



beneficial designs

designing beyond the norm to meet the needs of all people

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BRING ME MEN



STOP



The need:

To get back out on the snow















The Mono Ski

Now a Paralympic sport





AMERICAN
EXPRESS

When you ne

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

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research

design

education



Mission Statement

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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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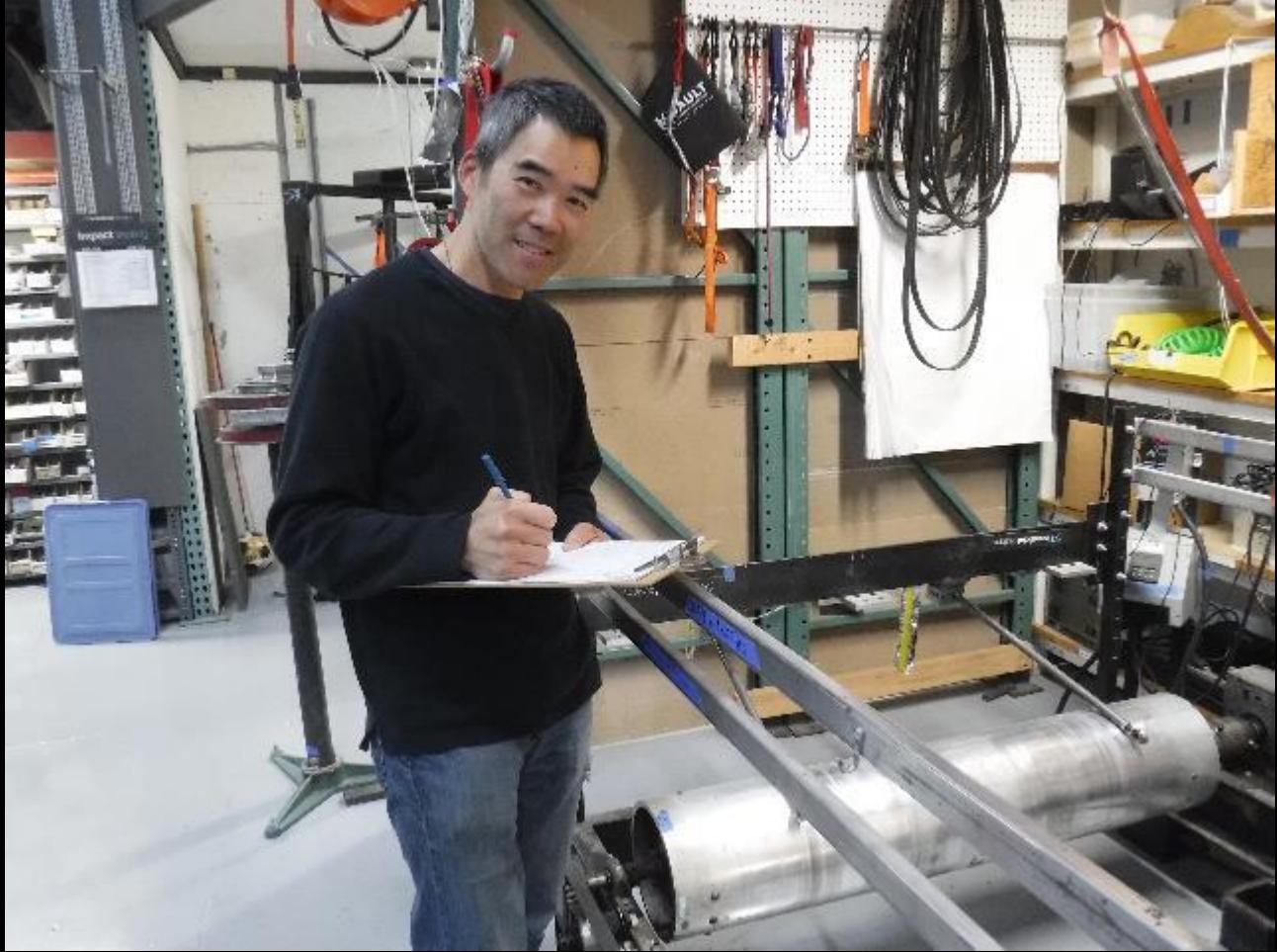




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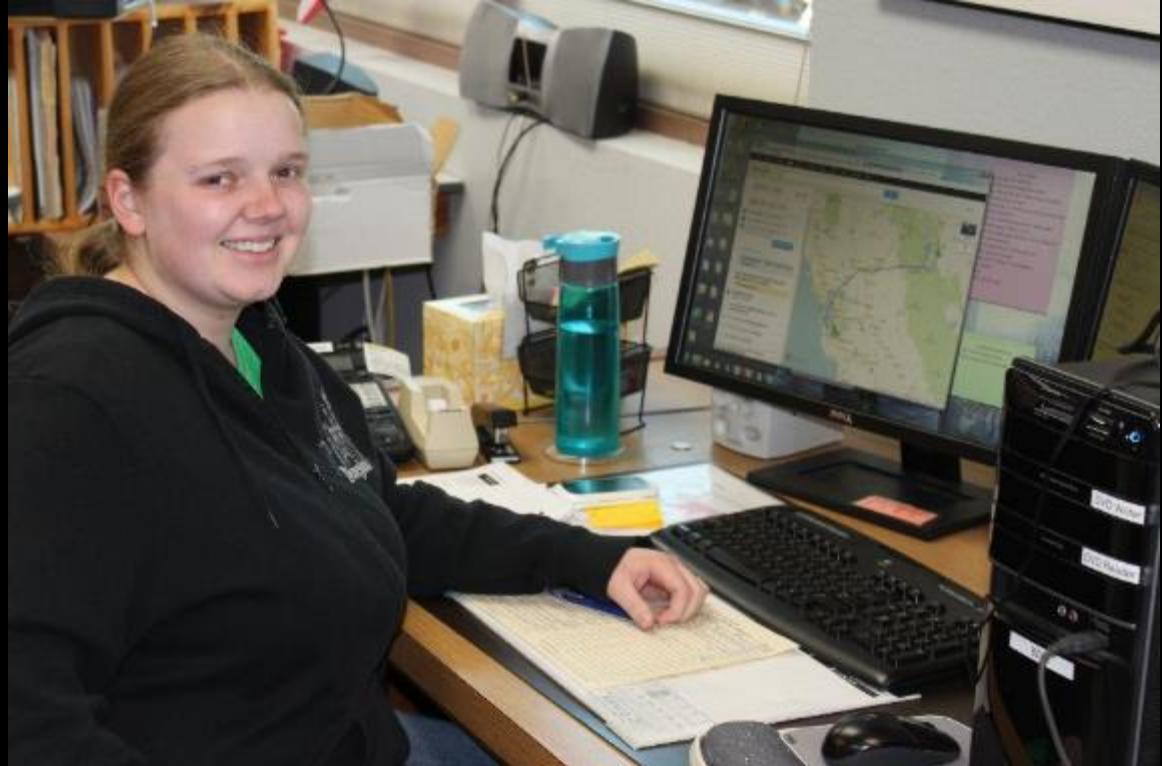
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A working space with tools...

to design and create

to build, test and break

with material and stuff to assemble









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N-C

N-B

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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

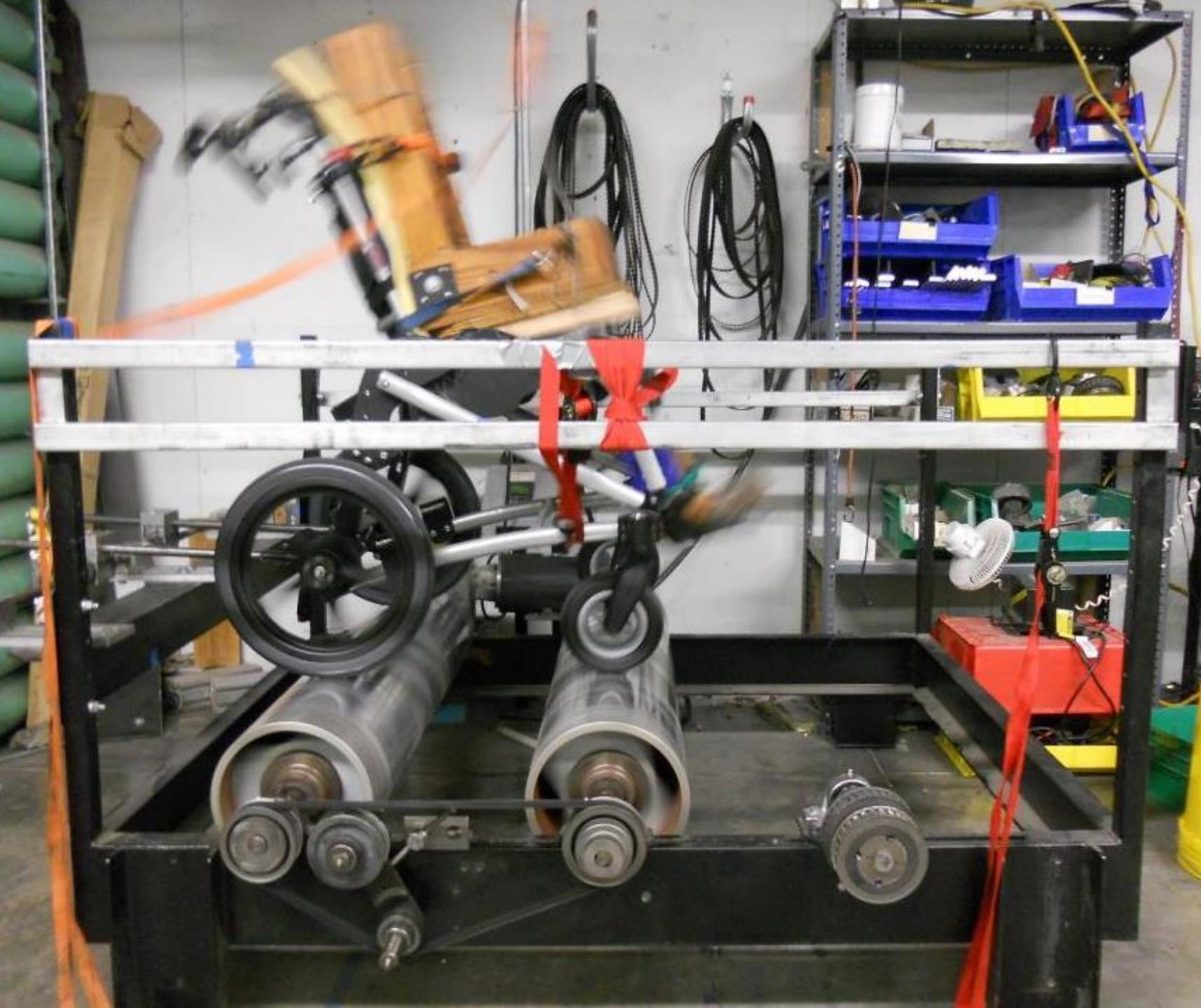
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European National EN12183 and 12184
testing requirements and test methods







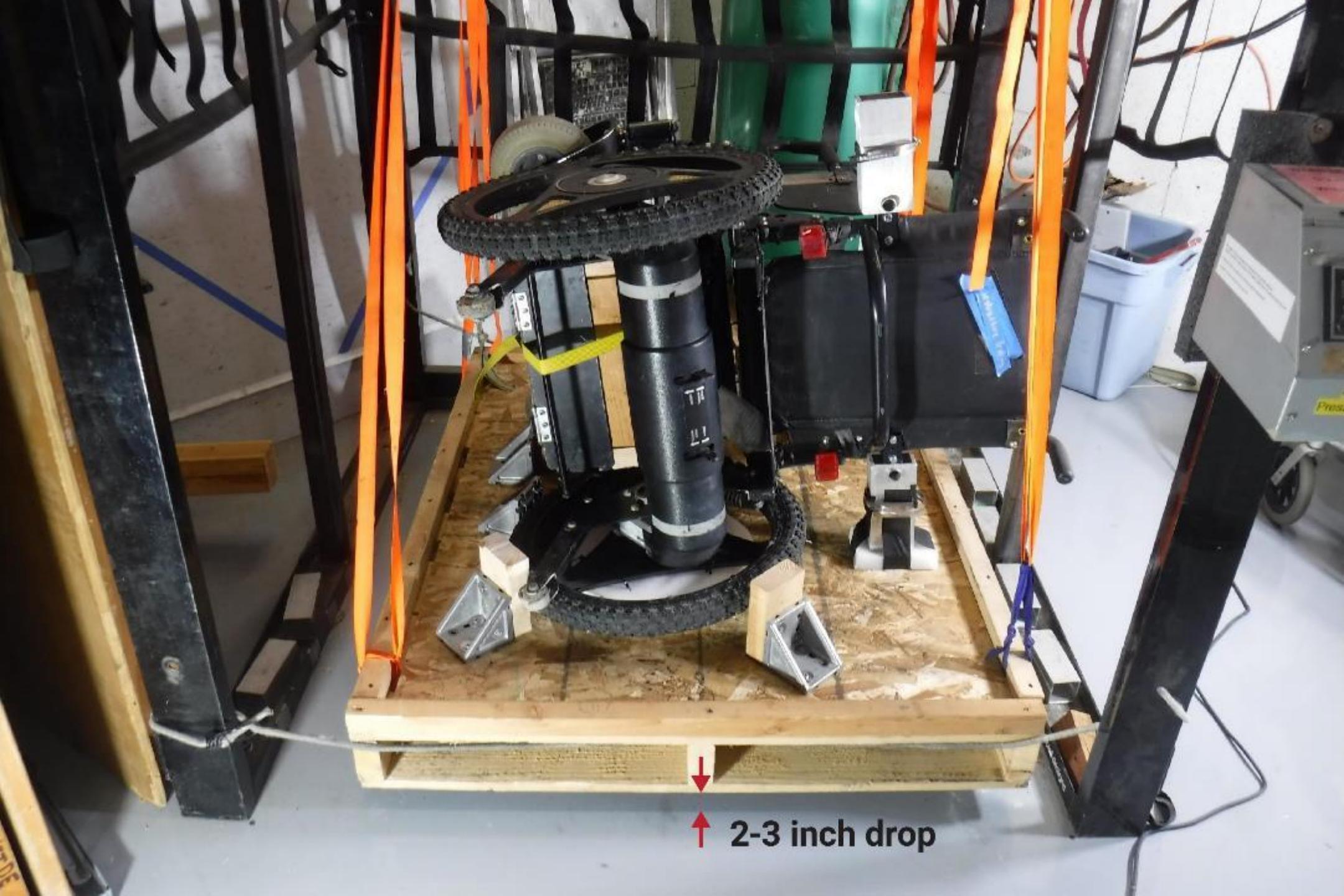






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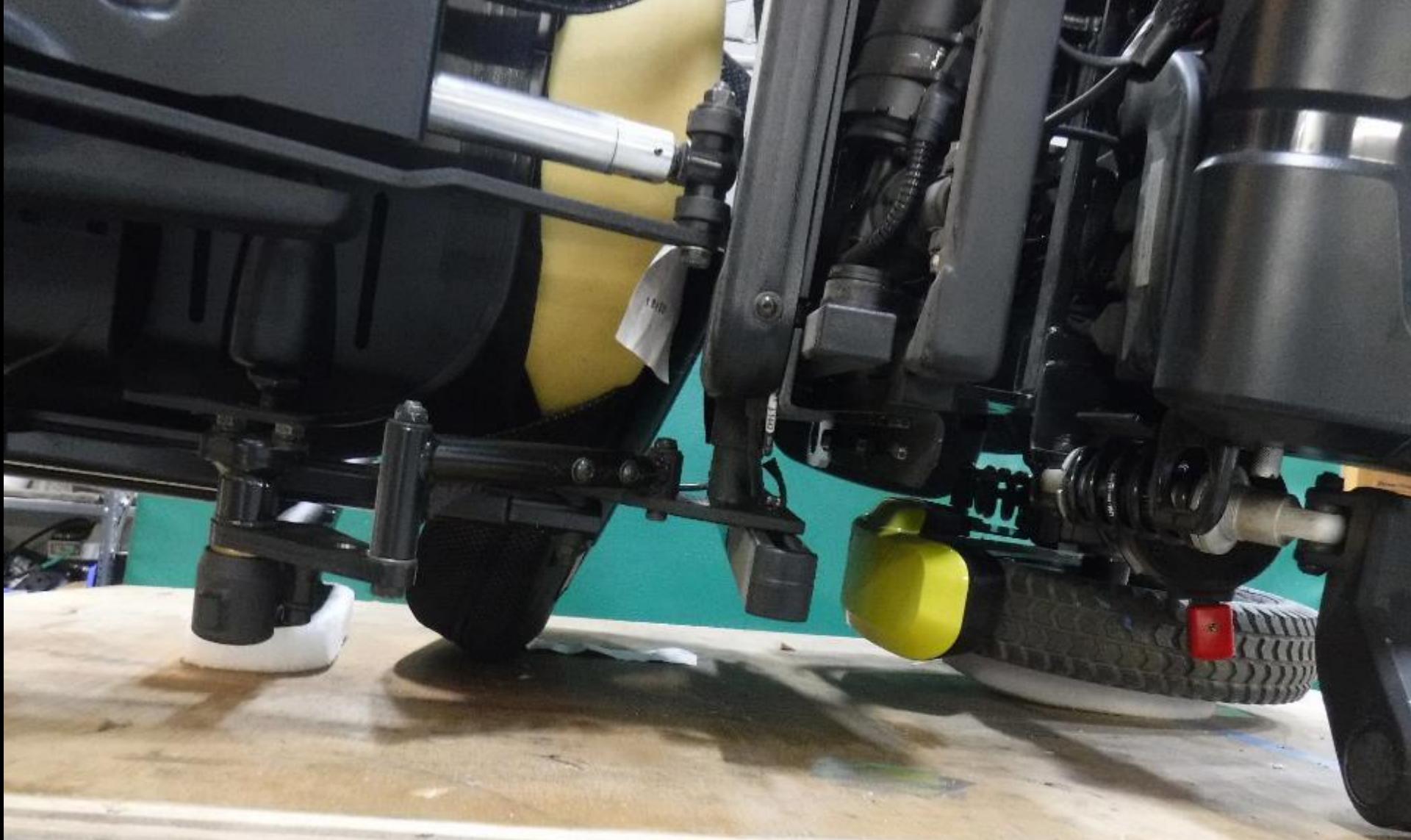


2-3 inch drop















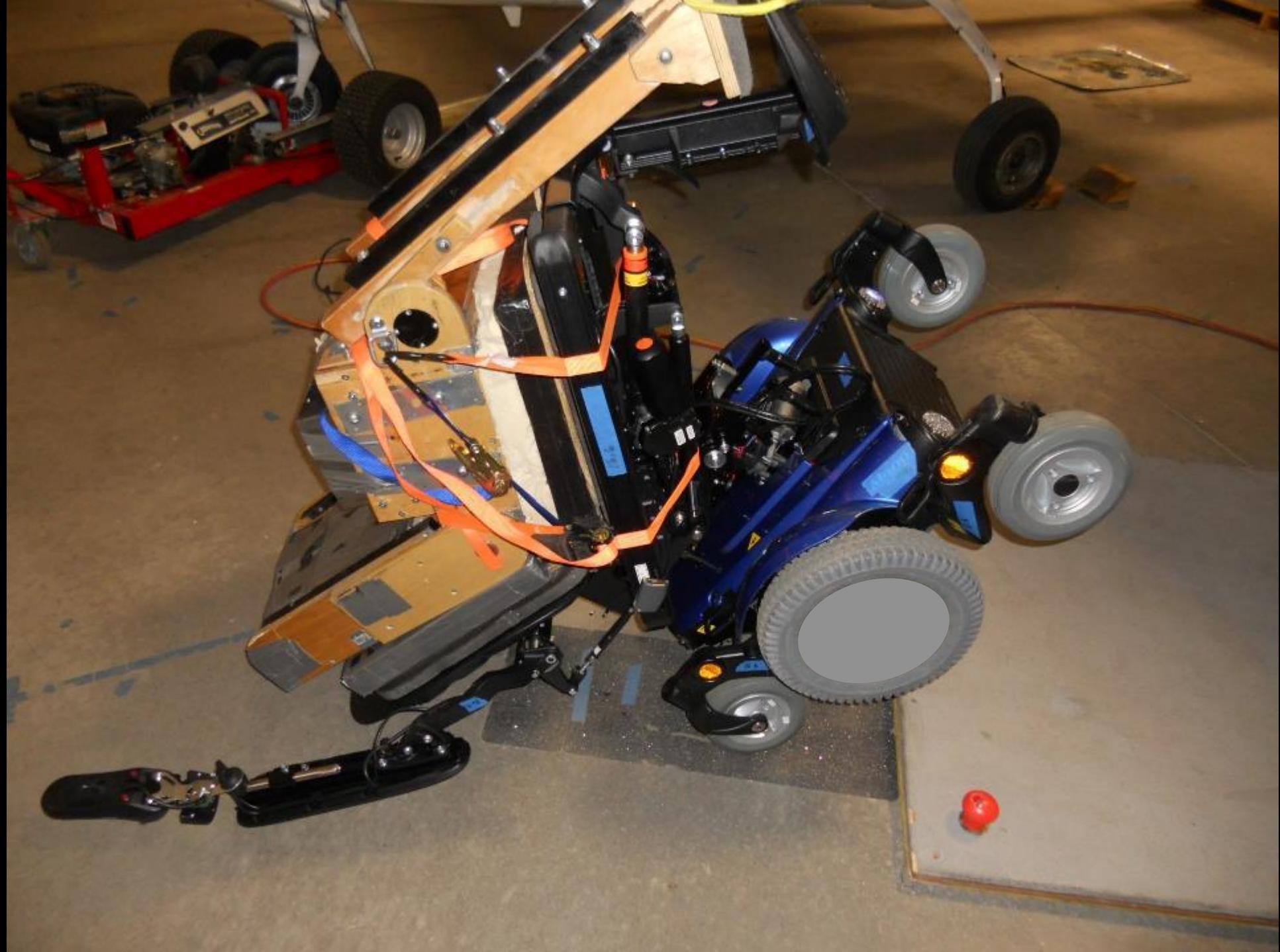




Werkplaatsen
Techniek
Drukwerk
Drukwerk en
Grafische technieken
Grafische technieken

