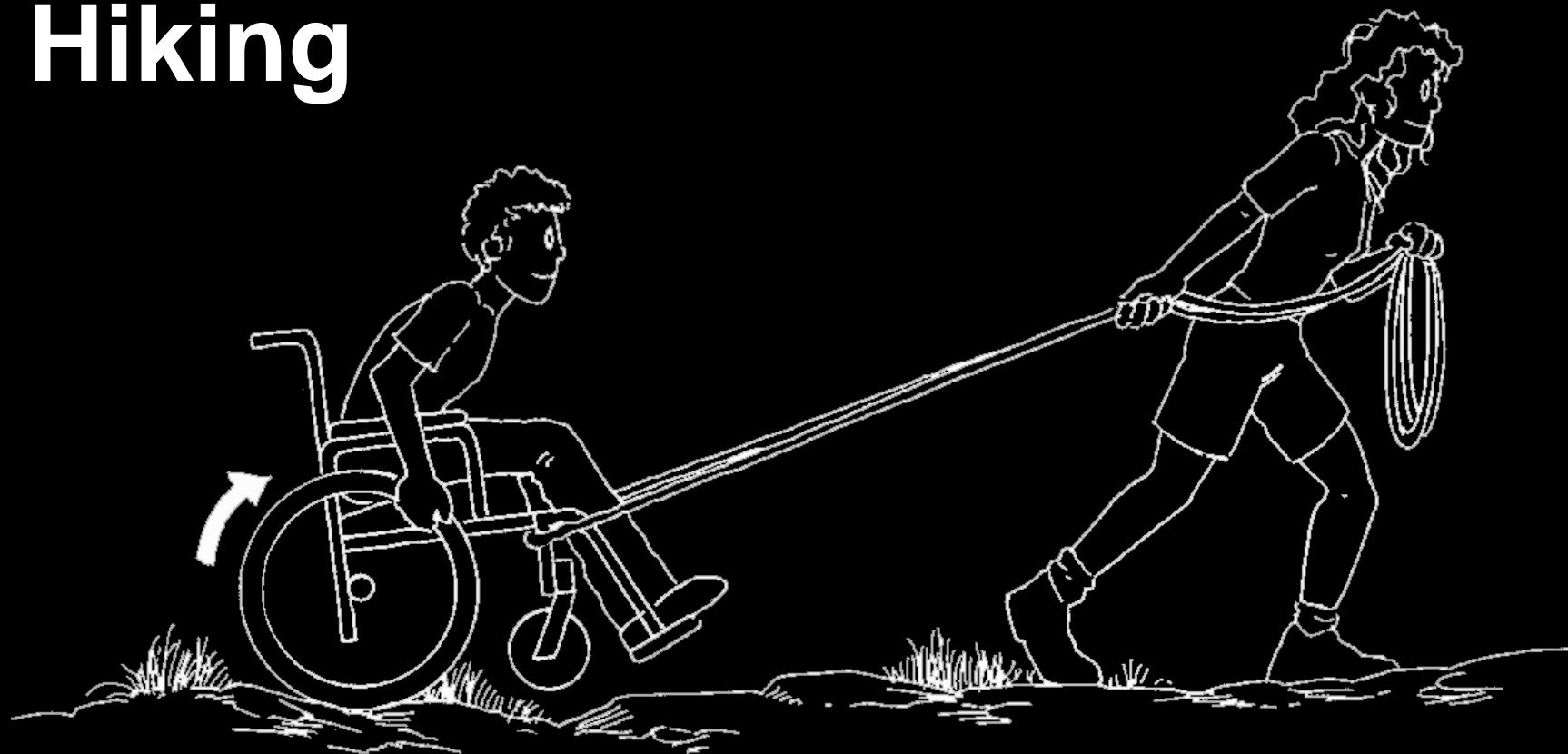
## 2.11 Escalators



## 3.2 Evacuation Procedures

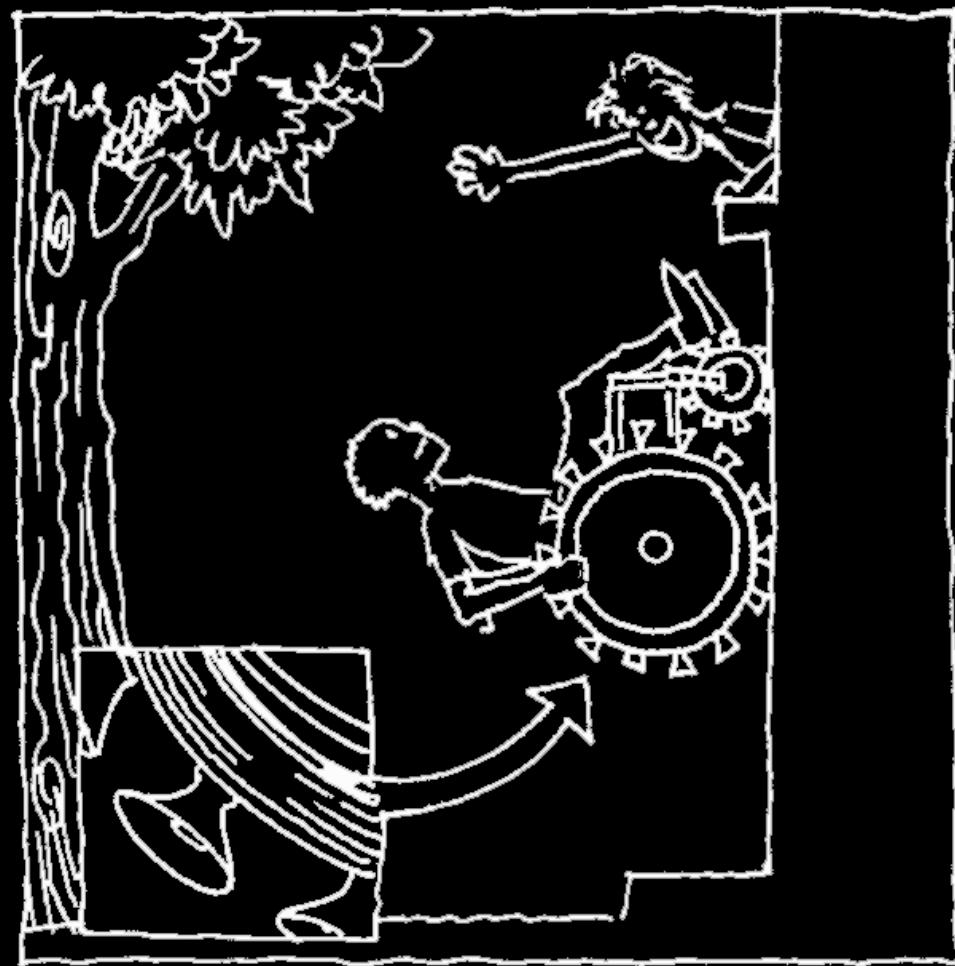


## 4.4 Hiking



# 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,  
