



# beneficial designs

designing beyond the norm to meet the needs of all people

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# The need:

To get back out on the snow





















# The Mono Ski

Now a Paralympic sport









# How I got to where I am...

Initial intentions and objectives

Redirected with a new purpose

Found another great place to grow

Personal needs directed my designs

Focused on AT and access for life



# beneficial designs

designing beyond the norm to meet the needs of all people

research

design

education



## 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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# It takes a team of people...

to design, test and assess

to write, map and build

to plan, support and present



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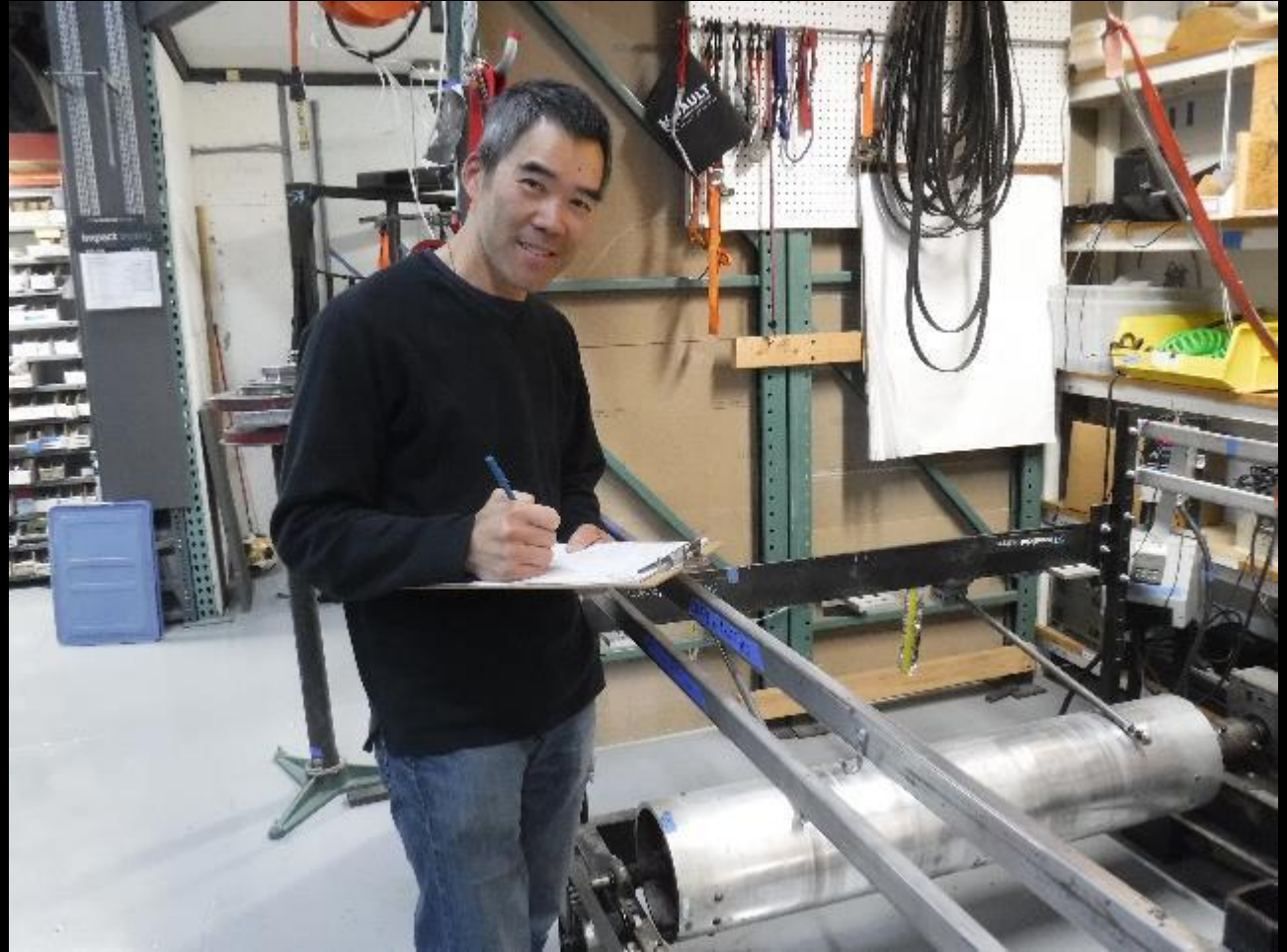
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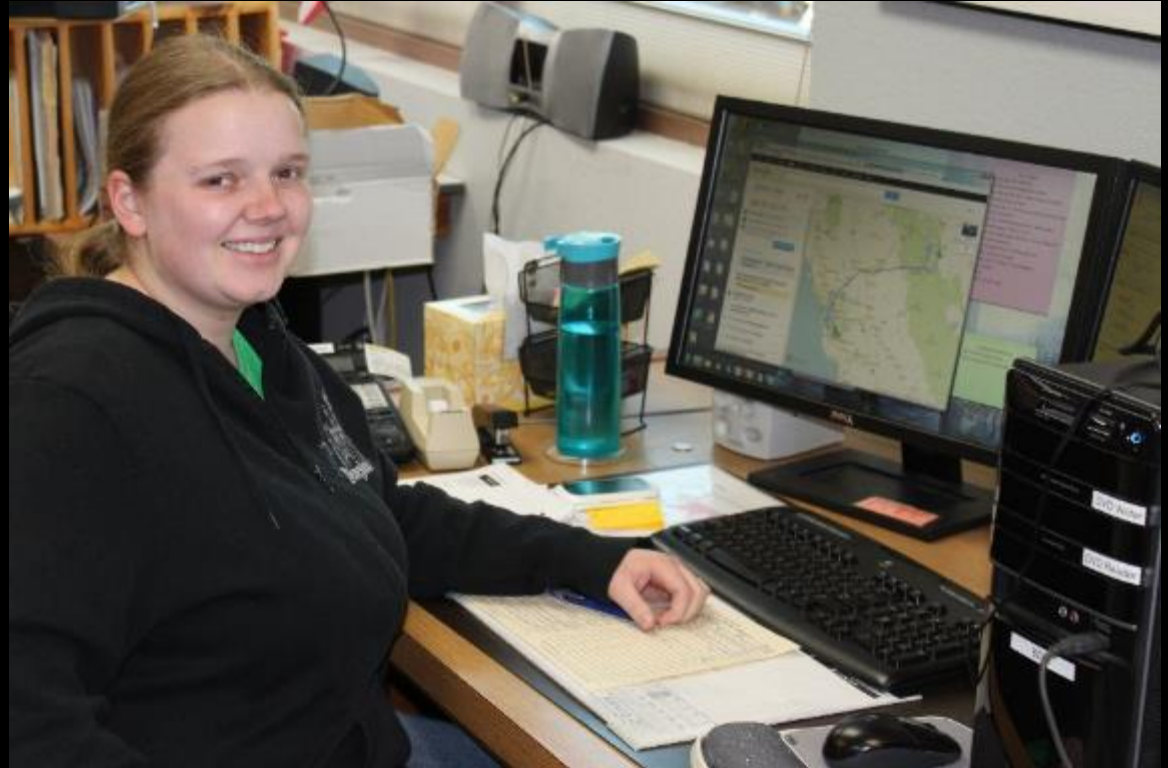


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# A working space with tools...

to design and create

to build, test and break

with material and stuff to assemble















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# Testing

Wheelchairs

Surfacing

Adaptive sports equipment

Forensics

# Wheelchair testing

People get hurt using them

Design and manufacturing defects

Making sure the product is safe

Determine the performance of the product

How fast will it go?

How far it will go?

How high it can climb?



# Accredited wheelchair testing

American RESNA Vol. 1 & 2 test procedures

International Standards Organization ISO  
testing procedures Sections 1 through 30

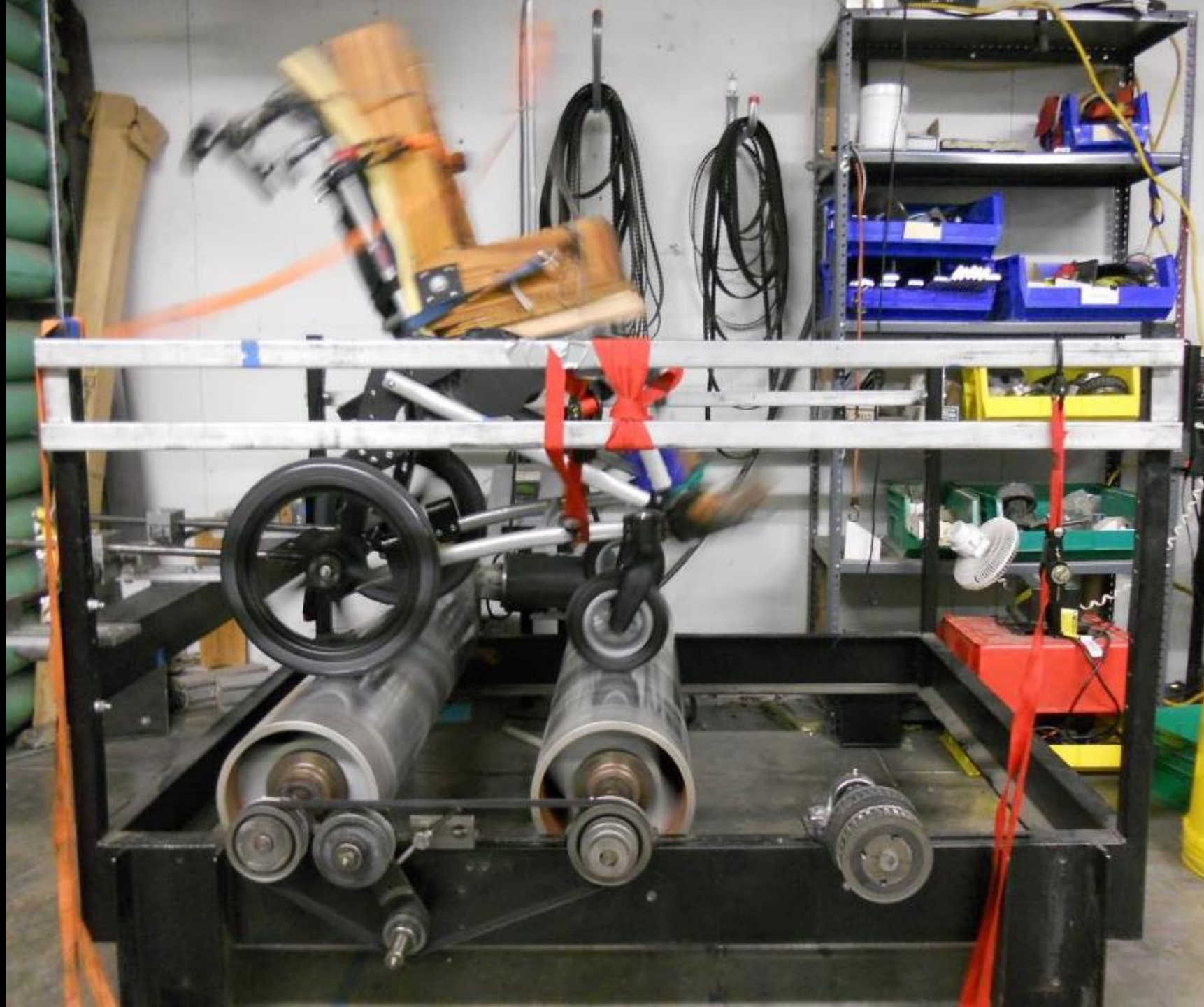
European National EN12183 and 12184  
testing requirements and test methods















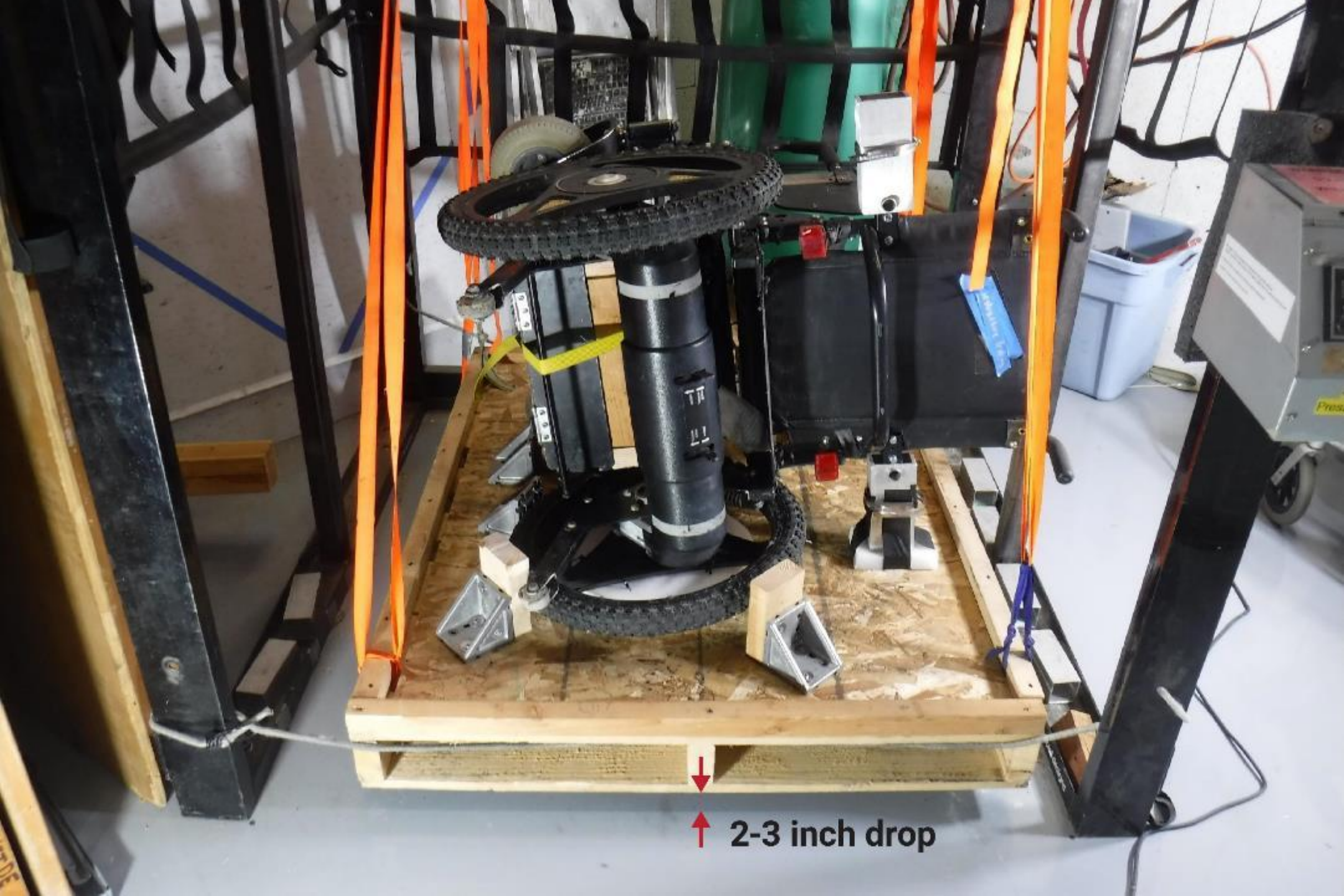




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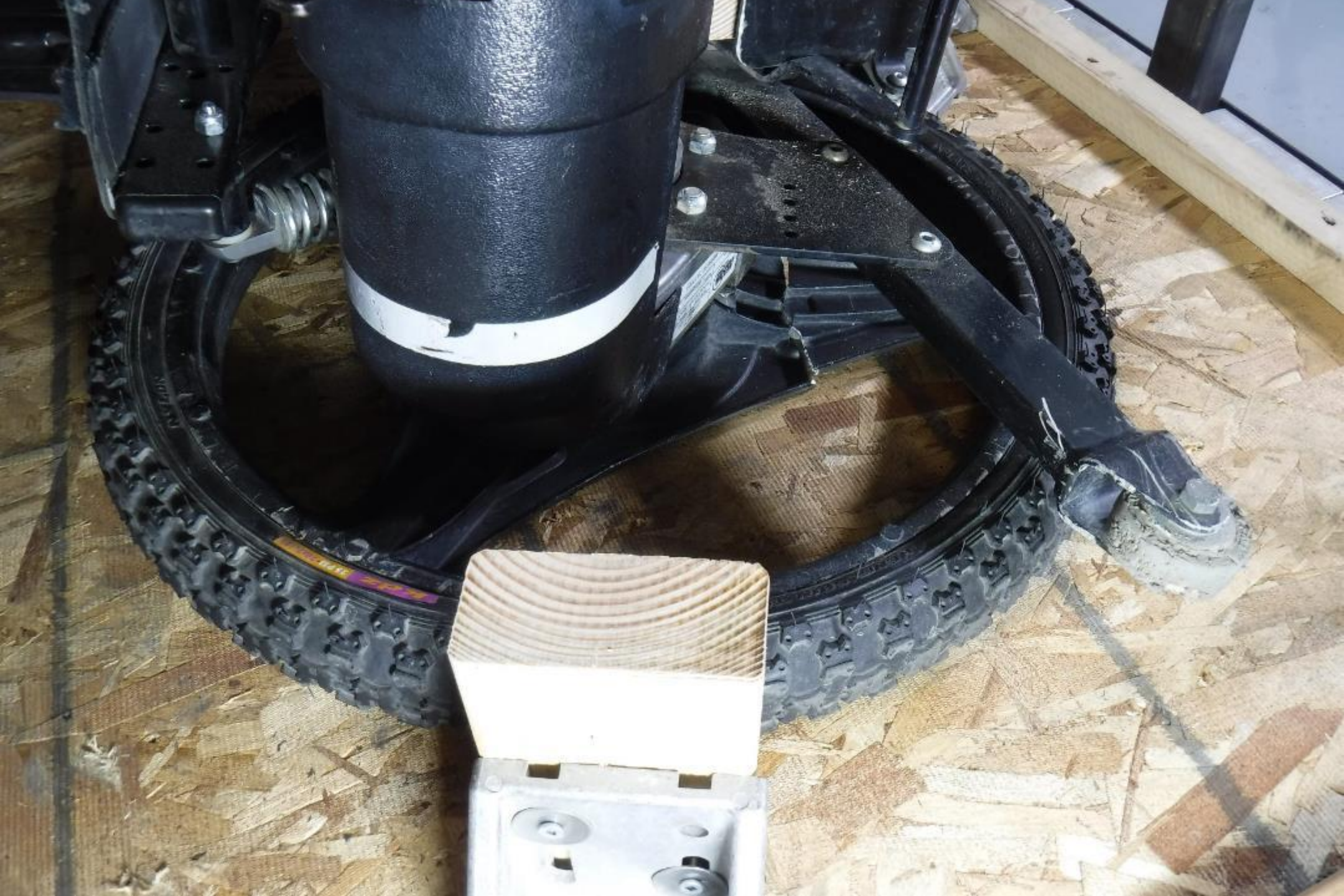






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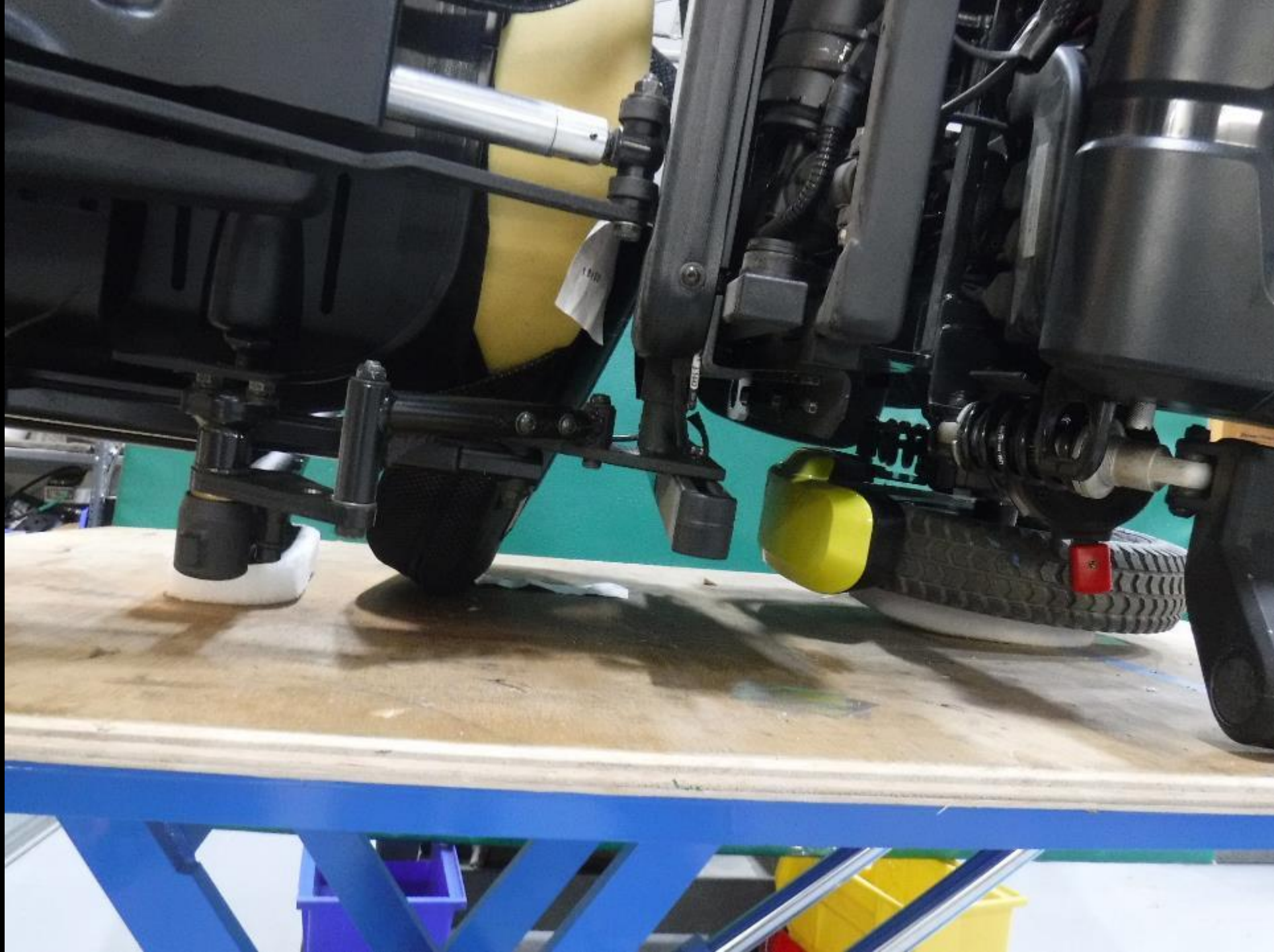


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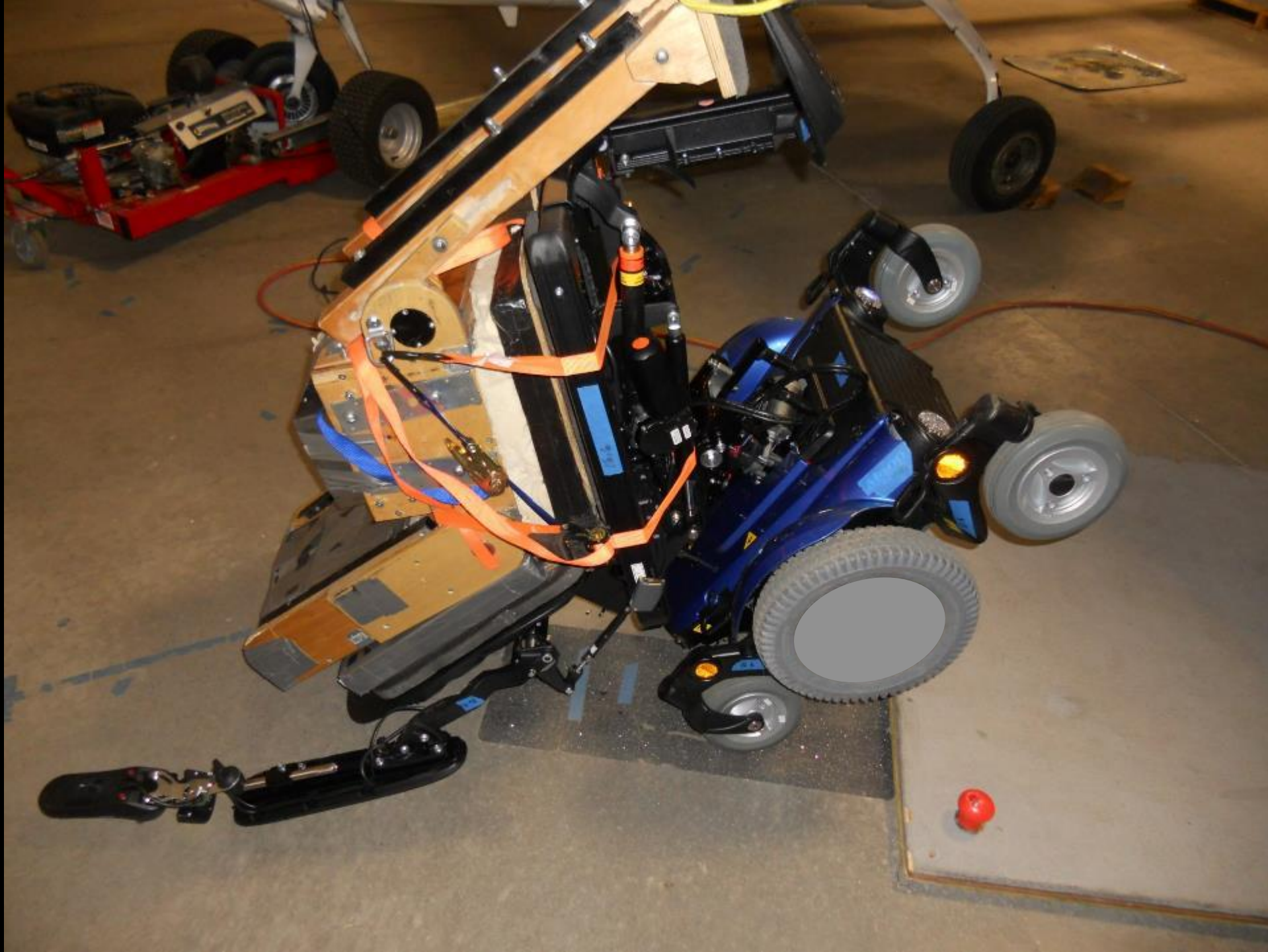




dynamic stability test ramp











# Surface testing

People get hurt using playgrounds

Soft but firm and stable

Making sure the product is safe

Making sure I don't get stuck in them

How firm is the surface?