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







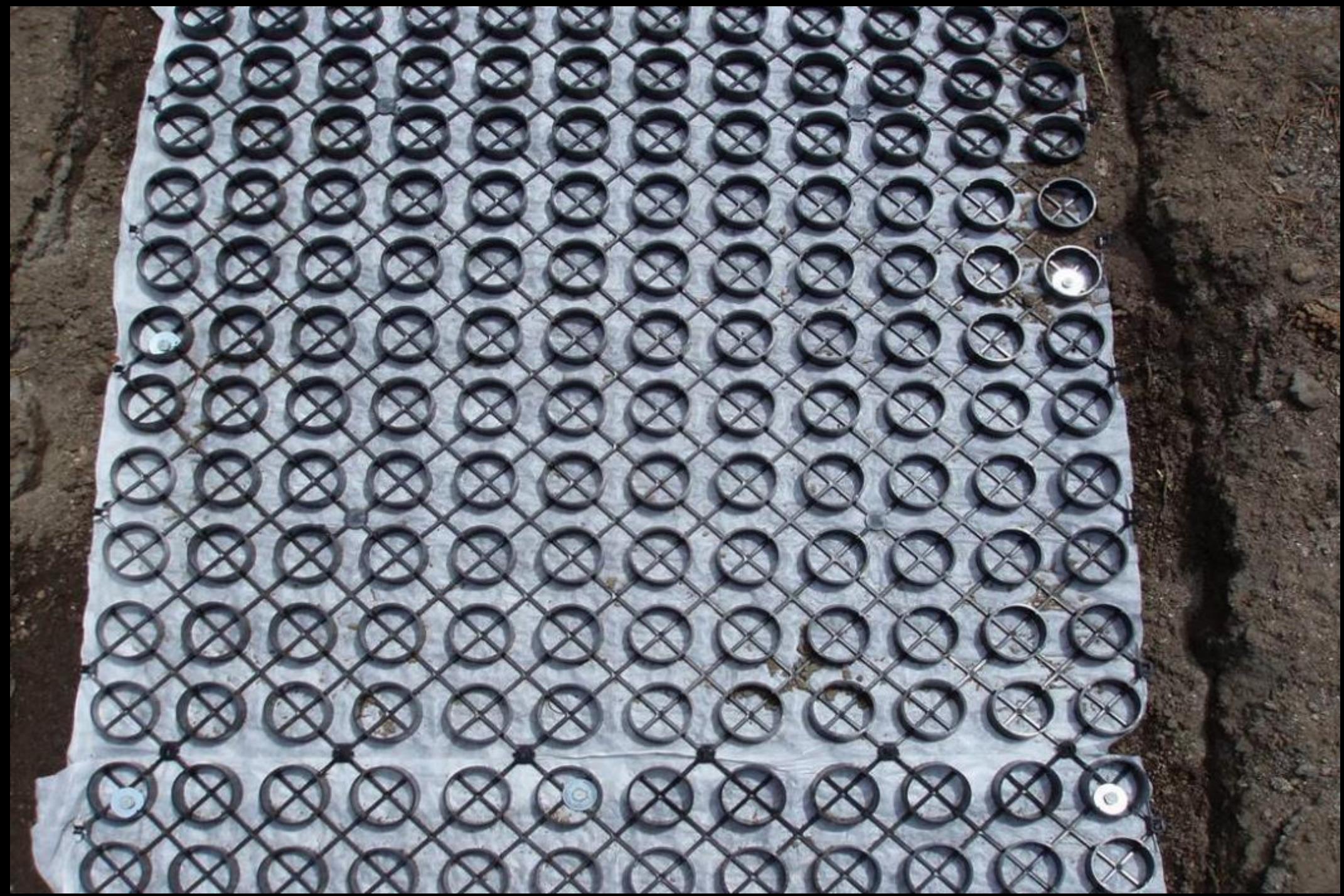


Trail surface

Trail with firm but
unstable sandy
surface

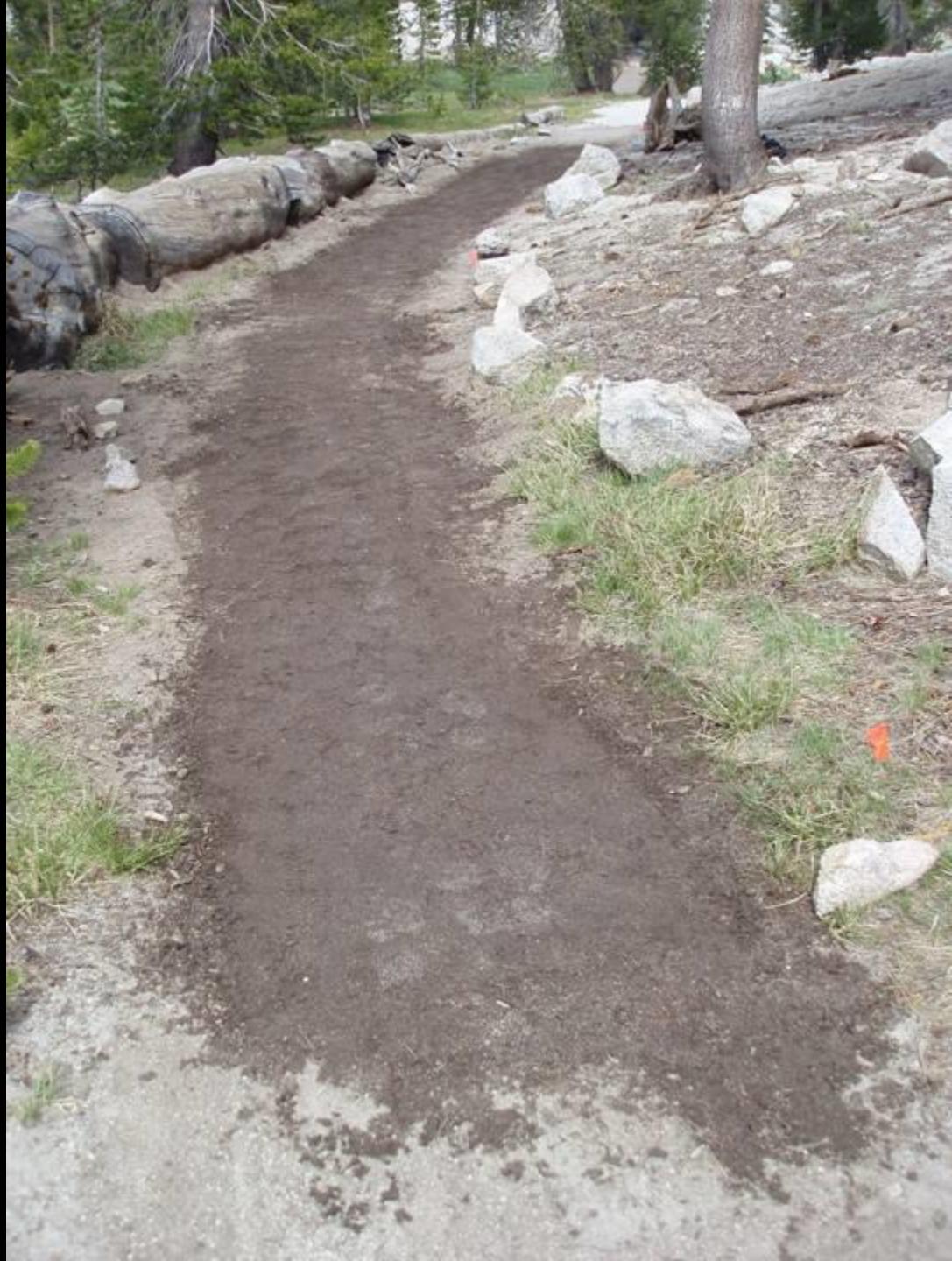






Final surface

Trail after installation
of surface stabilizer



Rotational Penetrometer readings

Gravelpave 2

Before Application

Firmness	Stability
0.18	0.77
0.17	0.87
0.17	0.77
0.18	0.88
<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.79</u>
0.18	Avg 0.82

After Application

Firmness	Stability
0.17	0.37
0.17	0.38
0.18	0.42
0.17	0.35
<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.40</u>
0.17	Avg 0.38

Seat cushion testing

People die from pressure sores

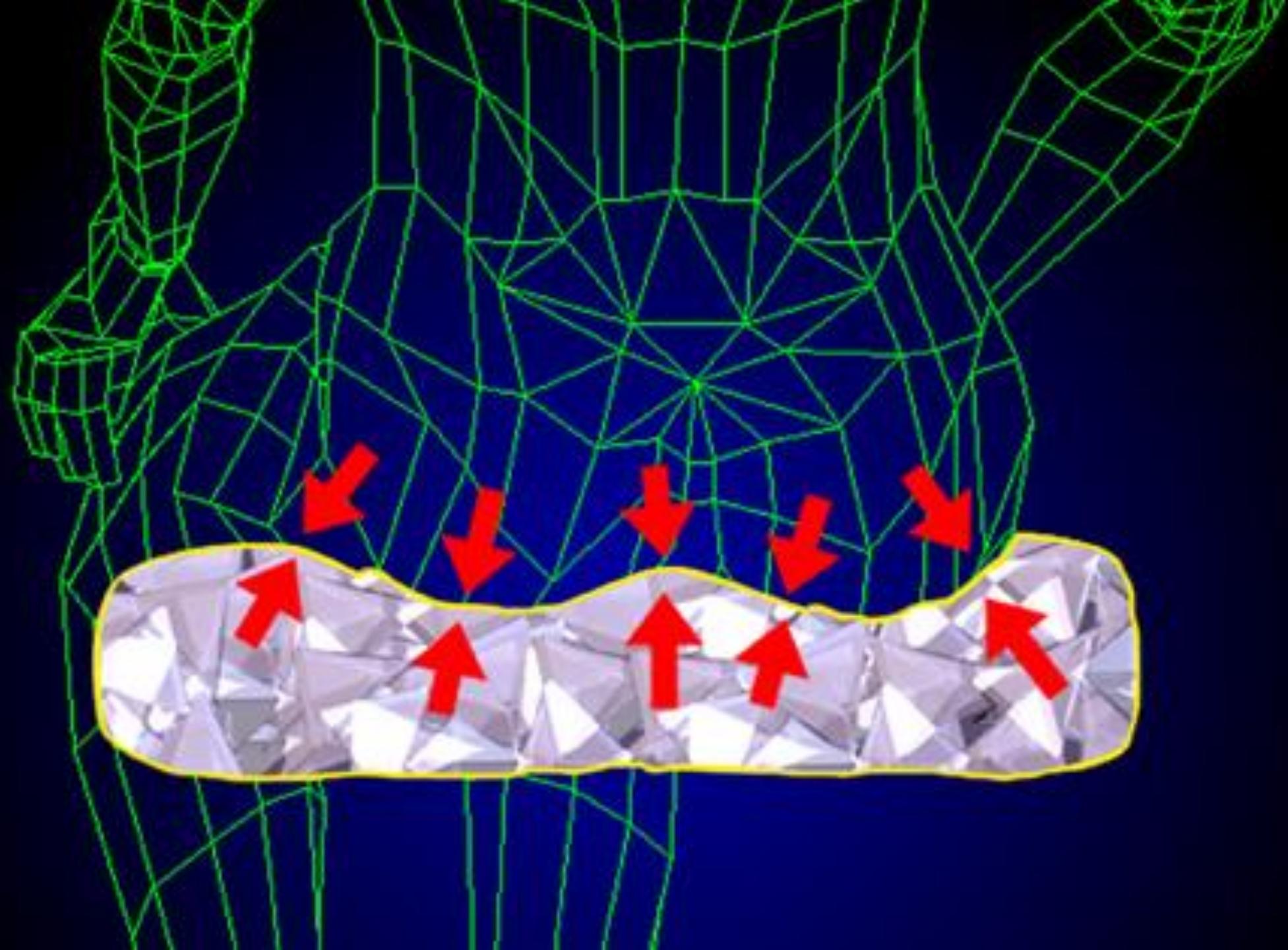
Soft but firm and stable

Making sure the product is safe

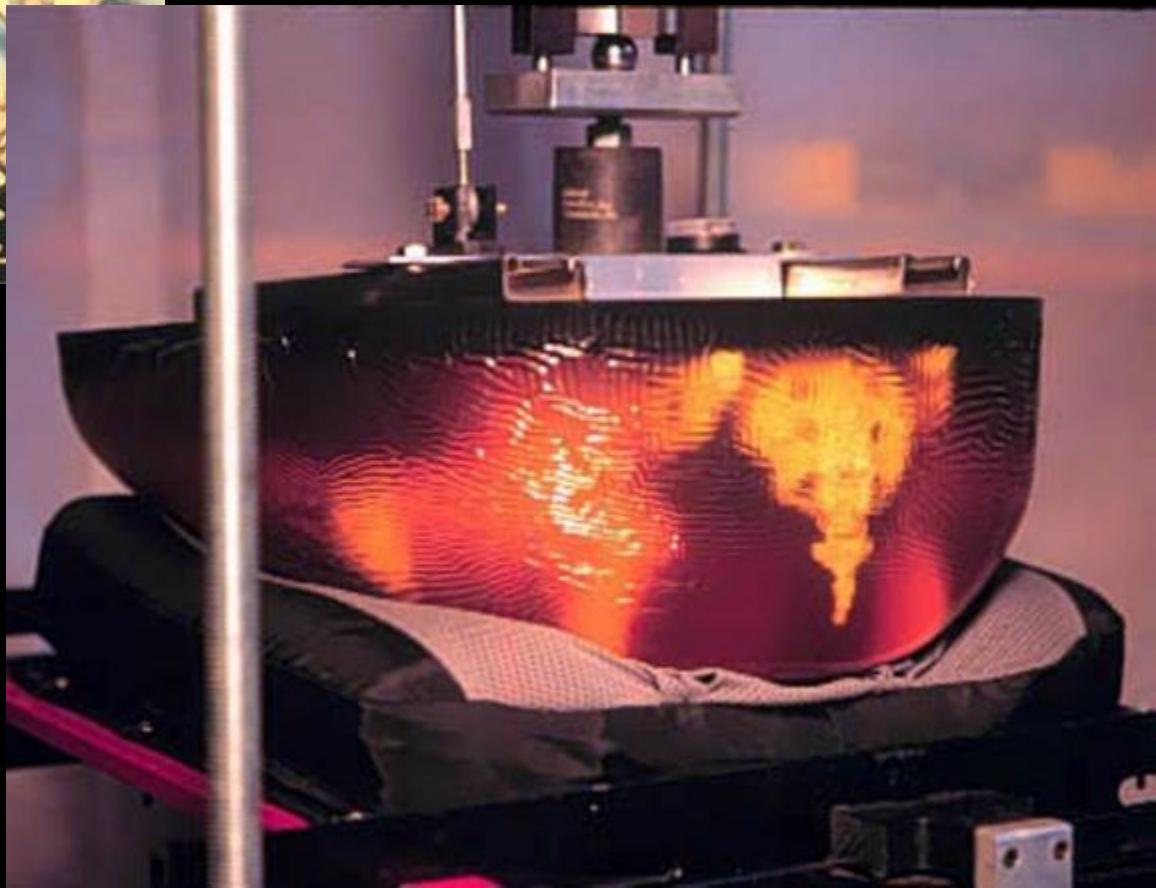
Making sure I don't get a pressure sore

How high are the sitting pressures?

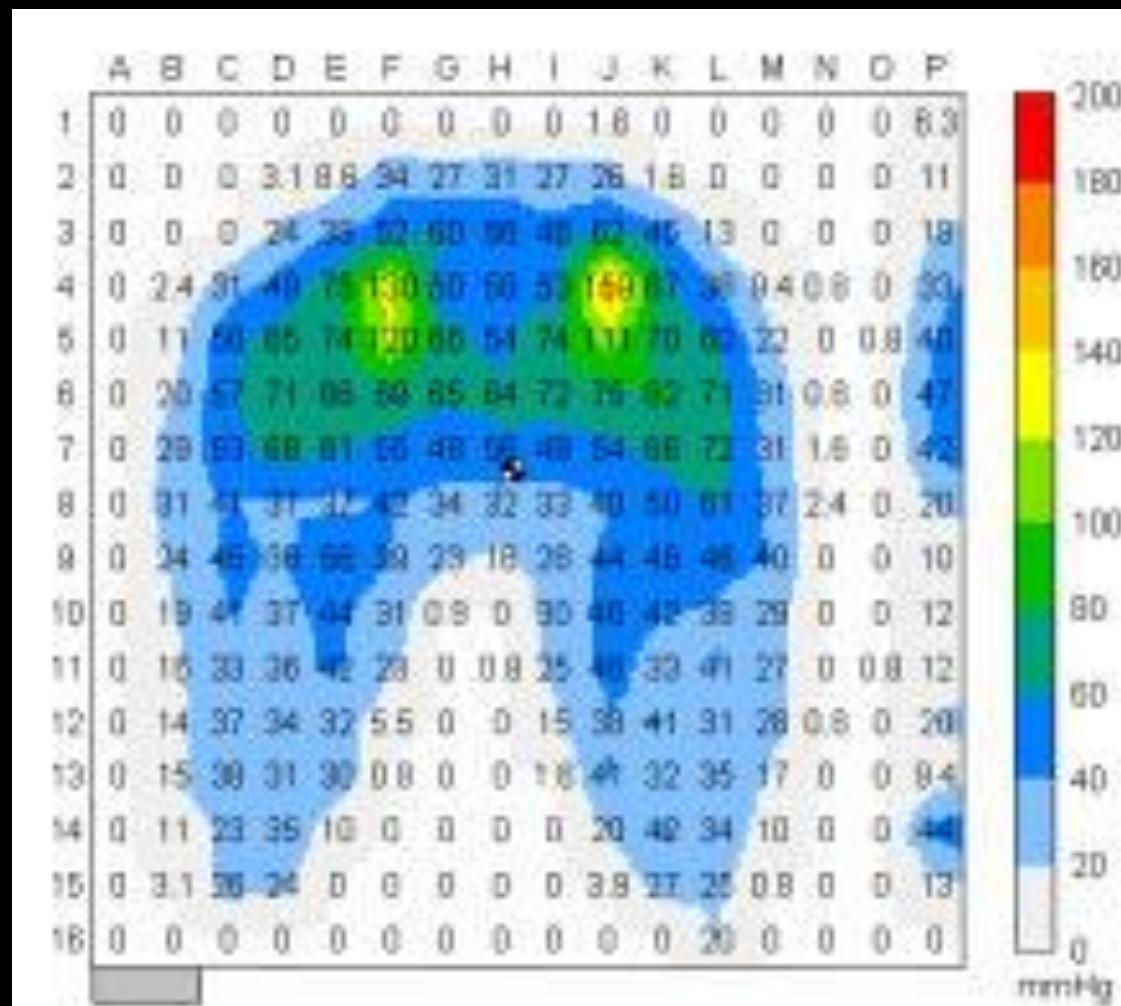
How long can I sit on it?



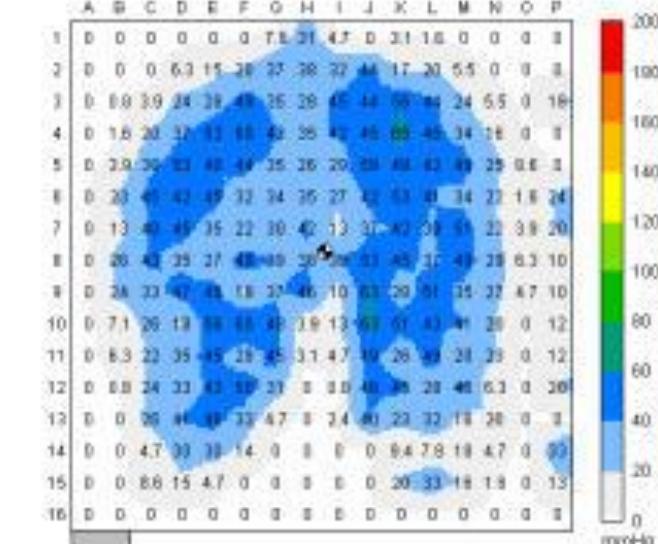
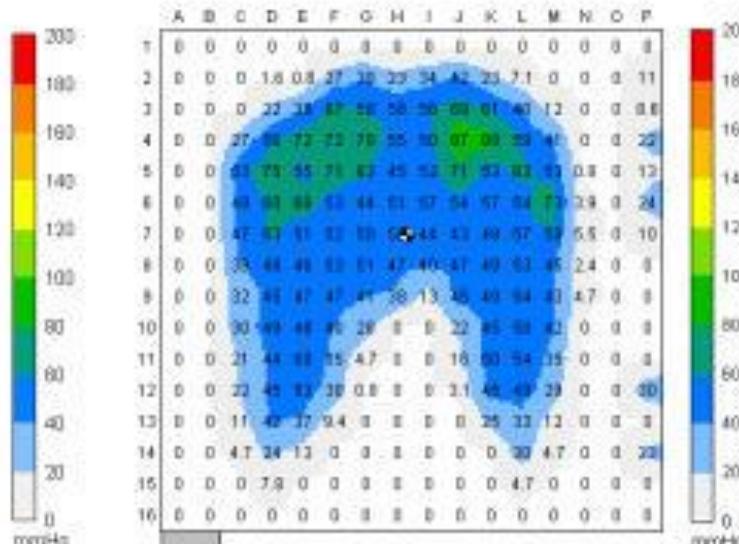
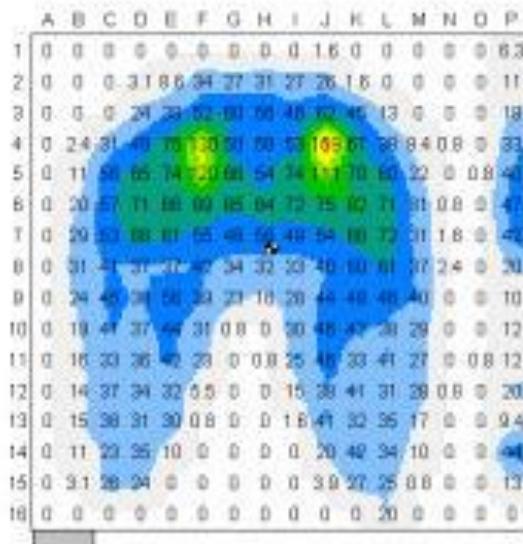
Testing with Gel Butt