tems & 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

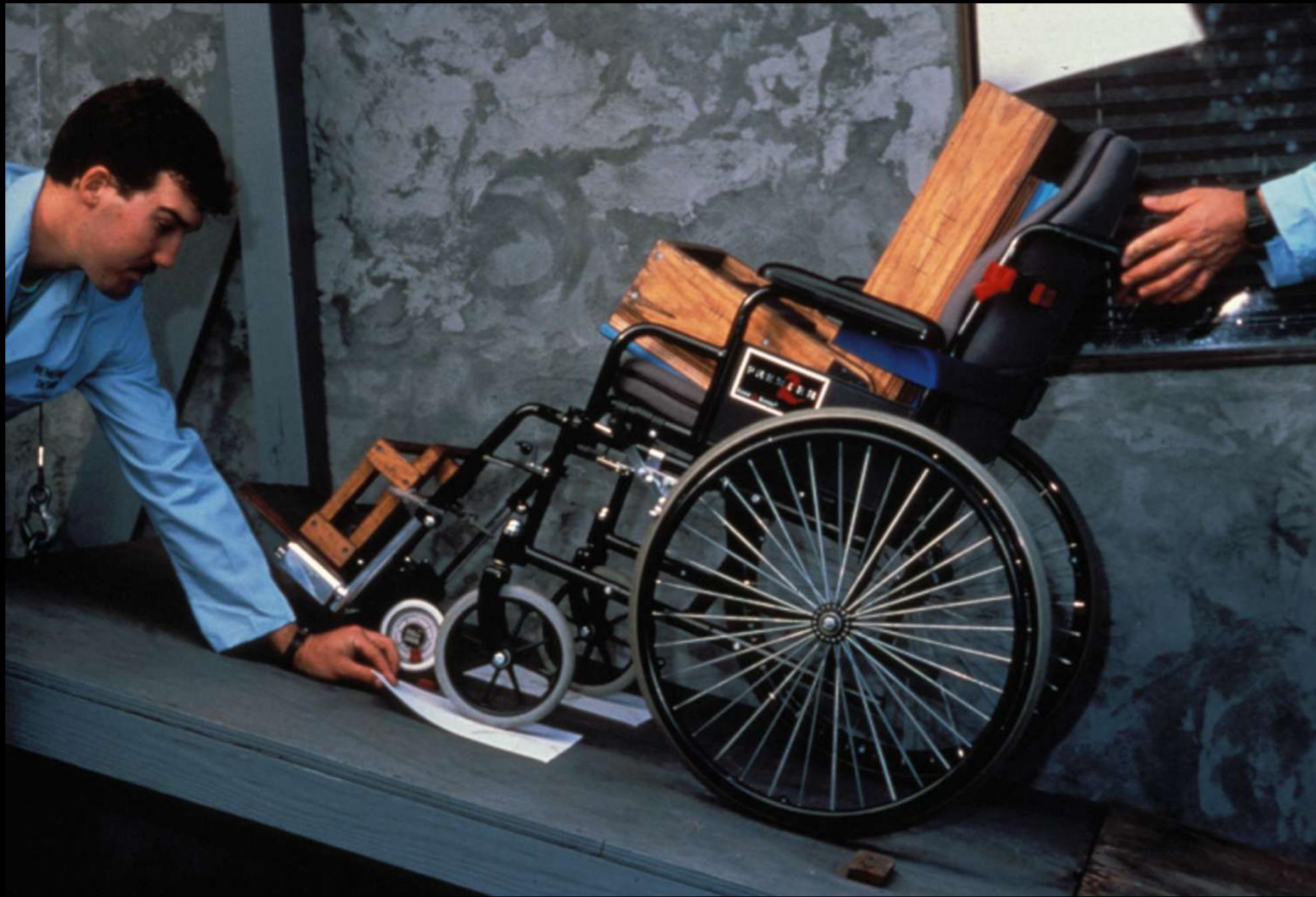
Speed, acceleration,  
retardation

Climatic tests

Obstacle-climbing  
ability