How stable is the surface?

# Accredited firmness and stability testing

ASTM F1951 Playground testing

Instrumented Surface Indenter ISI

Calibration laboratory for ISI

























# Instrumented Surface Indenter (ISI)

objective surface measurement device













# Trail surface

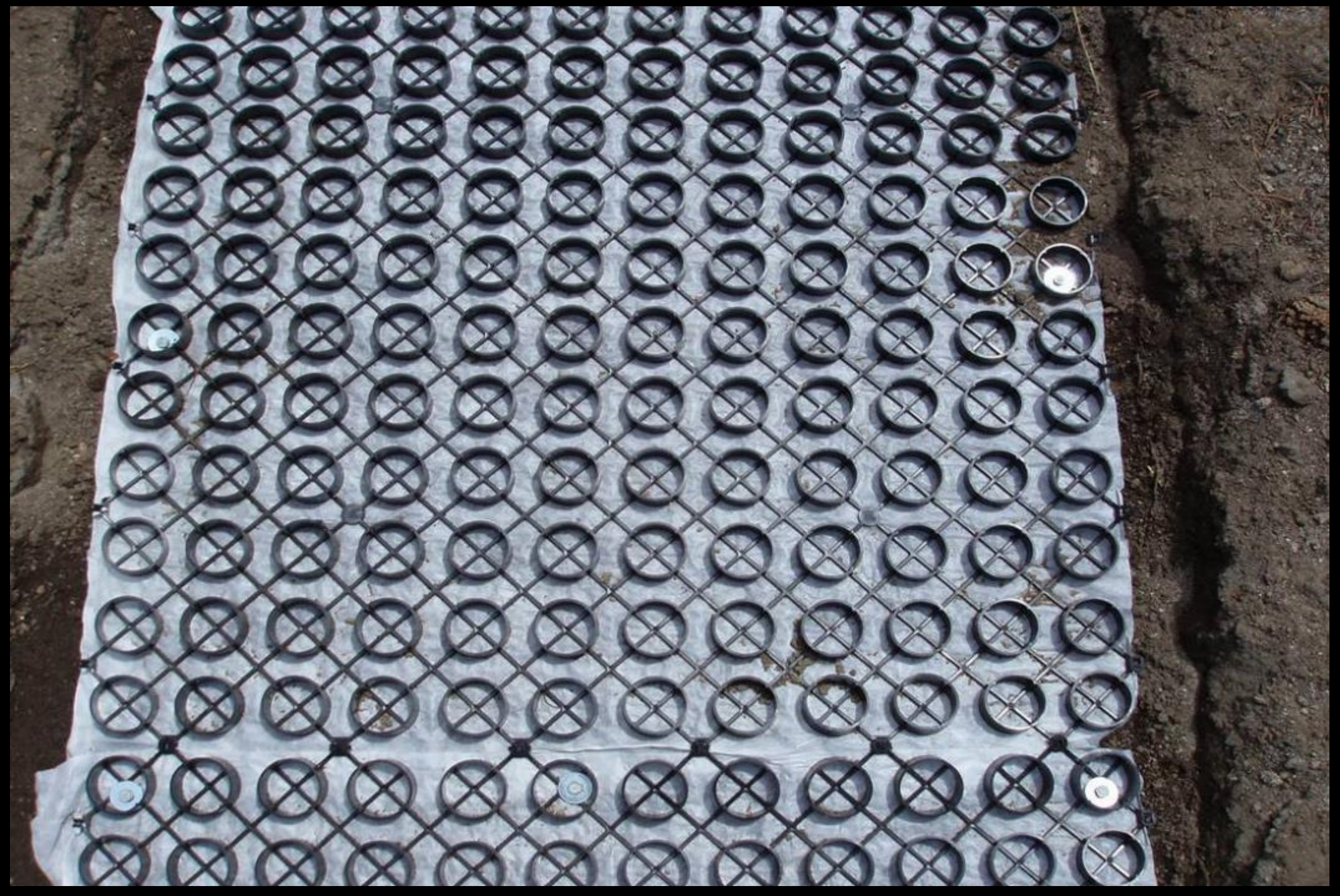
Trail with firm but  
unstable sandy  
surface







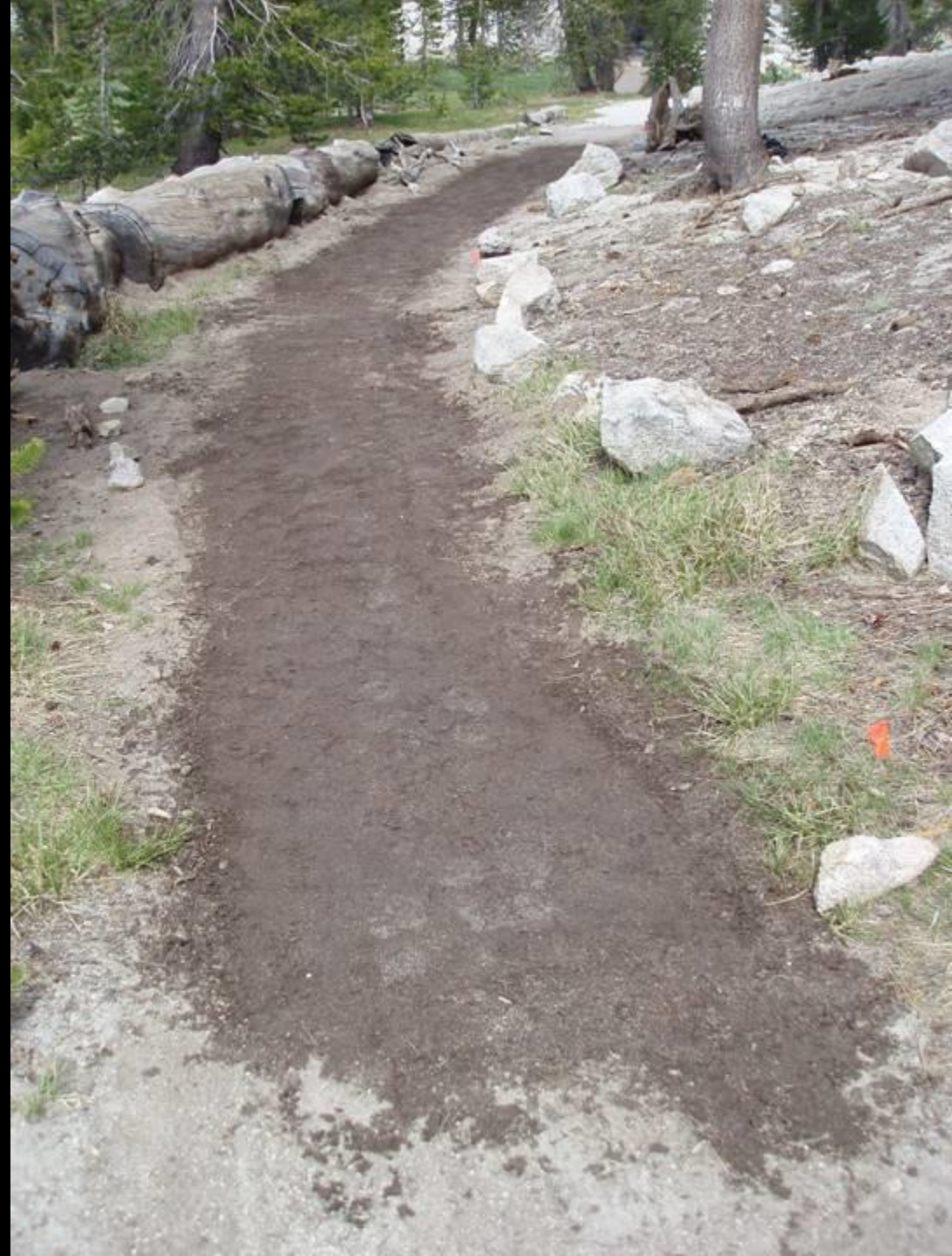






# Final surface

Trail after installation  
of surface stabilizer



# Rotational Penetrometer readings

## Gravelpave 2

### *Before* Application

Firmness	Stability
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0.18	0.77
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0.17	0.87
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0.17	0.77
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0.18	0.88
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0.18	0.79
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0.18	Avg 0.82
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### *After* Application

Firmness	Stability
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0.17	0.37
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0.17	0.38
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0.18	0.42
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0.17	0.35
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0.18	0.40
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0.17	Avg 0.38
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# Seat cushion testing

People die from pressure sores

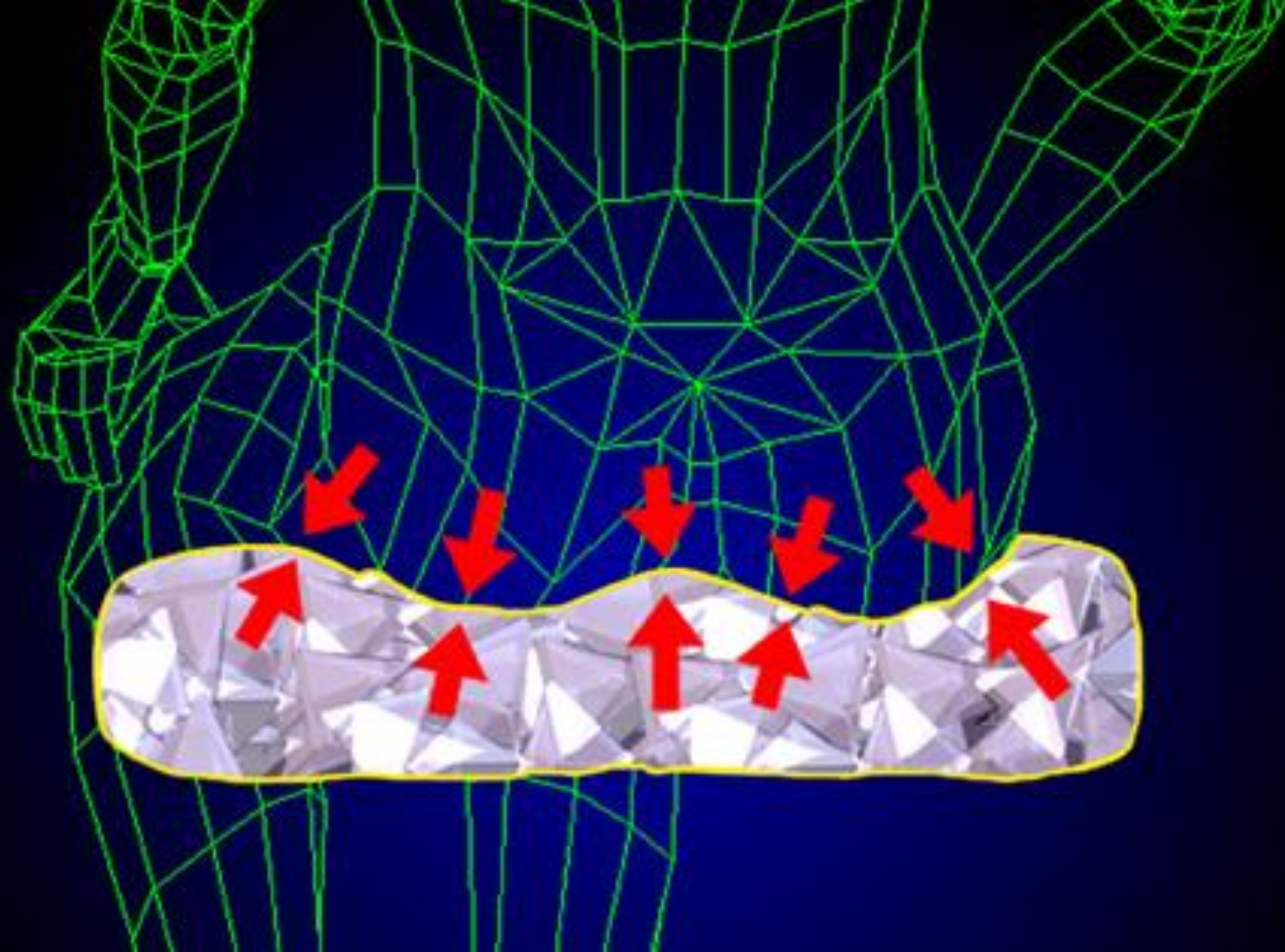
Soft but firm and stable

Making sure the product is safe

Making sure I don't get a pressure sore

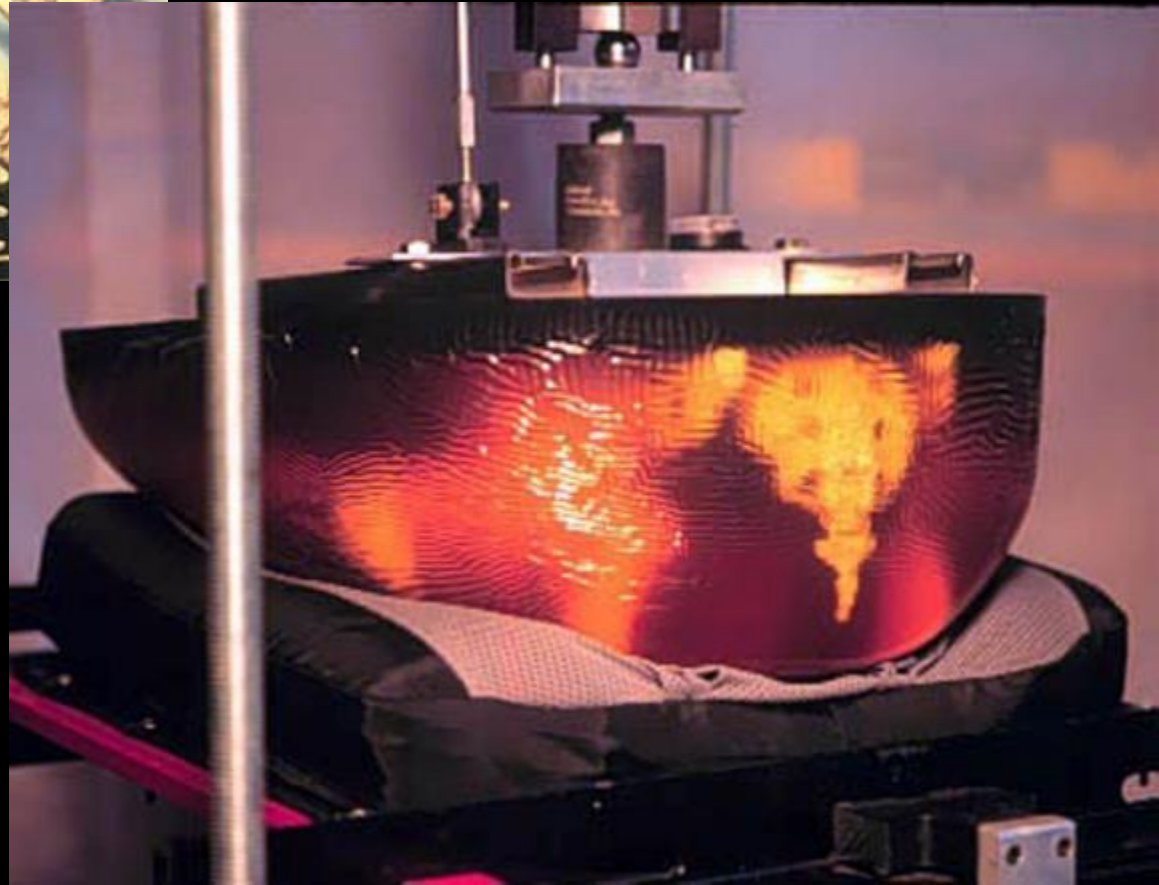
How high are the sitting pressures?

How long can I sit on it?

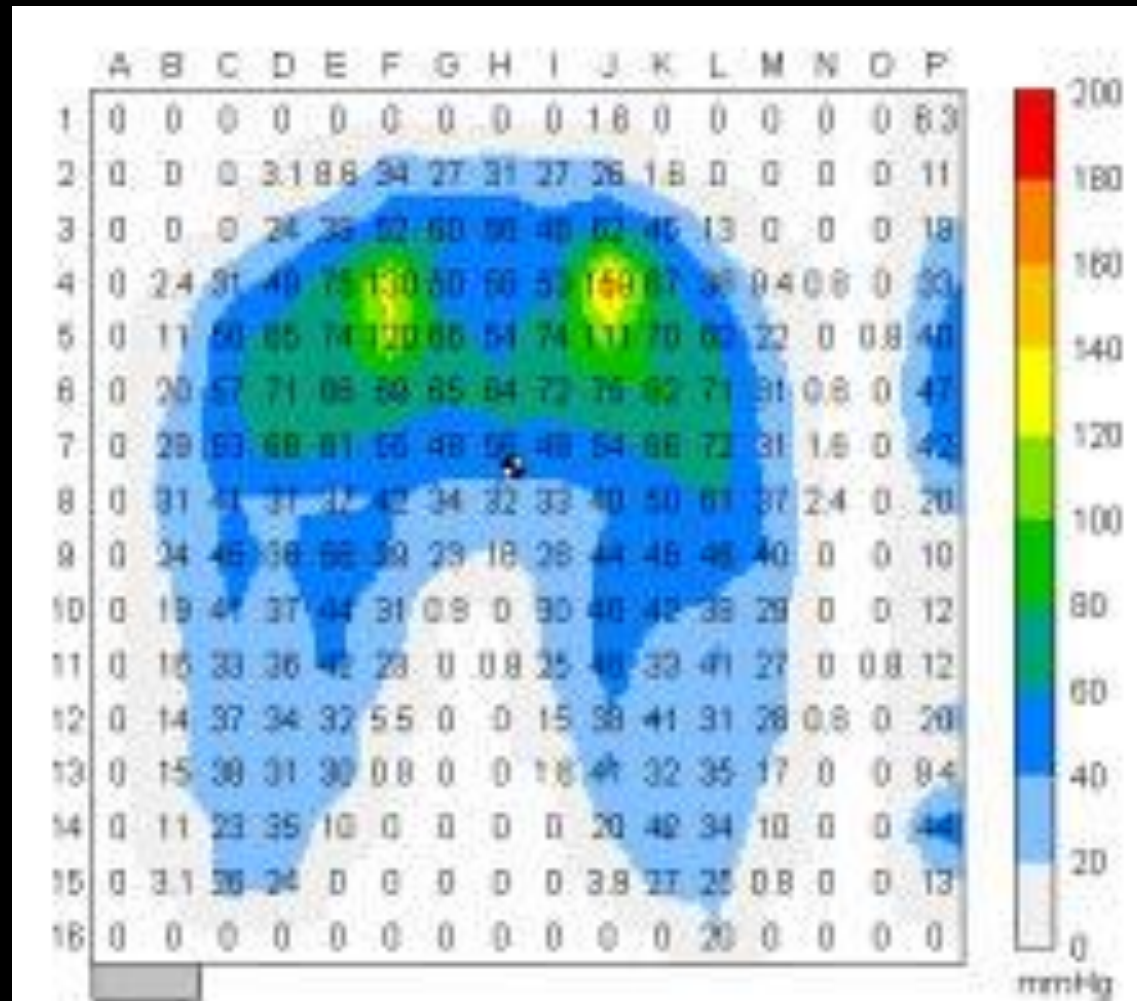




# Testing with Gel Butt

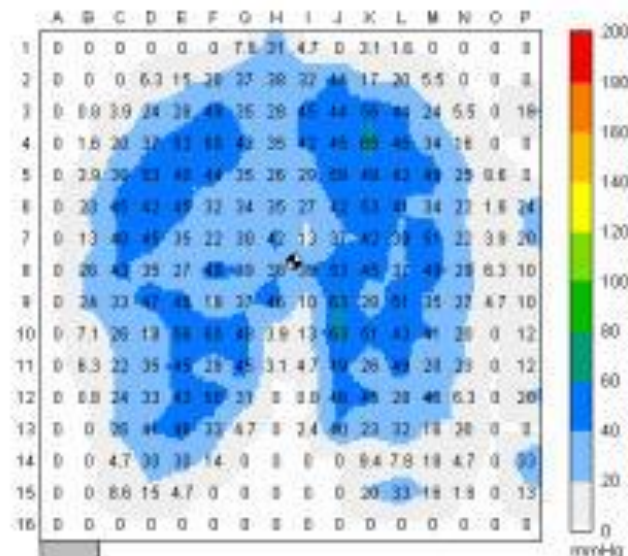
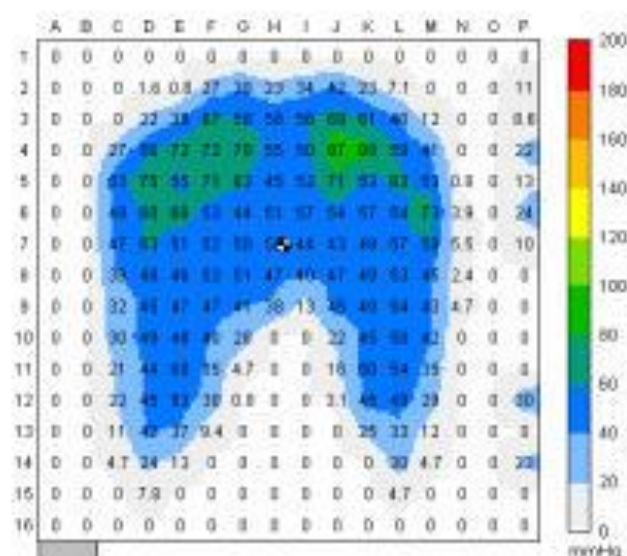
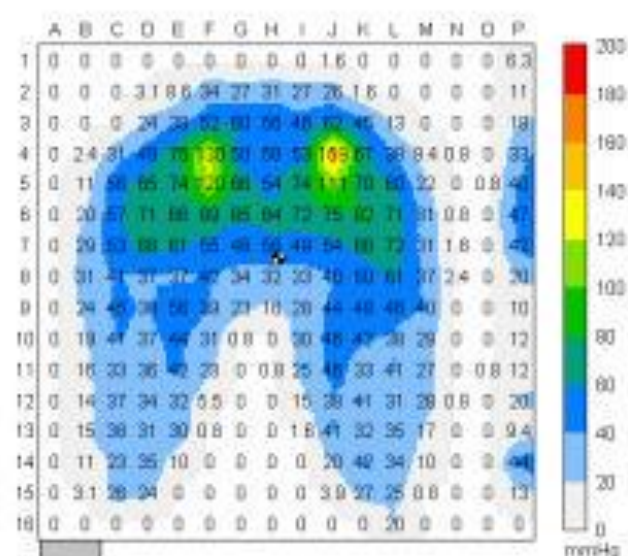


# SKELI used on foam



• 2" HR45 Foam Cushion

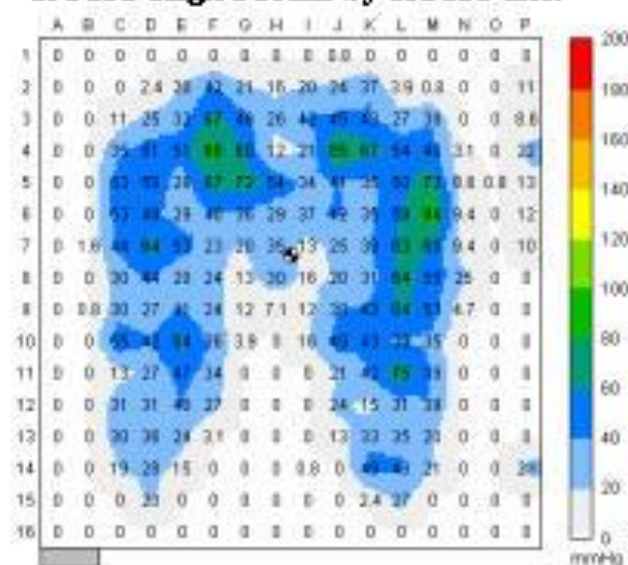
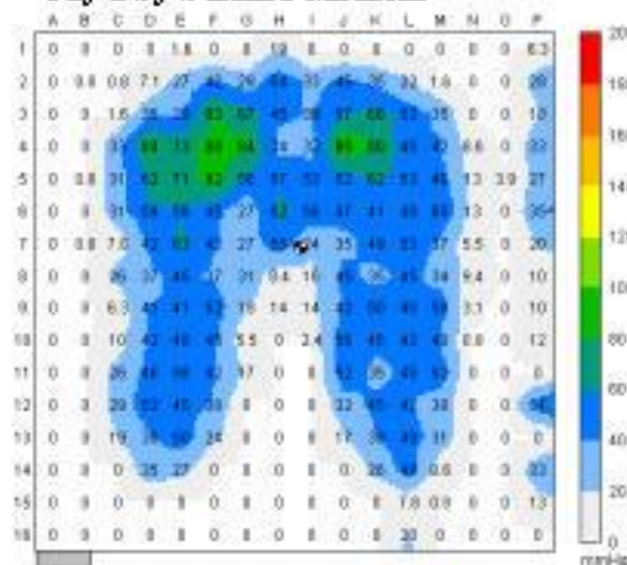
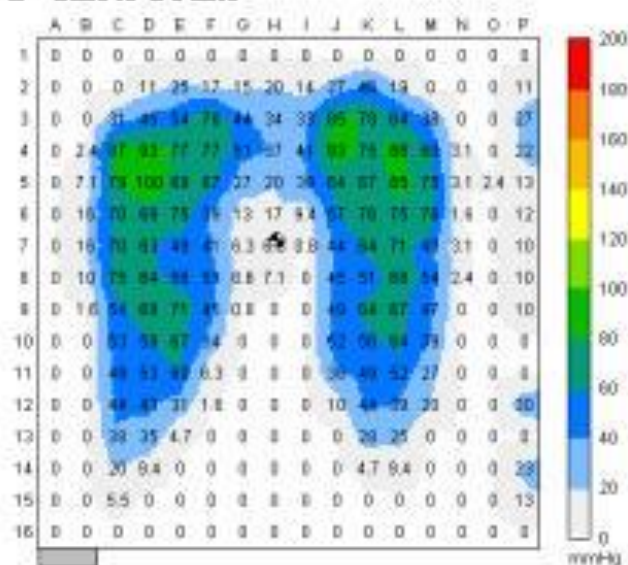




2" HR45 Foam

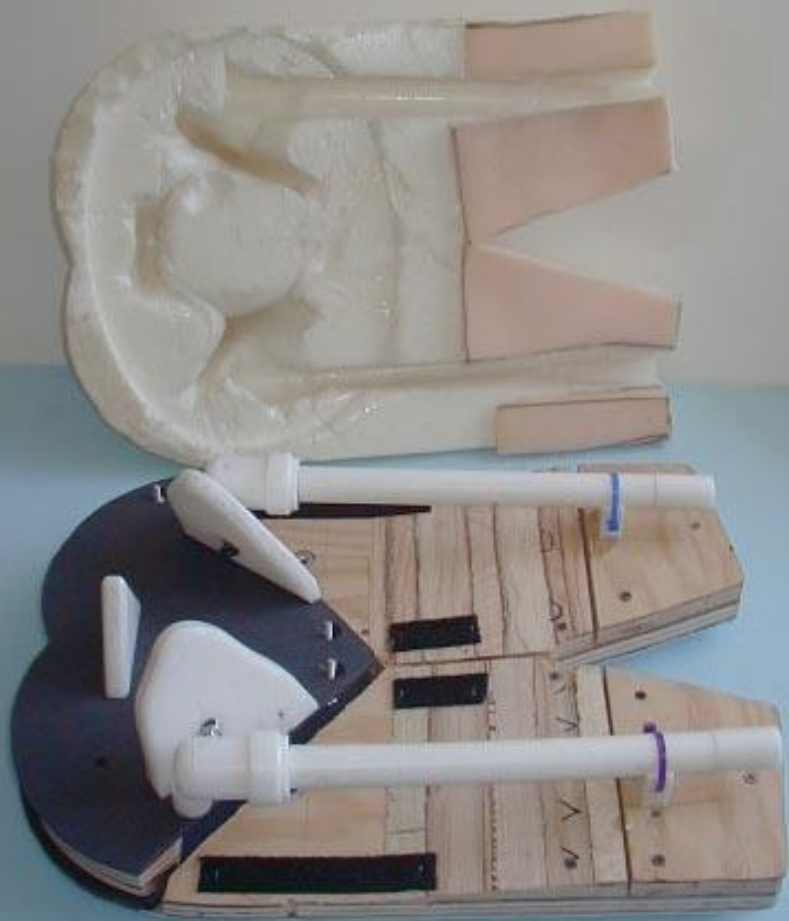
Jay 2 by Sunrise Medical

ROHO High Profile by ROHO Inc.