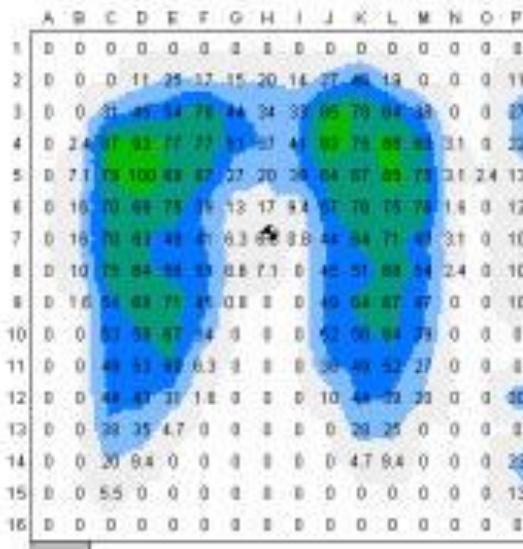
SKELI used on foam



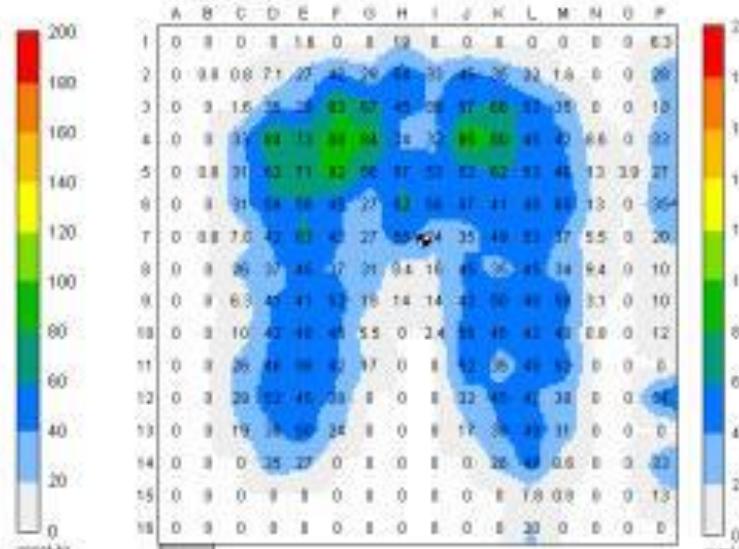
• 2" HR45 Foam Cushion



2" HR45 Foam

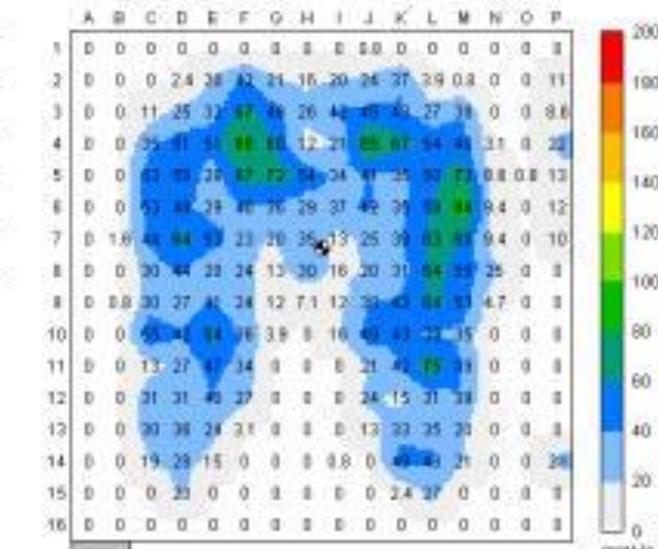


Contoured by Supracor



Model P by Vicair

ROHO High Profile by ROHO Inc.



Model P Deep Immersion by Vicair

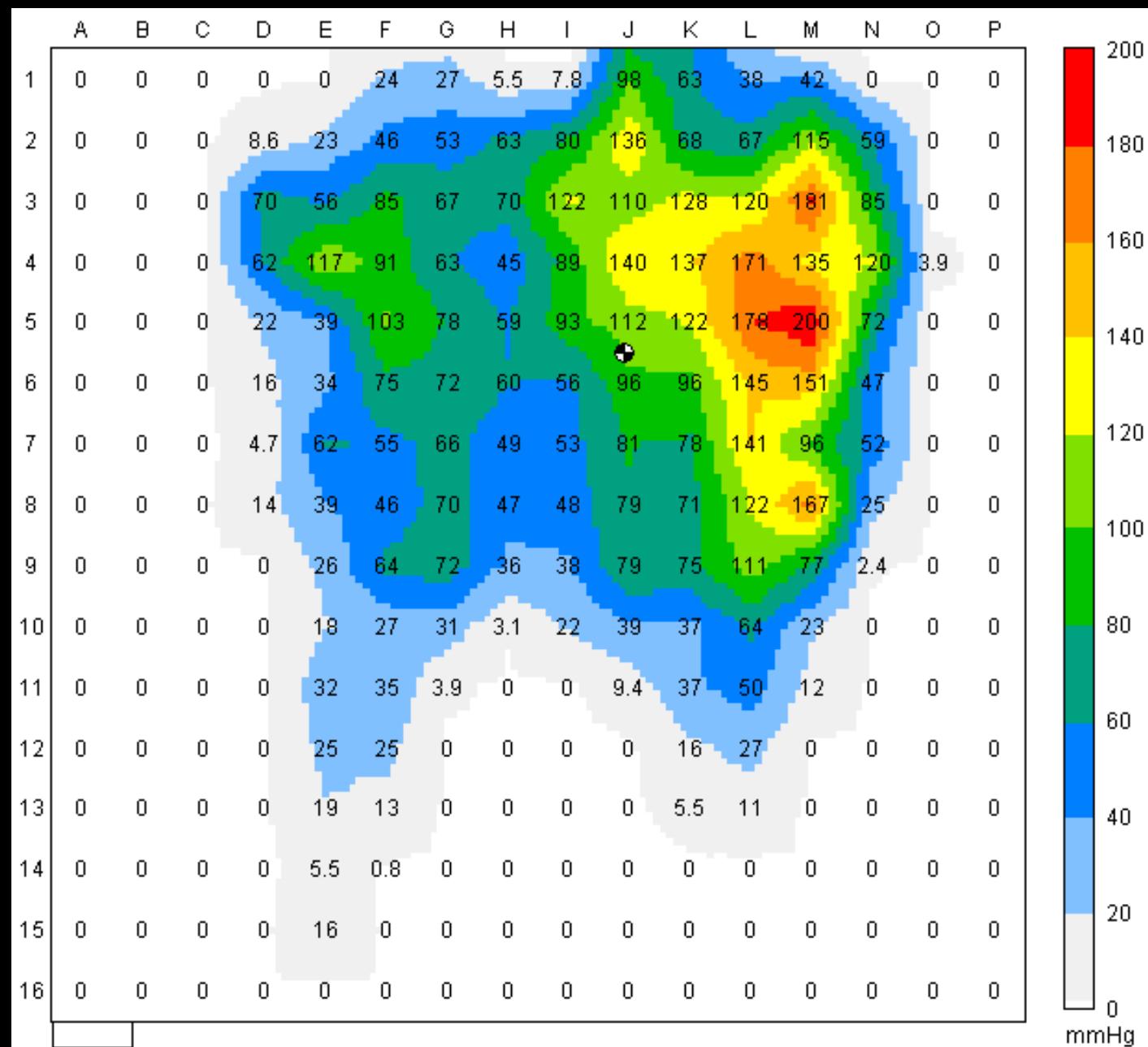
ASLI prototype

became an ISO shape



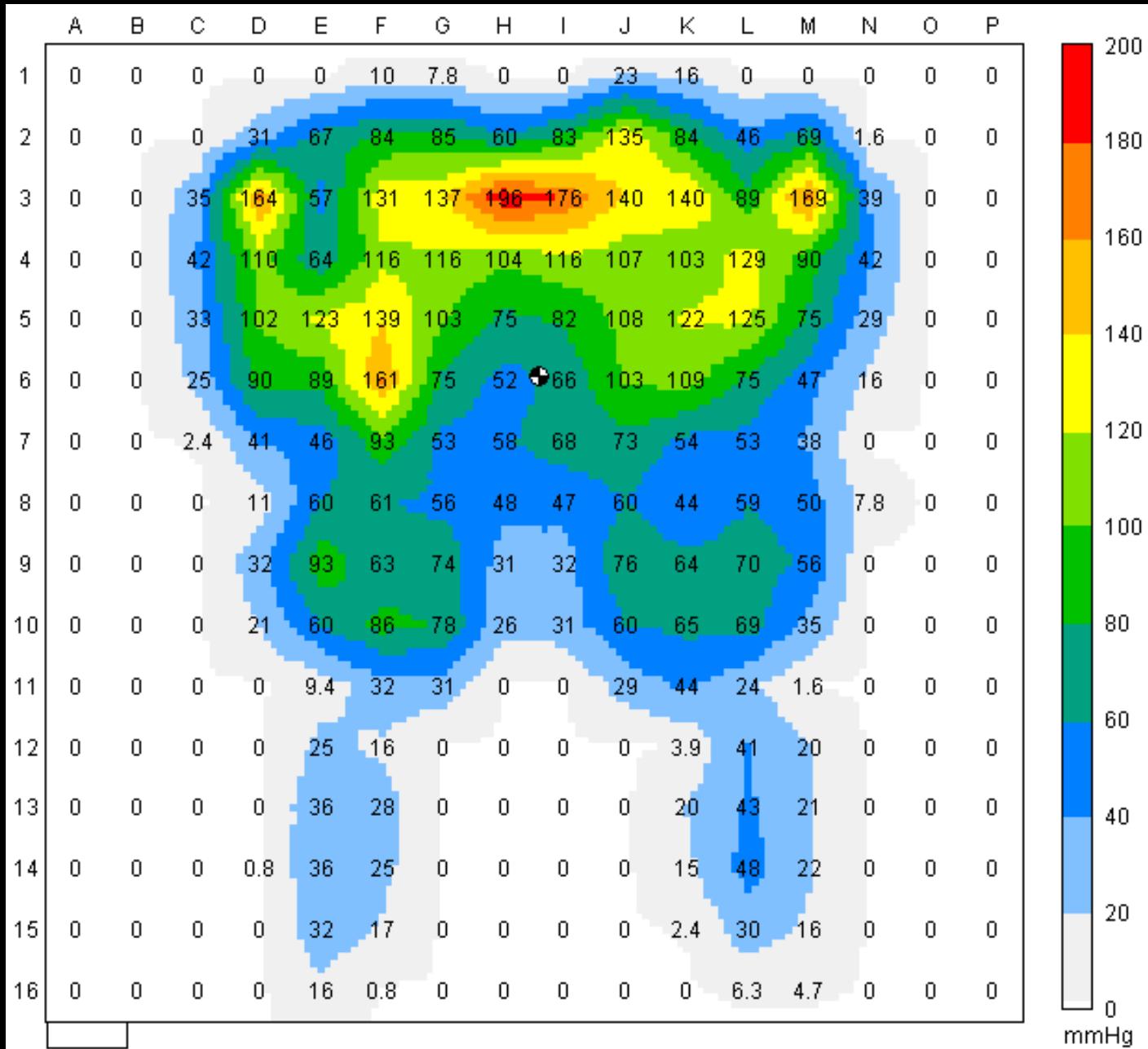
Pressure measurements

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

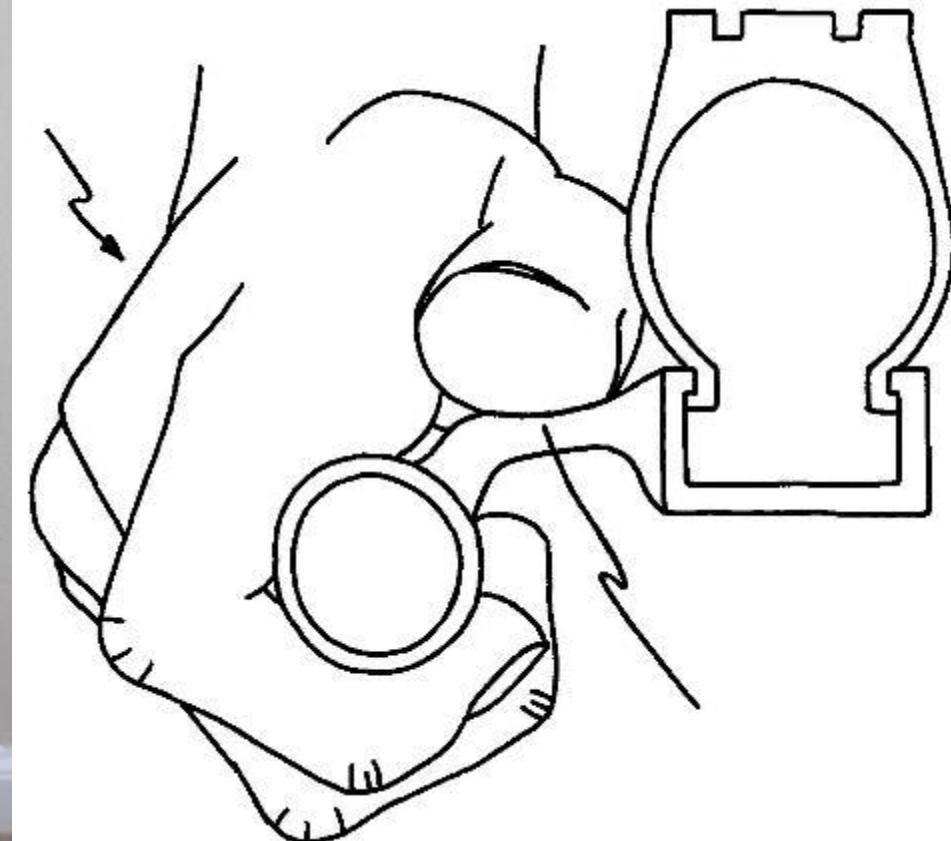


The need:

A better grip



Solution: an ergonomic pushrim



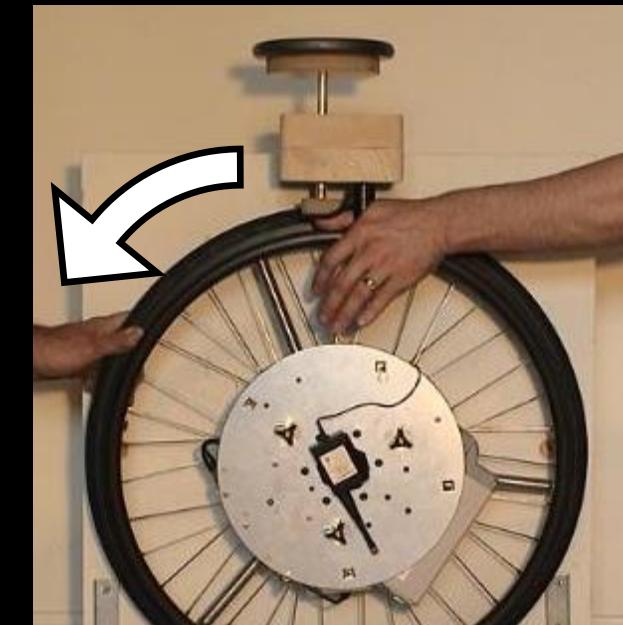
FlexRim

Combining the discrete compliant fasteners into one



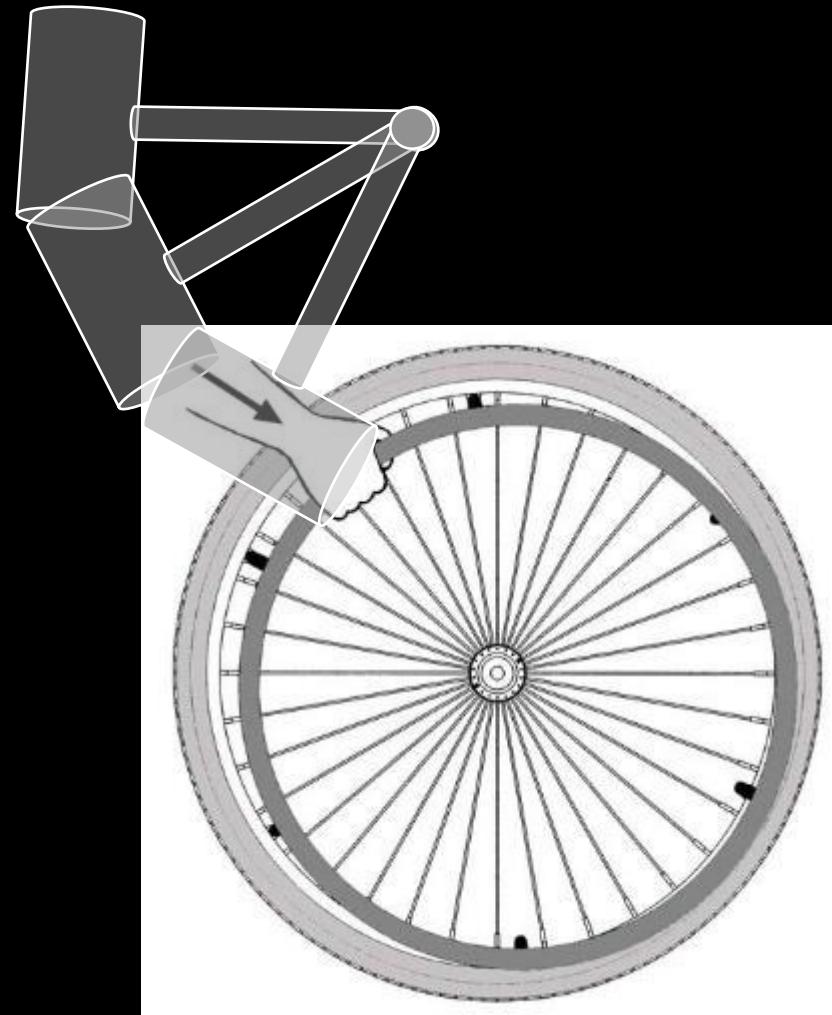
Frictional improvements

To reduce the grip force required to push



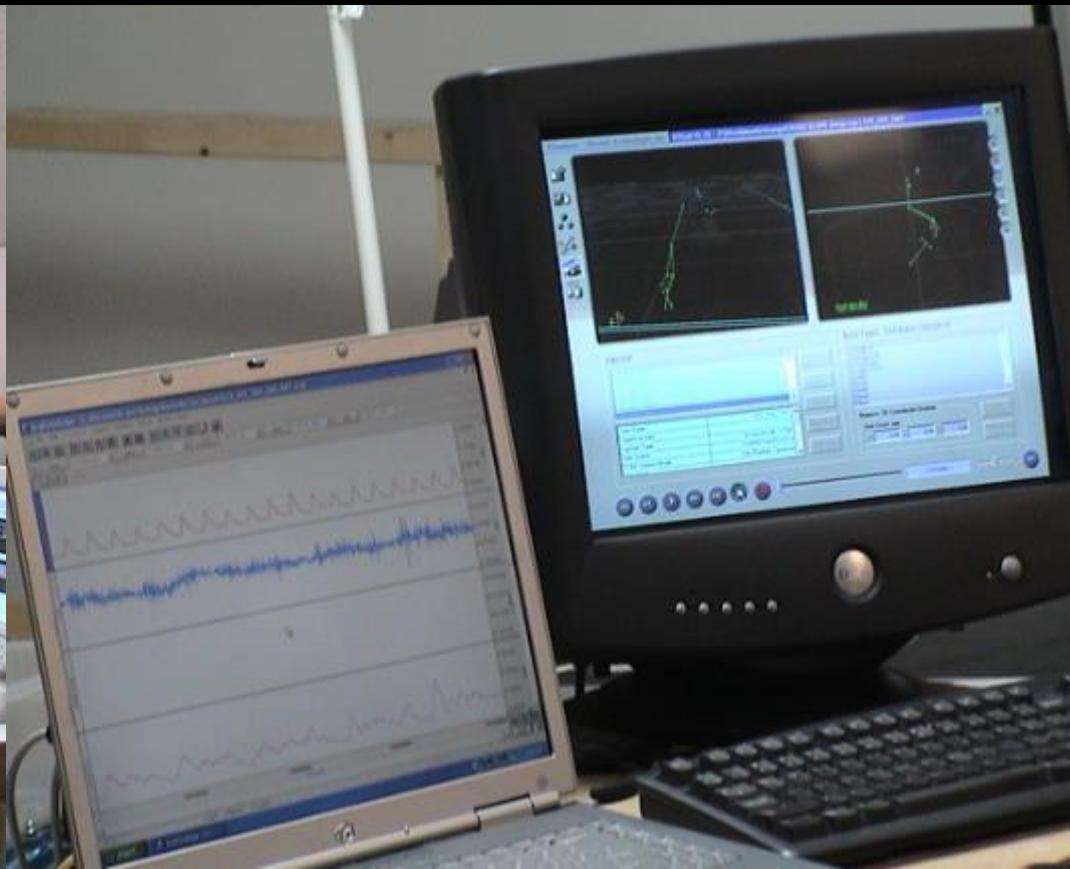
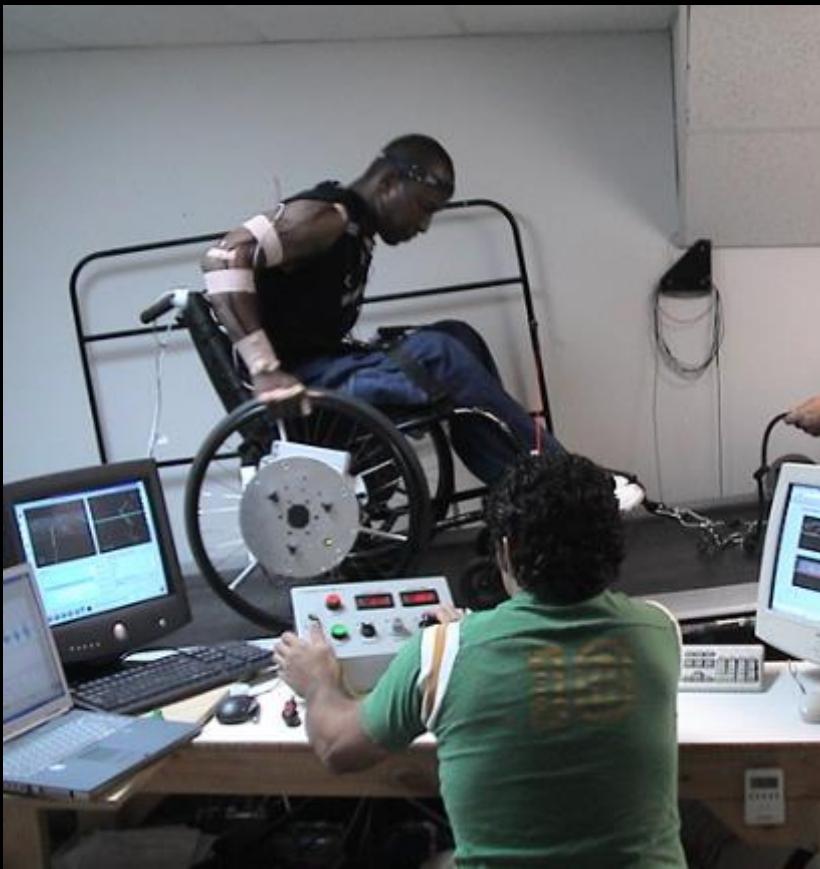
Impact absorption