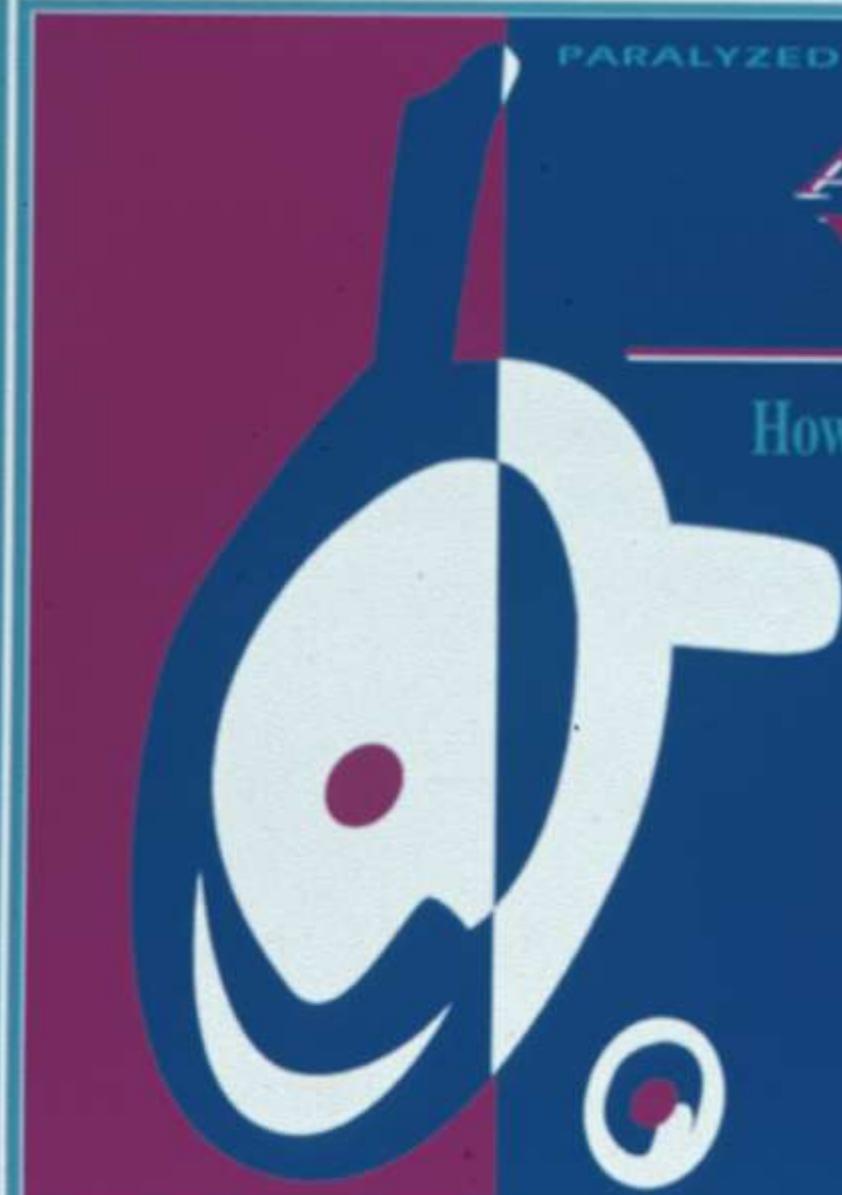
Power & controls

Electromagnetic  
compatibility



# Drum Tester



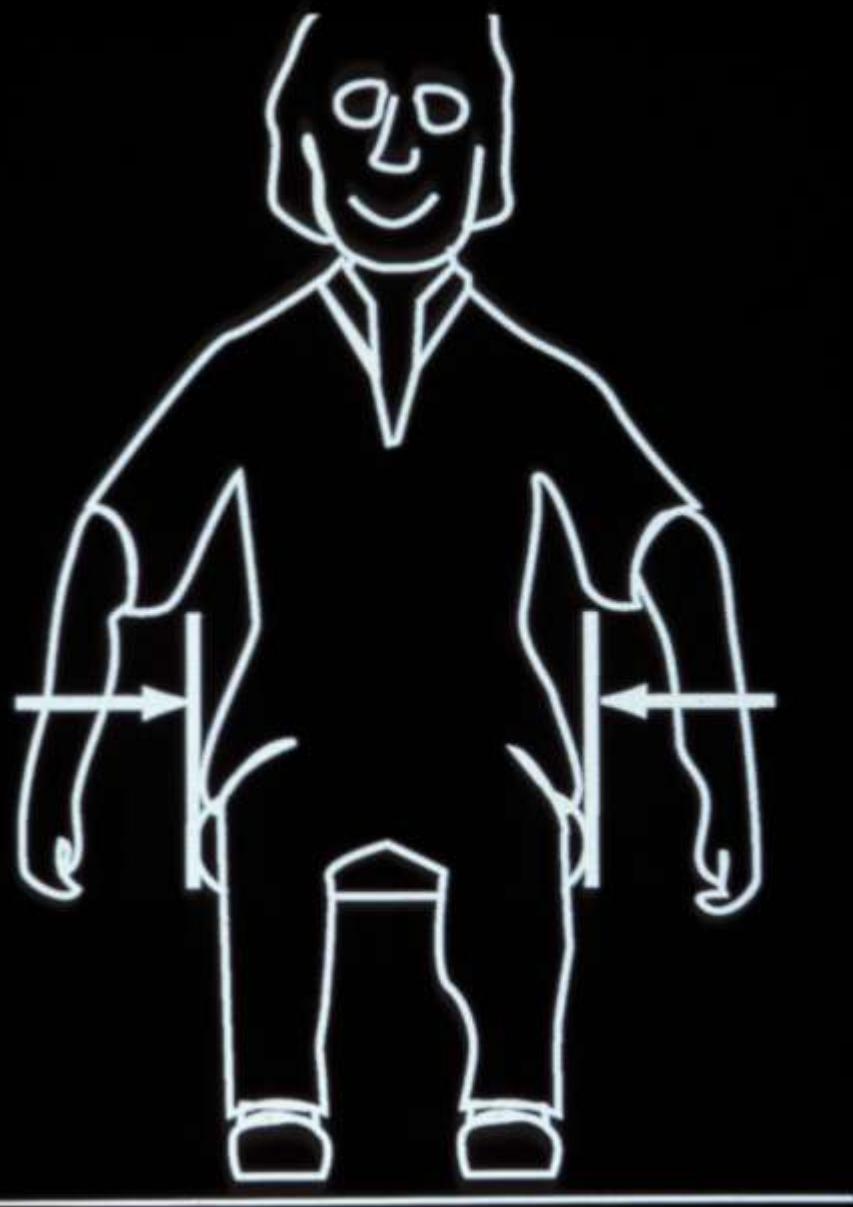
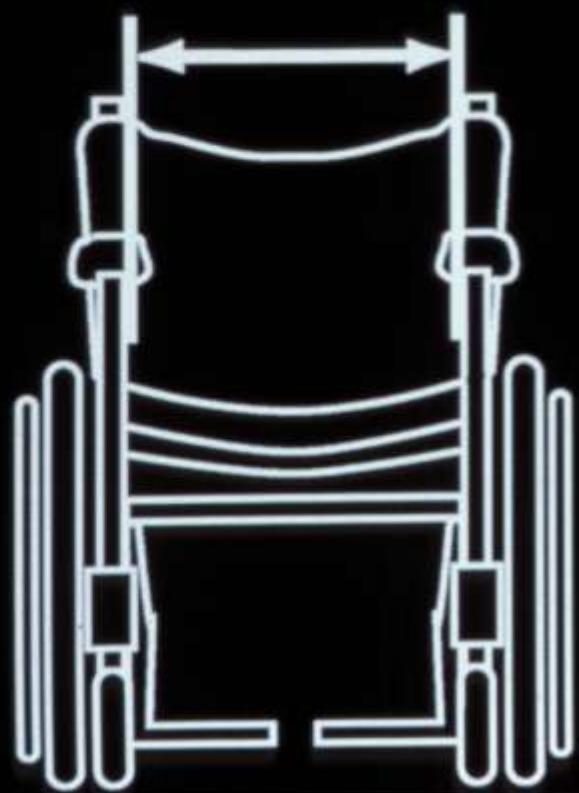