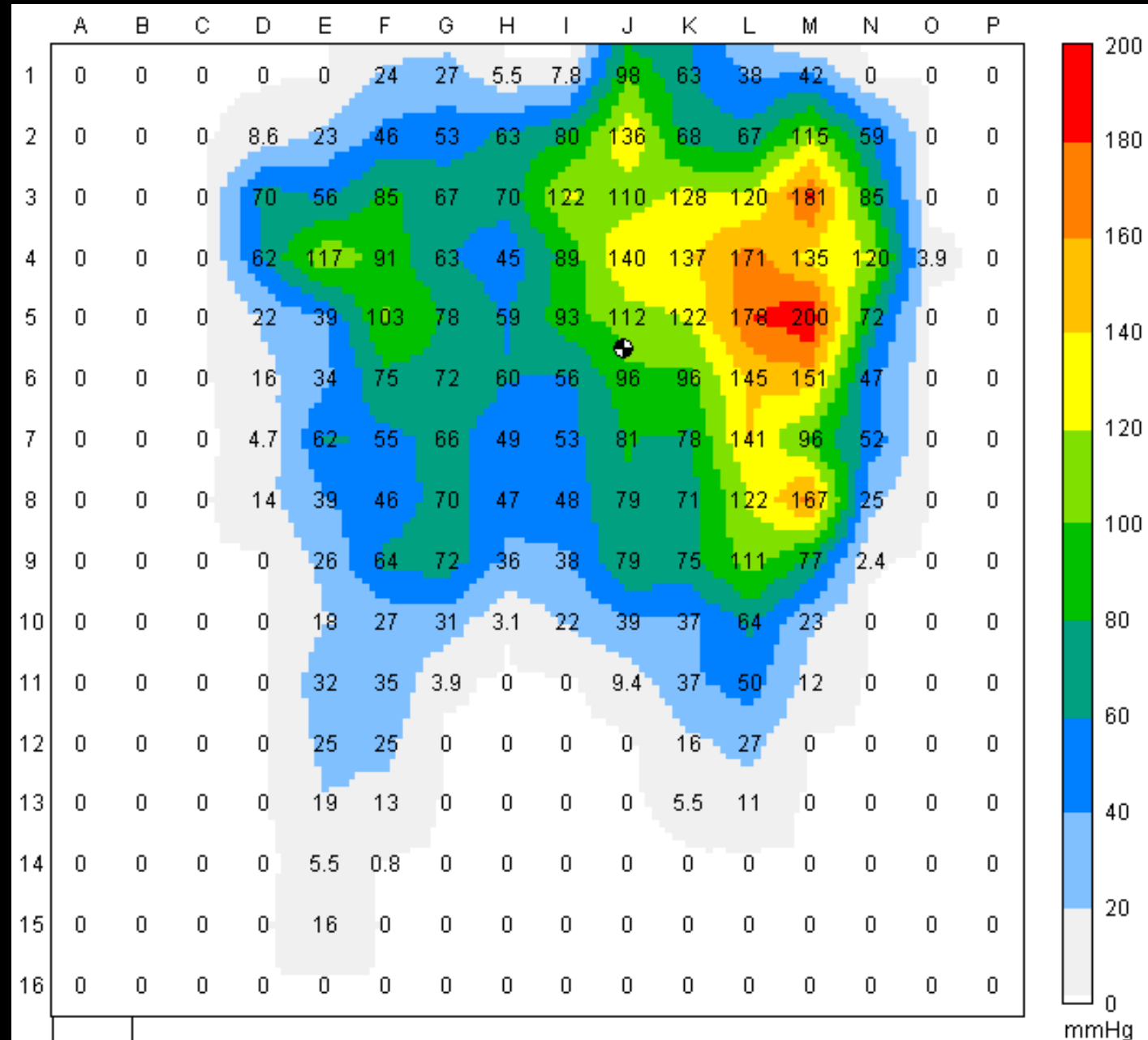
# ASLI prototype

became an ISO shape



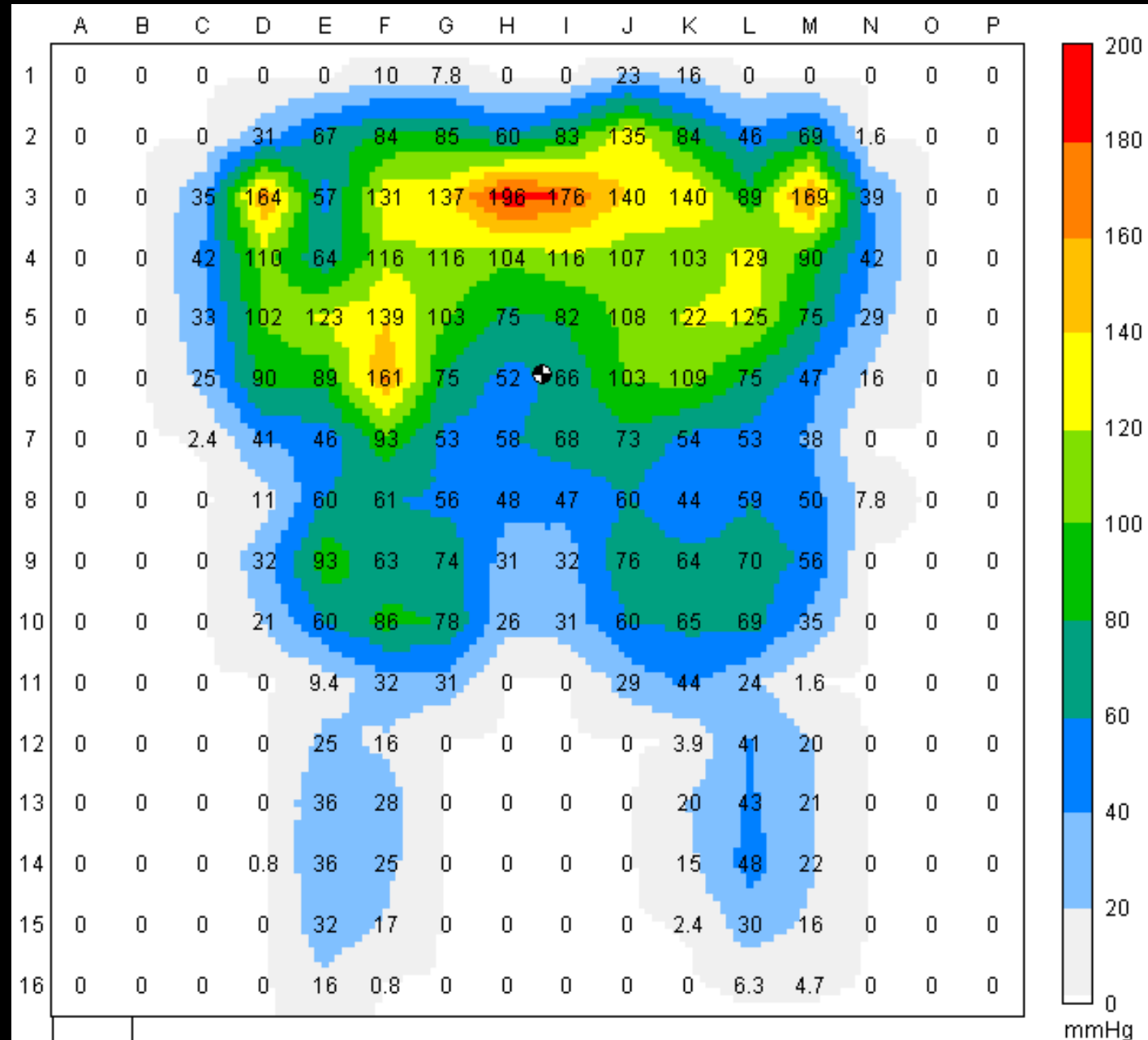


10° pelvic obliquity



# Pressure measurements

15° posterior pelvic tilt





**Personal technologies**

**Activity-specific technologies**

**Environmental technologies**

# Personal technologies

Things that you wear



# My personal wheelchair



# The need:

More comfort sitting

Improved Posture

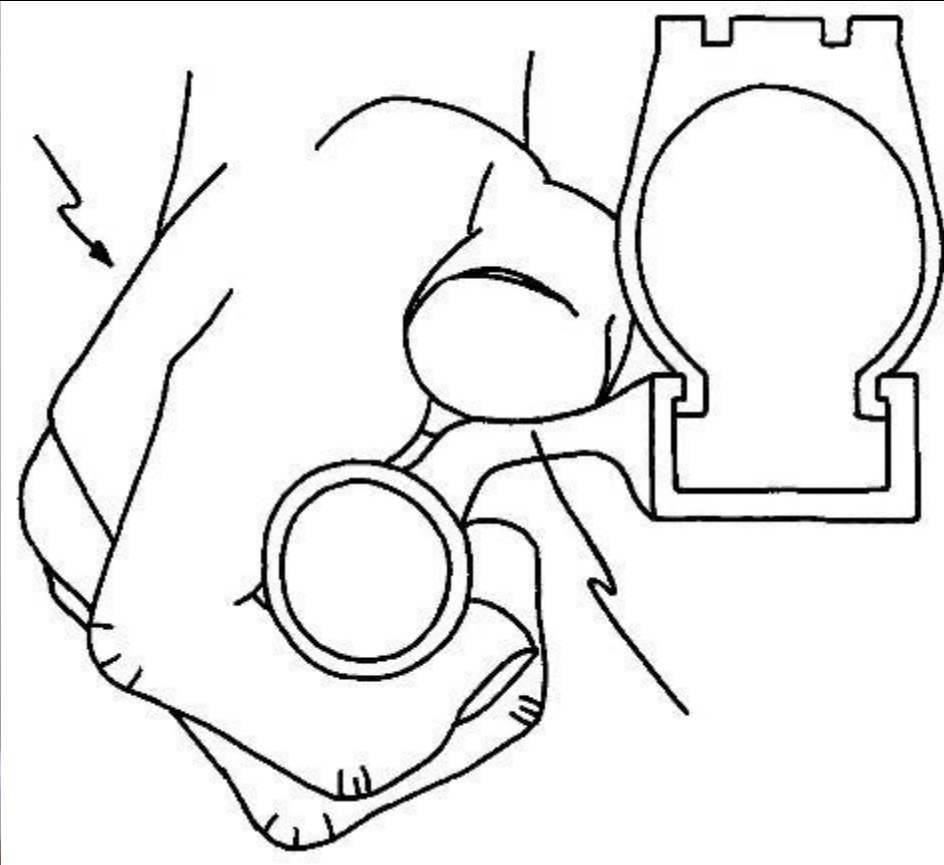




# The need:

A better grip

**Solution:** an ergonomic pushrim



# FlexRim

Combining the discrete compliant fasteners into one





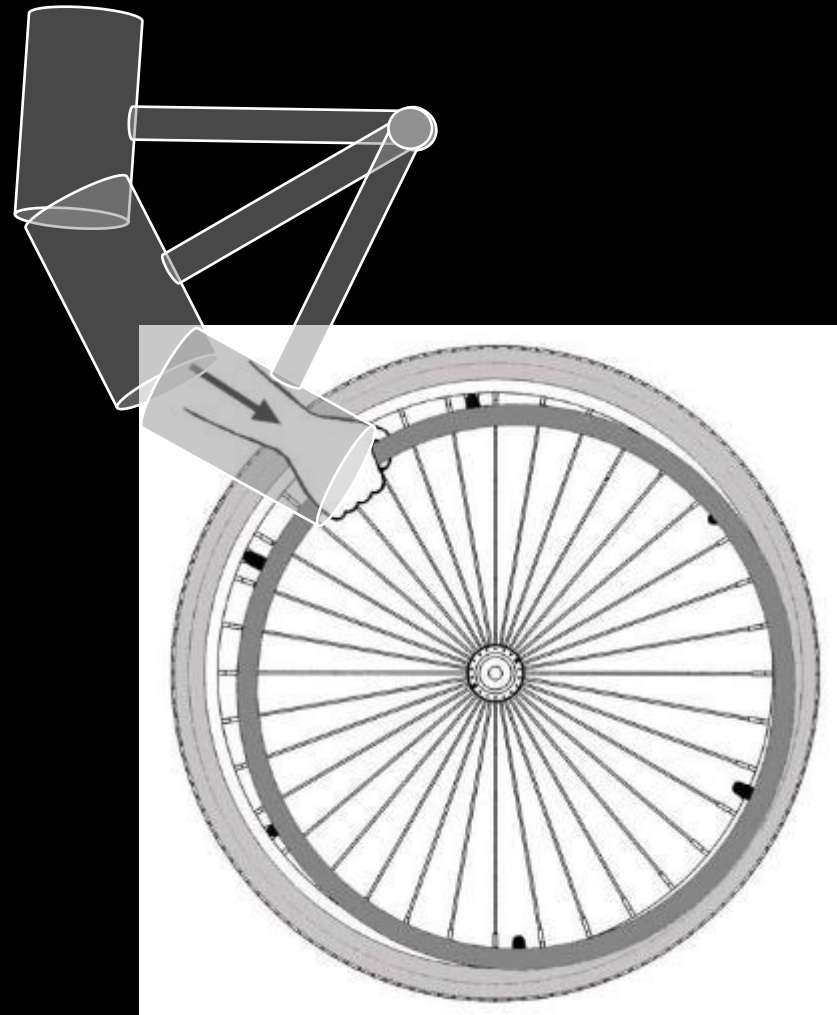
# Frictional improvements

To reduce the grip force required to push



# Impact absorbtion

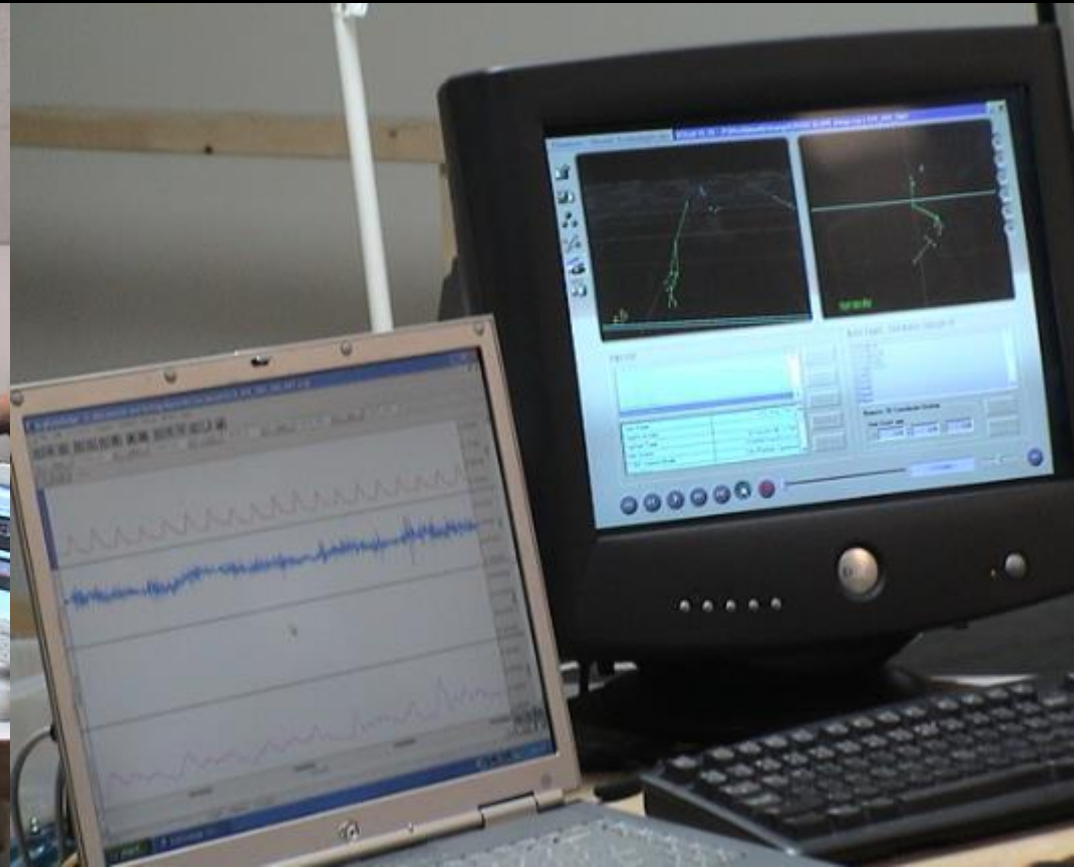
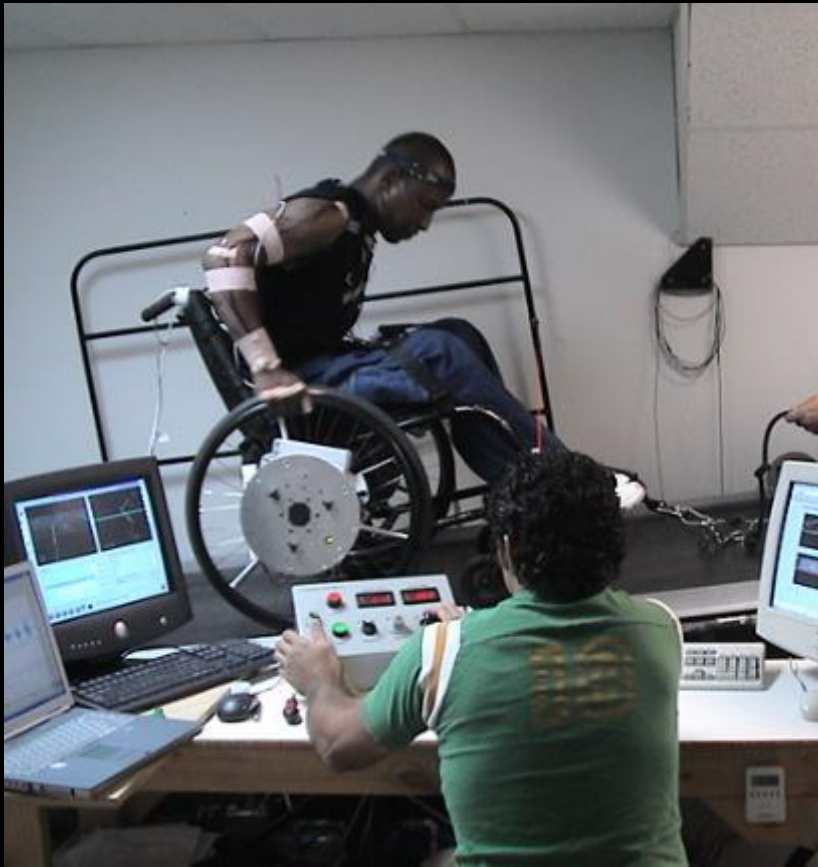
Like running shoes

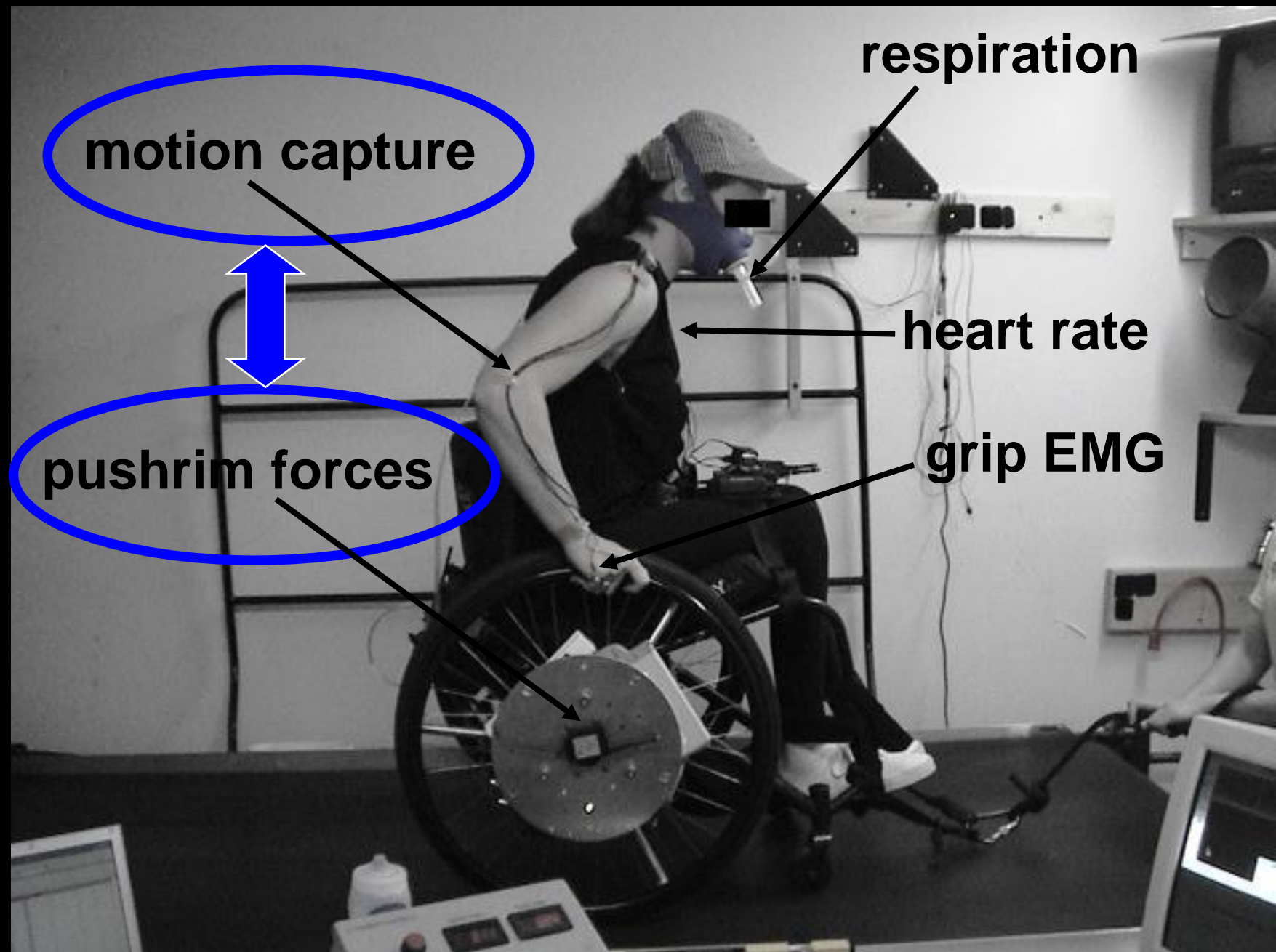




# Subjects are tested

over a wide variety of usage environments



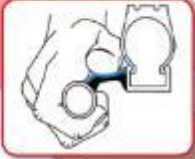







# End product – the FlexRim

### Design

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

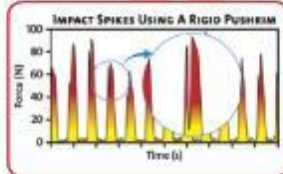


Because the rubber is flexible, the pushrim can compress to allow your wheelchair to squeeze through narrow doorways.