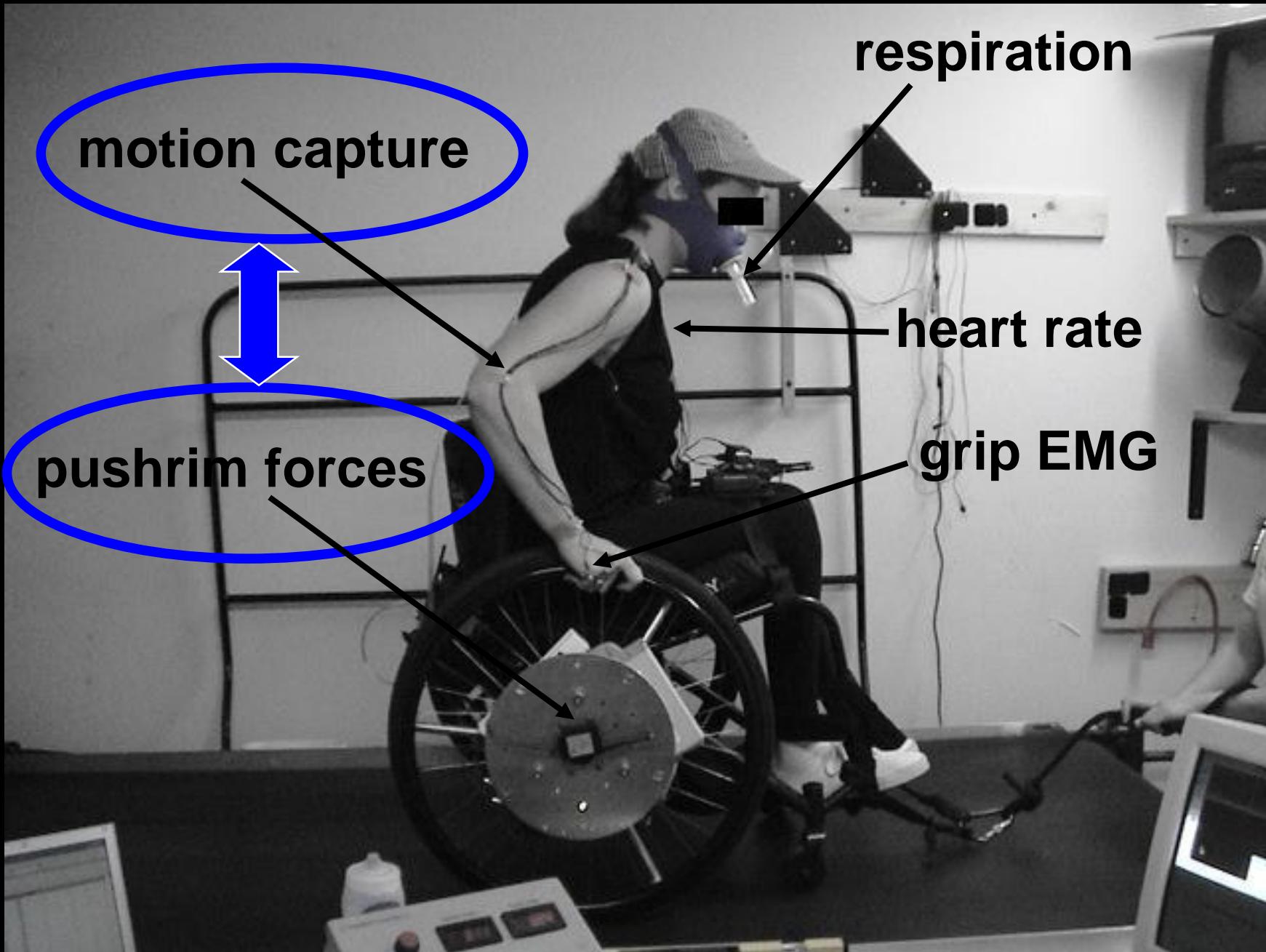
Like running shoes



Subjects are tested

over a wide variety of usage environments





End product – the FlexRim

Design

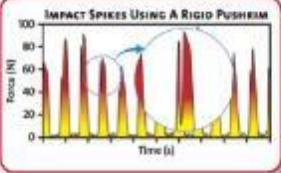
The FlexRim consists of a durable high friction rubber surface that spans between the aluminum pushrim and the wheel. The shape of the rubber is ergonomically designed to conform to your hand when gripped, making it the most comfortable pushrim you will ever use.



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.

Impact Spikes Using A Rigid Pushrim



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%**.



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 **13% more power** when using the FlexRim.

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

FLEXRIM
BY ERGONOMIC

Advanced Ergonomics



Activity-specific technologies

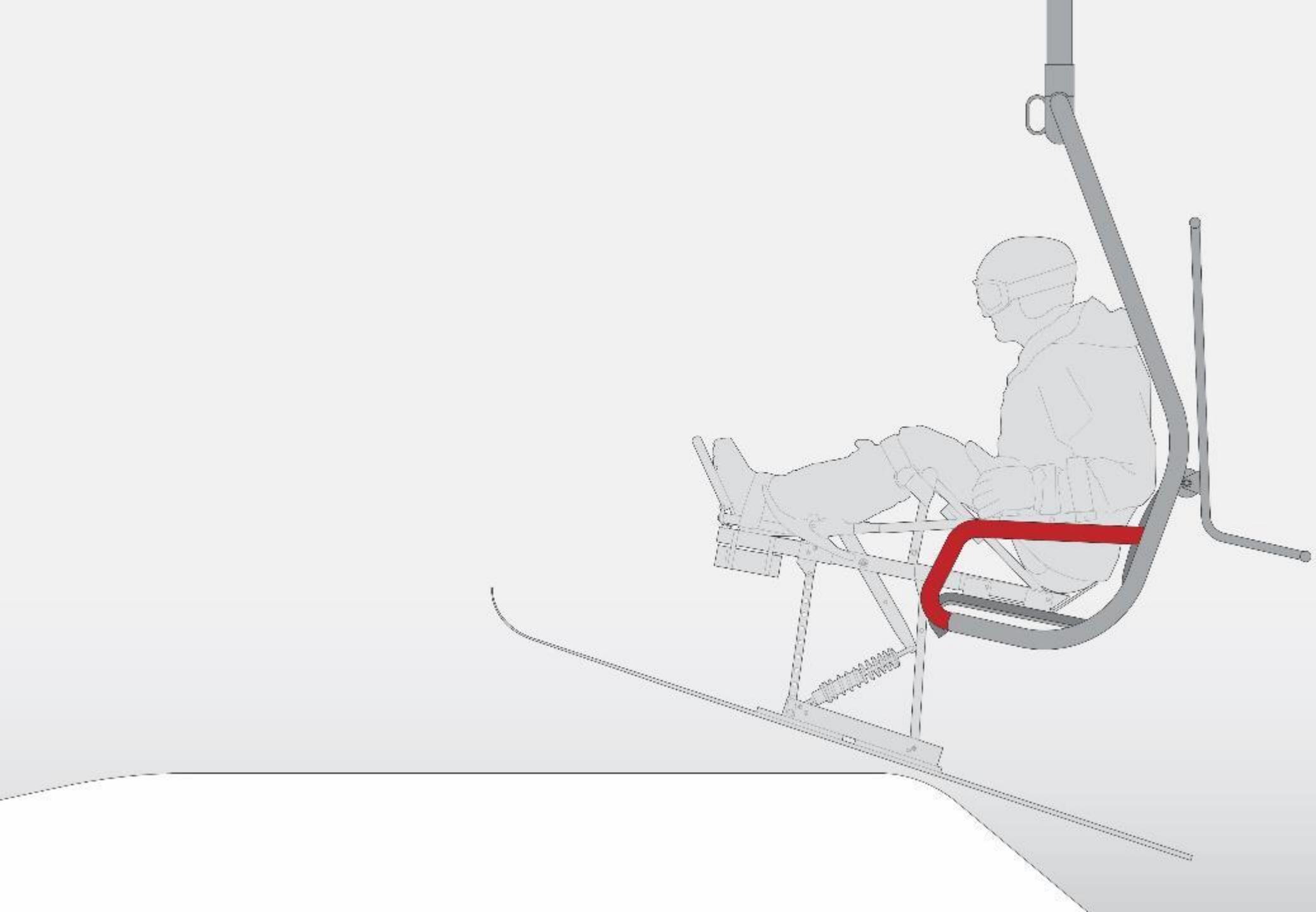
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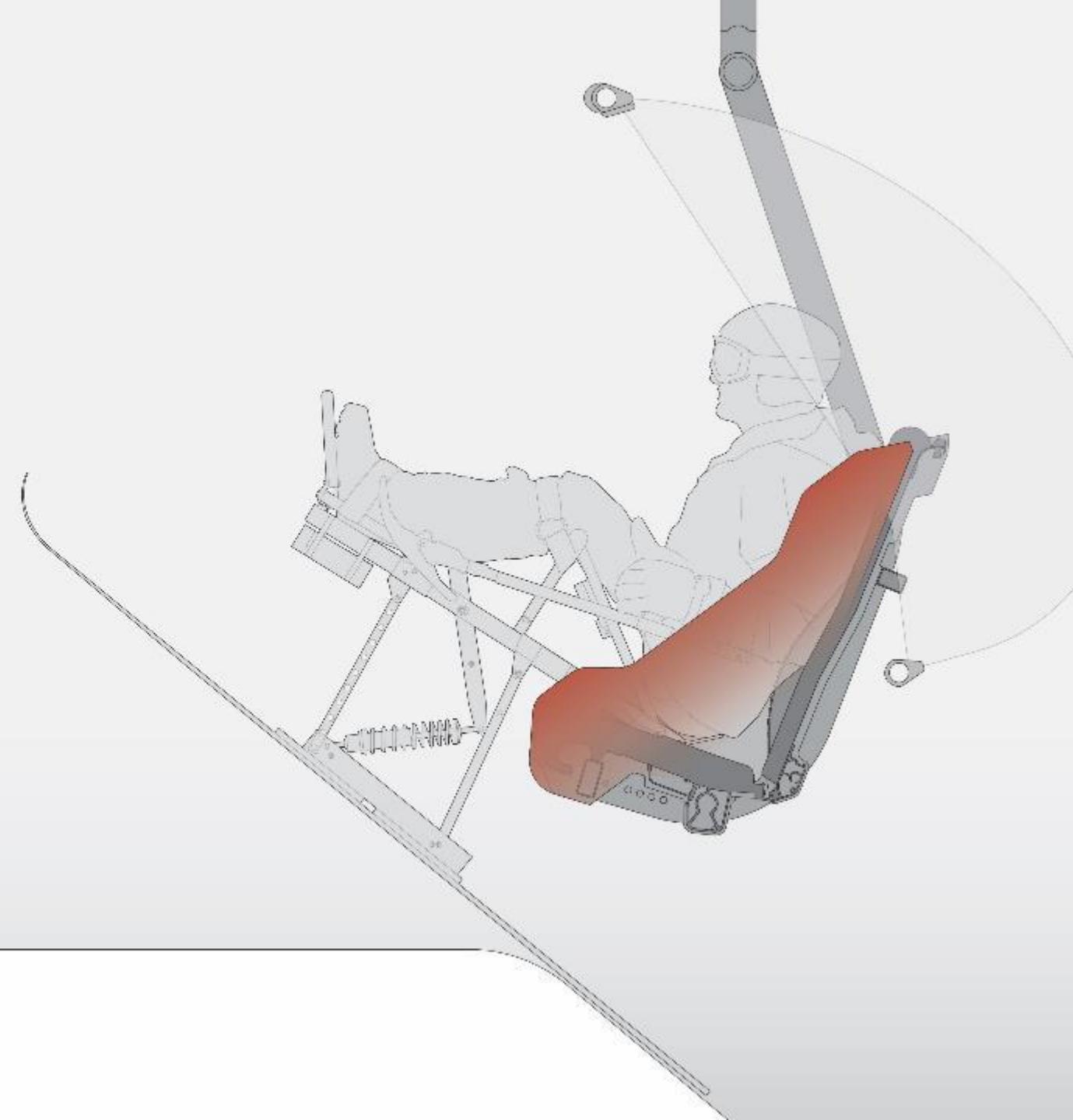




















Dynamic seating spring assist







The desire:

Get back into the backcountry



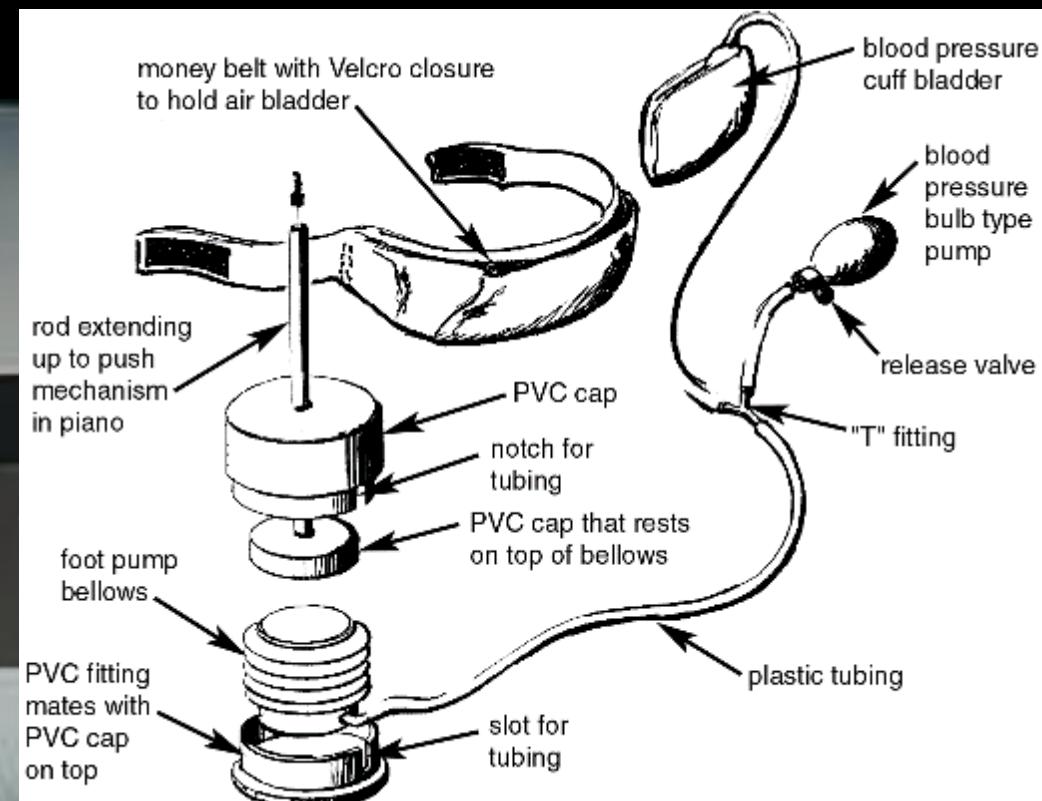


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The need:

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







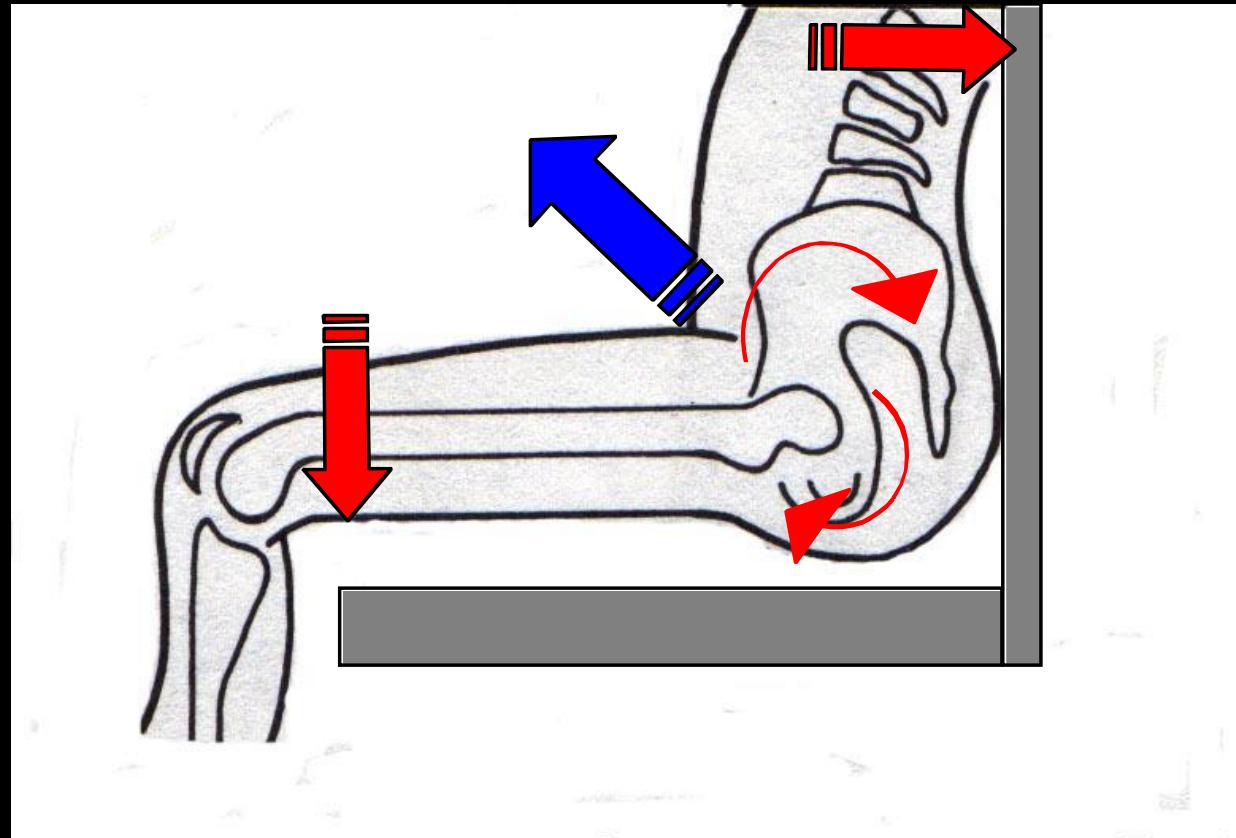
The desire:

Surf again



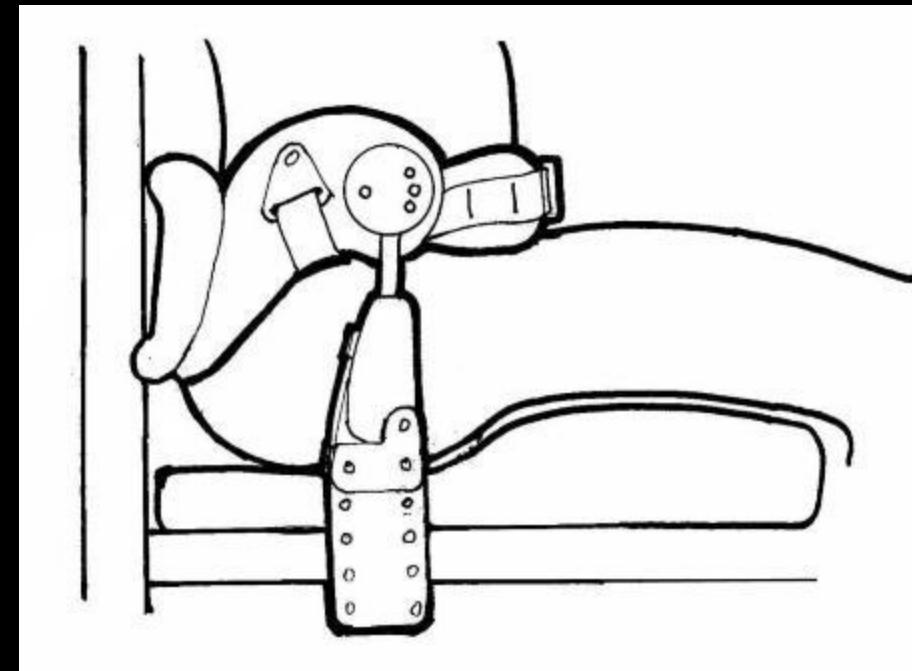
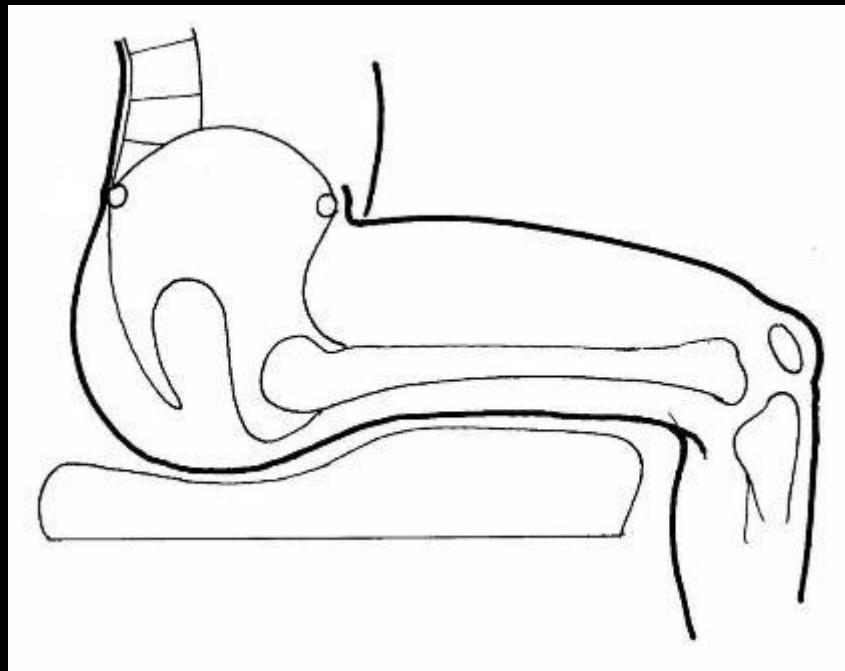
The problem:

Unwanted pelvic movement due to spasticity

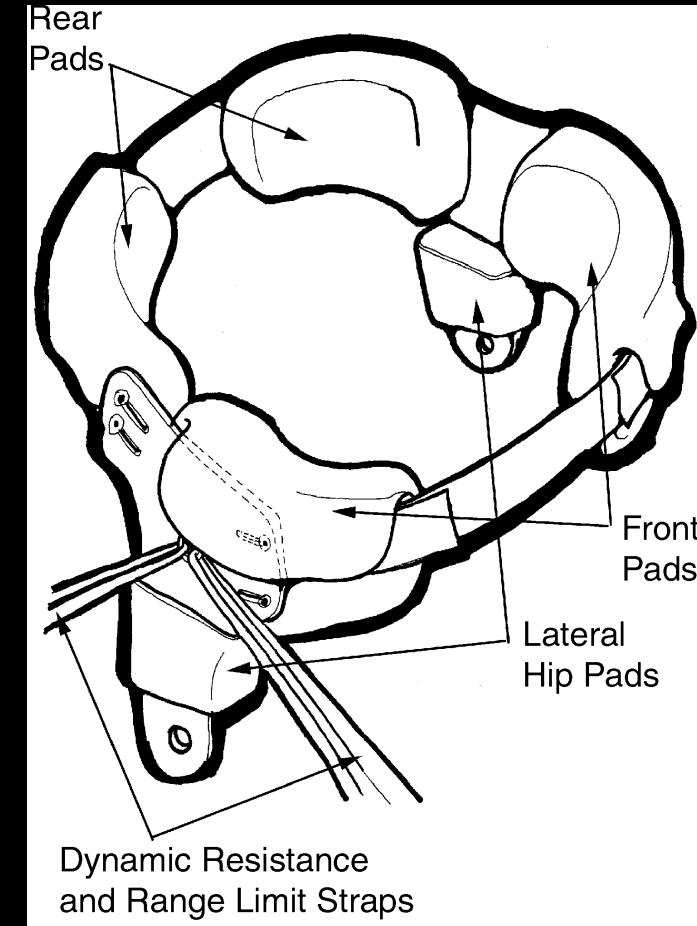
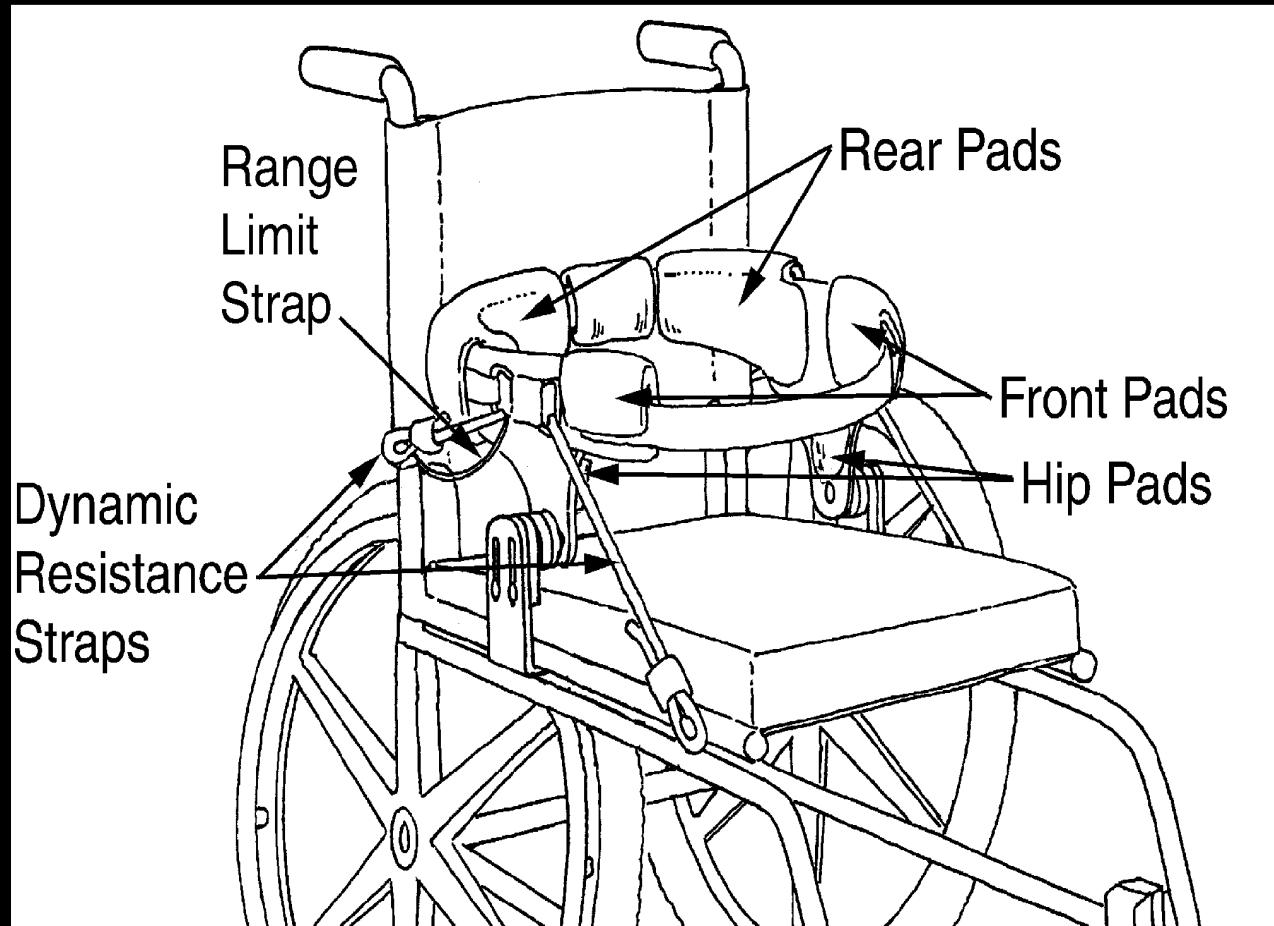


Concepts developed

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 %

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

<- Left

Right ->

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

25

in

Set MCW**Surface Category:**

Paved

Surface Type:

Ice

**Distance:**

7.2 Ft

**Grade:**

-0.7 %

**Cross Slope:**

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:**

Error: Garmin GPS is not connected

Show Camera Preview



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

Information last updated on October 1, 2019

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)

Firm	Moderately Firm	Not Firm
Dark Blue	>0.30 in	>0.60 in

Minimum Firmness 0.40 in (MF)

1% of trail is Moderately Firm

Typical Stability 0.51 in (MS)

Stable	Moderately Stable	Not Stable
Light Blue	>0.90 in	>1.00 in

Minimum Stability 0.73 in (MS)

25% of trail is Moderately Stable



OBSTRUCTIONS

Multiple Rocks 18 in (46 cm)



VIEW MAP

Scan QR code to view
Tahoe Meadows to
Spooner Summit Map
www.tahoerimtrail.org



WARNING: Trail conditions may have changed since December 2008 when this trail last was assessed. temporary constructions were not recorded. Firmness values ≤ 0.50 inch and Stability values ≤ 1.00 inch correlate to surfaces tested per AS1V1951.

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Please stay on official trails

* Bikes allowed on TRT on even-numbered days from Tunnel Meadow Trailhead to Tunnel Creek Road. No bikes allowed from North Canyon Hoban Road to Spooner Summit Trailhead.

LEGEND

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

A Trail Access Information

Trail Name	Length	Typical Grade	Maximum Grade Standard Ramp is 8.5%	Typical Cross Slope	Maximum Cross Slope	Typical Trail Width	Minimum Clearance Width	Surface Type	Surface Firmness Typical	Surface Firmness Worst	Surface Stability Typical	Surface Stability Worst
Upper Meadow Loop	0.8 mi	5.5%	110 ft is 12% – 24%	3.5%	198 ft is 12% – 14%	31 in	18 in	Solid and Boardwalk	0.18	0.15	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	Solid 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% – 26%	39 in	12 in	Solid 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	0.56	0.91
Tahoe Rim Trail (Gray: Tunnel Meadow Trailhead to Tunnel Creek Road)	21.8 mi	7.3%	1829 ft is 20% – 29%	3.2%	2433 ft is 12% – 20%	28 in	18 in	Soil	0.17	0.40	0.51	0.73

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Minimum Surface Firmness (in)

<0.20	0.35	0.55	>0.65
Hard	Firm	Moderately Firm	Not Firm

Minimum Surface Stability (in)

<0.25	0.55	1.05	>1.05
Hard	Stable	Moderately Stable	Not Stable

Funded by the Nevada Recreational Trails Program

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Ophir Creek Trail

Bikes not recommended

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Minimum Surface Firmness (in)



Minimum S

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

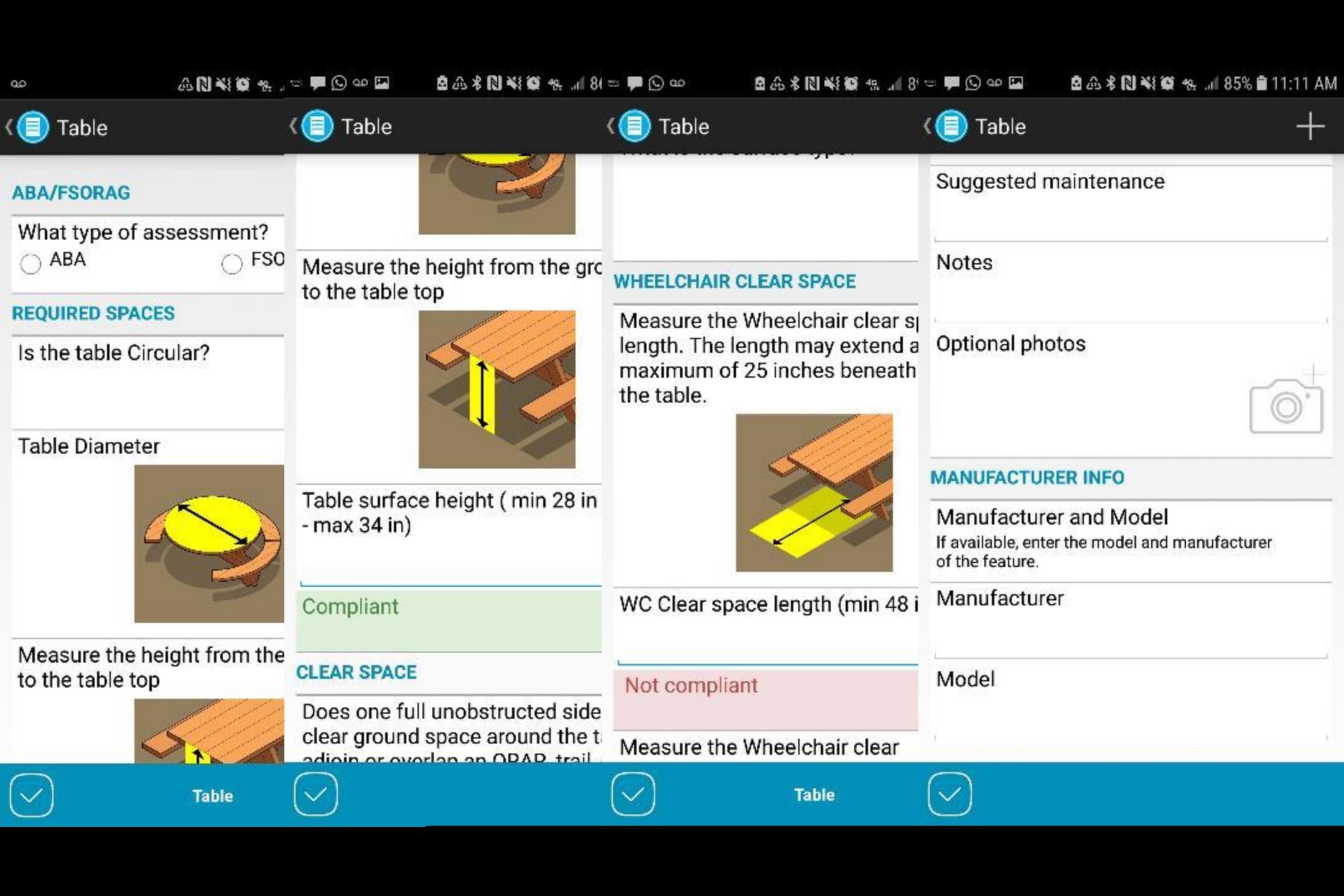
trash/recycling receptacle

utility/sewage connection

viewing area at overlooks

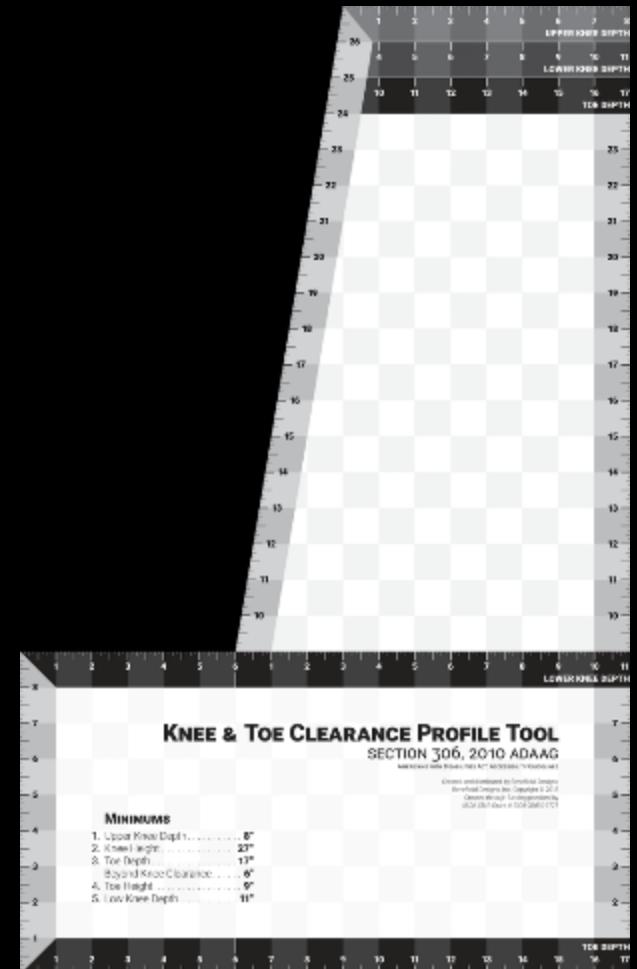
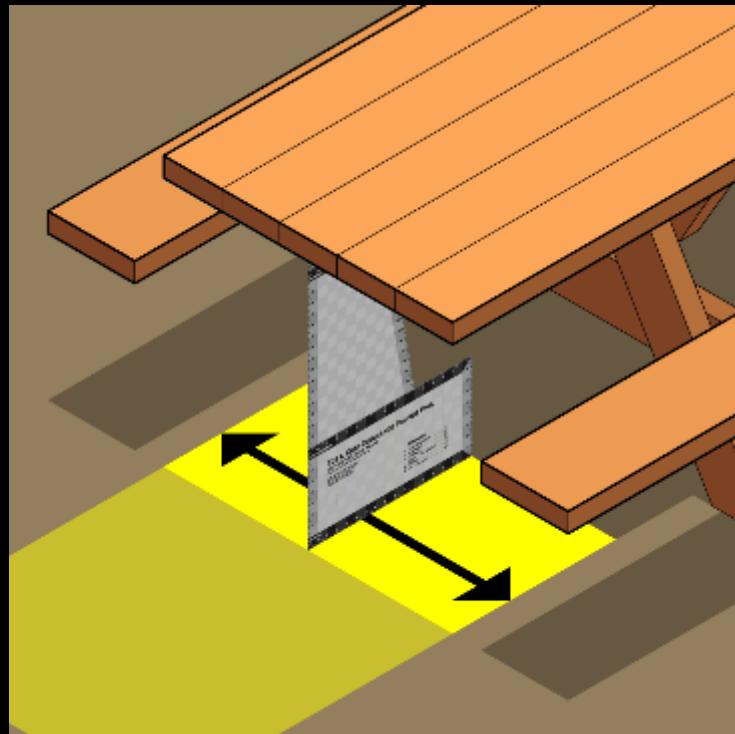
viewing scope

water spout



Knee & Toe Clearance Profile Tool

unobstructed knee & toe space



Adjustable height cooking grill

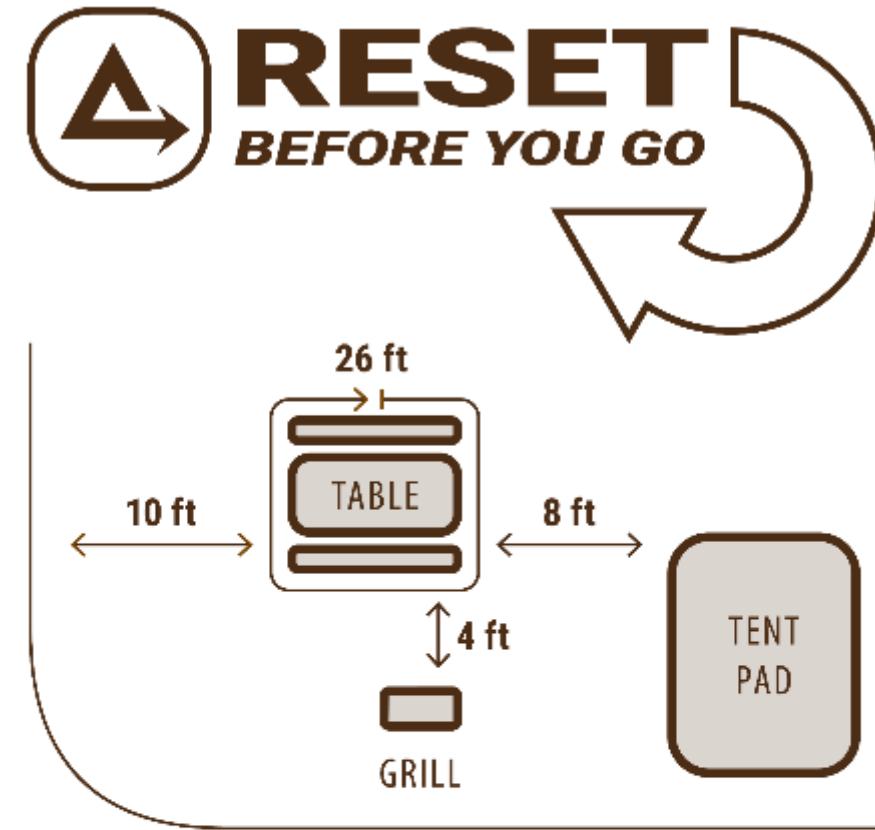


Water pump

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)





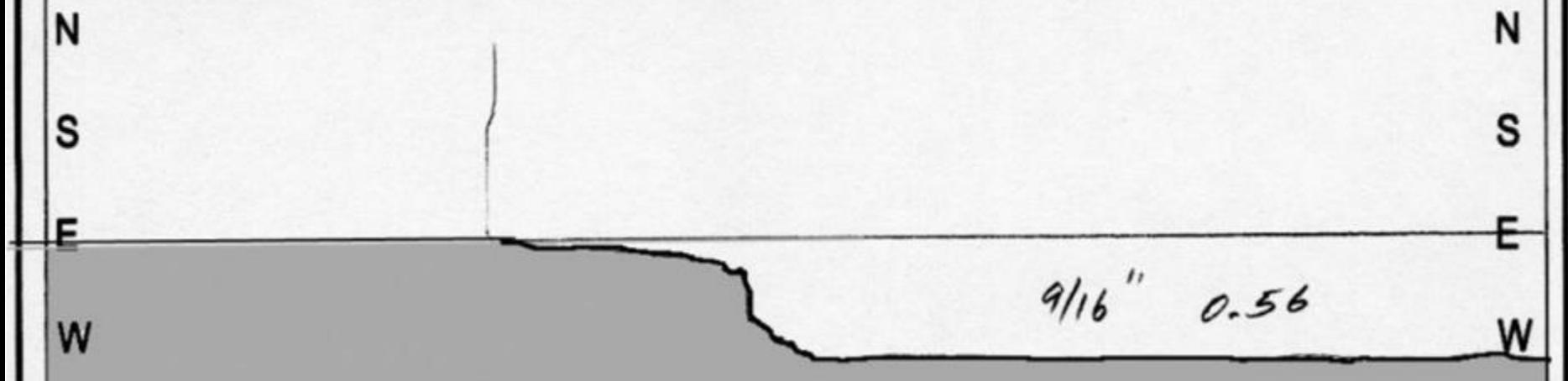


HEIGHT TRANSITIONS

Project #: 216-2

Date: 4/27/09

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



Sidewalk assessment

Public Rights-of-Way Assessment Process (PROWAP)



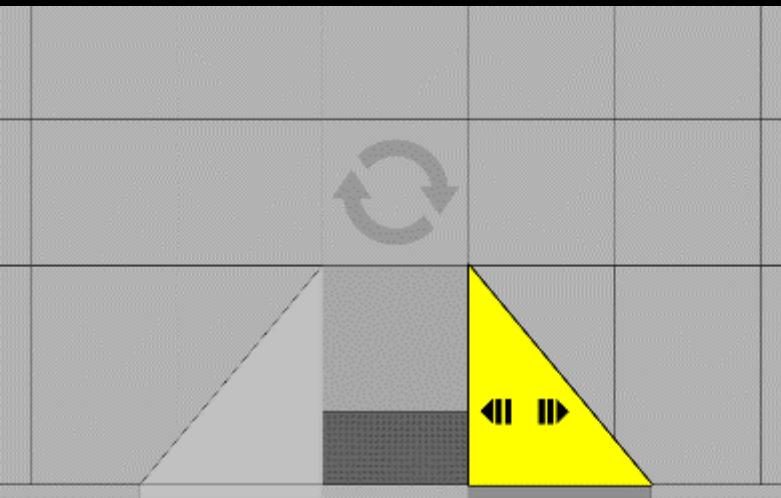


Digital Measuring Wheel (DMS)