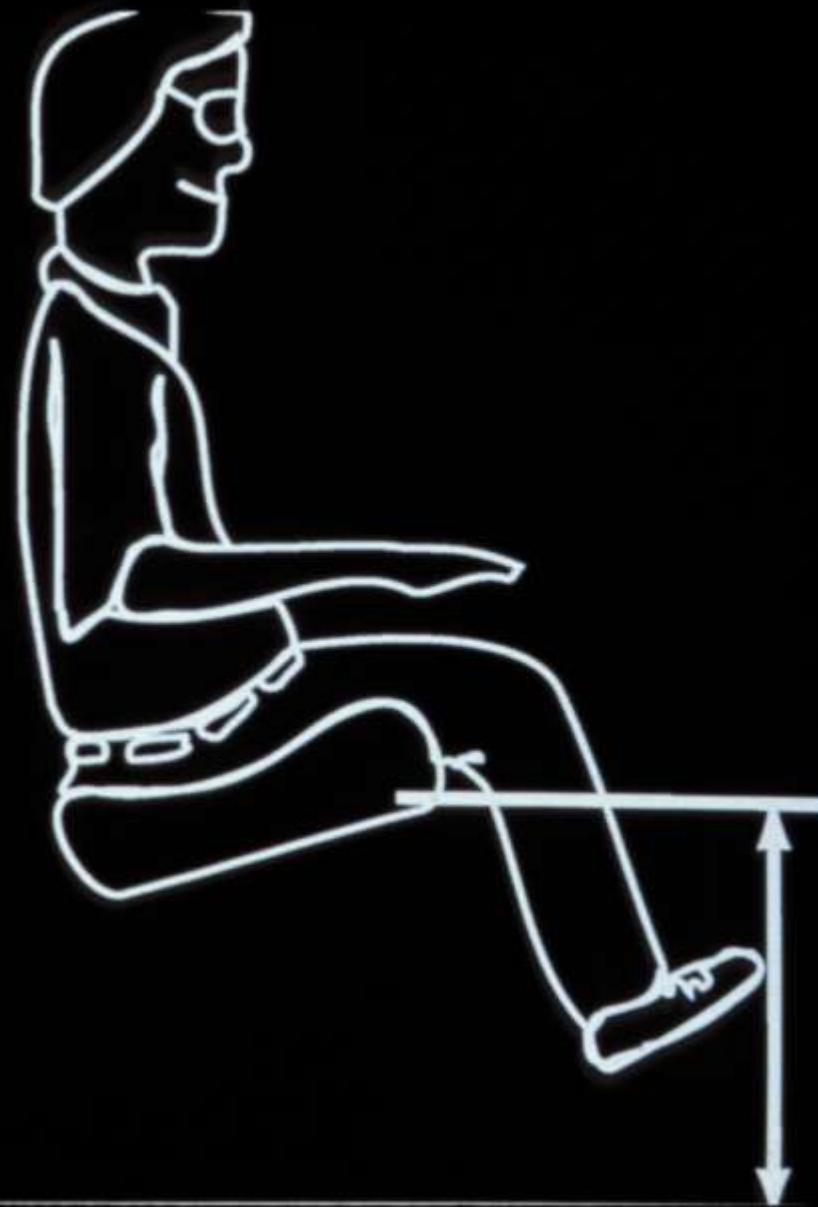
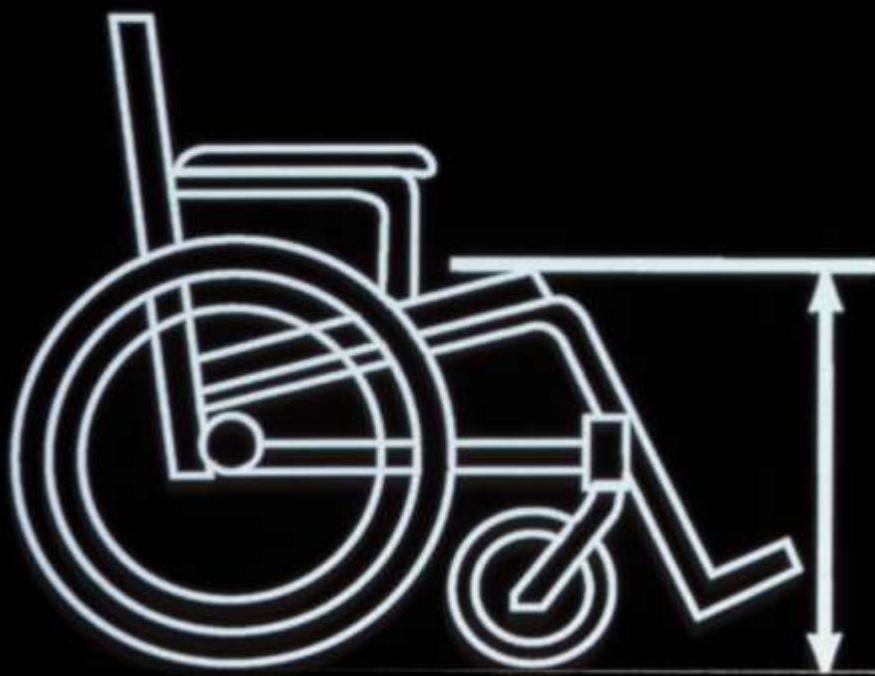
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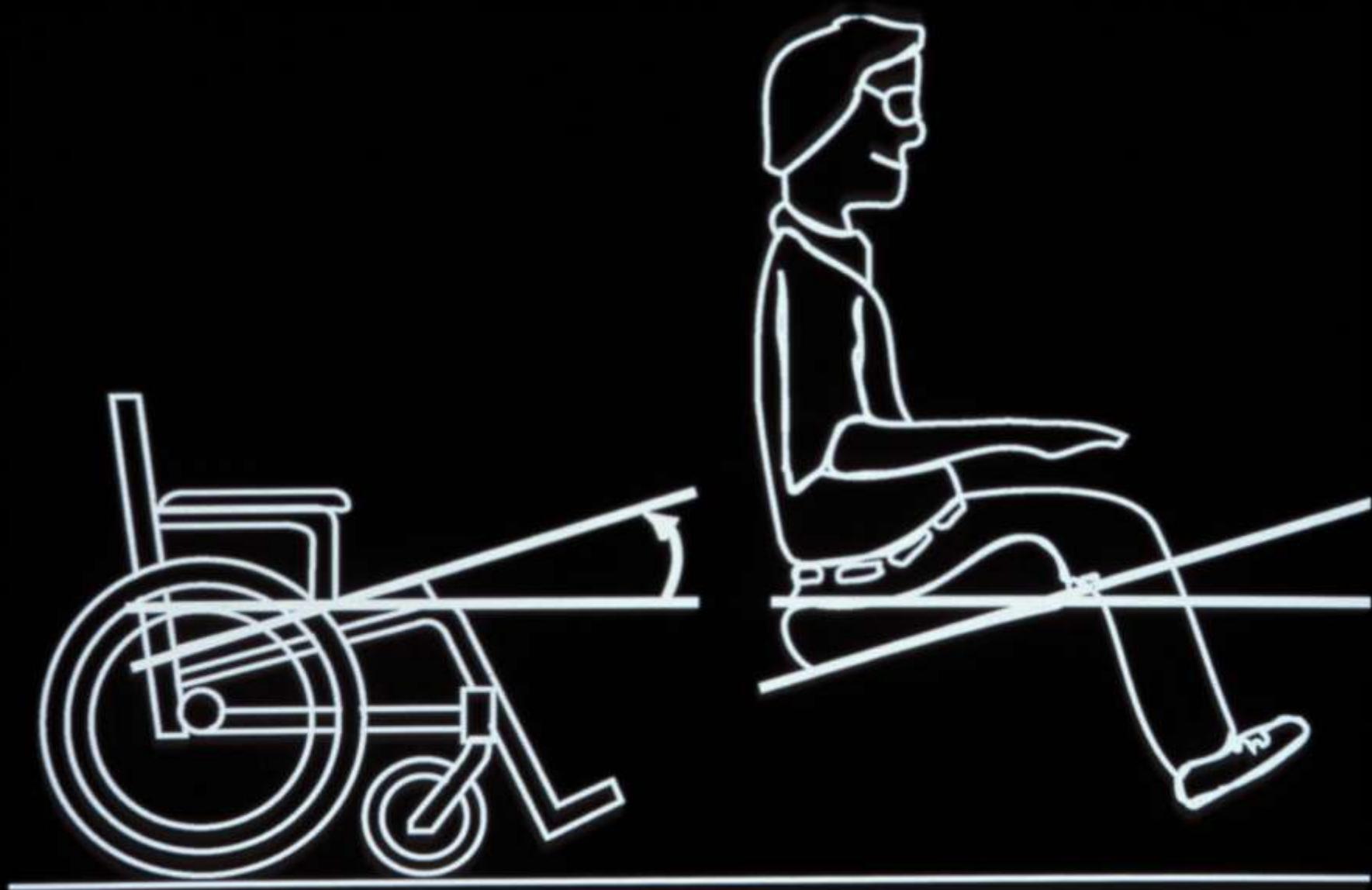
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