### Overuse Injuries

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




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

### Impact Testing


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

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



### Propulsion Testing


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



Results of the testing were:

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

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



Advanced Ergonomics



# Activity-specific technologies

And the desire to recreate

















Back 20°  
seat depth 41.75  
height 20.325  
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# Dynamic seating spring assist









# The desire:

Get back into the backcountry





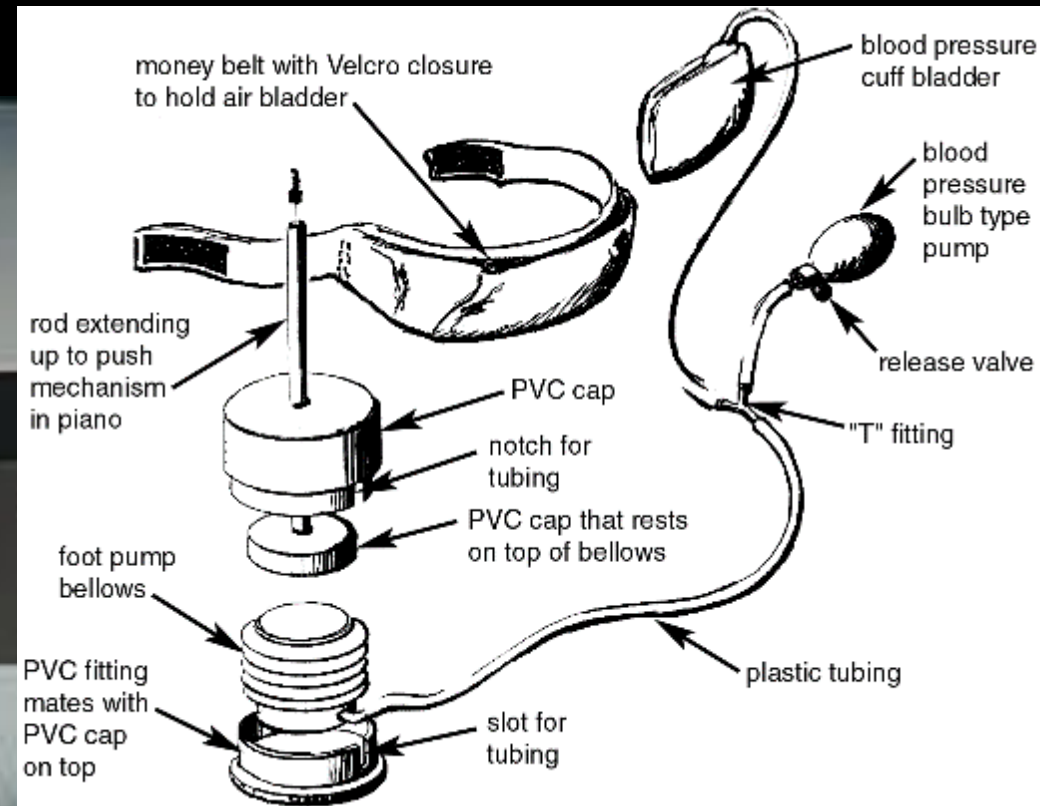






# The need:

Use the pedal again to play the piano



# The desire:

Drive a manual shift vehicle





# The desire:

Balance and ride a bike again



# The desire:

Ride a tandem bike with a friend





# The desire:

Paddle a canoe again without the required balance







# Lateral balance test



# Water egress testing











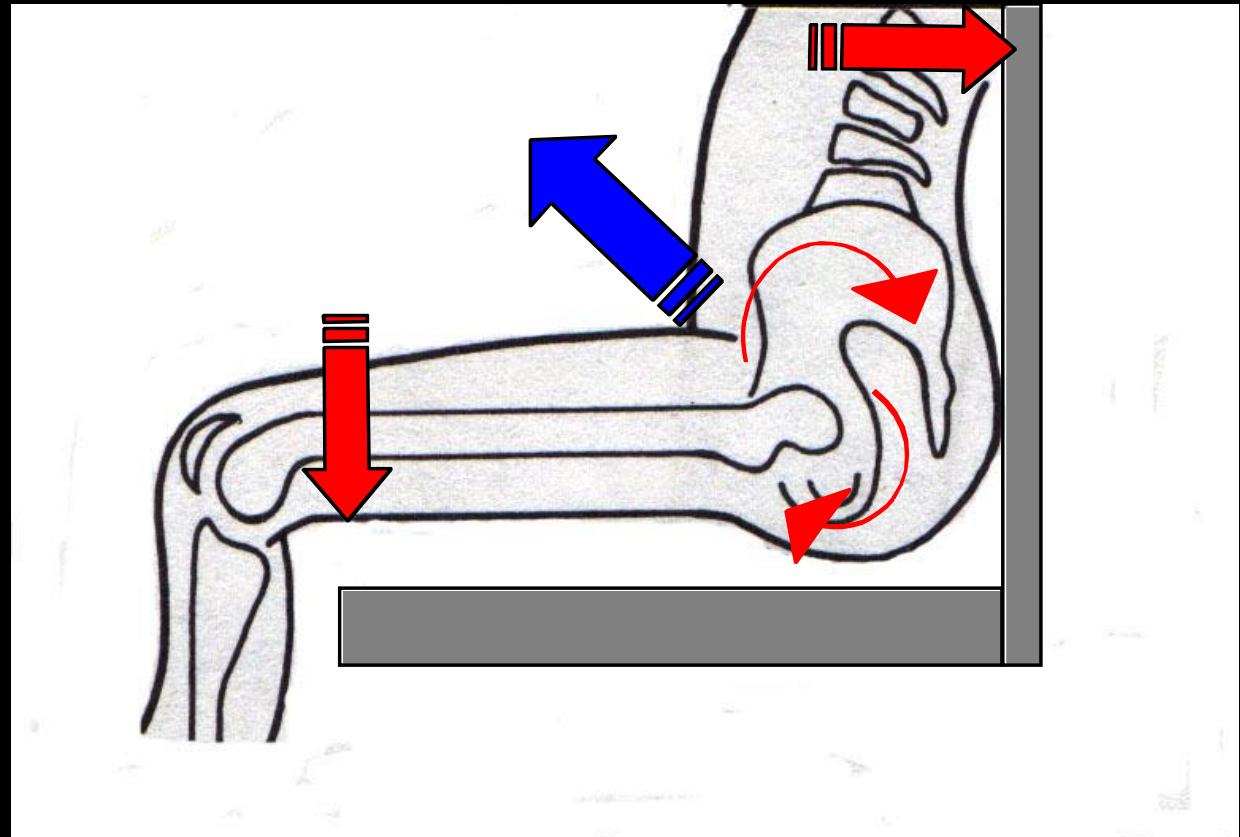
# The desire:

Surf again



# The problem:

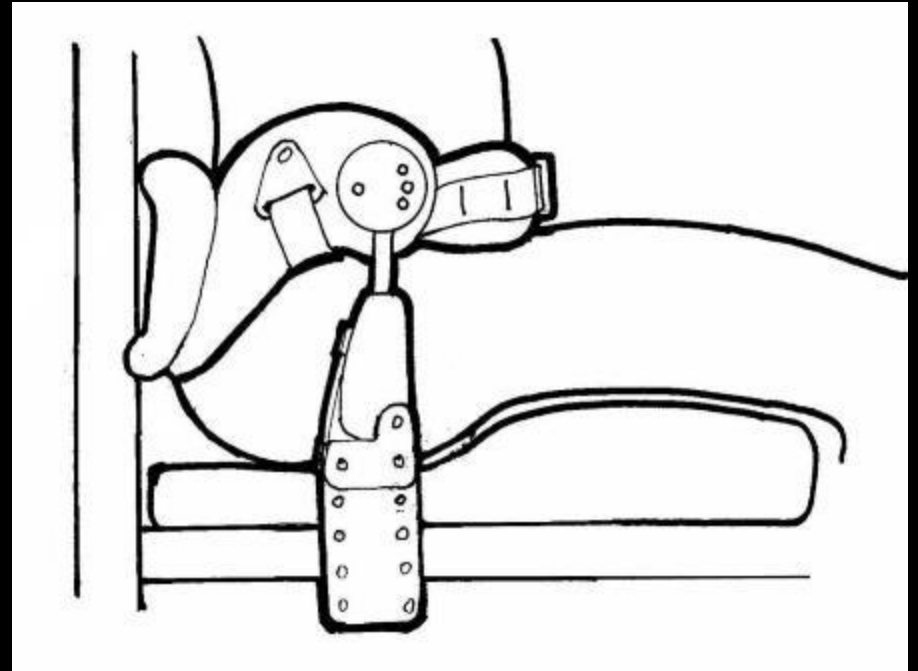
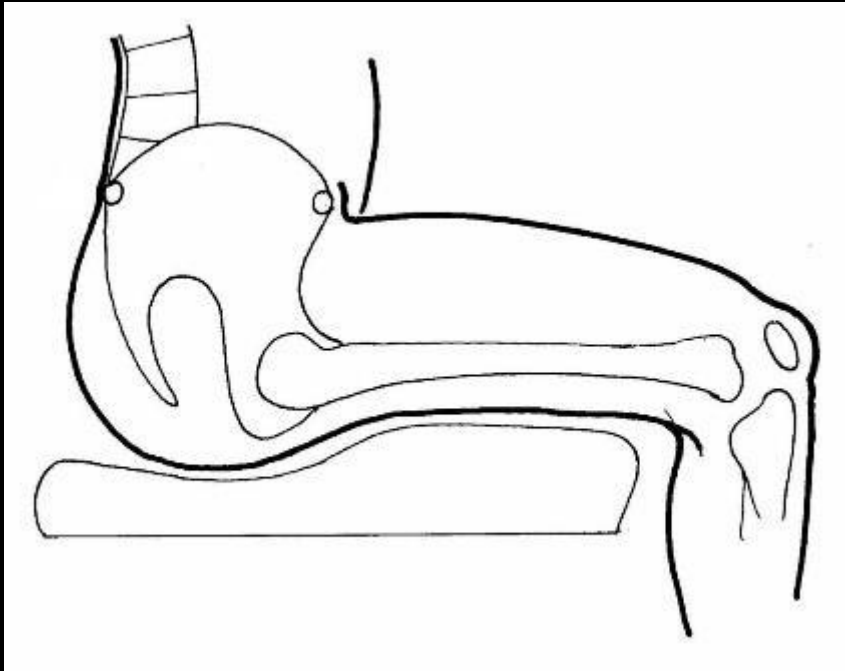
Unwanted pelvic movement due to spasticity



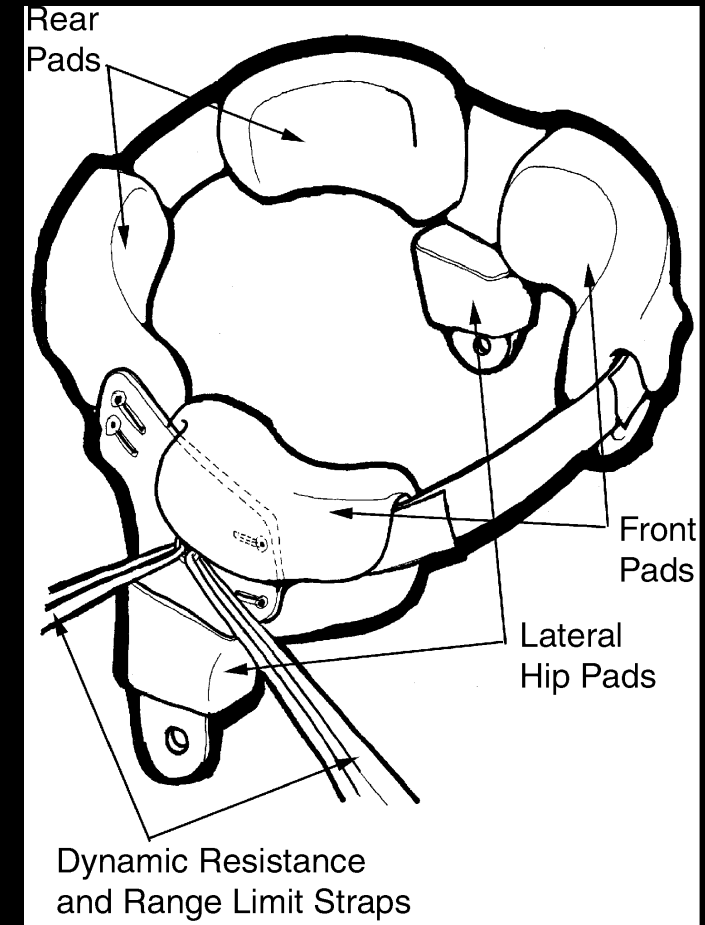
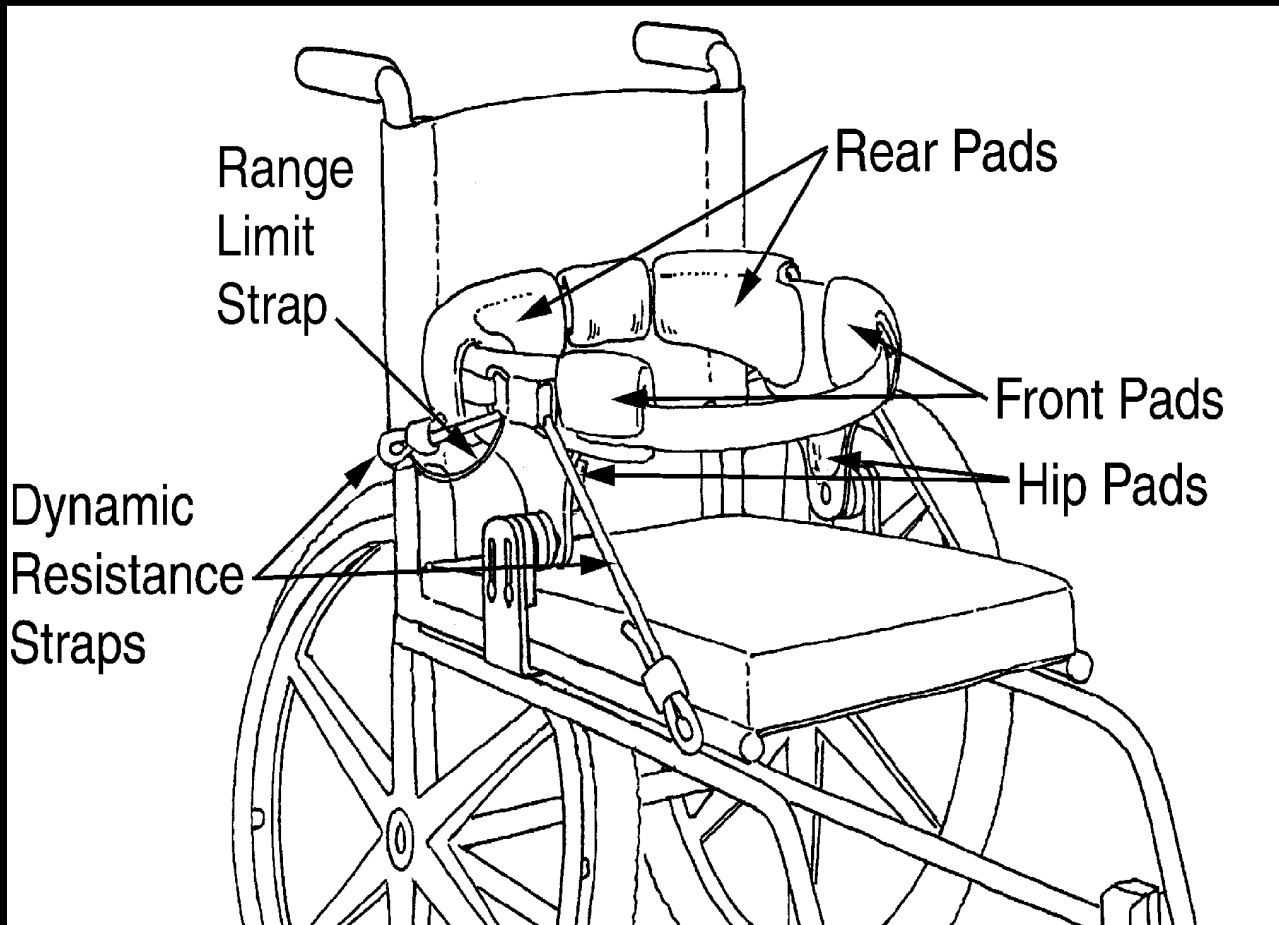


# Concepts developed

to allow the movement, but return to the desired position



# Early prototypes





# Fatigue testing of concept



# The finished product











# Environmental technologies

Things that do not move

# ADA recreation trail grade

## grade

> 8.33% up to 30% of length

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 other attributes

## 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

# Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP)





# Key UTAP information



length



grade



width



surface



cross slope



features & facilities

# UTAP assessment team







# UTAP implementation status

**Over 1900 people**

trained to lead UTAP assessments

**Over 155 trainers**

to teach UTAP workshops



# High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP)





# HETAP wheel







## Last Station Recorded

25

Paved

Ice

0.0 Ft

-1.3 %

2.1 %

## Copy Surf. Data ->

Tread Width:

Surface Category:

Surface Type:



Distance:



Grade:



Cross Slope:

## Current Station To Record

25

in

Set MCW

Paved

Ice

7.2 Ft

-0.7 %

0.8 %

## Record Station

Add Features

Return Home

Distance Hold

Manual Entry

View Data

Alarm Settings

Browse Images

New Segment

Current Segment:

2 Joggin Lampe 2007-06-12

## Outslope

Check Outslope Direction

&lt;- Left

Right -&gt;

## Vehicle Orientation

☒ Forwards

☐ Backwards

Show Camera Preview

Compass Heading: ° True

## GPS Location and Status

Lat:

Lon:

Apprx. Err:

Elev:

Error: Garmin GPS is not connected





# Red Road

To Peavine Falls Road

**Length** 5.5 mi (8.9 km)

**Elev Gain** 787 ft (240 m)

**Elev Loss** 420 ft (128 m)



Hikers



Bikes



Dogs on Leash



No Motorized Vehicles



No Equestrians

Recreation Area, National Park Service



Peavine Falls Road



Peavine Falls Road

# Trail Access Information TAI for Users

Grade  
Cross Slope  
Tread Width  
Surface  
Obstructions



## Tahoe Rim Trail

Tahoe Meadows to Spooner Summit

Length	21.8 mi (35.0 km)
Elevation Gain	2894 ft (882 m)
Elevation Loss	5528 ft (1685 m)

### TRAIL USE



Hikers



Bikes

**No Bikes:** Spooner Summit to North Canyon Hobart Rd



Dogs



Equestrians



No Motor Vehicles

### GRADE

Typical Grade	7.3%
27% of trail is	10% to 20%
1829 ft (557 m) is	20% to 29%
Standard Ramp Grade	8.3%

### CROSS SLOPE

Typical Cross Slope	3.2%
18% of trail is	5% to 10%
2433 ft (741 m) is	10% to 20%

### TREAD WIDTH

Typical Width	28 in (71 cm)
Minimum Width	18 in (45 cm)

## TAHOE RIM TRAIL



### TREAD WIDTH

Typical Width	28 in (71 cm)
Minimum Width	18 in (45 cm)



### SURFACE

Surface Type	Soil
Typical Firmness	0.17 in (F)
Minimum Firmness	0.40 in (MF)
1% of trail is	Moderately Firm
Typical Stability	0.51 in (MS)
Minimum Stability	0.73 in (MS)
25% of trail is	Moderately Stable



### OBSTRUCTIONS

Multiple Rocks	18 in (46 cm)
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### VIEW MAP

Scan QR code to view  
**Tahoe Meadows to  
Spooner Summit Map**  
[www.tahoerimtrail.org](http://www.tahoerimtrail.org)



**WARNING:** Trail conditions may have changed since December 2008 when this trail last was assessed. Temporary obstructions were not recorded. Firmness values  $\leq 0.50$  inch and Stability values  $\leq 1.00$  inch correlate to surfaces tested per ASTM F1951.

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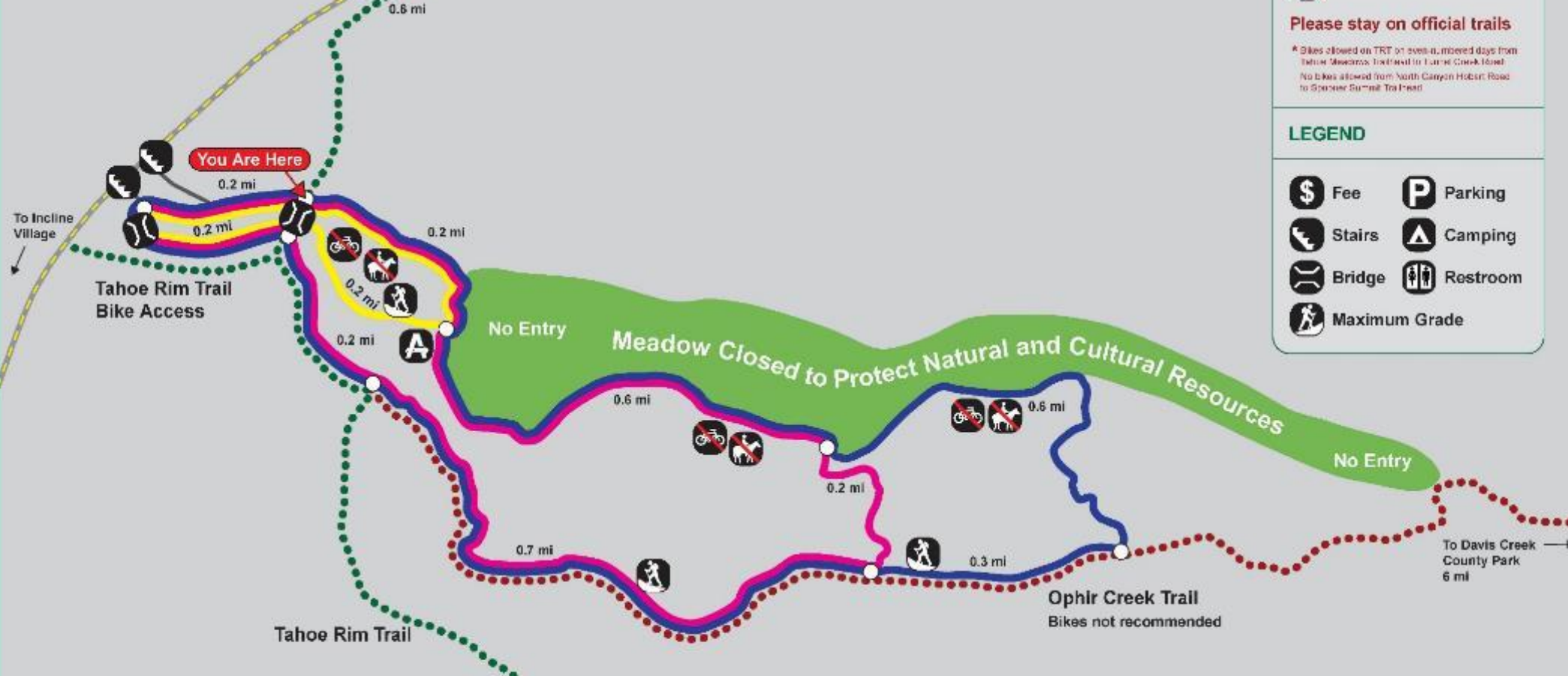


## Please stay on official trails

\* Bikes allowed on TRT on even-numbered days from Tahoe Meadows Trailhead to Tunnel Creek Road.  
No bikes allowed from North Canyon Hobart Road to Spooner Summit Trailhead.

## LEGEND

- Fee
- Parking
- Stairs
- Camping
- Bridge
- Restroom
- Maximum Grade



Funded by the Nevada  
Recreational Trails Program

## A Trail Access Information

Trail Name	Length	Typical Grade	Maximum Grade Standard Ramp is 8.3%	Typical Cross Slope	Maximum Cross Slope	Typical Trail Width	Minimum Clearance Width	Surface Type	Surface Firmness		Surface Stability	
Upper Meadow Loop	0.8 mi	3.5%	110 ft is 12% - 24%	3.5%	198 ft is 12% - 14%	31 in	18 in	Soil and Boardwalk	0.18	0.19	0.24	0.28
Middle Meadow Loop	2.3 mi	5.2%	305 ft is 20% - 30%	4.2%	301 ft is 12% - 22%	40 in	12 in	Soil and Boardwalk	0.19	0.23	0.38	0.78
Lower Meadow Loop	3.0 mi	5.7%	445 ft is 20% - 34%	4.5%	425 ft is 12% - 25%	39 in	12 in	Soil and Boardwalk	0.19	0.23	0.40	0.78
Ophir Creek Trail	7.5 mi	10.7%	218 ft is 30% - 40%	3.7%	560 ft is 15% - 24%	51 in	18 in	Soil	0.18	0.60	0.50	0.91
Tahoe Rim Trail <small>(Only Tahoe Meadows Trailhead to Spooner Summit Trailhead)</small>	21.8 mi	7.3%	1829 ft is 20% - 29%	3.2%	2433 ft is 10% - 20%	28 in	18 in	Soil	0.17	0.40	0.51	0.73

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To Tunnel Creek Road and  
Spooner Summit Trailhead  
US Highway 50

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# 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

**ABA/FSORAG**

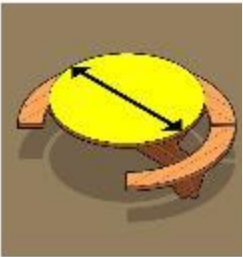
What type of assessment?