Digital Height Measuring Device





NDOT Curb Ramps

ADA Right of Way Inventory

Add Layers Tables Basemap Chars Legend Save and open Map properties Create app Print Information Collapse

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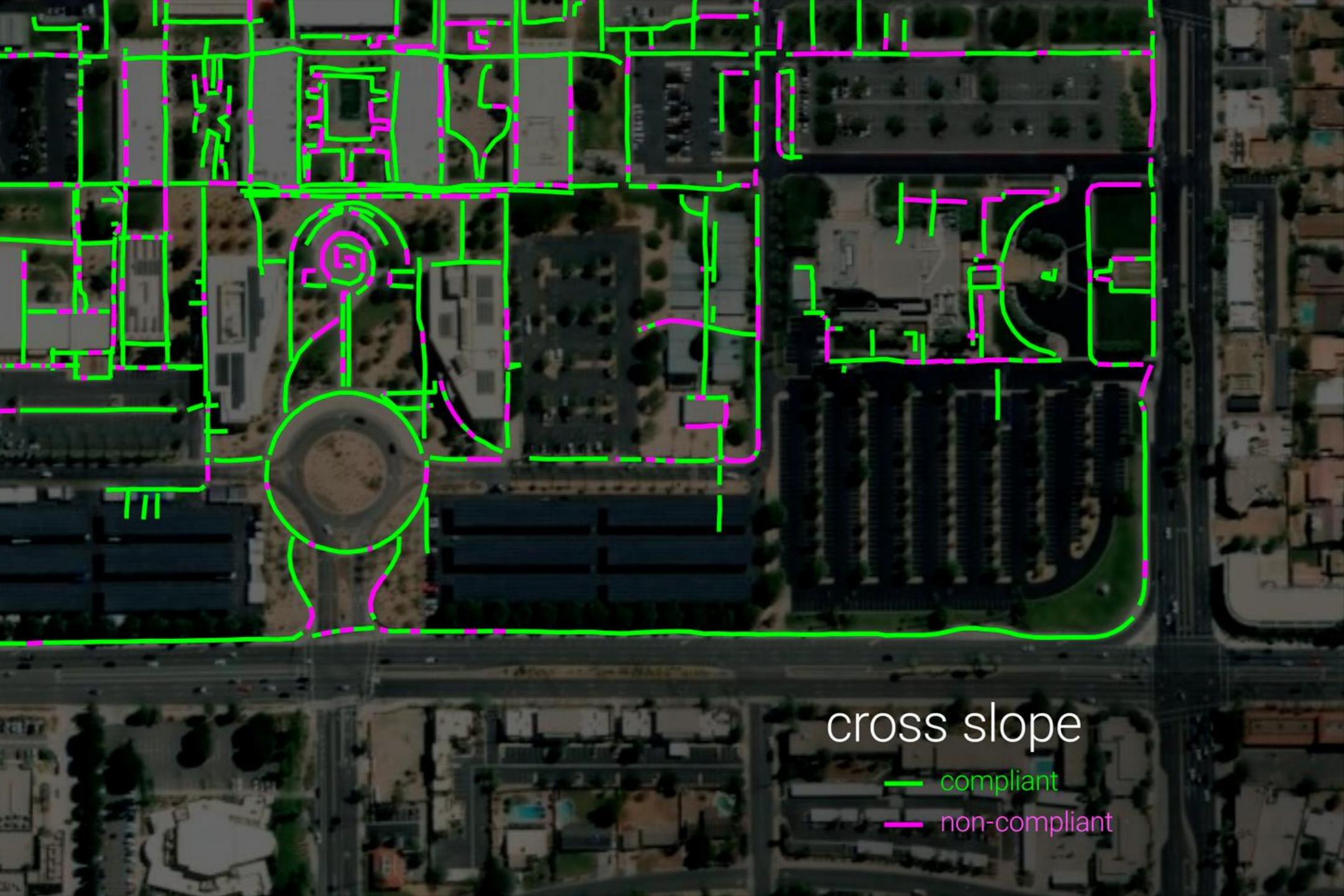
ADA ROW Inventory

- Ramps
- Residential Driveway
- Moving Features
- Discontinuities
- Pedestrian Push Button
- Narrow Access

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cross slope

- compliant
- non-compliant

Rest stop assessment

Rest Stop Assessment Process (RSAP)









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Compliance Check

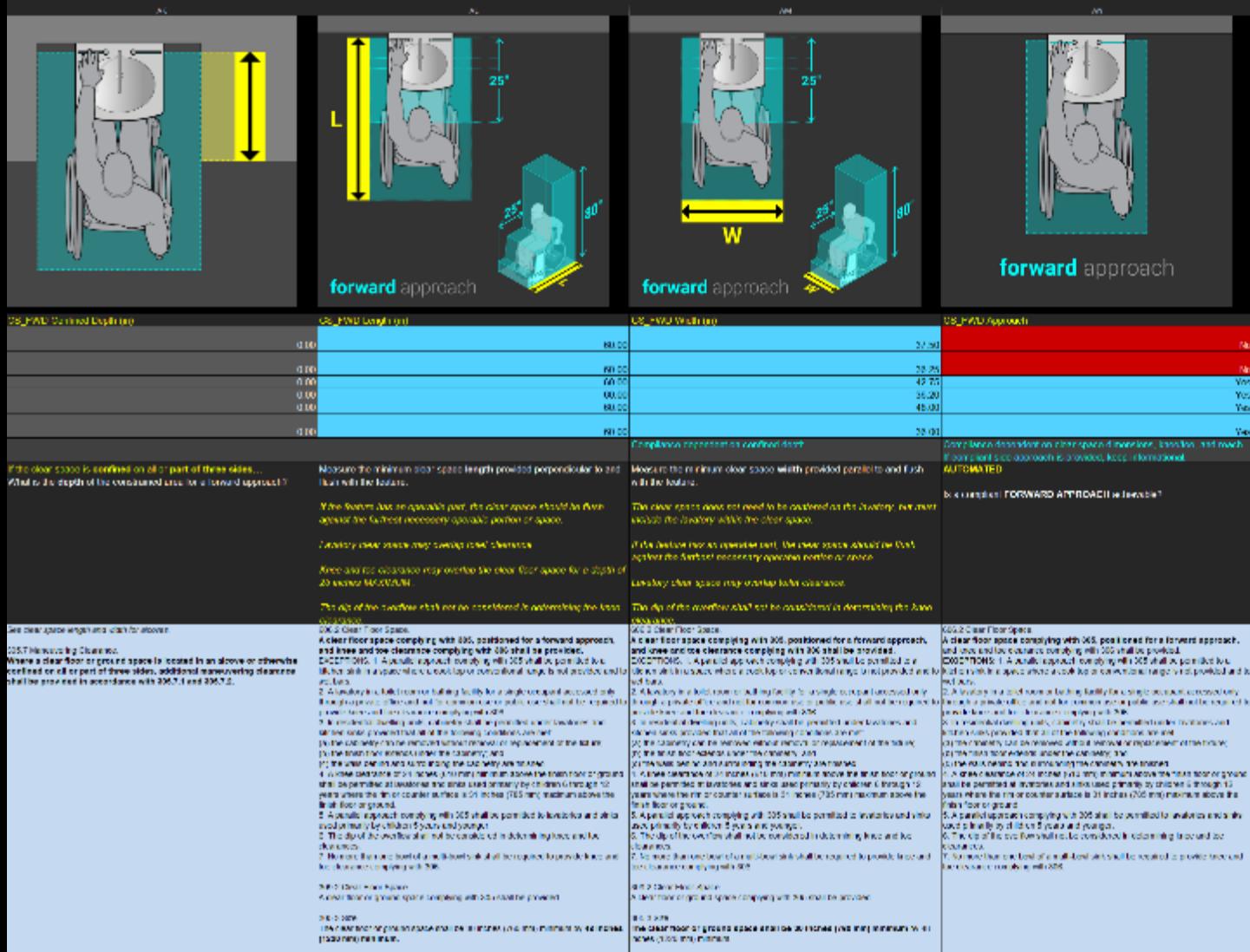
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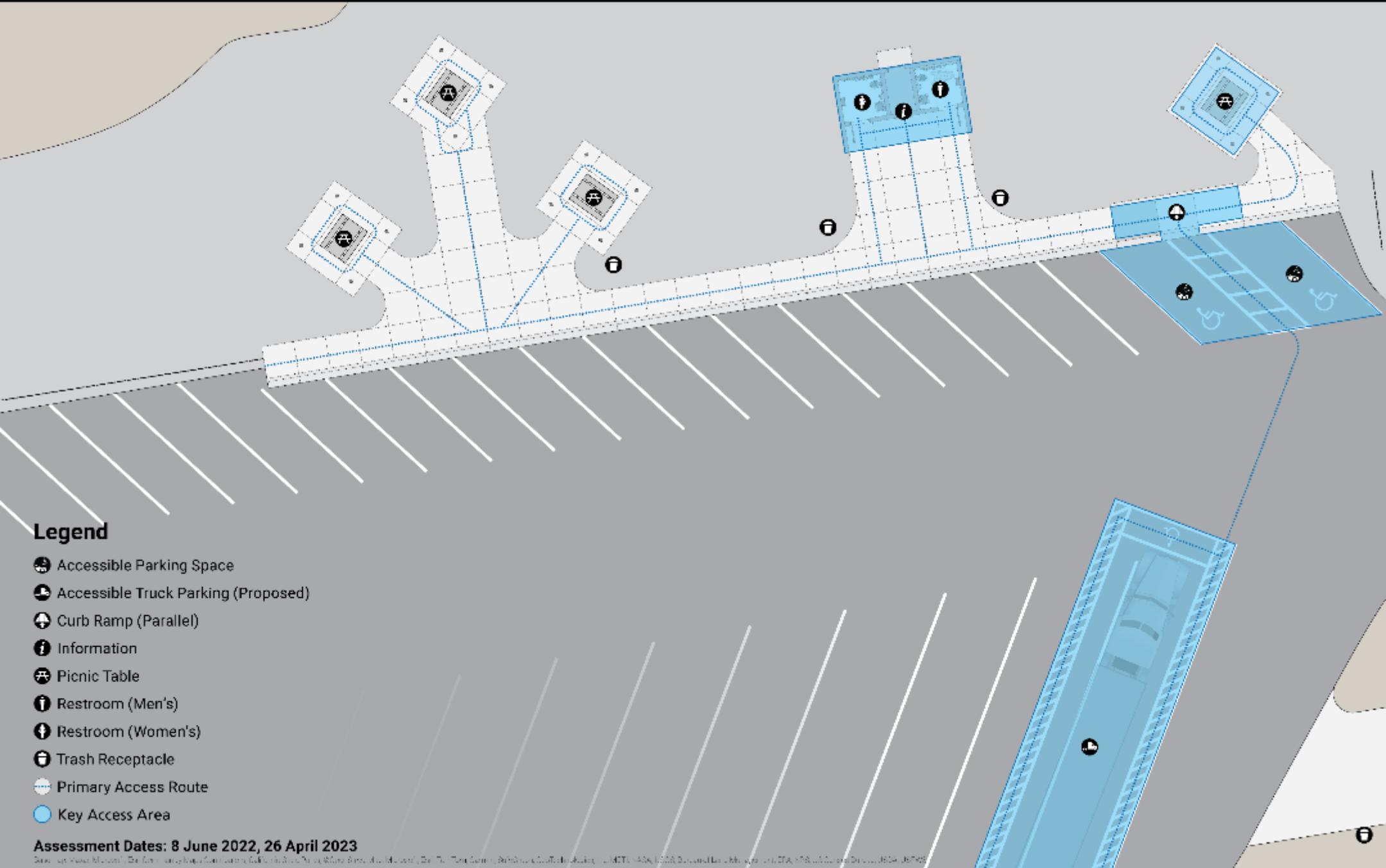
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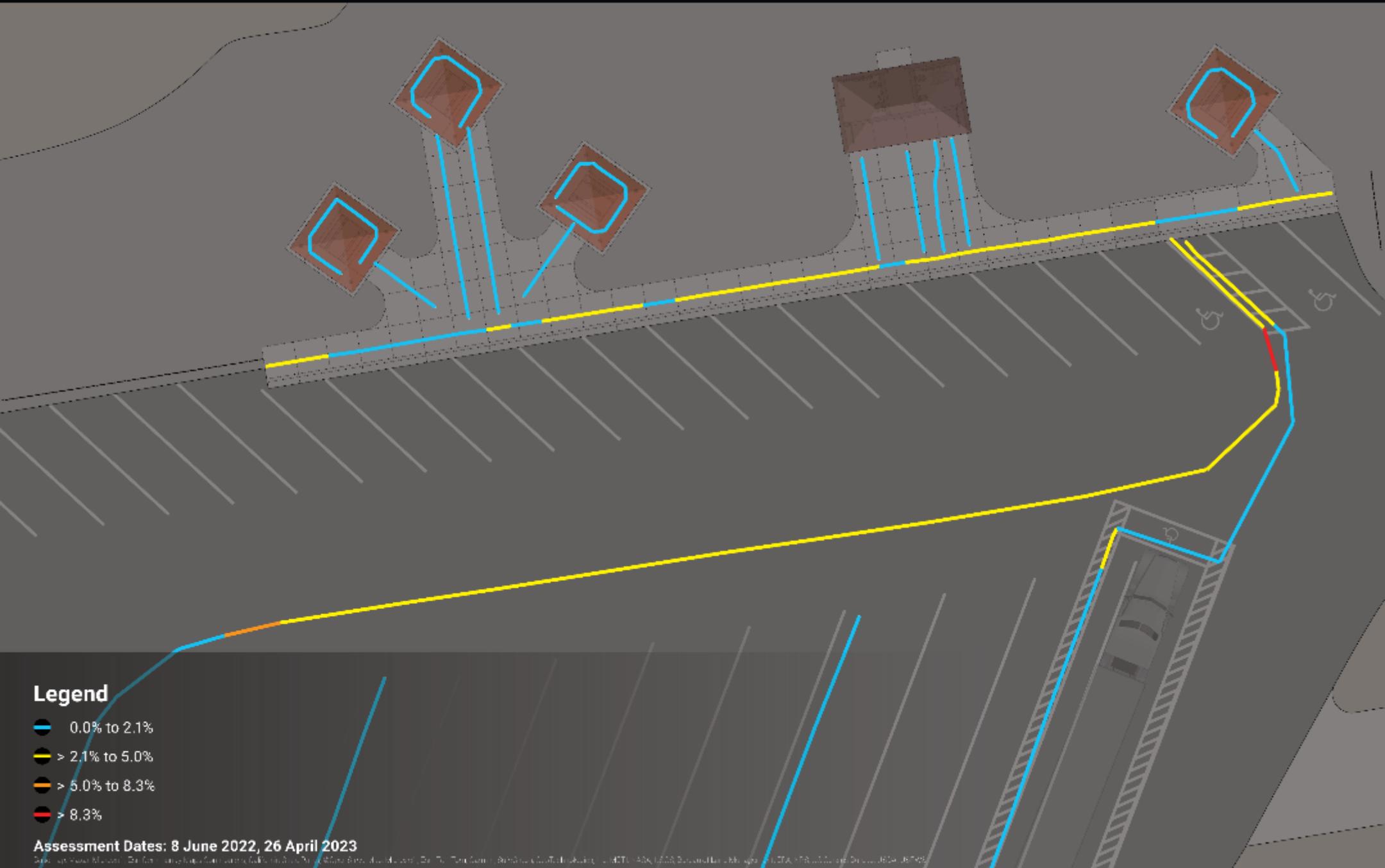
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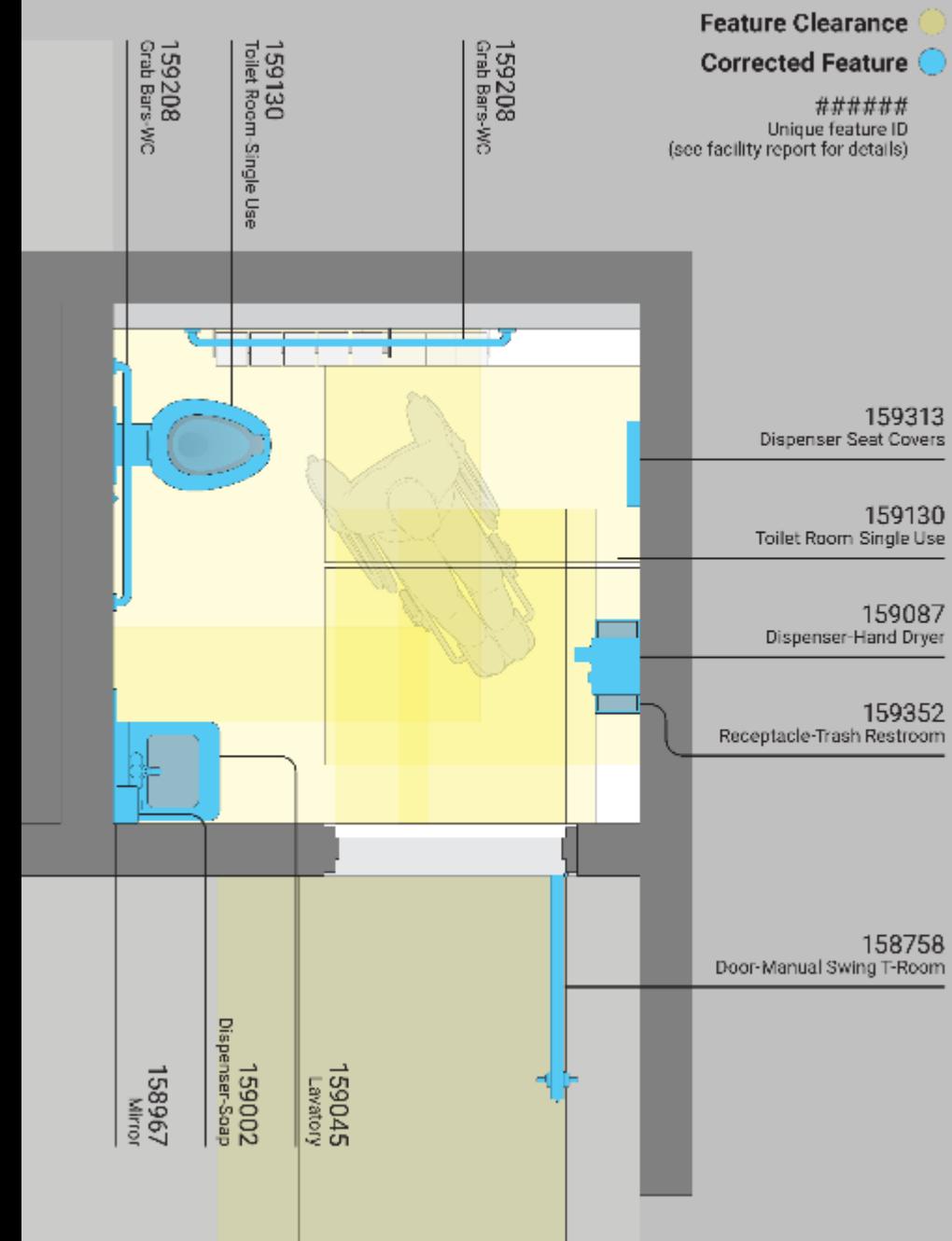
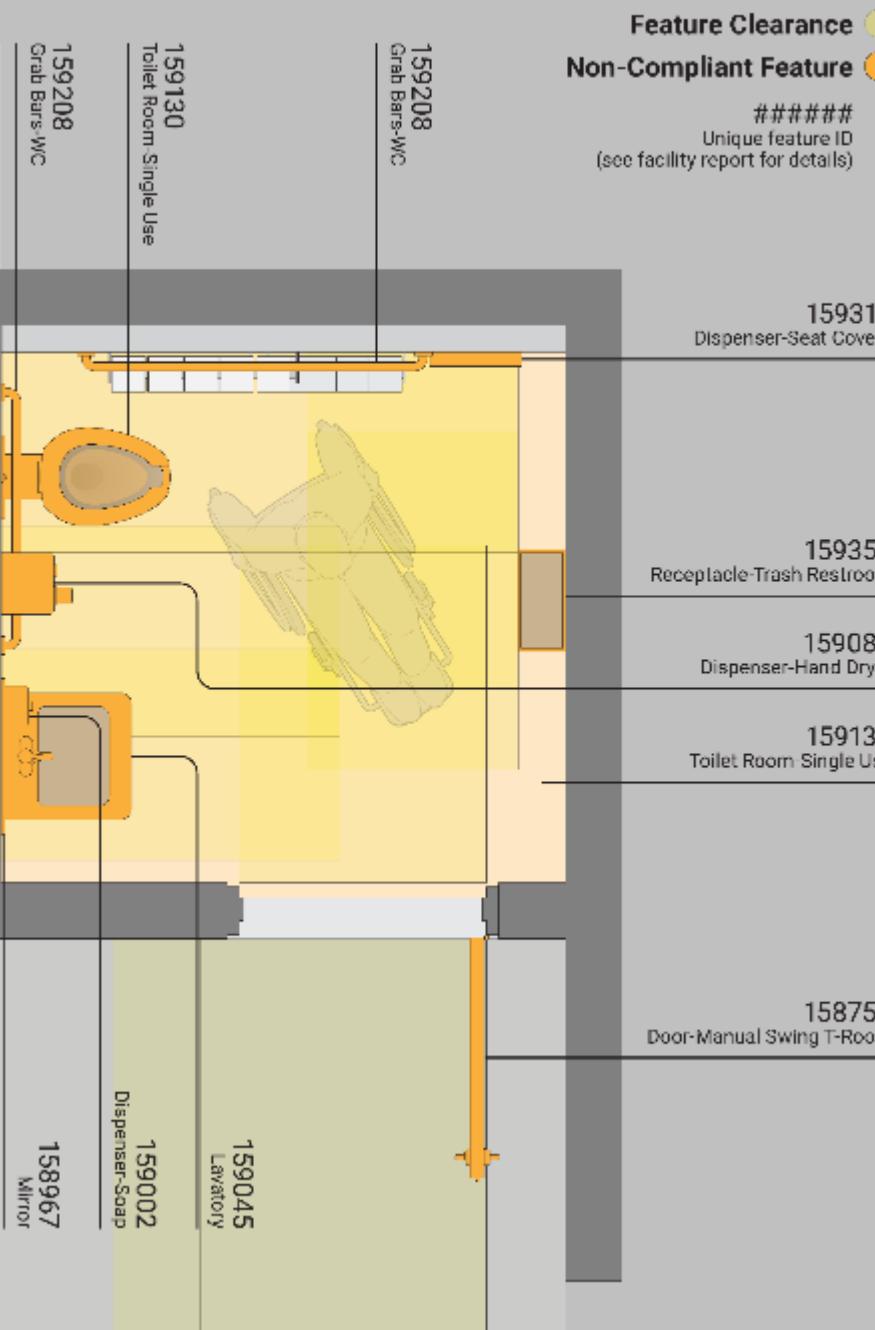
requirements



Feature	Path/Location	Non-Compliant Attribute	Technical Requirements	Priority/Action	Additional Info
ID: 142361 Drinking Fountain	Assessed: 2021-04-28 Const/Alt: xxxx xx xx	Primary Non-functional drinking fountain mounted on wall of restroom facility, between the two restroom doors. Lat: 36.989605° Lon: -119.519017°	Potential Barrier Scope/Compliant No compliant accessible drinking fountains are provided at this location.	2006 DOT ADA Standards 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. EXCEPTION: 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.	Moderate Priority Replace 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.
			Potential Barrier Knee/Height (in) The knee clearance underneath the drinking fountain is 26.5 in from the ground surface.	2006 DOT ADA Standards 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 exceed 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 1 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.	Moderate Priority Replace Install compliant, sealed drinking fountain with exactly 27 in of knee clearance, measured from the ground surface.
			Potential Hazard CS/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.	2006 DOT ADA Standards 303.2 Vertical. Changes in level of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (6.4 mm) high maximum shall be permitted to be vertical. 303.3 Beveled. Changes in level between $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (6.4 mm) high minimum and 8 inches (20 mm) high maximum shall be beveled with a slope no steeper than 12. Advisory 303.3-Beveled. A change in level of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13 mm) is permitted to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (6.4 mm) vertical plus $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6.4 mm) beveled. However, in no case may the combined change in level exceed 1 inch (13 mm). Changes in level exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13 mm) must comply with 405 (Ramps) or 406 (Curved Ramps).	High Priority Repair Grind discontinuity down to a slope no greater than 12 (60.0%).
ID: 10 Picnic Facility	Assessed: 2022-06-21 Const/Alt: xxxx xx xx	Primary Picnic table area located in grass area. Lat: 36.989695° Lon: -119.522317°	Potential Barrier Picnic Units/Total Accessible No accessible picnic units are provided in the picnic facility.	2006 DOT ADA Standards 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. 2015 ABA Standards 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.	Moderate Priority Remodel Design picnic facility with accessible enclosures to accessible picnic units. Ideally, at least 20 percent of picnic units should be accessible. Specified in the ABA Standards Although the ADA Standards provide some guidance regarding dining surfaces, the 2015 ABA Standards provide specific technical and scope requirements for picnic facilities, units, and tables.