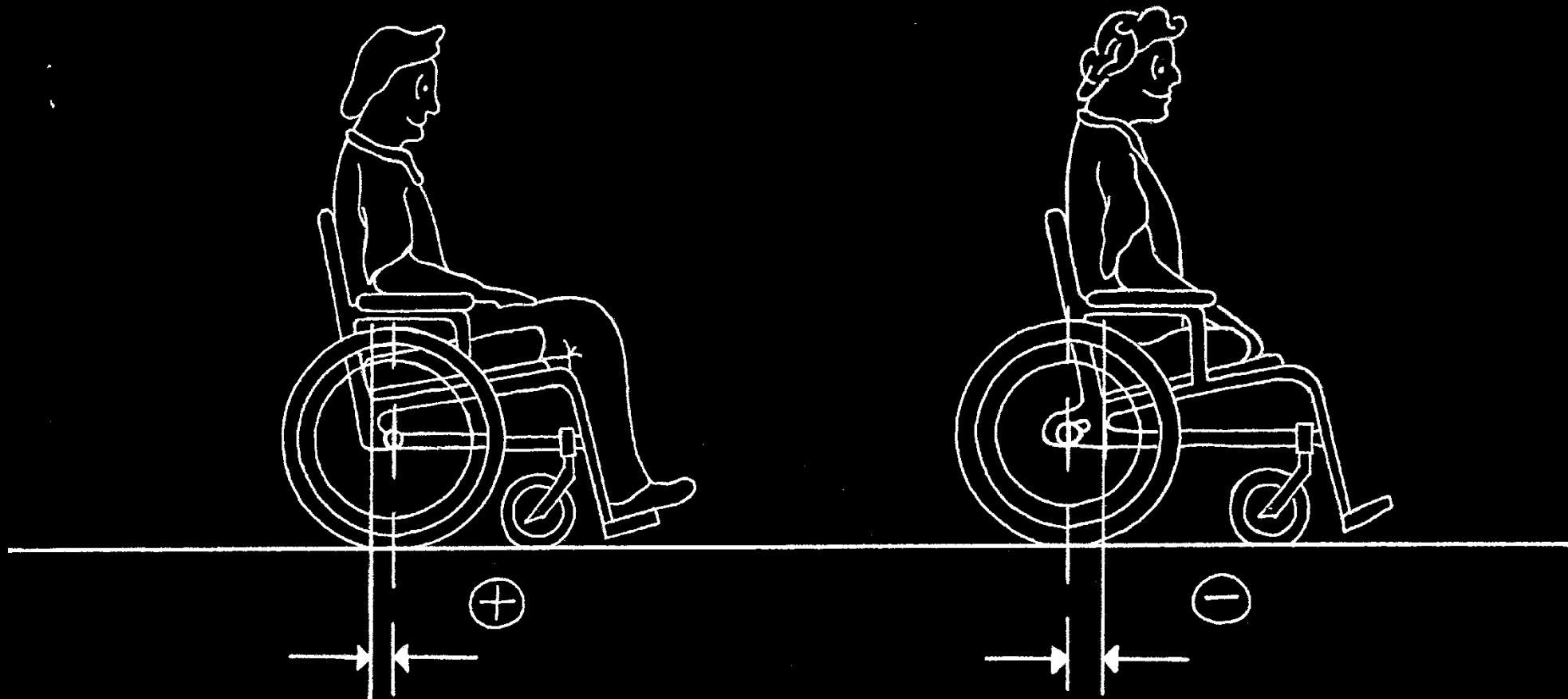
How to Use the ANSI/RESNA  
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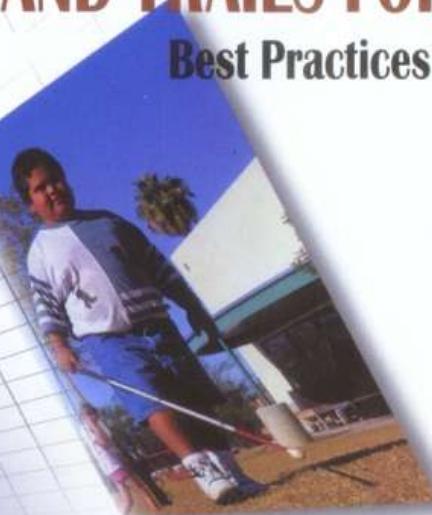
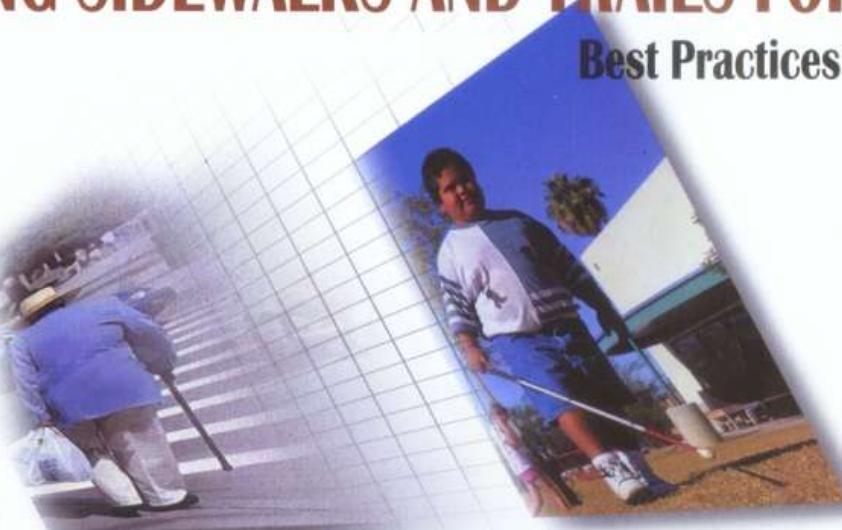