☐ ABA
 ☐ FSO


**REQUIRED SPACES**

Is the table Circular?

Table Diameter



Measure the height from the ground to the table top




Measure the height from the ground to the table top



Table surface height ( min 28 in - max 34 in)

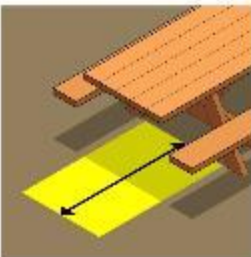
Compliant

**CLEAR SPACE**

Does one full unobstructed side clear ground space around the table edge or overlap an OBAP trail

**WHEELCHAIR CLEAR SPACE**

Measure the Wheelchair clear space length. The length may extend a maximum of 25 inches beneath the table.



WC Clear space length (min 48 in)


Not compliant

Measure the Wheelchair clear

Suggested maintenance

Notes

Optional photos



**MANUFACTURER INFO**

Manufacturer and Model

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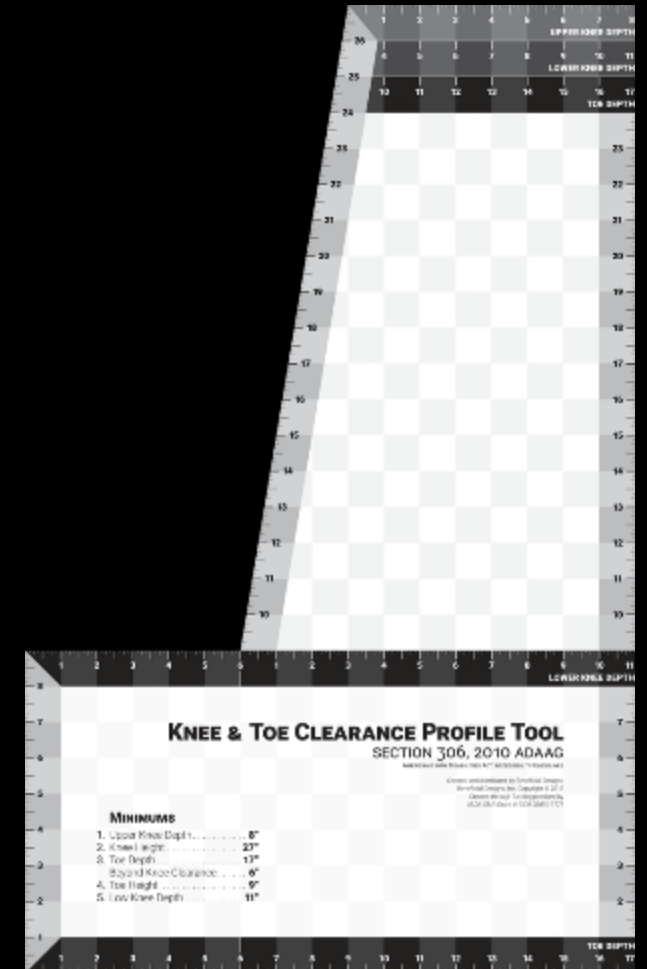
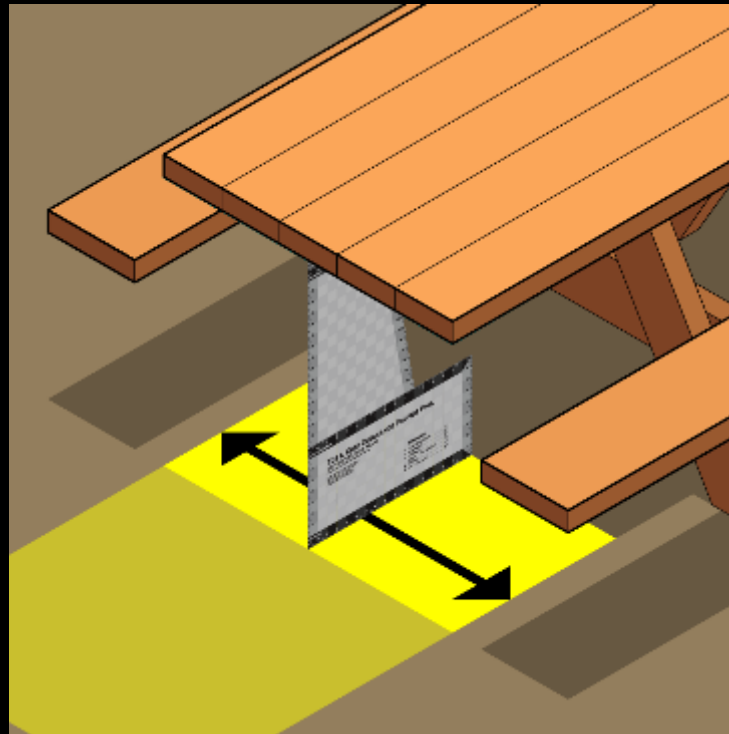
Manufacturer

Model



# Knee & Toe Clearance Profile Tool

unobstructed knee & toe space



# Adjustable height cooking grill





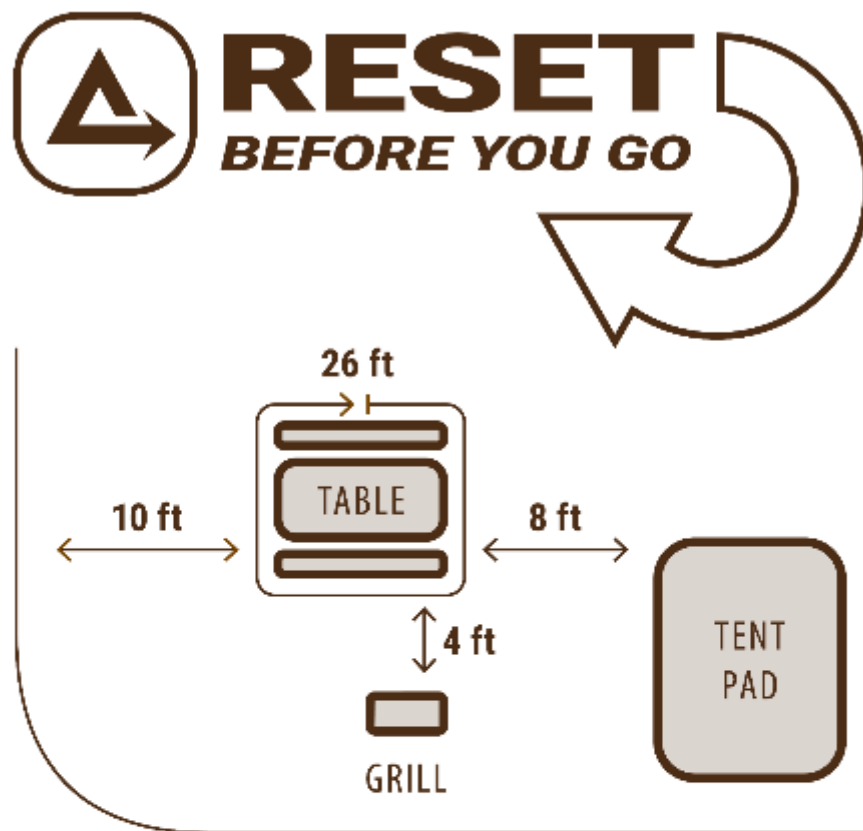
# Water pump

Actuation force



# Campsite

## Access Information



Please return elements so that this campsite remains **accessible**

If you do not require access and mobility features, please do not use this site between **11AM and 6PM**



# Develop standards for **Trail and sidewalk design**

Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)

Outdoor Recreation Access Guidelines

Public Rights of Way Access Guidelines  
(PROWAG)









BRIGHT TRANSITIONS

Project #: 216-2

Date: 4/27/09

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

\* N COUNTY ROAD TO MACKLAND

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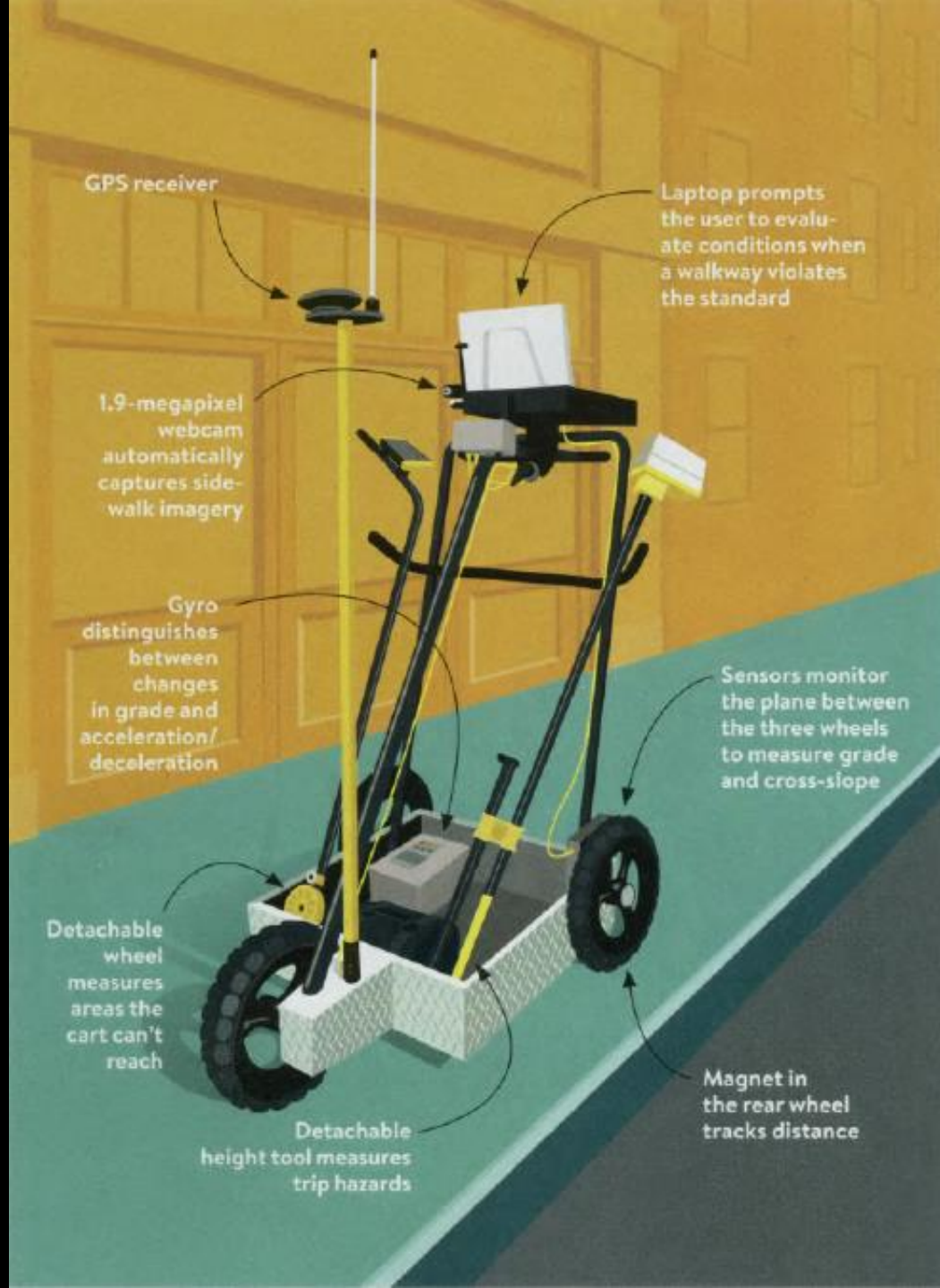
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# Sidewalk assessment

Public Rights-of-Way Assessment Process (PROWAP)







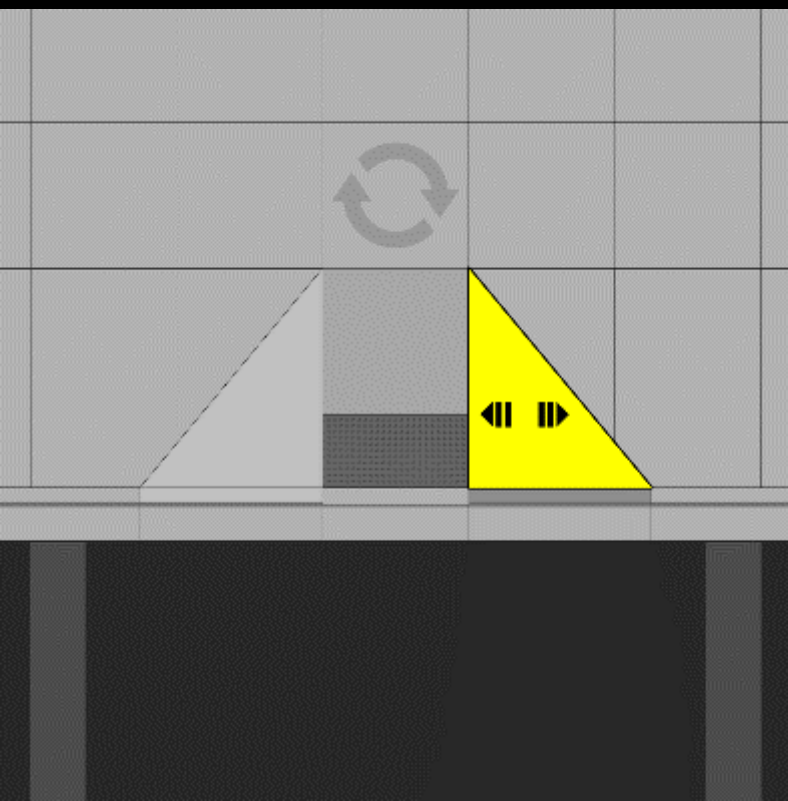
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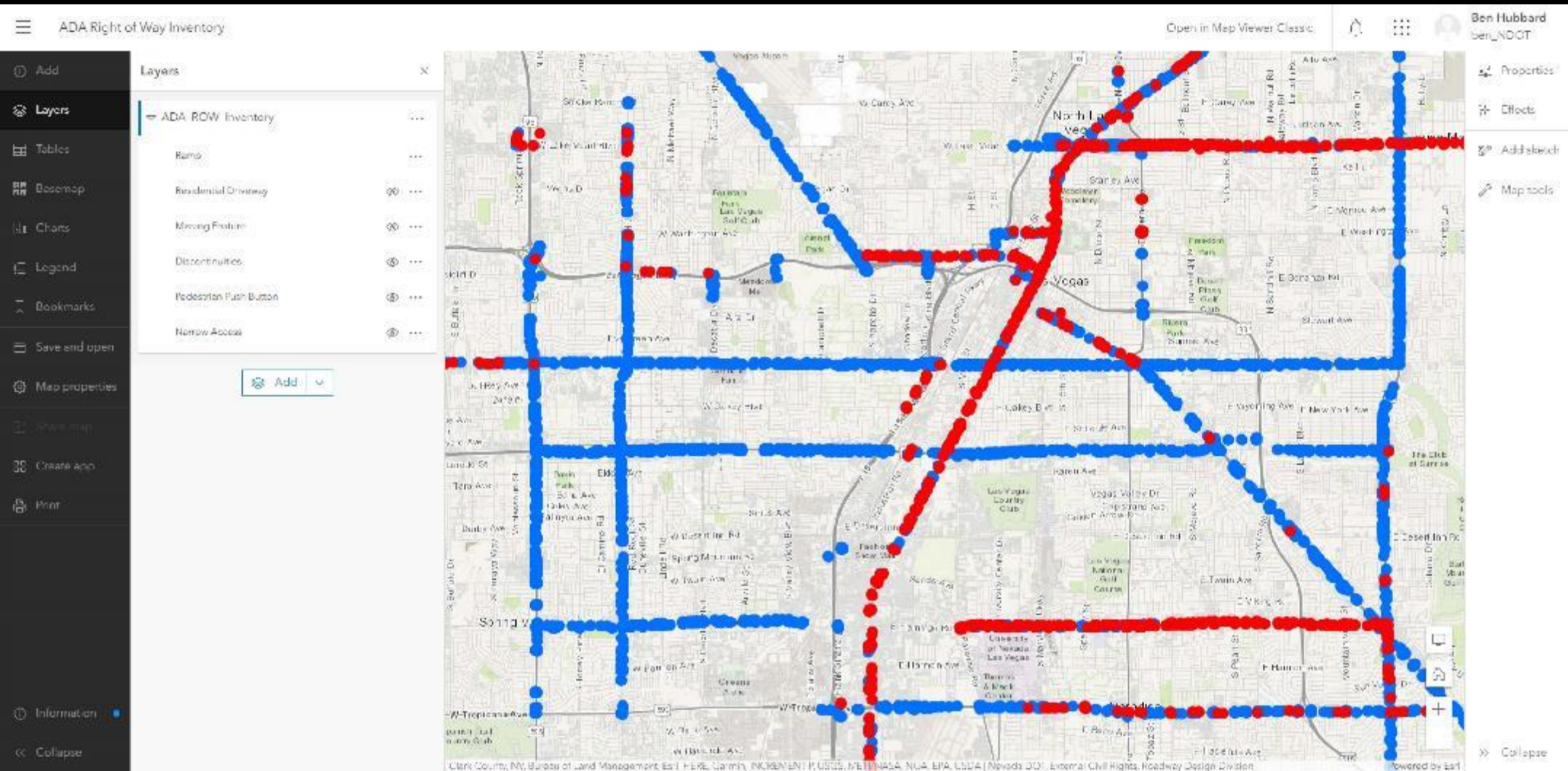
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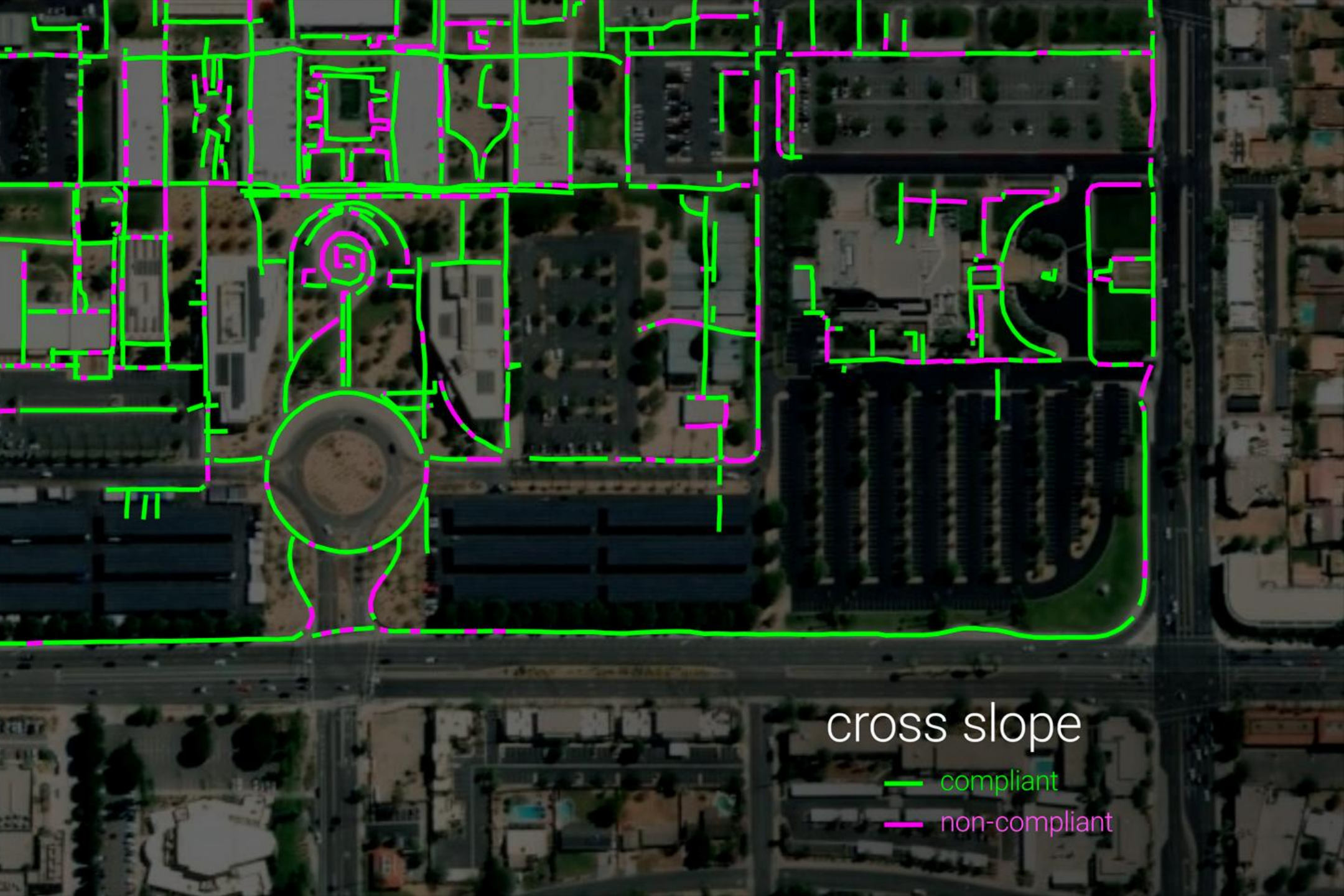




# NDOT Curb Ramps







cross slope

— compliant

- - - non-compliant



# Rest stop assessment

Rest Stop Assessment Process (RSAP)