Universal Design of Fitness Equipment (UDFE) Standards



Low step-up height design







Finding the **Weight Adjustment Pin**



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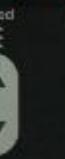
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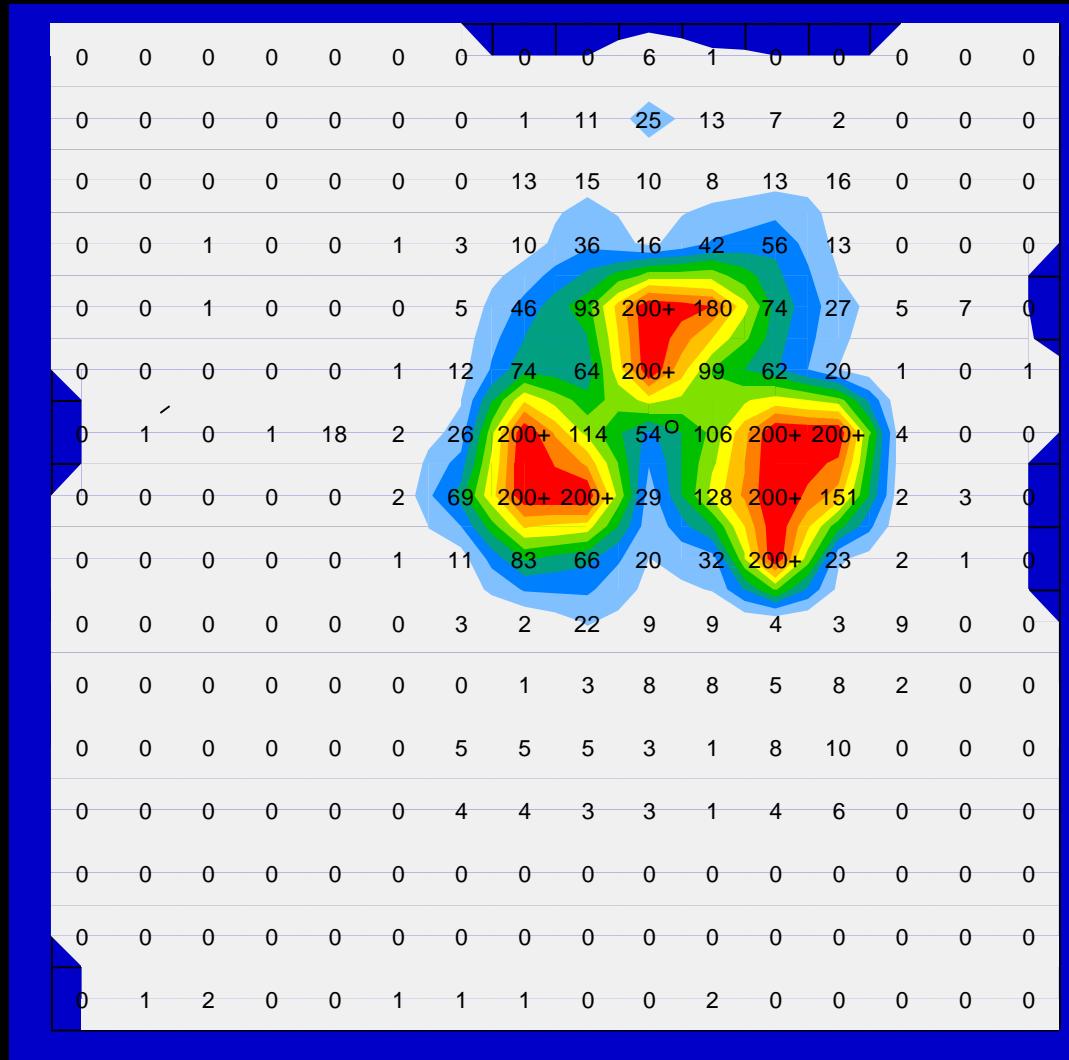


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Boarding devices



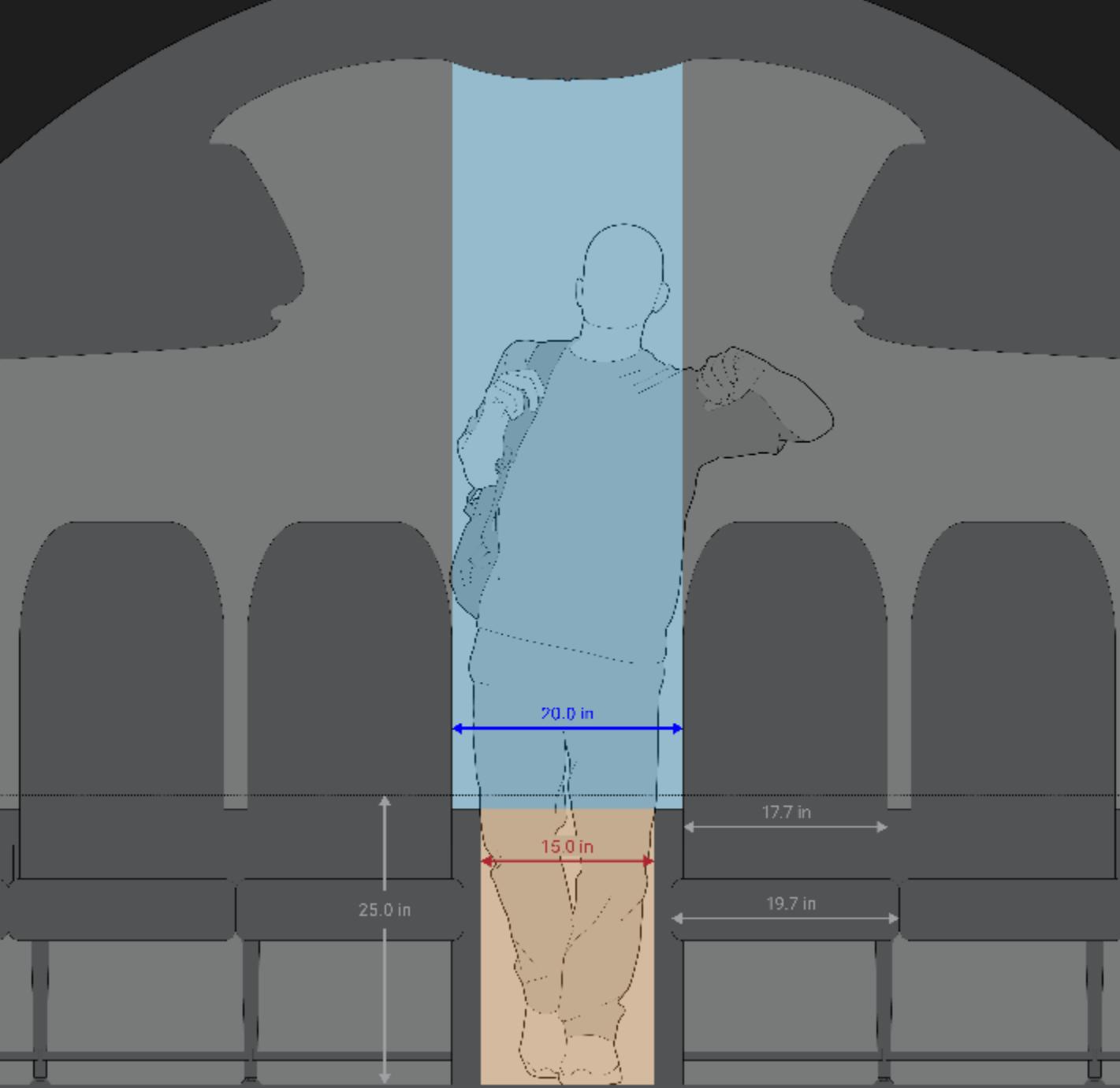
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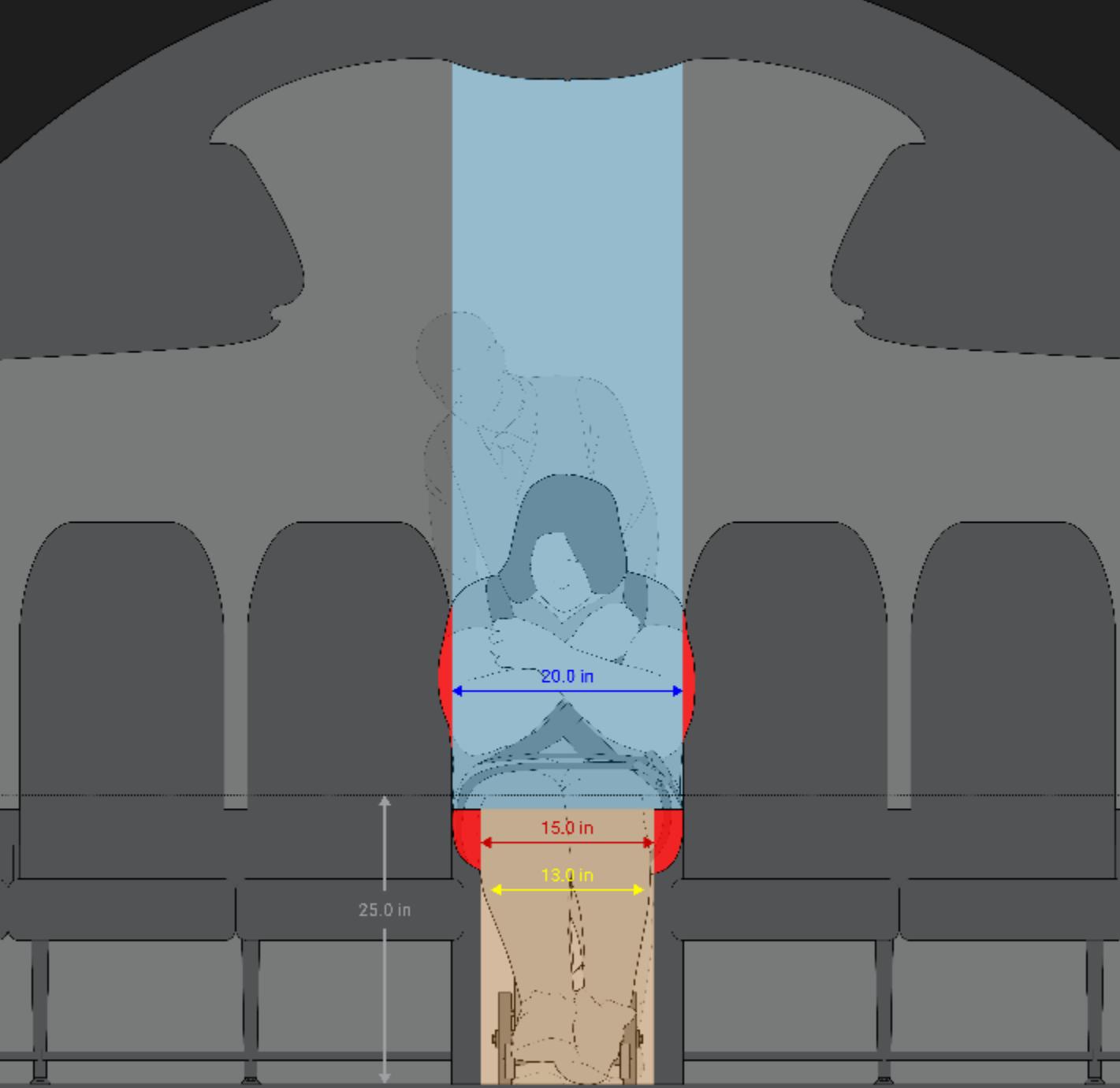




15.0 in aisle width

74.2 in height

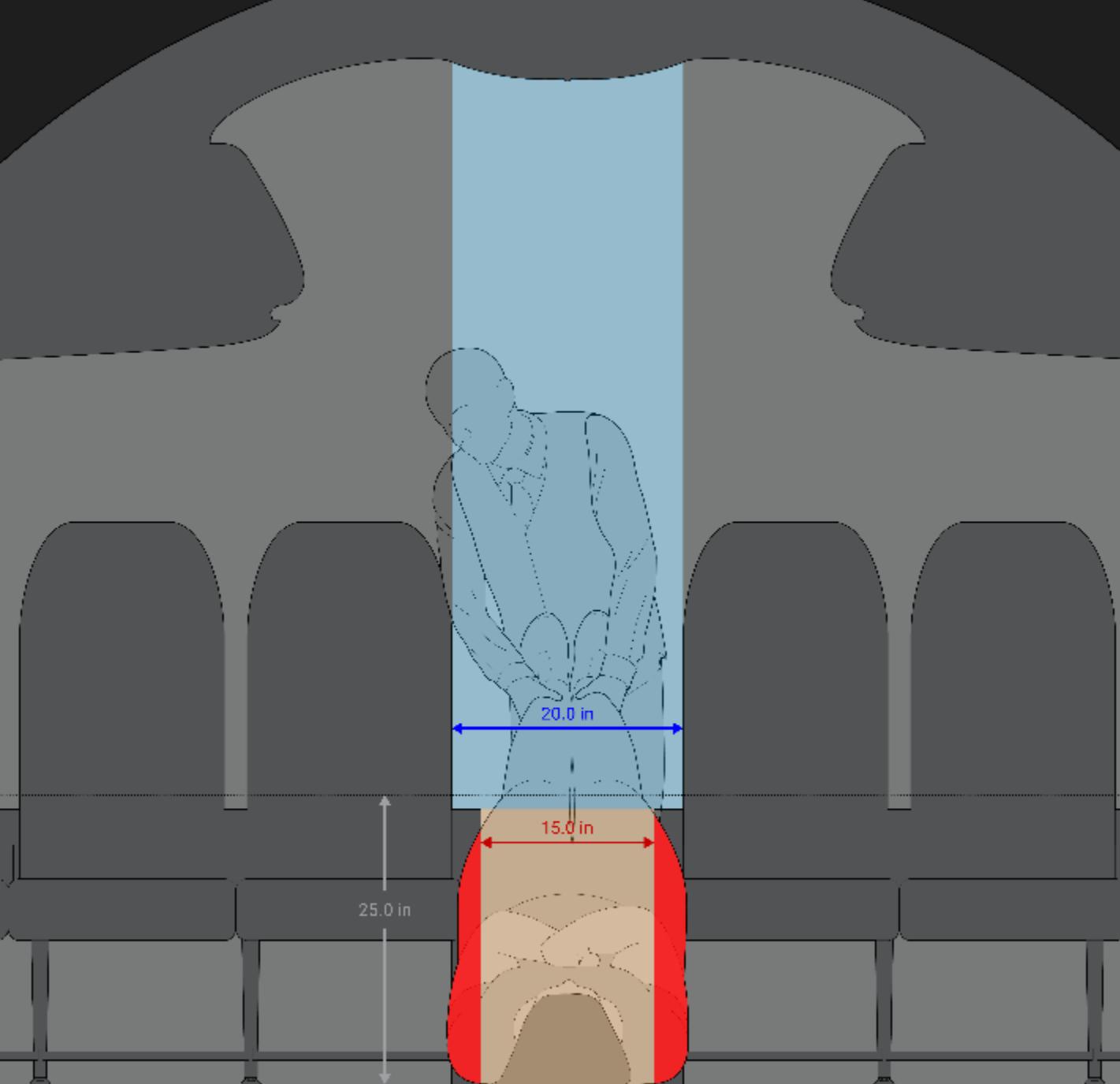
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15.0 in aisle width