# Part **2**

## DESIGNING SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS FOR ACCESS

Best Practices Design Guide



# The Population is Aging



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# Characteristics of Pedestrians



0.9 m (36 in) min

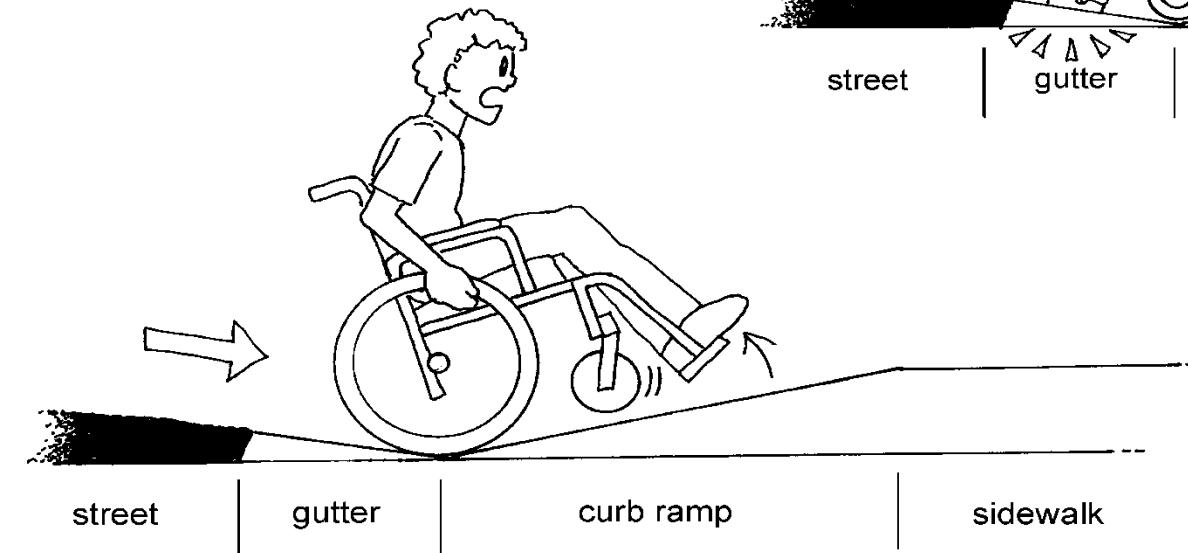
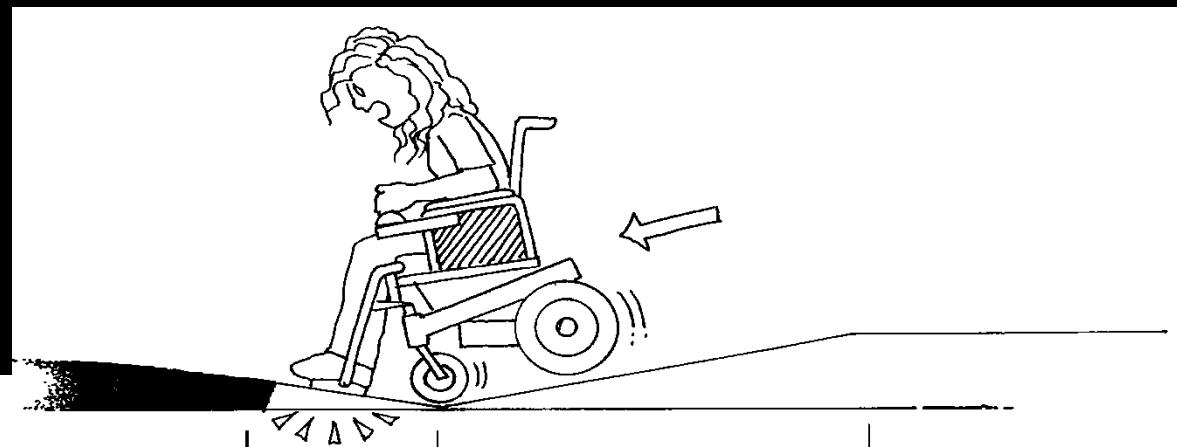