# Compliance Check

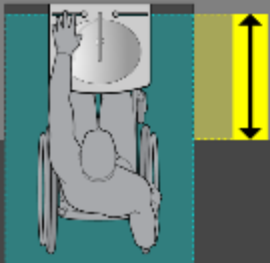
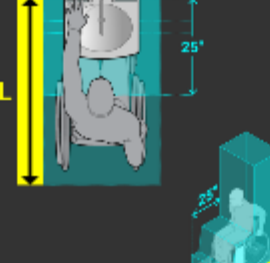
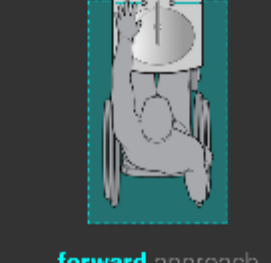
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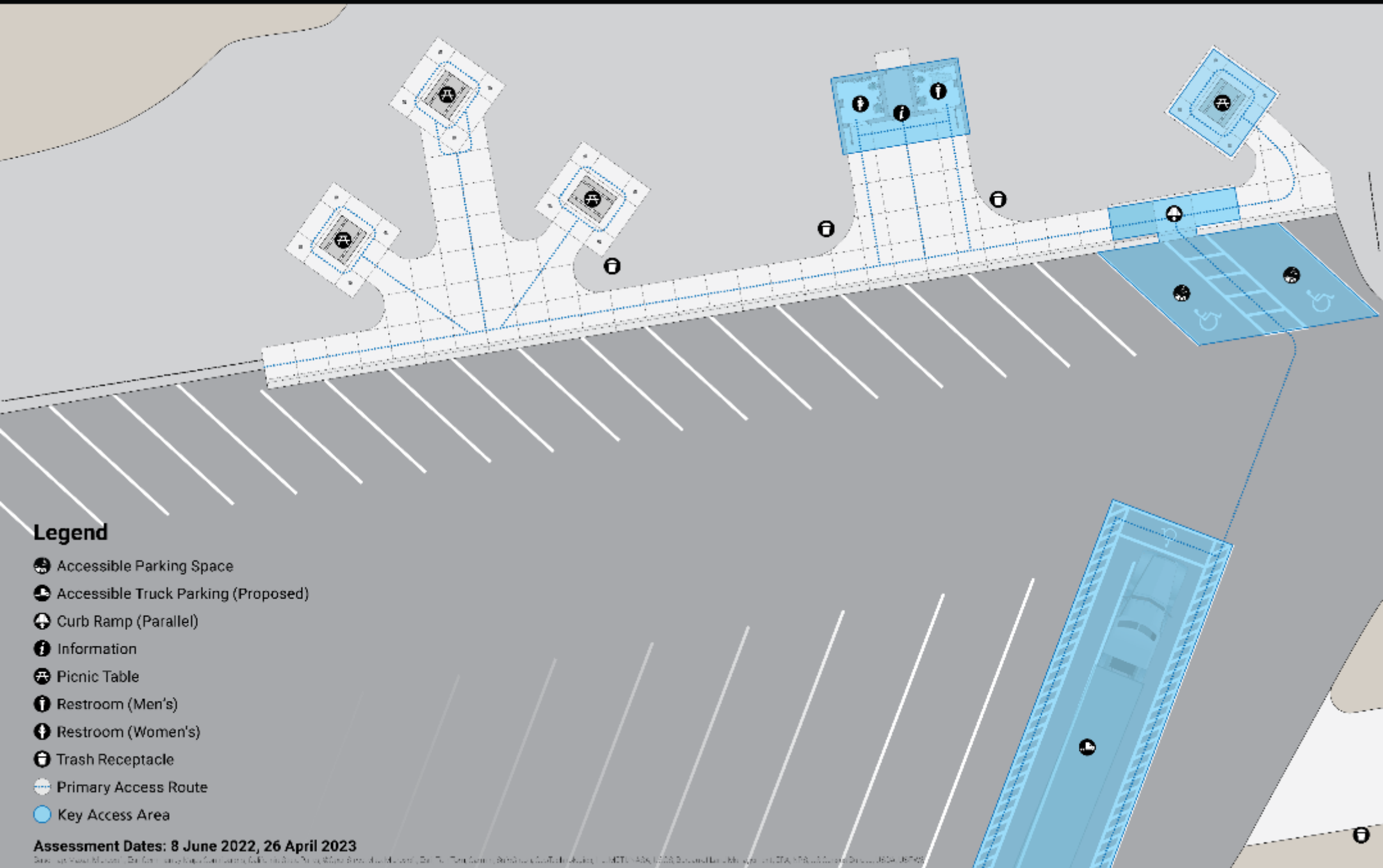
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Feature	Path/Location	Non-Compliant Attribute	Technical Requirements	Priority/Action	Additional Info
 <p><b>ID: 142361</b> Drinking Fountain</p> <p>Assessed: 2021-04-28 Const/Alt: xxxxx/xxxx</p>	<p><b>Primary</b> Non-functional drinking fountain mounted on wall of restroom facility, between the two restroom doors.</p> <p>Lat: 38.989628° Lon: -113.161901°</p>	<p><b>Potential Barrier</b> Scope/Compliant No compliant accessible drinking fountains are provided at this location.</p>	<p><b>2006 DOT ADA Standards</b> 211.2 Minimum Number. No fewer than two drinking fountains shall be provided. One drinking fountain shall comply with 602.1 through 602.6 and one drinking fountain shall comply with 602.7. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> Where a single drinking fountain complies with 602.1 through 602.6 and 602.7, it shall be permitted to be substituted for two separate drinking fountains.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Priority</b> <b>Replace</b> Remove current drinking fountain and replace with either two compliant drinking fountains, one of which is designed for seated use and the other for standing use—or install one compliant drinking fountain which complies with seated and standing requirements.</p>	<p>Drinking fountain is non-functional. Operable part is partially missing.</p>
		<p><b>Potential Barrier</b> Knee/Height (in): The knee clearance underneath the drinking fountain is 26.6 in from the ground surface.</p>	<p><b>2006 DOT ADA Standards</b> 306.3.1 General. Space under an element, between 9 in and 27 in above the finish floor or ground, shall be considered knee clearance and shall comply with 306.3. 306.3.2 Maximum Depth. Knee clearance shall be no less than 25 in maximum under an element at 9 in above the finish floor or ground. 306.3.3 Minimum Required Depth. Where knee clearance is required under an element as part of a clear floor space, the knee clearance shall be 11 in deep minimum at 9 in above the finish floor or ground, and 8 in deep minimum at 27 in above the finish floor or ground.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Priority</b> <b>Replace</b> Install compliant, seated drinking fountain with exactly 27 in of knee clearance, measured from the ground surface.</p>	
		<p><b>Potential Hazard</b> OS/Changes in Level An expansion joint located within the clear space serving the drinking fountain is causing a vertical change in level that is 0.3 inches in height.</p>	<p><b>2006 DOT ADA Standards</b> 303.2 Vertical. Changes in level of 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) high maximum shall be permitted to be vertical. 303.3 Beveled. Changes in level between 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) high minimum and 1/2 inch (13 mm) high maximum shall be beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2. <b>Advisory 303.3 Beveled.</b> A change in level of 1/2 inch (13 mm) is permitted to be 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) vertical plus 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) beveled. However, in no case may the combined change in level exceed 1/2 inch (13 mm). Changes in level exceeding 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) must comply with 405 (Ramp) or 406 (Curb Ramp).</p>	<p><b>High Priority</b> <b>Repair</b> Grind discontinuity down to a slope no greater than 1:2 (50.0%).</p>	
 <p><b>ID: 10</b> Picnic Facility</p> <p>Assessed: 2022-06-21 Const/Alt: xxxxx/xxxx</p>	<p><b>Primary</b> Picnic facilities located in grass area.</p> <p>Lat: 38.989698° Lon: -113.162281°</p>	<p><b>Potential Barrier</b> Picnic Units/Total Accessible No accessible picnic units are provided in the picnic facility.</p>	<p><b>2006 DOT ADA Standards</b> 226.1 General. Where dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink, at least 5 percent of the seating spaces and standing spaces at the dining surfaces shall comply with 902. In addition, where work surfaces are provided for use by other than employees, at least 5 percent shall comply with 902.</p> <p><b>2015 ABA Standards</b> F245.2.1 Picnic Facilities with Two or Fewer Picnic Units. Where picnic facilities contain two or fewer picnic units, each picnic unit shall provide mobility features complying with F245.2. F245.2.2 Picnic Facilities with More Than Two Picnic Units. Where picnic facilities contain more than two picnic units, at least 20 percent, but not less than two, of the picnic units shall provide mobility features complying with F245.2.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Priority</b> <b>Remodel</b> Design picnic facility with accessible routes to accessible picnic units. Ideally, at least 20 percent of picnic units should be accessible.</p>	<p><b>Specified in the ABA Standards</b> Although the ADA Standards provide some guidance regarding dining surfaces, the 2015 ABA Standards provide specific technical and scoping requirements for picnic facilities, units, and tables.</p>



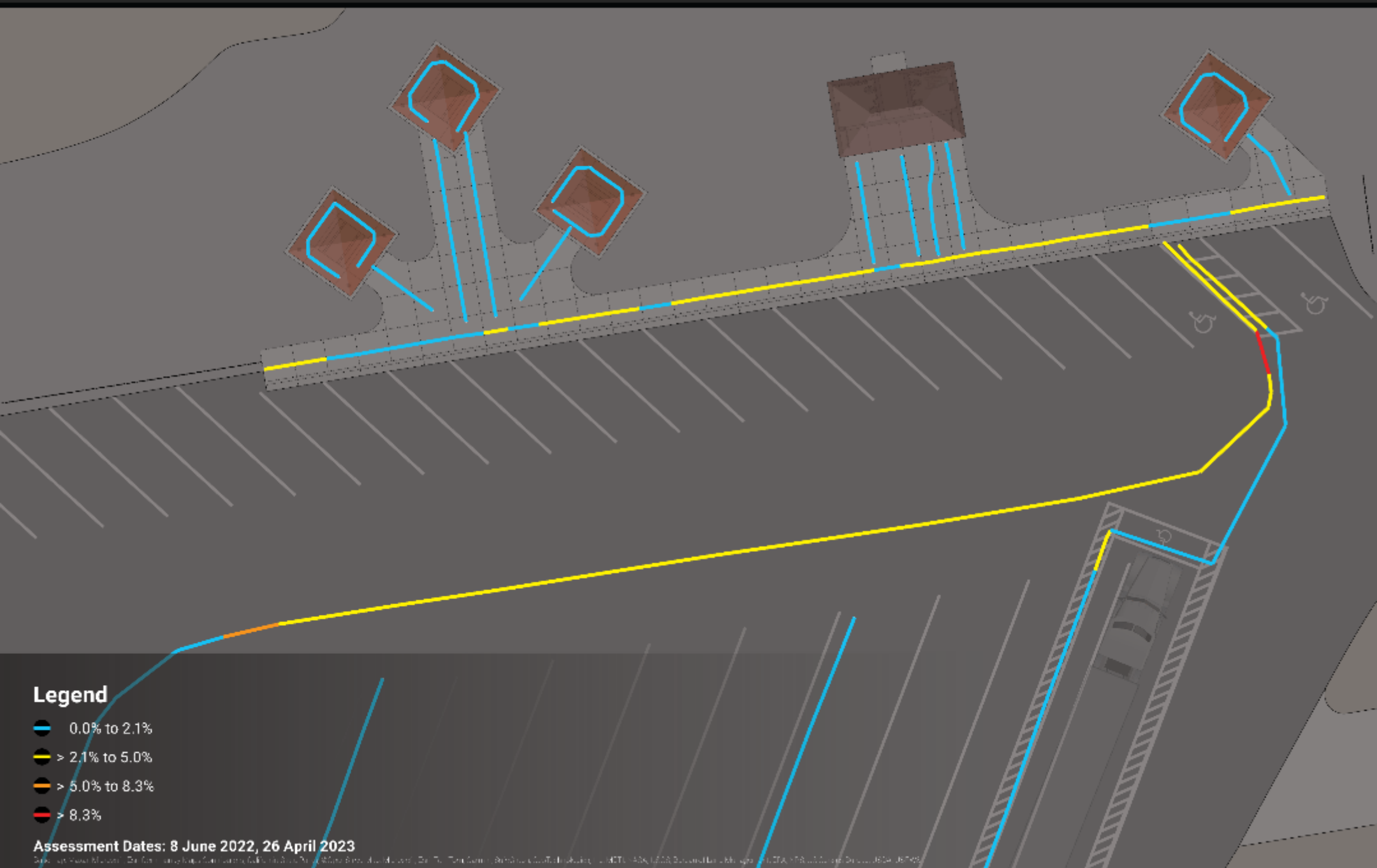
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-  Accessible Parking Space
-  Accessible Truck Parking (Proposed)
-  Curb Ramp (Parallel)
-  Information
-  Picnic Table
-  Restroom (Men's)
-  Restroom (Women's)
-  Trash Receptacle
-  Primary Access Route
-  Key Access Area





**Assessment Dates:** 8 June 2022, 26 April 2023

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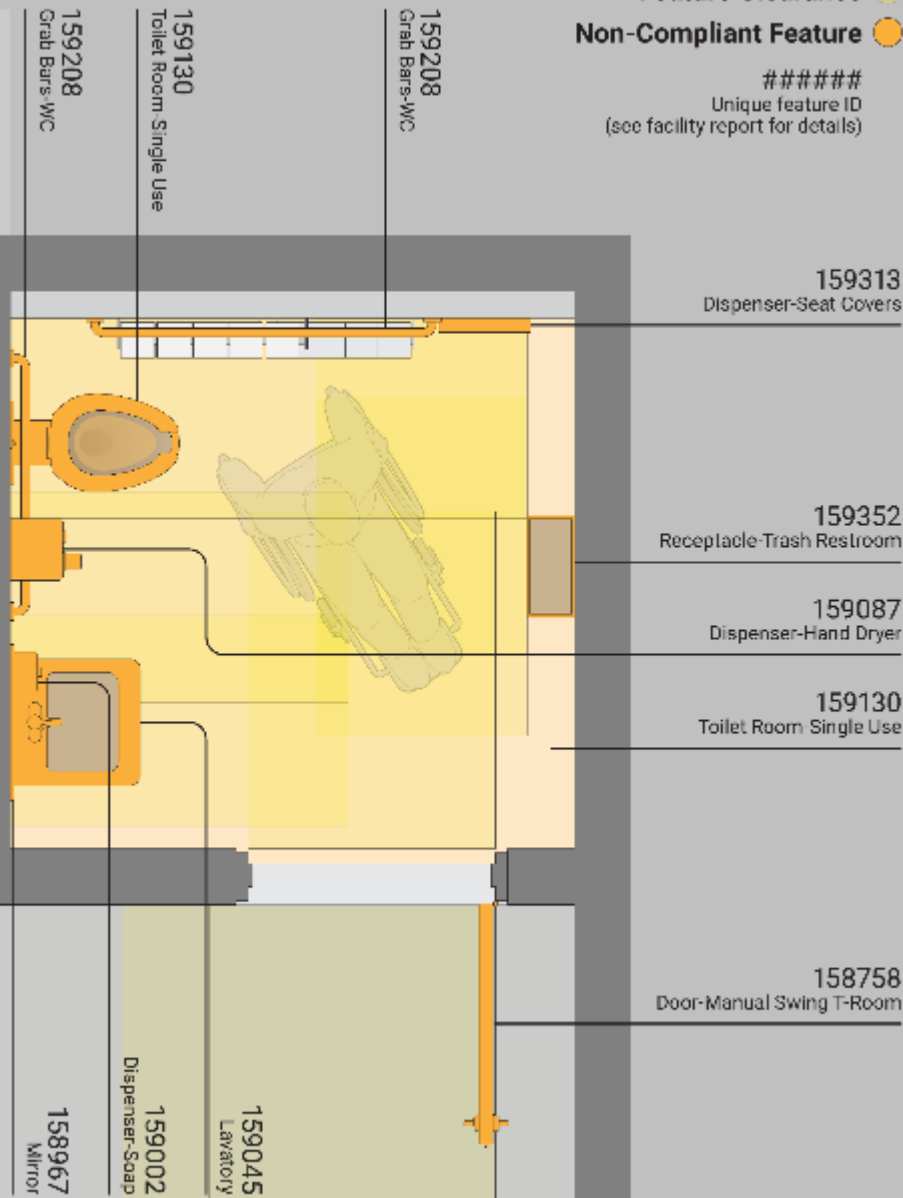
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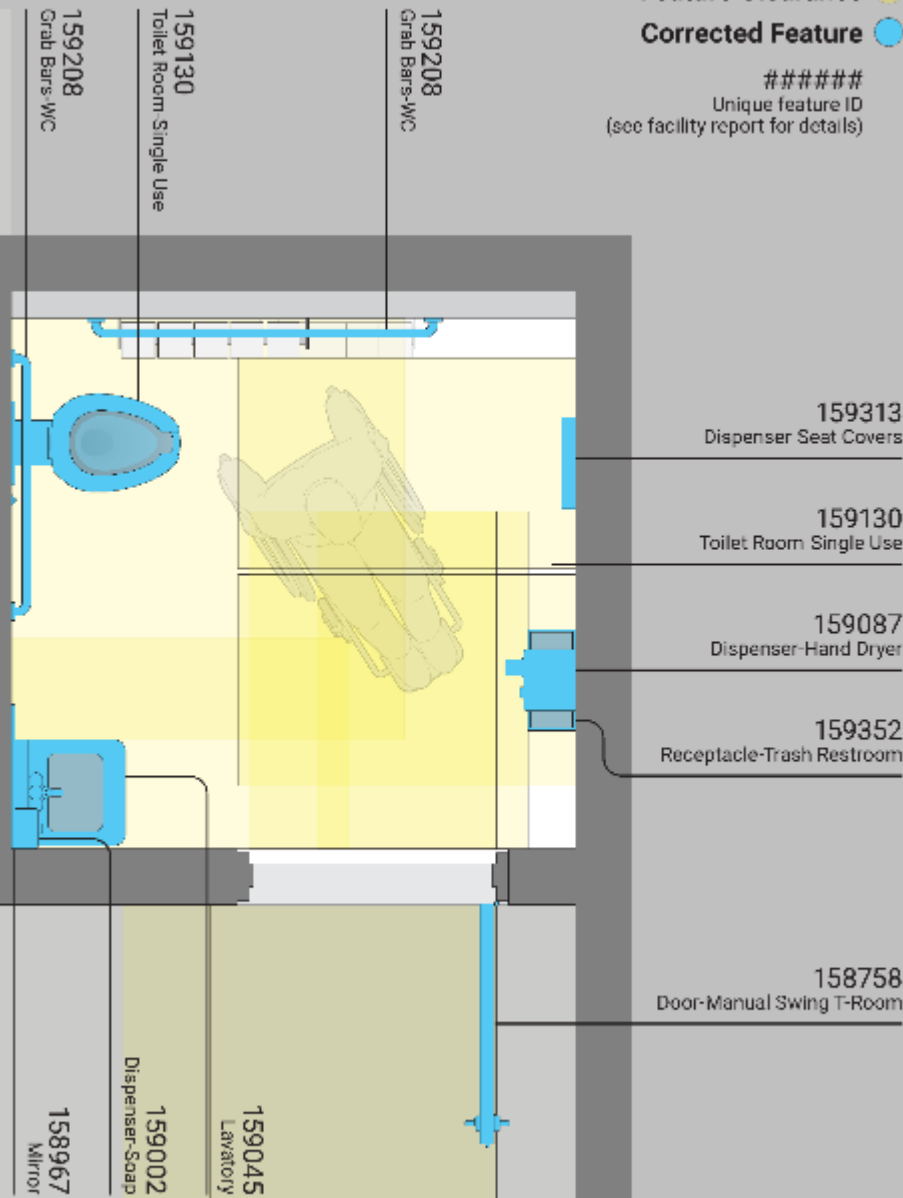
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Feature Clearance

Corrected Feature

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# Universal Design of Fitness Equipment (UDFE) Standards



# Low step-up height design





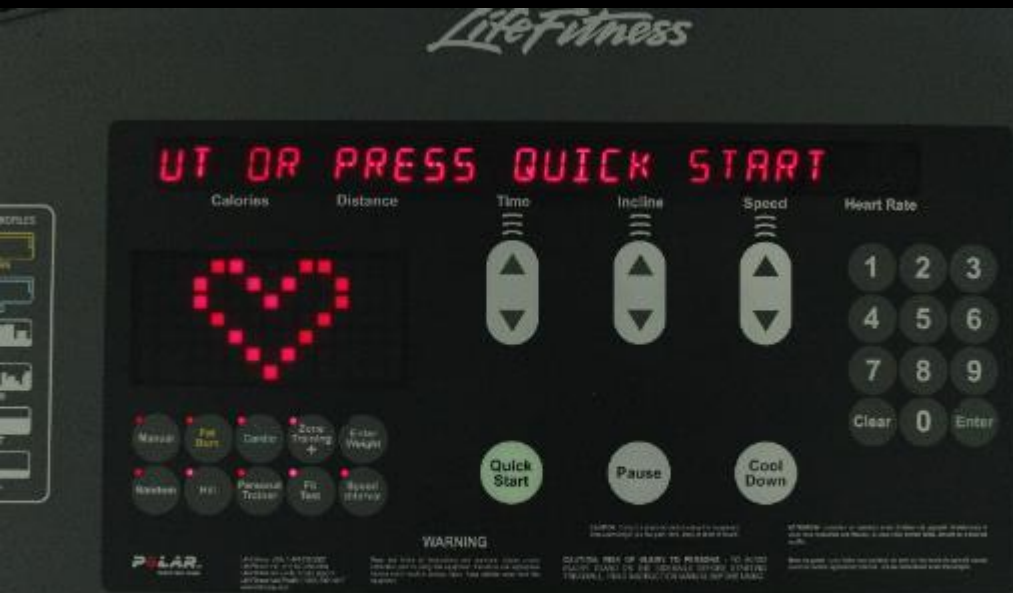




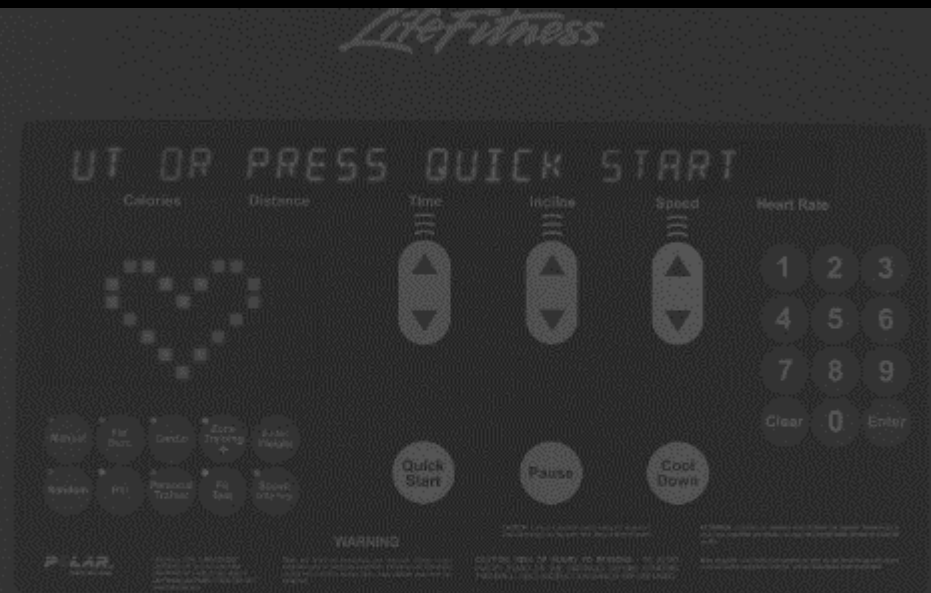


# Finding the **Weight Adjustment Pin**





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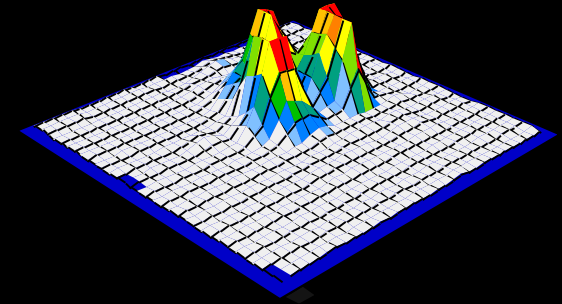
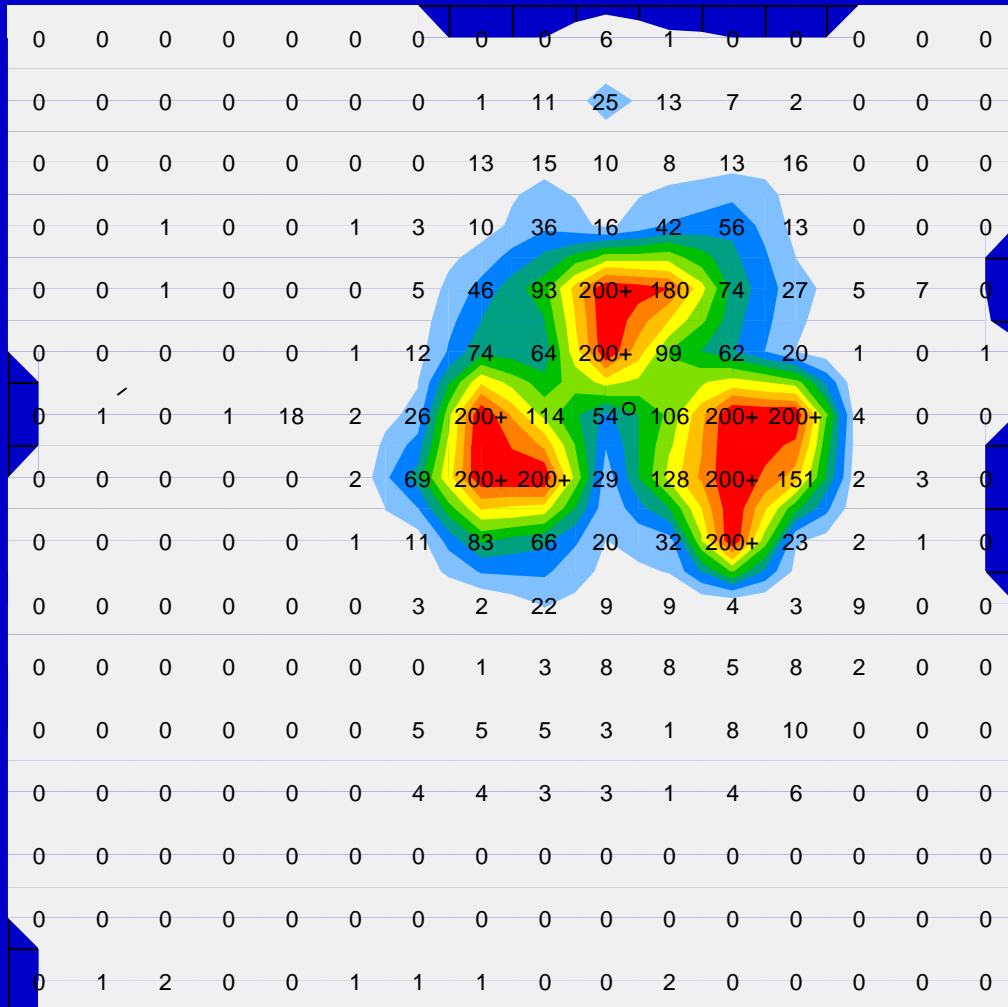
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# Boarding devices



# Boarding device seating pressures



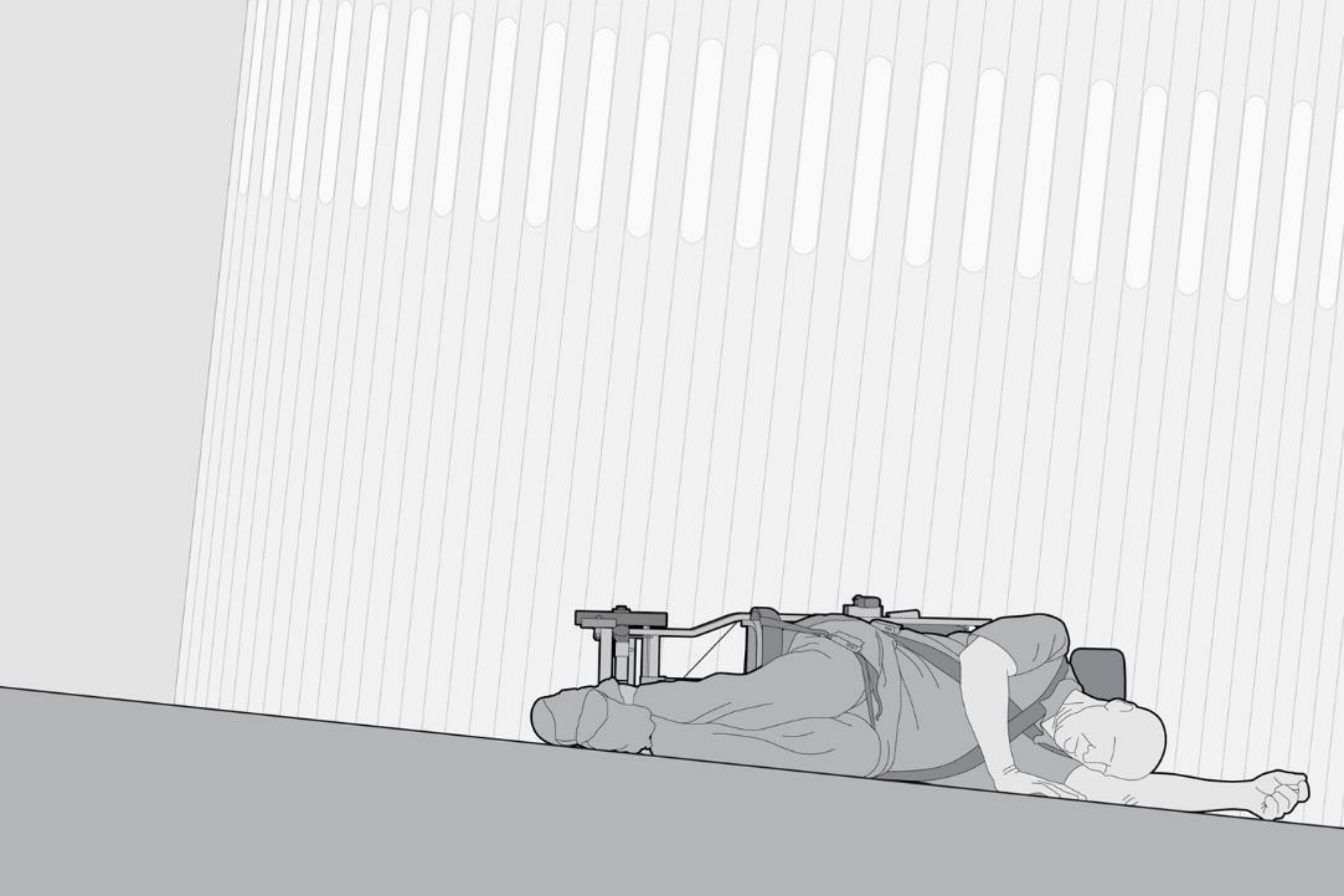
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Regional distribution (%)	100.00

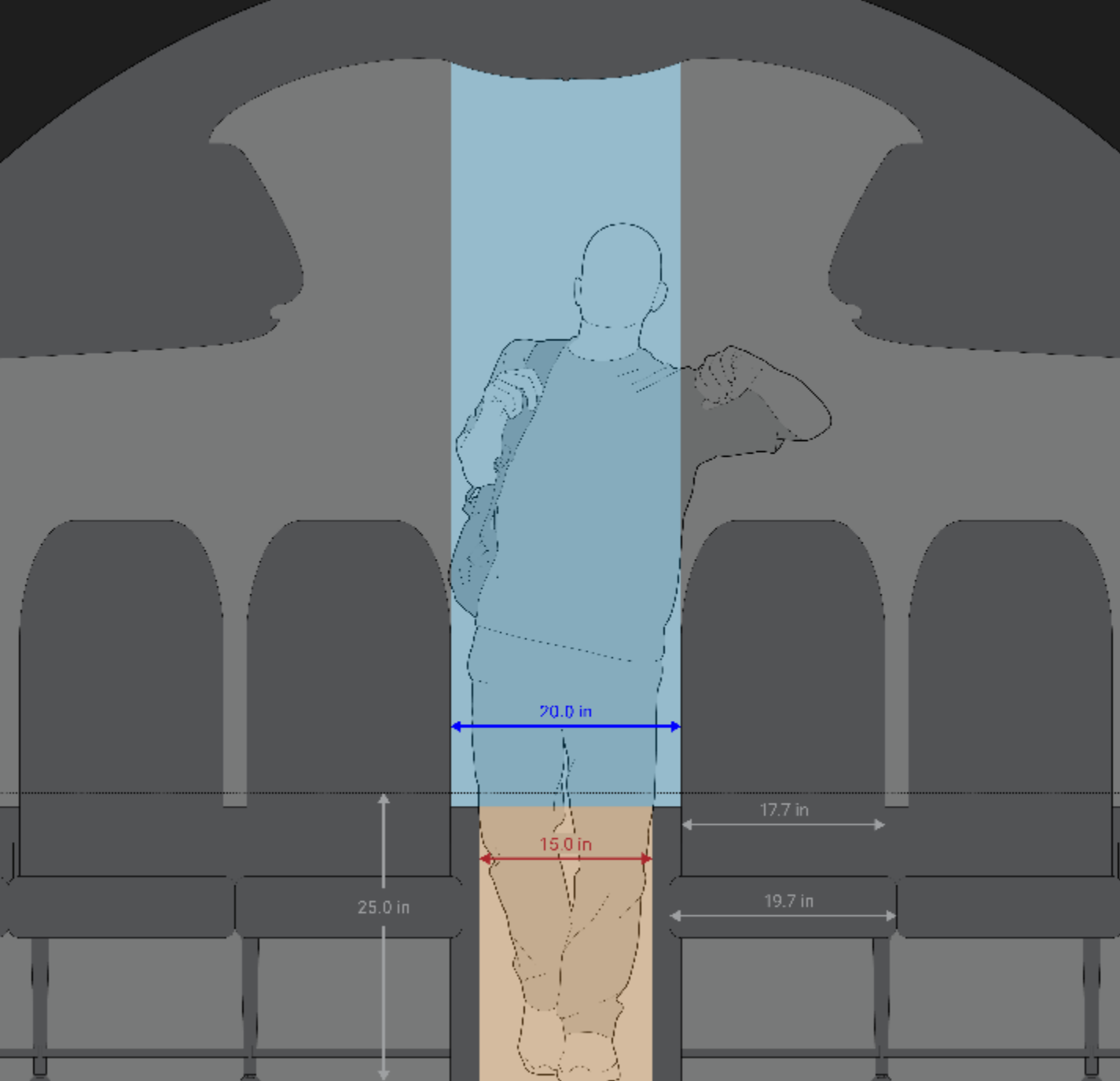










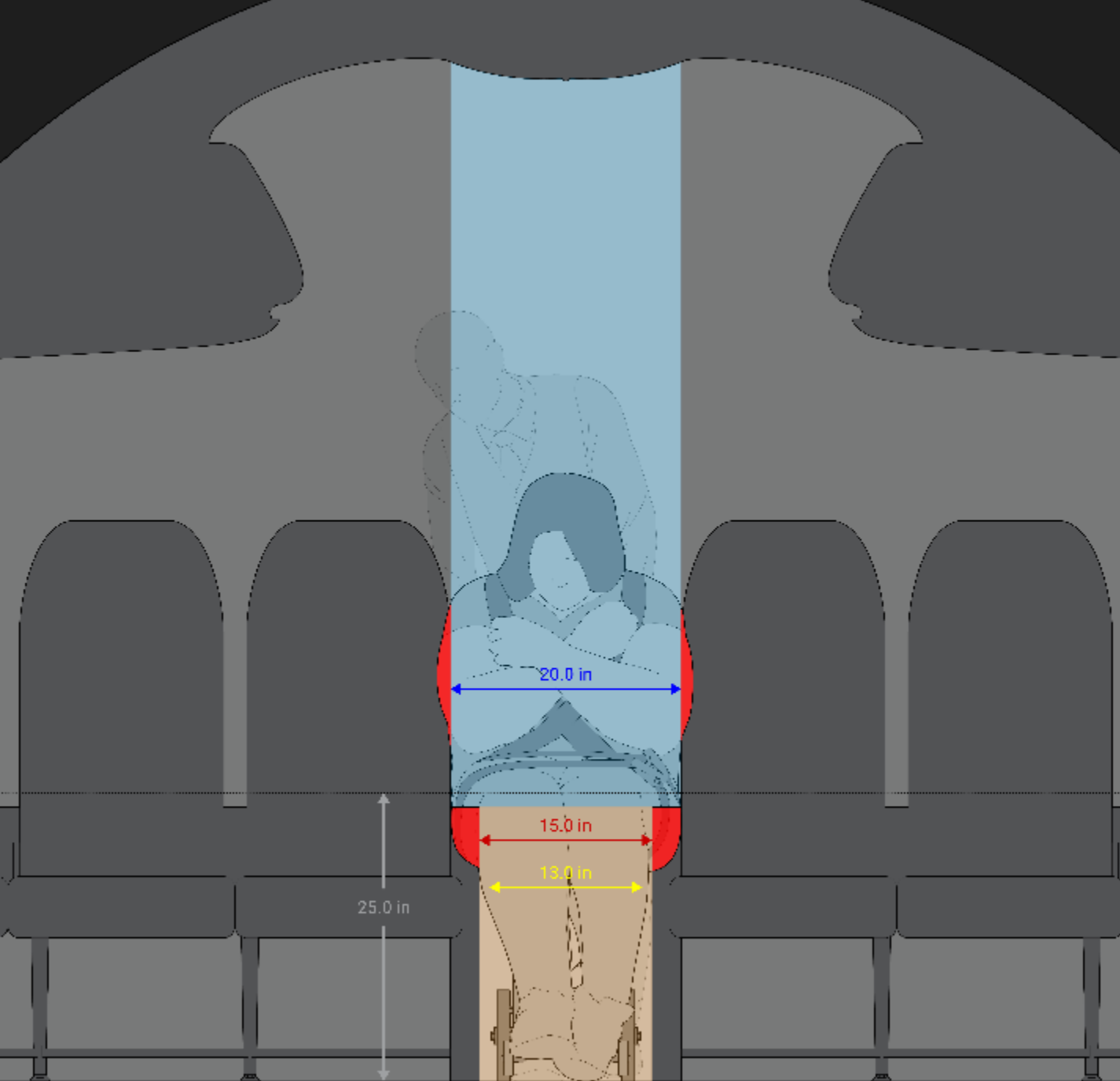


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US Male

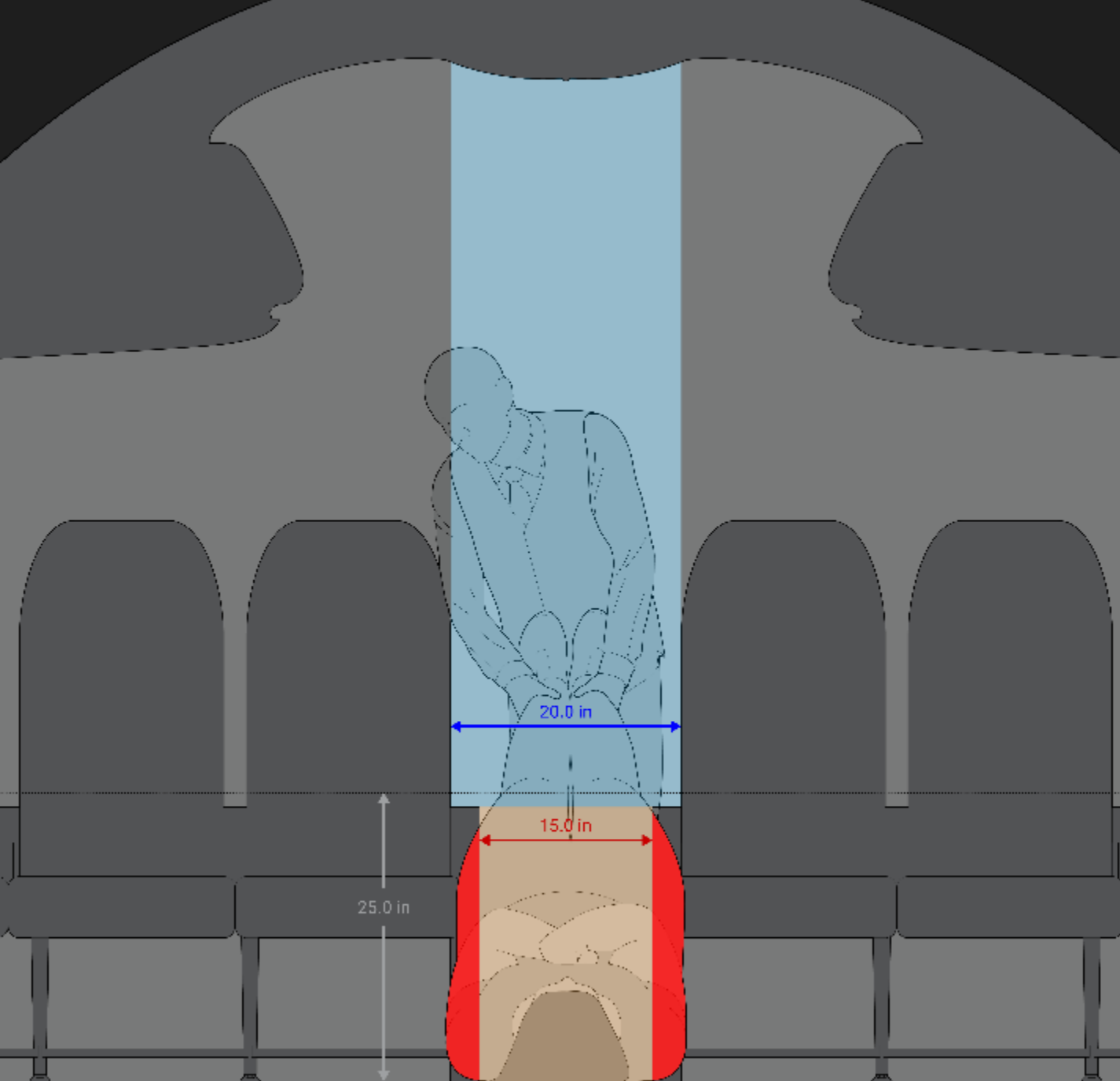




**15.0 in** aisle width

**19.8 in** hip width

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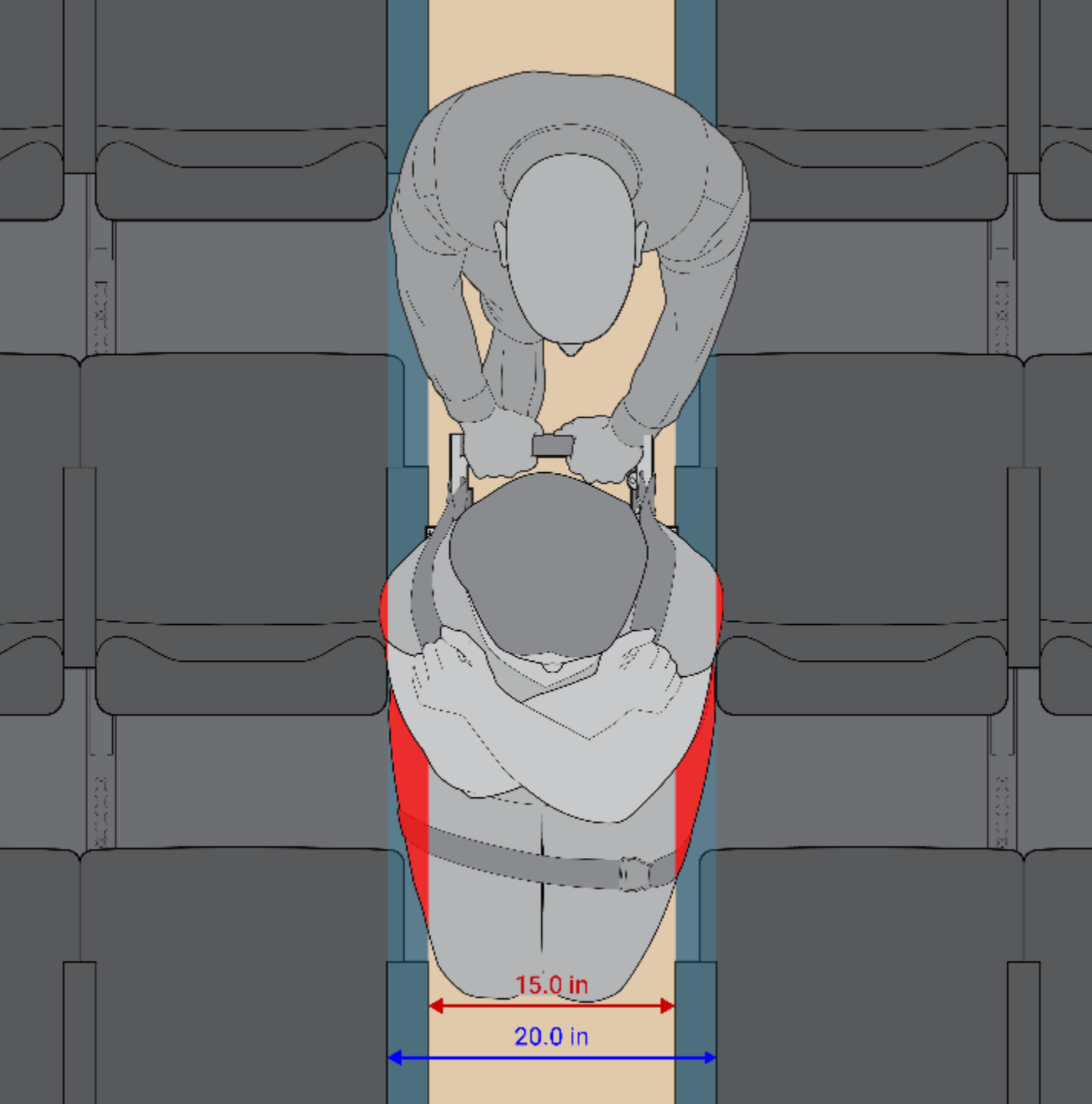


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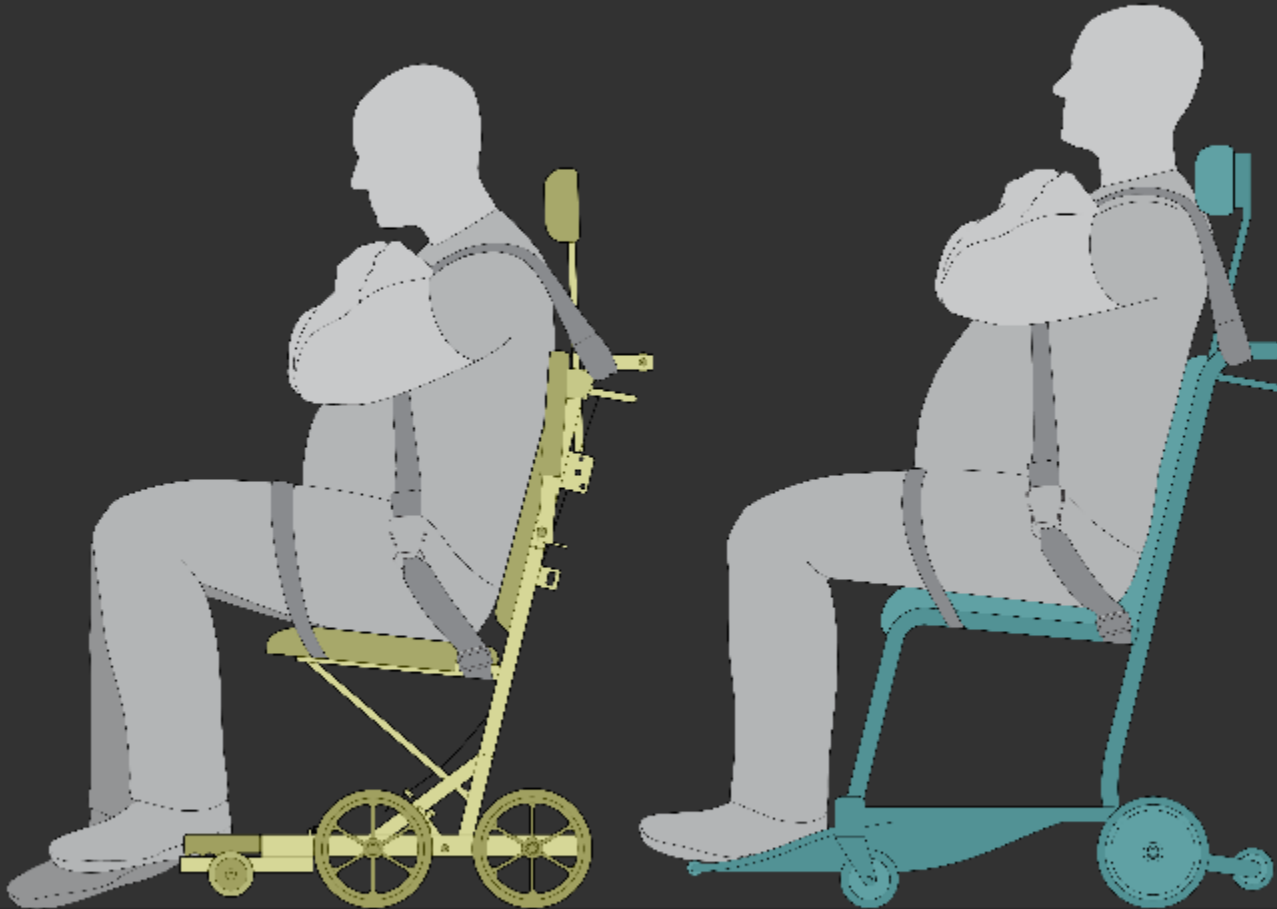
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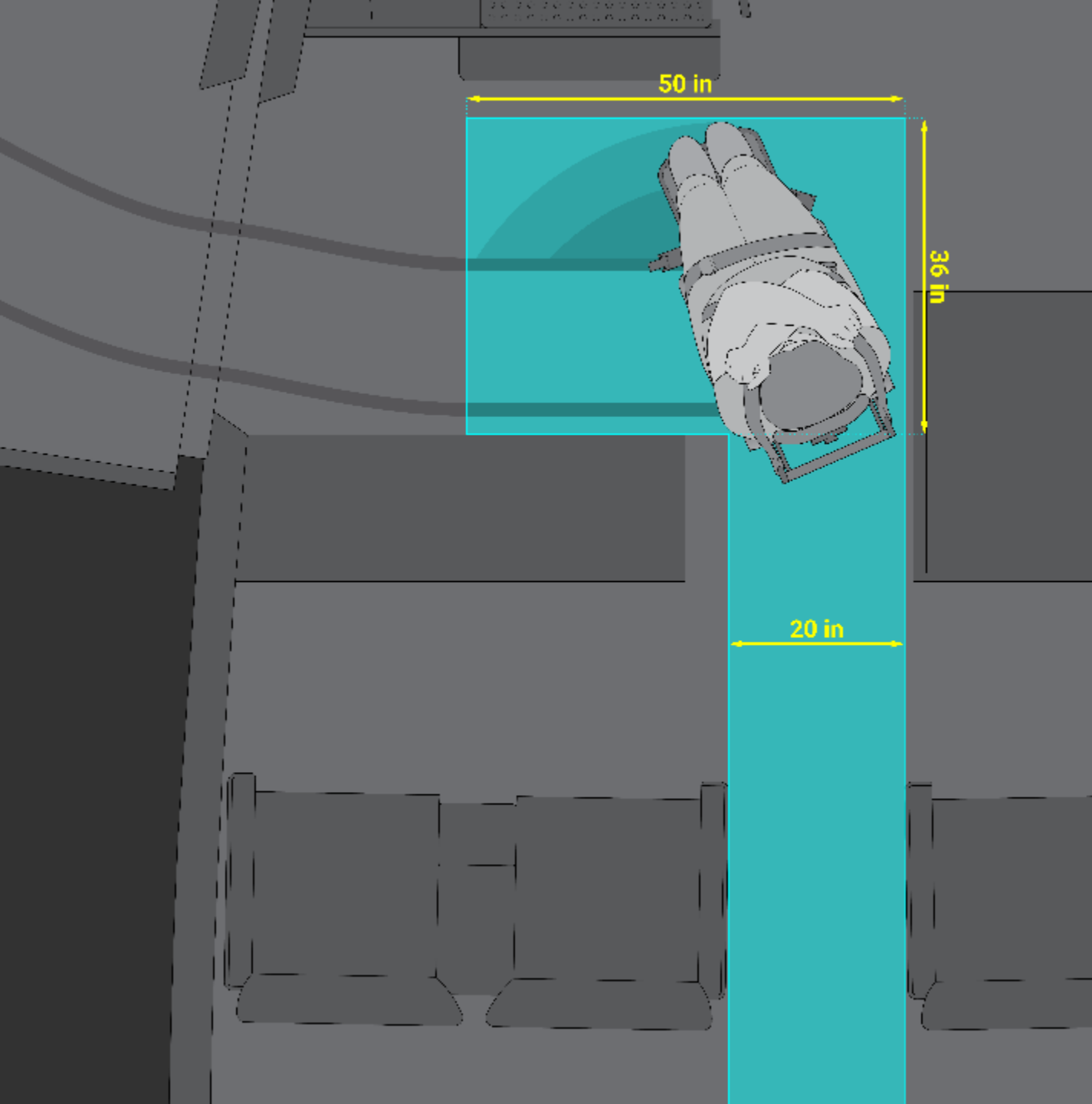
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US Female