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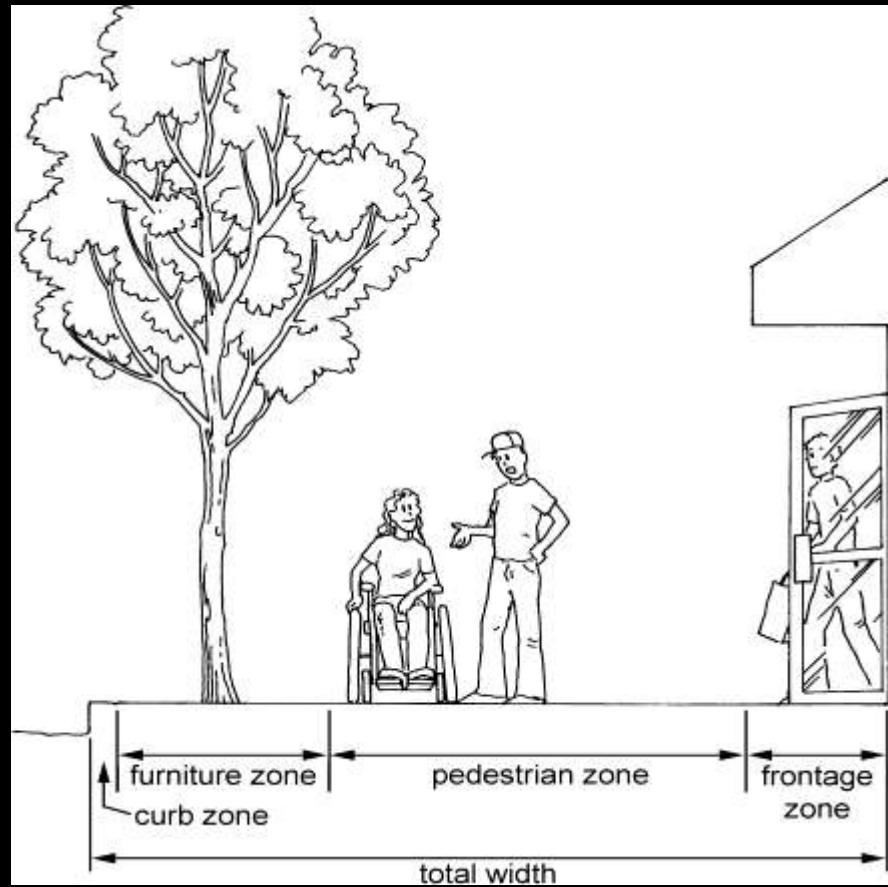
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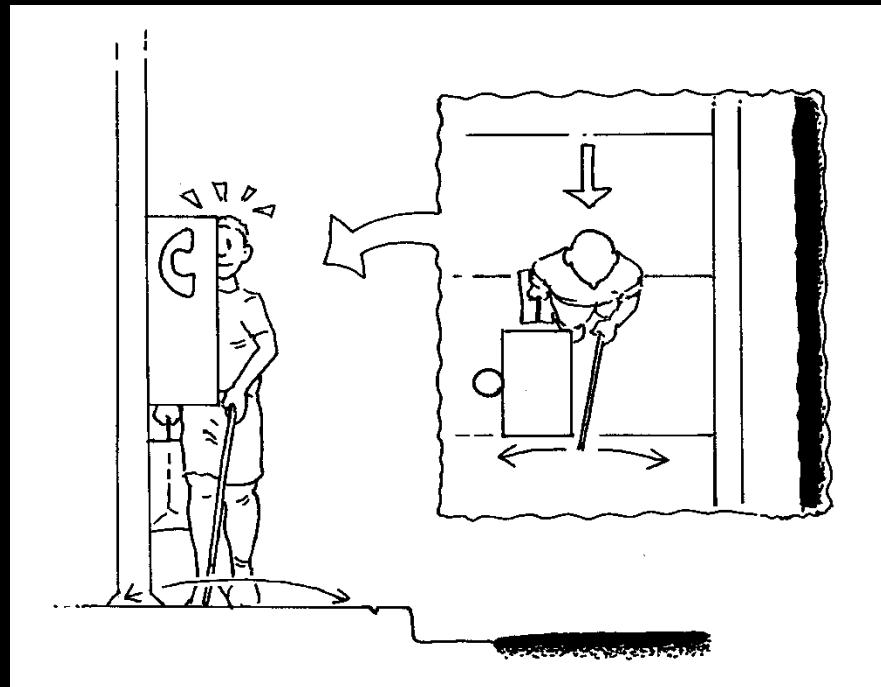
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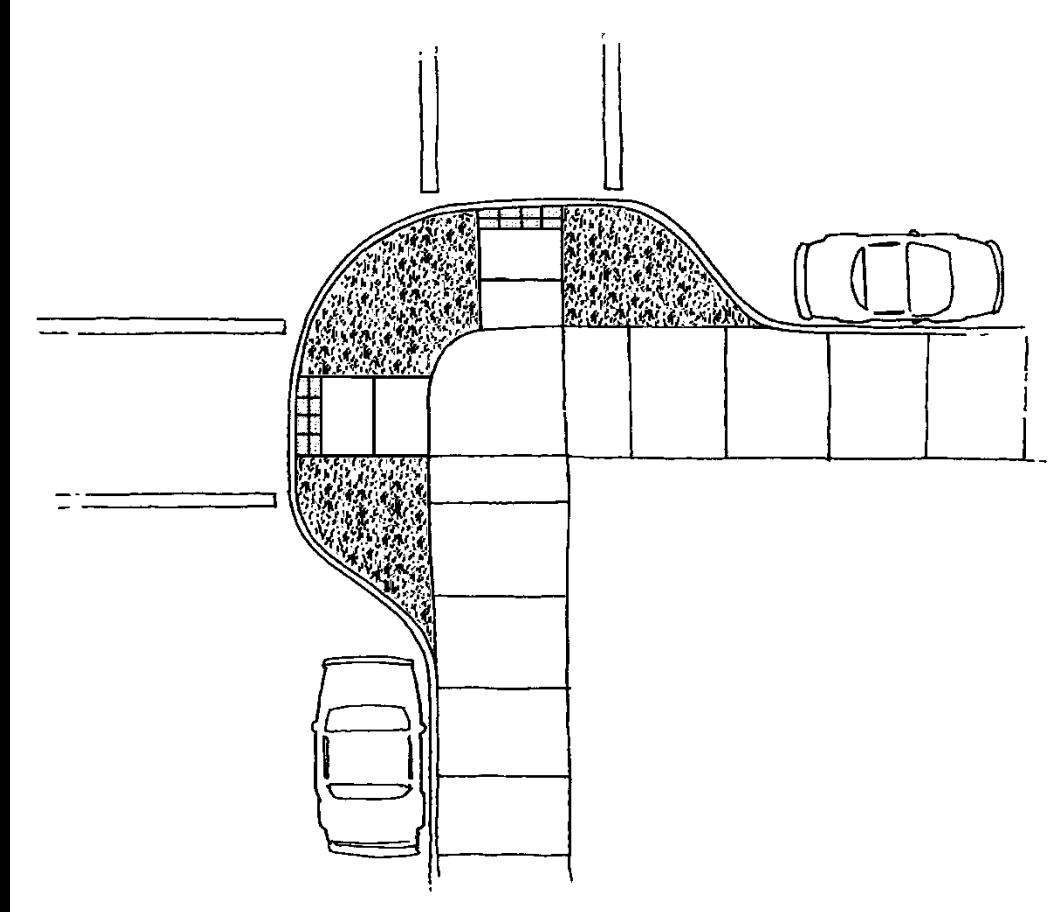
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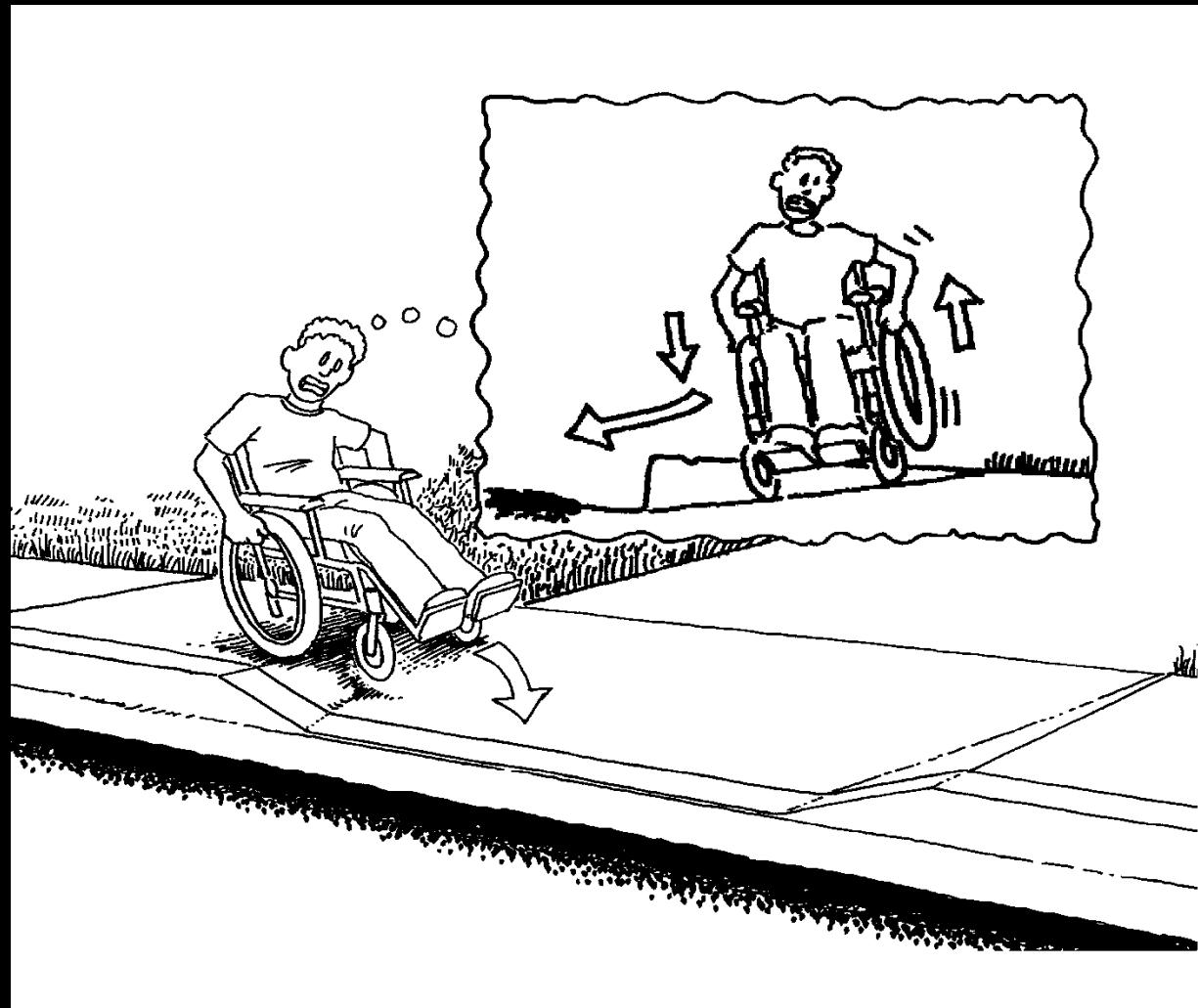
# Protruding Objects and Vertical Clearance



# Solutions for Narrow Sidewalks



# Change in Cross Slope



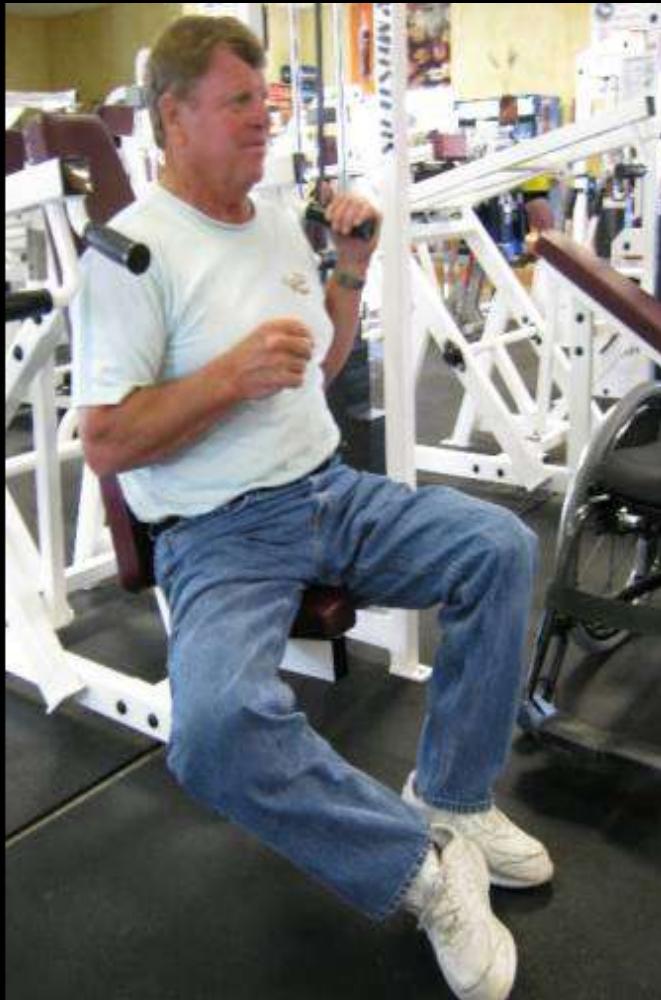
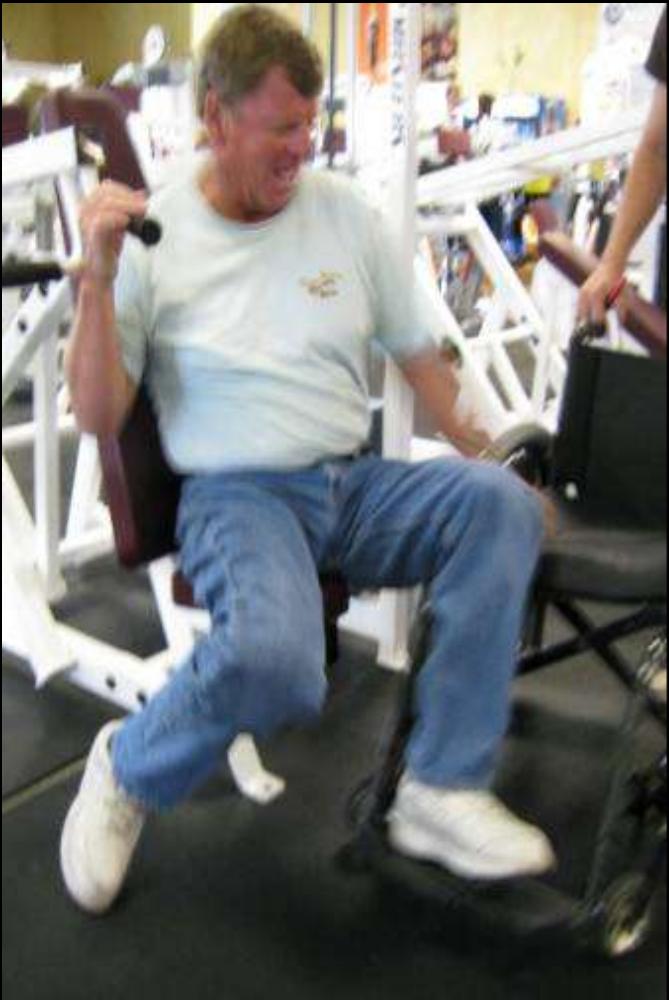
# Gaps, Grates and Openings



# Universal Design of Fitness Equipment (UDFE) Standards

Accessible “mainstream” fitness equipment  
– user friendly

- Health benefits for everyone
- Social benefits for everyone
- Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



# Low Step-up Height Design







20	9
35	16
50	30
65	36
80	43
95	50
110	57
125	64
140	71
155	77
170	84
185	91
200	98
215	105
230	



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ENTER OR PRESS QUICK START

Calories

Distance

Time

Incline

Speed

Heart Rate

PROFILES

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 9  
Clear 0 Enter



Manual  
Random  
Fat Burn  
Hill  
Cardio  
Personal Trainer  
Zone Training  
Fit Test  
Enter Weight  
Speed Interval

Quick Start

Pause

Cool Down

**POLAR**  
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Read and follow all instructions and warnings. Please clean and disinfect equipment prior to using this equipment. Failure to use equipment correctly could result in serious injury. Keep children away from this equipment.

**WARNING**

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

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

ATTENTION: Consult an attorney about liability and personal injuries caused by your use of this equipment. All use of this equipment is at your own risk.

Maximum weight: 300 kg. Maximum total weight: 300 kg. Maximum user weight: 150 kg. Maximum user height: 6'6". Maximum user weight: 150 kg. Maximum user height: 6'6".

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ENTER OR PRESS QUICK START

Calories

Distance

Time

Incline

Speed

Heart Rate



Manual • Far Ezm • Cardio • Zone Training + • Enter weight  
Random • FMS • Personal Trainer • FST Test • Speed Interval

Quick Start

Pause

Cool Down

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 9  
Clear 0 Enter

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

## **Goal**

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

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