# Device Comparison

95<sup>th</sup> percentile  
US Male





## Rear Wheel Pivot with Rotating Casters

**36.0 in** clearance

**20.0 in** aisle width

**19.8 in** hip width

95<sup>th</sup> percentile  
US Female



















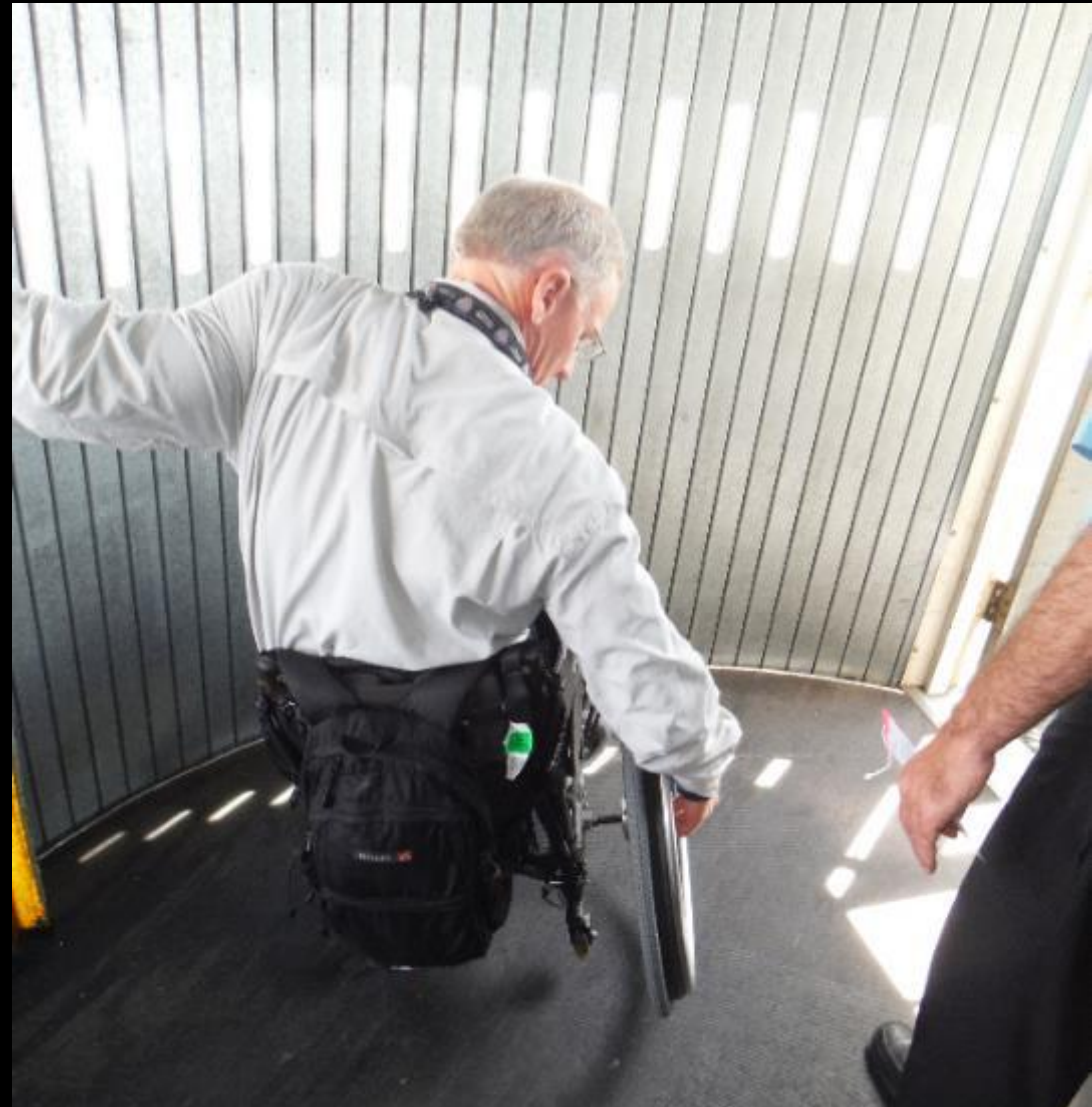


# Aircraft-compatible wheelchair



# Aircraft boarding using a wheelchair with **Narrow accessory wheels**

Fewer transfers











# 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 **Adequate pressure relief and posture**

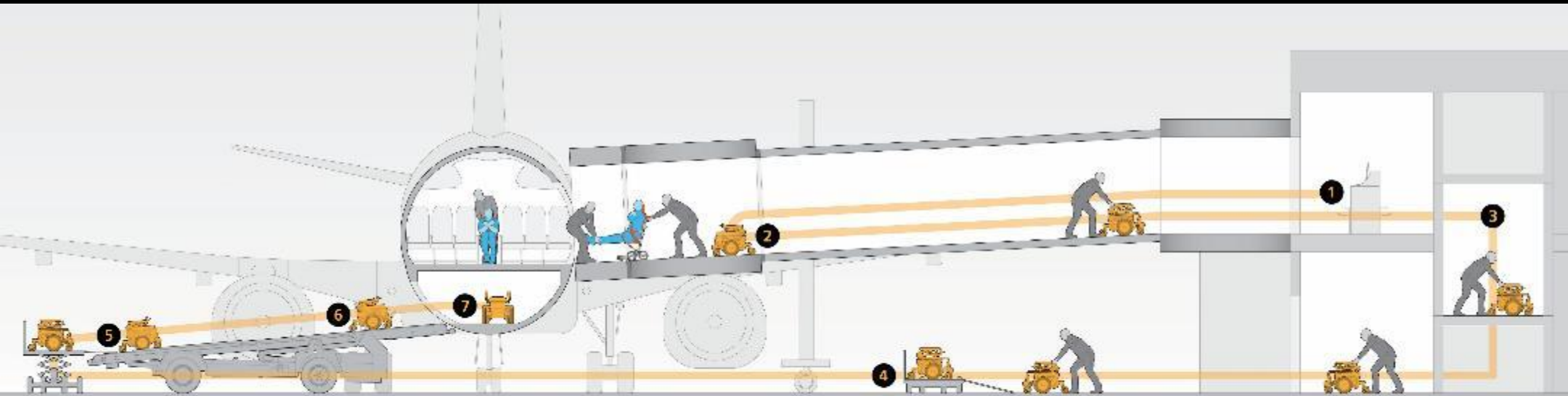
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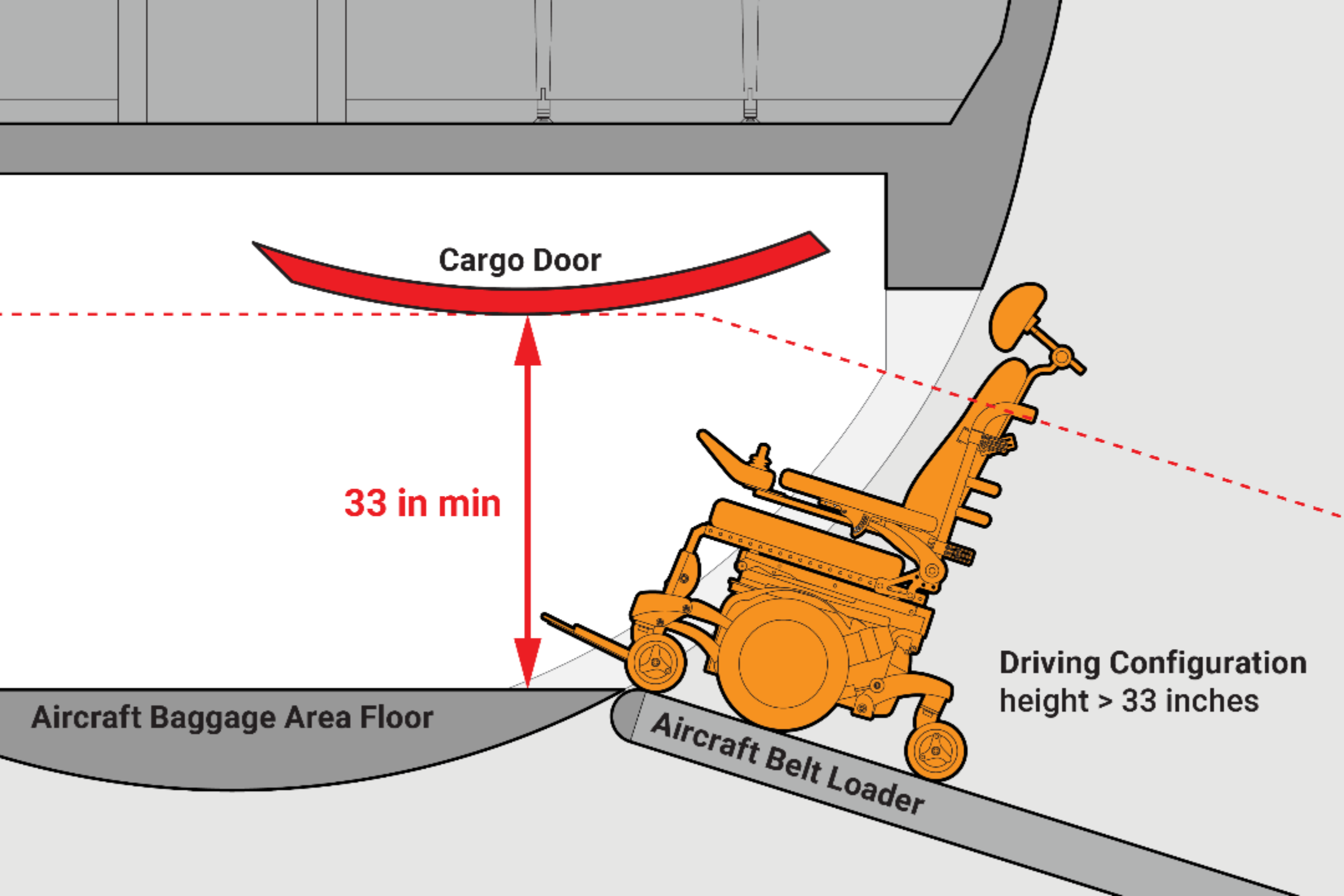


## Storage of wheelchair in aircraft

# From jetway to cargo hold

The path the mobility device takes to get to the cargo hold





**Cargo Door**

**33 in min**

**Aircraft Baggage Area Floor**

**Aircraft Belt Loader**

**Driving Configuration  
height > 33 inches**



**PWC tilted on side to fit through door**

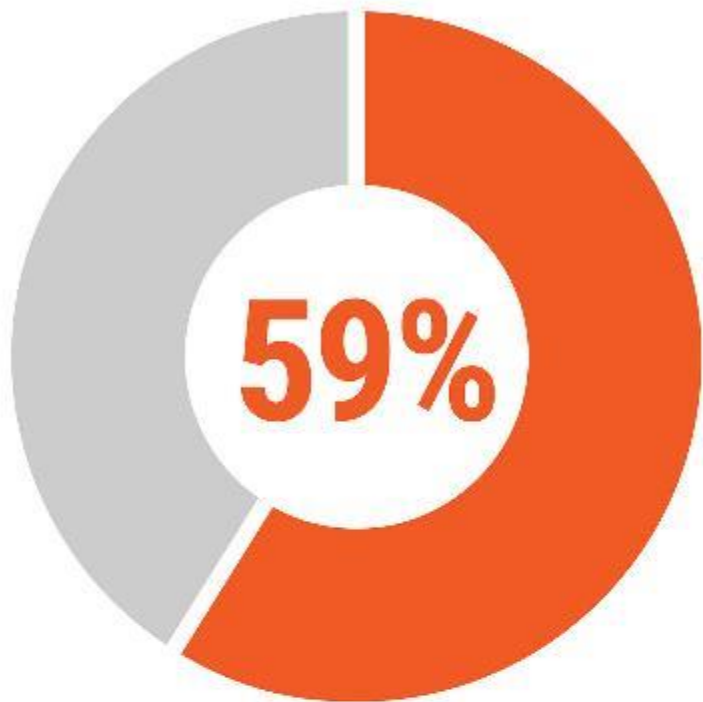


# Device damage

Damage to drive wheel  
that came off powered  
wheelchair







responded that their...

## **mobility devices were damaged after air travel**

and over 50% still experience device damage when proper procedures are followed by carrier agents.





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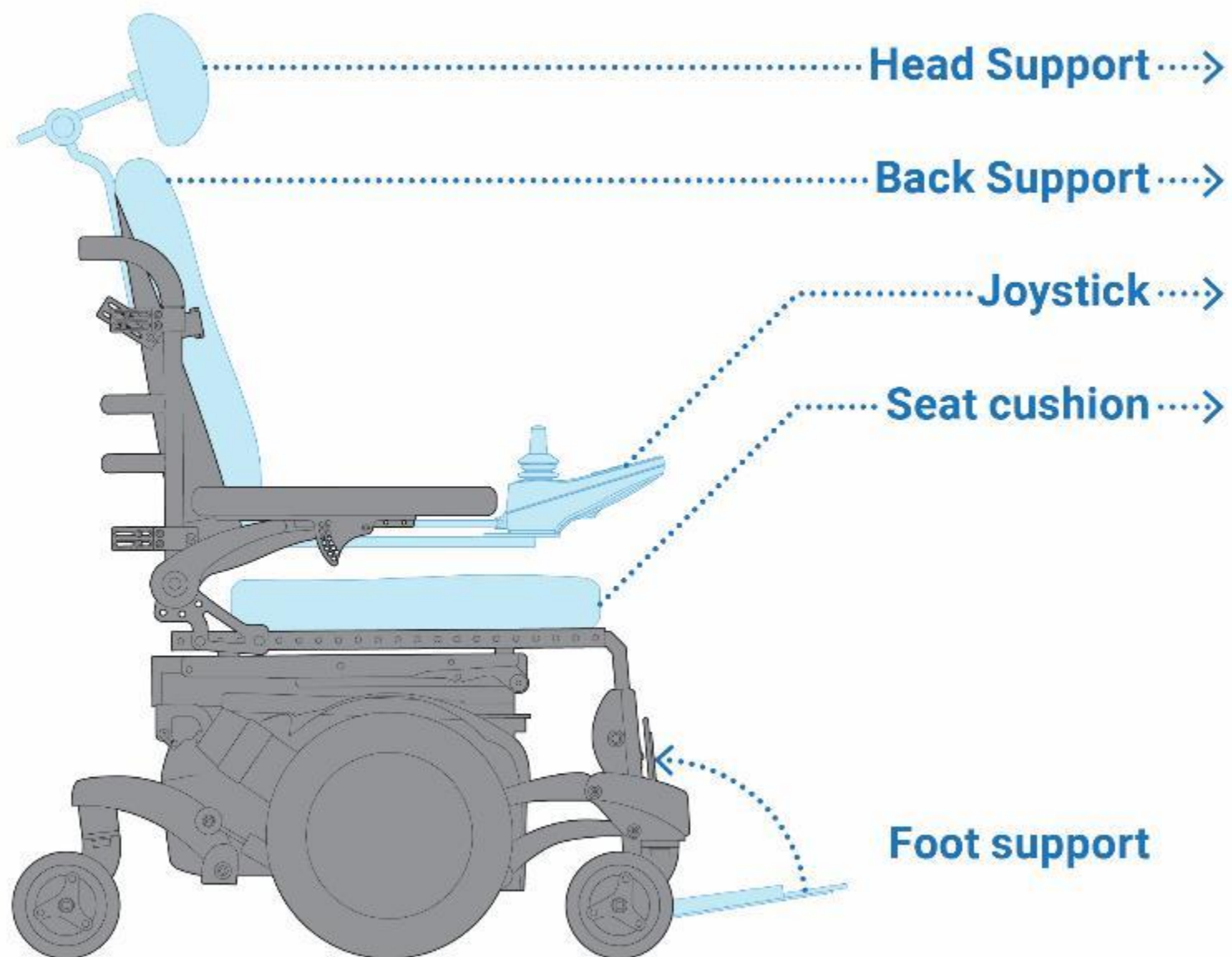
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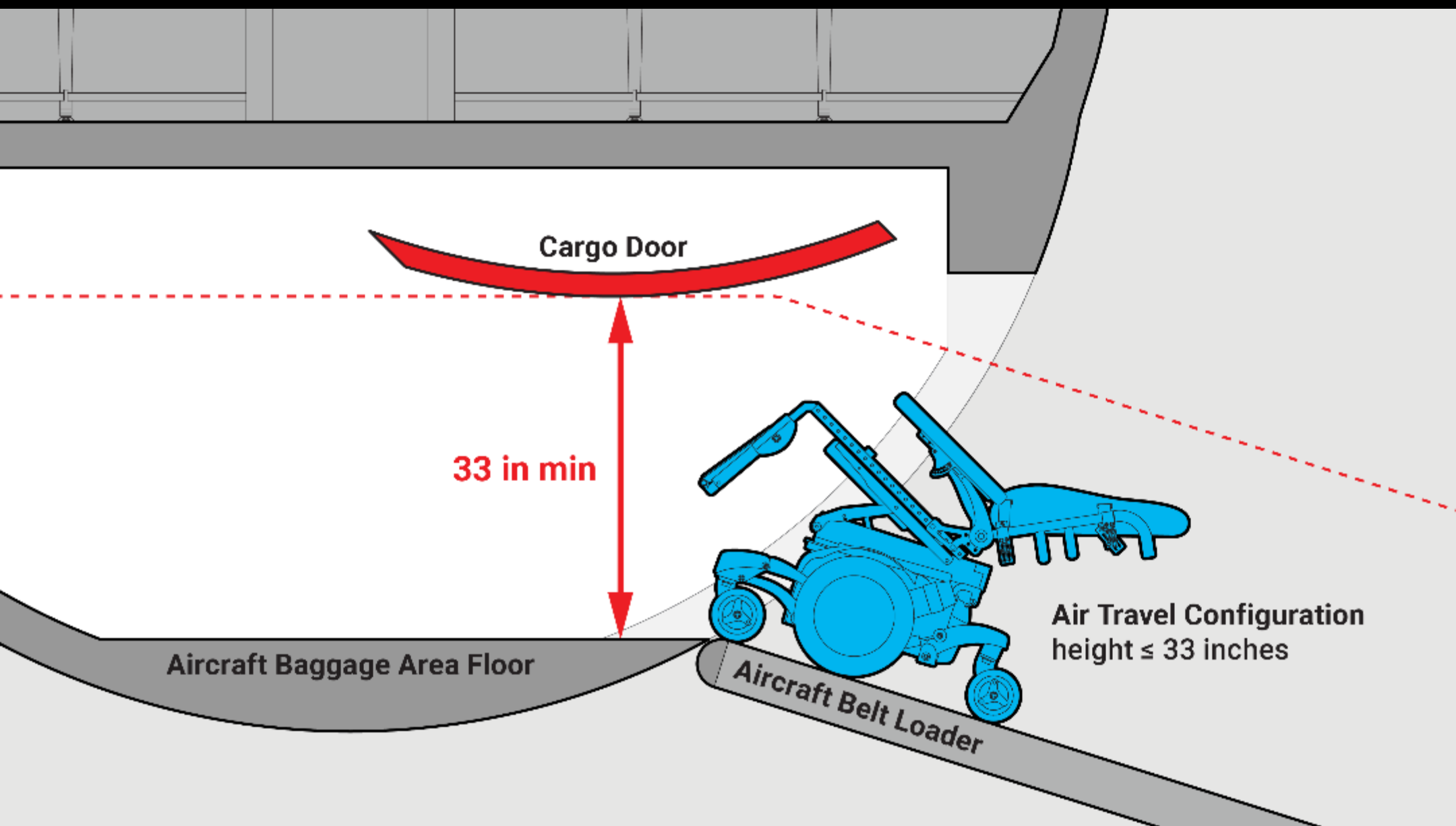


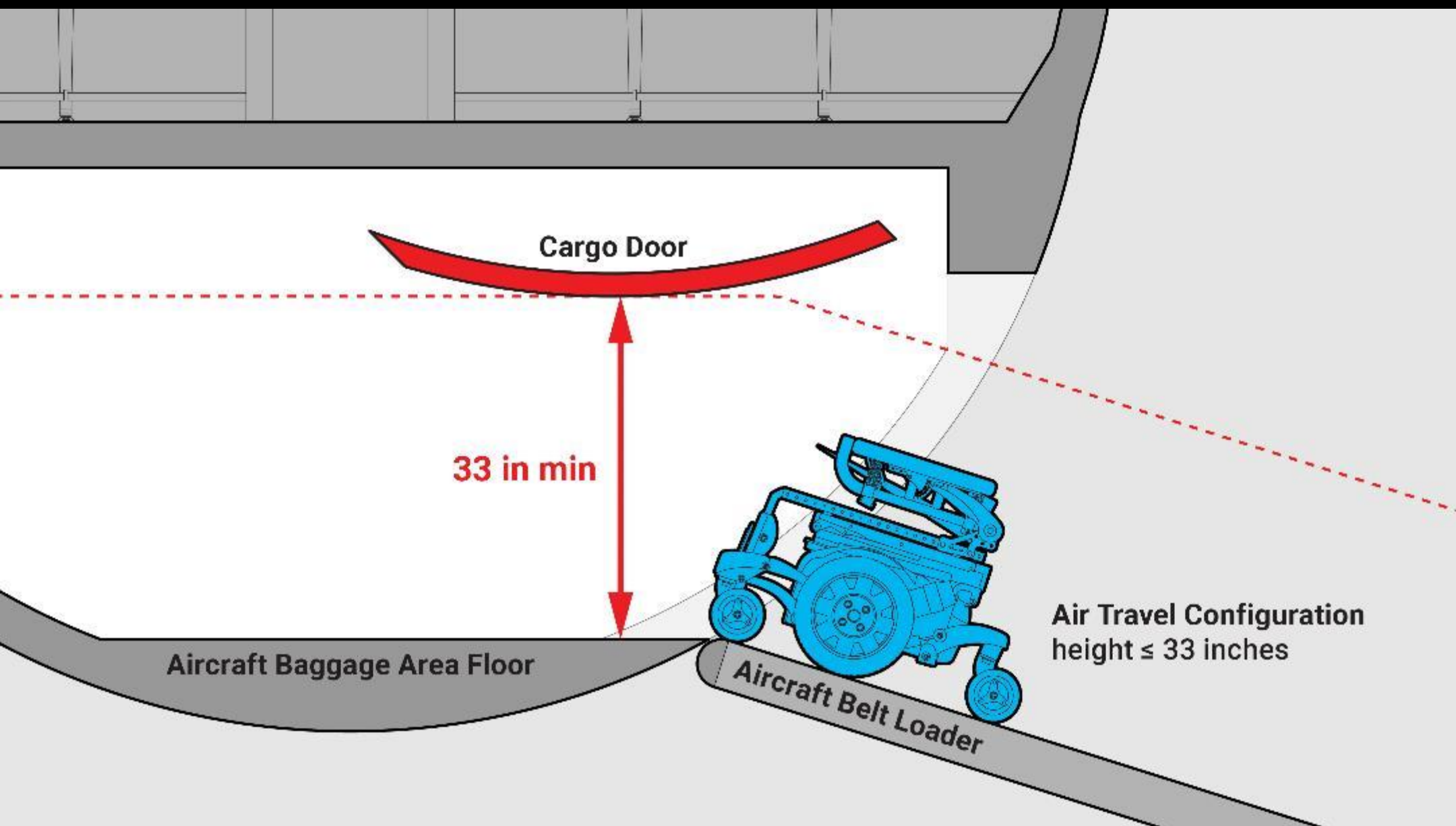
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## PMD Labeling Guidelines

# Weight



WHEELCHAIR  
WEIGHT

150 kg

330 lb




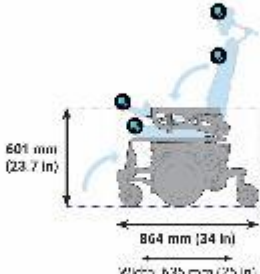
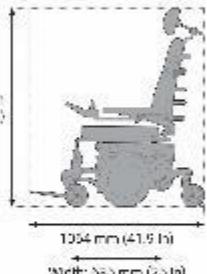













# For existing devices, create an Air Travel Information Card

 <b>air travel information</b>		<b>Manufacturer Model</b> <small>COMPLIANT with RESNA AT</small>
owner: John Doe	phone: 123 456 7890	email: john.doe@email.com
		chair serial number: #200003
<b>air travel preparation</b> <p>The owner of this device, or a designated assistant, is encouraged to participate in the following process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>remove seat cushion</b> Remove seat cushion, store in aircraft hold.</li> <li><b>remove head support</b> Remove head support, store in aircraft hold.</li> <li><b>lower back support to fit into aircraft</b> Remove back support, place into aircraft hold. Back support is fixed in place by means of rollers or, if manual, remove back support, place in aircraft hold. Back support is fixed in place by means of rollers or, if manual, remove back support, place in aircraft hold.</li> <li><b>remove joystick</b> Remove joystick, connect to aircraft. Remove joystick, connect to aircraft.</li> <li><b>raise foot supports</b> Move foot supports into aircraft hold.</li> <li><b>isolate battery power</b> Switch breaker to off to disconnect power.</li> <li><b>disengage drive system</b> Locate lever on each motor to manually disengage drive system.</li> </ol>	<b>air travel configuration</b>  <b>driving configuration</b> 	
<b>unoccupied product weight</b> <b>150 kg (330 lb)</b> <small>WARNING: This product must be lifted using a mechanical lift and not by hand.</small>		<b>battery information</b> <small>WARNING: Only non-spillable lead acid gel cell batteries are permitted on this product.</small> <small>This device has been tested and found to be compliant with 14 CFR 175.109 (b) and IATA Provision A67.</small>
<b>weight of additional components</b> <b>(if greater than 10 kg)</b> 12 kg (26.5 lb)		<small>REV 2022-11-30</small>

	<b>isolate battery power SWITCH</b> Switch breaker to off to disconnect power from the battery. This must be done in addition to the user disconnecting the battery.
	<b>disengage drive system</b> Move levers outward to release the brakes. Disengage drive system with brake release levers to move product manually. The brake release levers are located at the front of the motor by desk.
	<b>manual lift points</b> Manual lift points are located on all four casters arms. <b>WARNING:</b> This product must be lifted using a mechanical lift. To avoid injury, limit weight of person lifting to 150 kg (330 lb).
	<b>chair securement</b> RESNA W09 securement points can be used to secure the mobility device. After securing and securing the mobility device, use straps to secure the device to the aircraft.
	<b>user operator manual online</b> Scan the QR code to view the RESNA W09 manual. Configuration can be viewed online. The manual is available at: <a href="https://www.resna.com/manuals">https://www.resna.com/manuals</a> .

**14 CFR §382.129(a)** This device, you must provide passengers with a disability to provide written information concerning the device assembly and disassembly and states the following:







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