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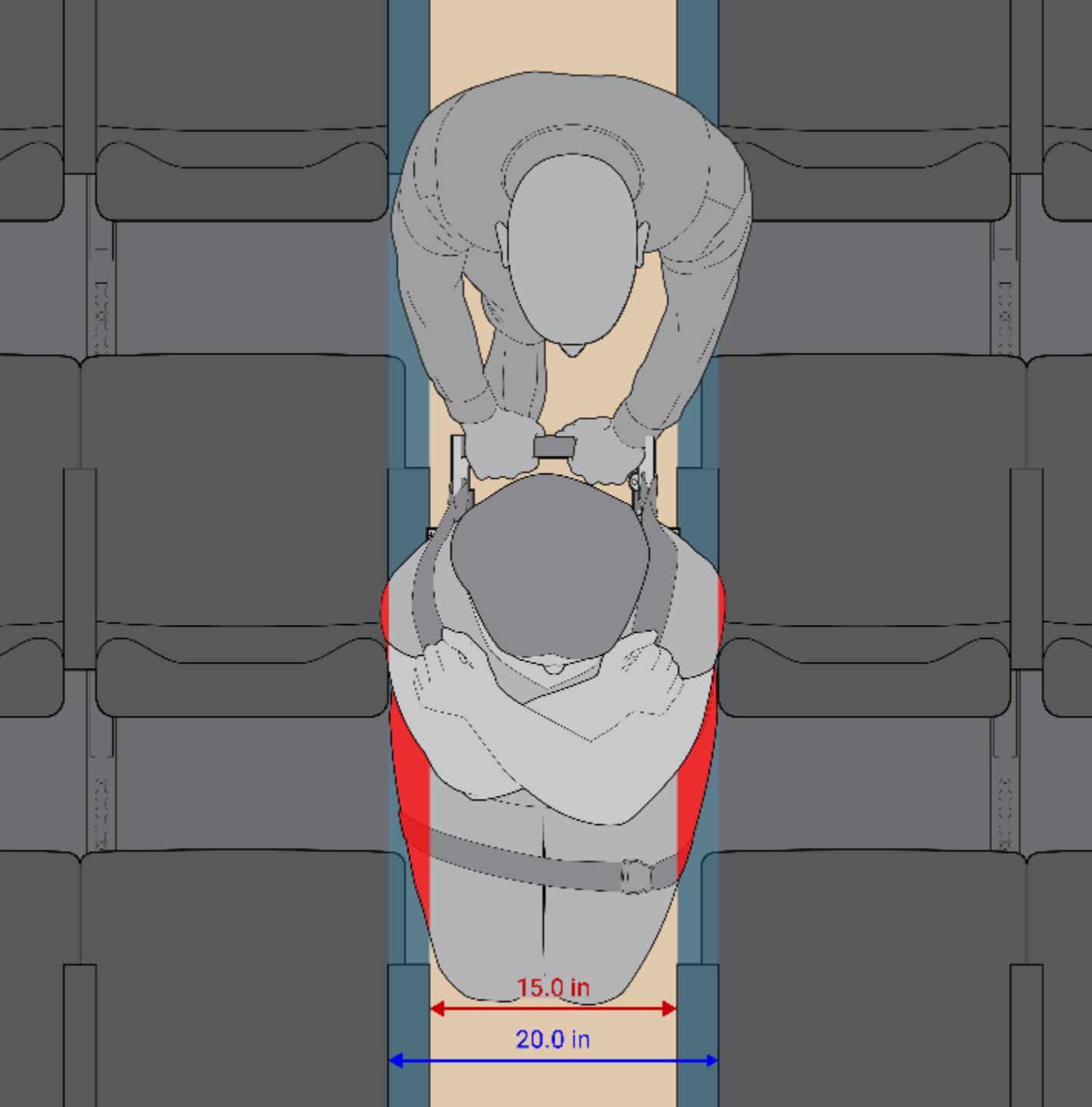
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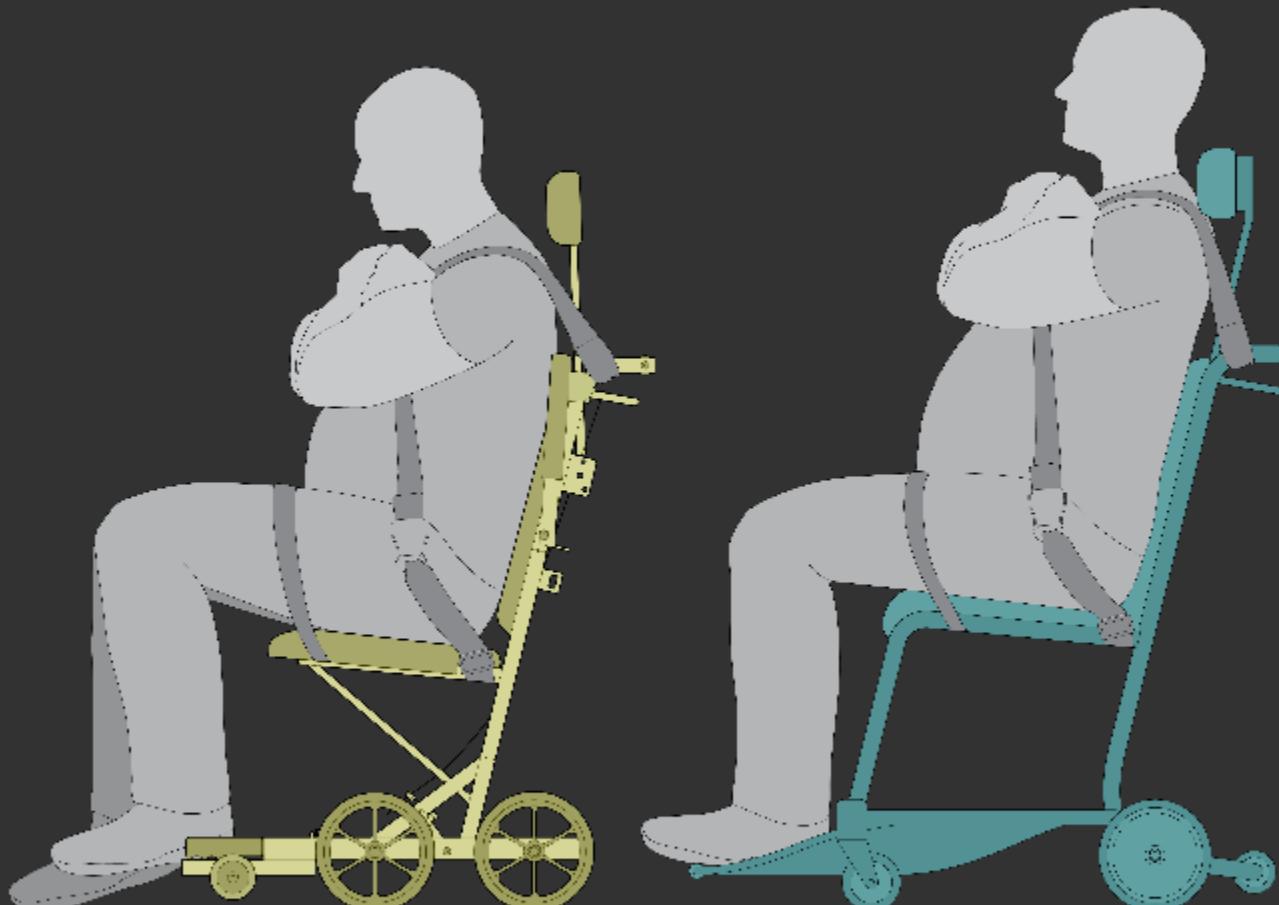
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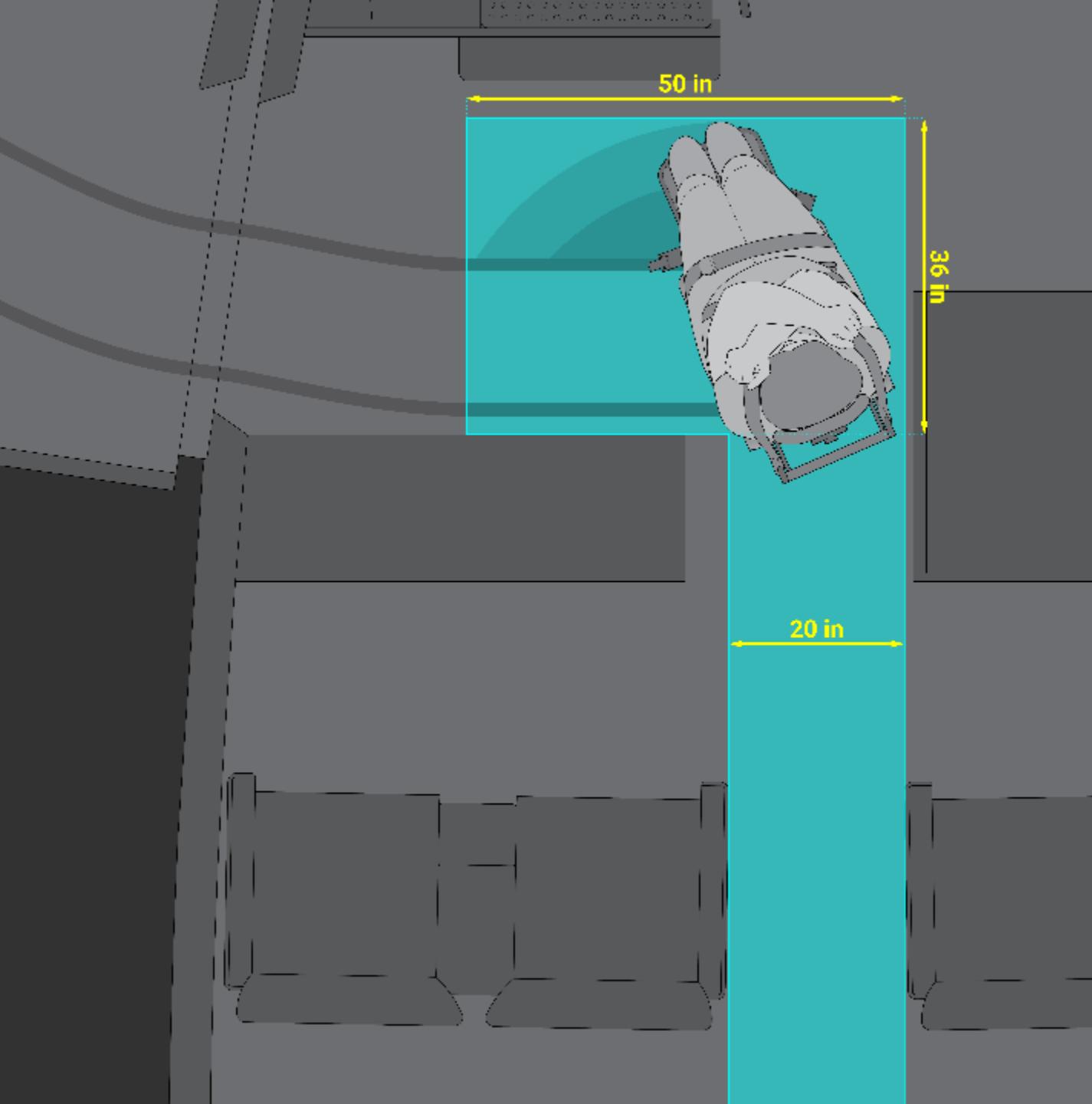
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95th percentile
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Device Comparison

95th percentile
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Rear Wheel Pivot with Rotating Casters

36.0 in clearance

20.0 in aisle width

19.8 in hip width

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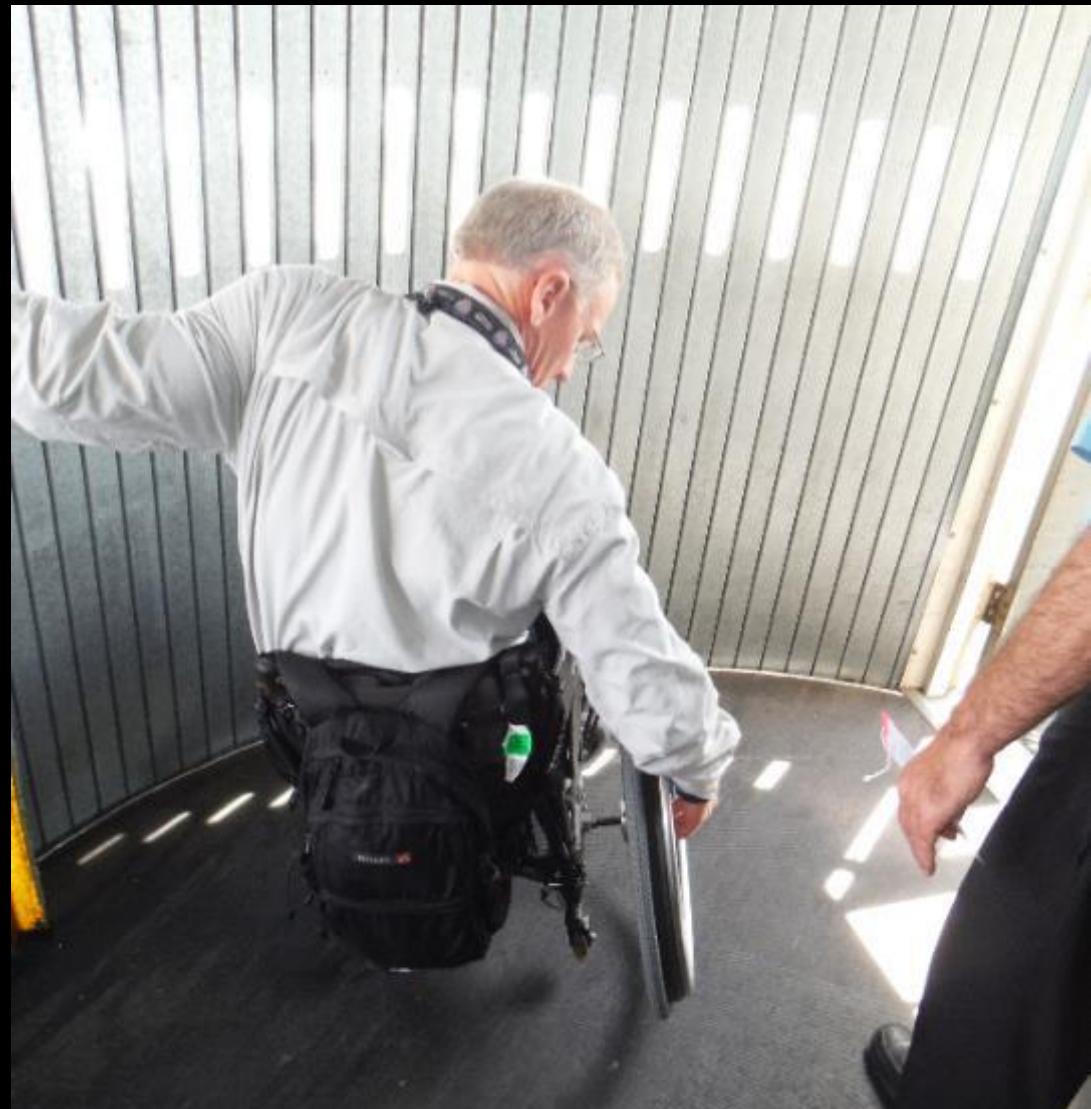


Aircraft-compatible wheelchair



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

Feet supported lumbar and

Spine supported

Neck/head support

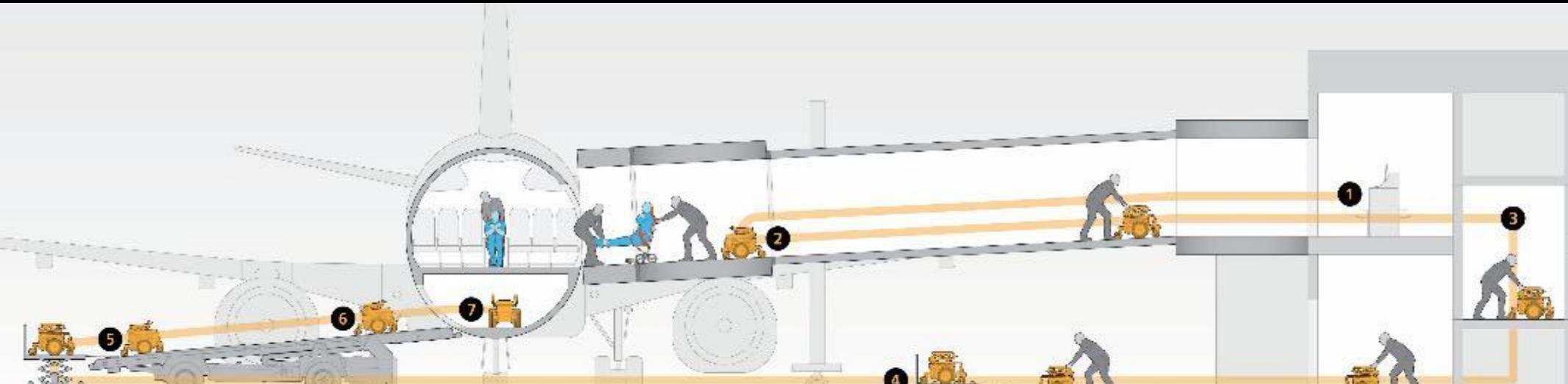
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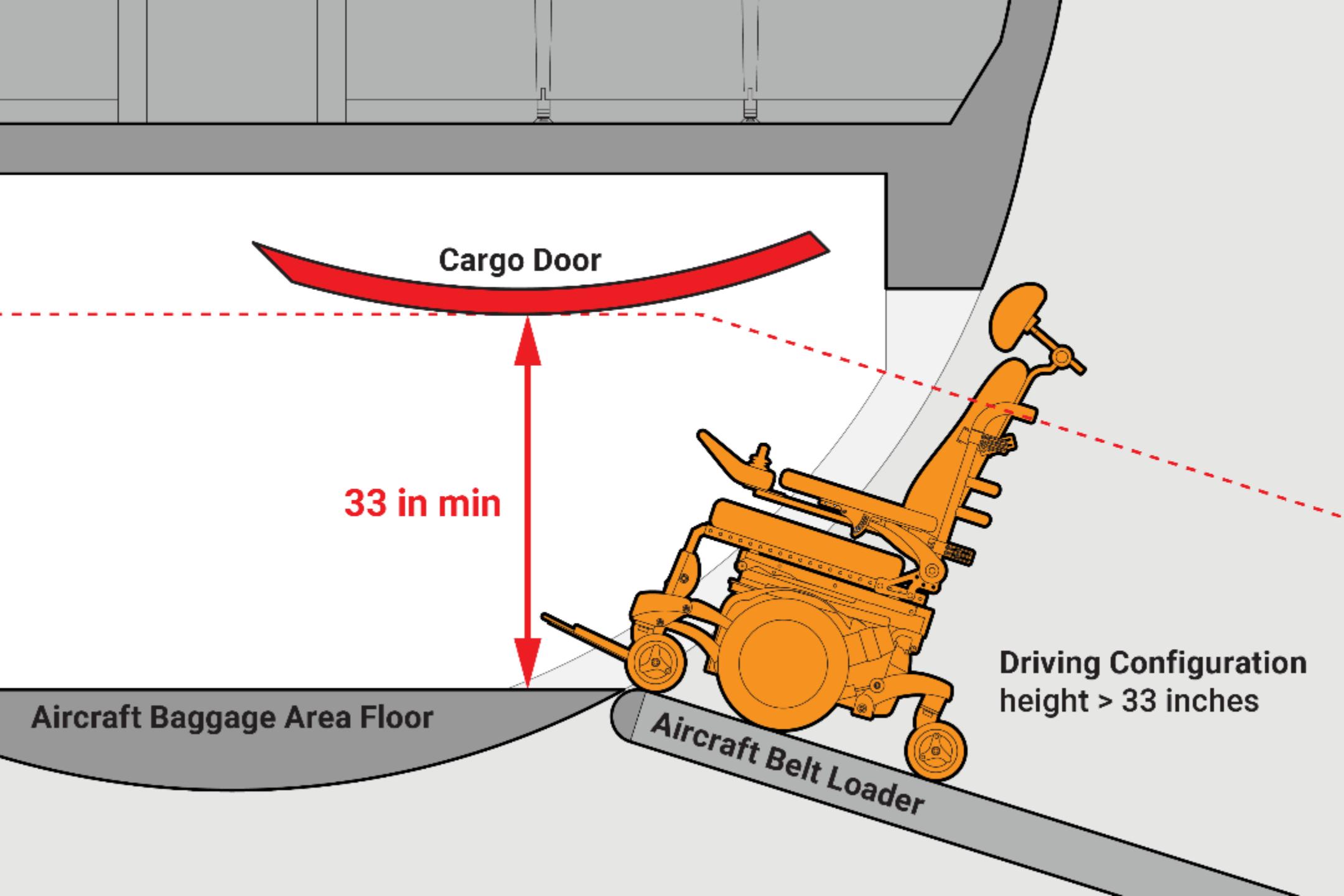


Storage of wheelchair in aircraft

From jetway to cargo hold

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





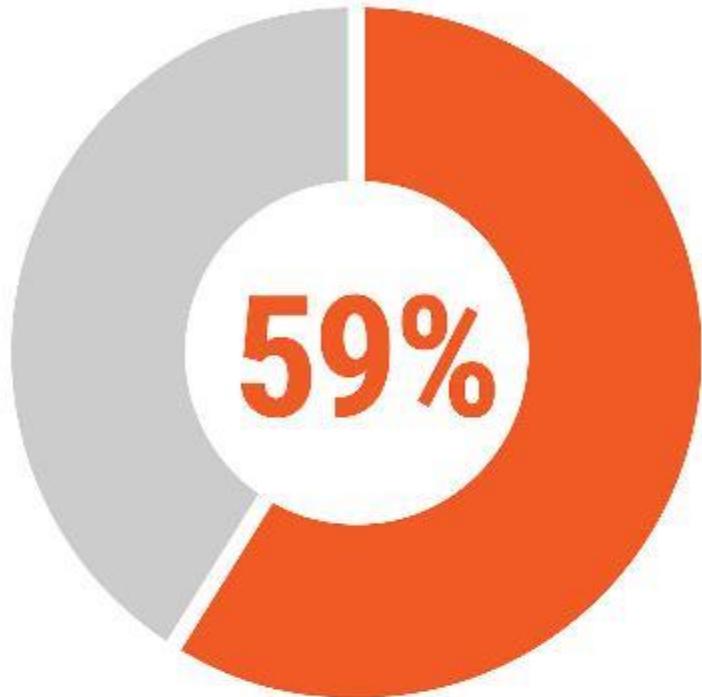
PWC tilted on side to fit through door



Device damage

Damage to drive wheel
that came off powered
wheelchair





responded that their...

mobility devices were damaged after airtravel

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



American National Standard

RESNA AT-1:2021

for Assistive Technology for Air Travel—
Volume 1:
Requirements and Test Methods Related to
Mobility Devices

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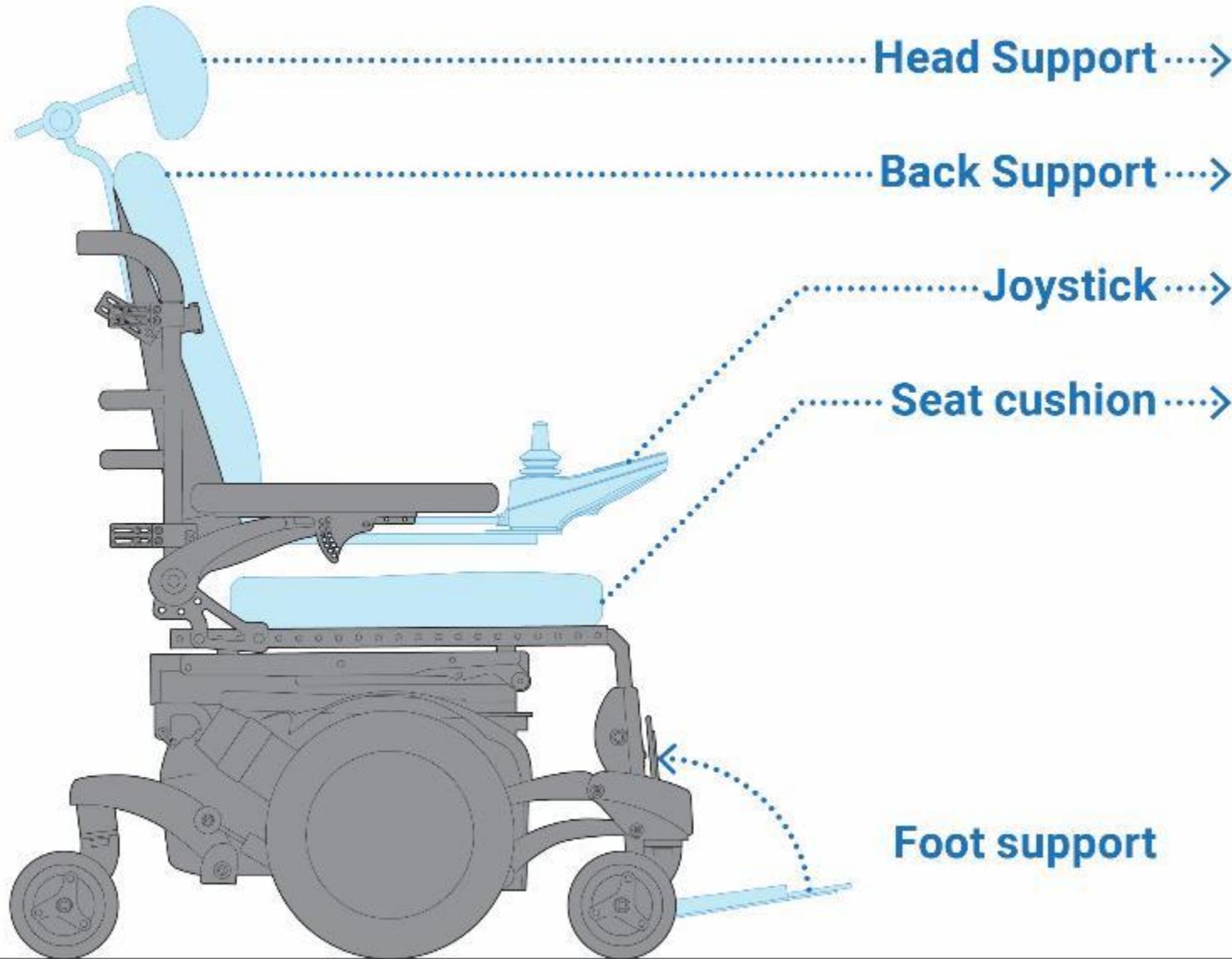
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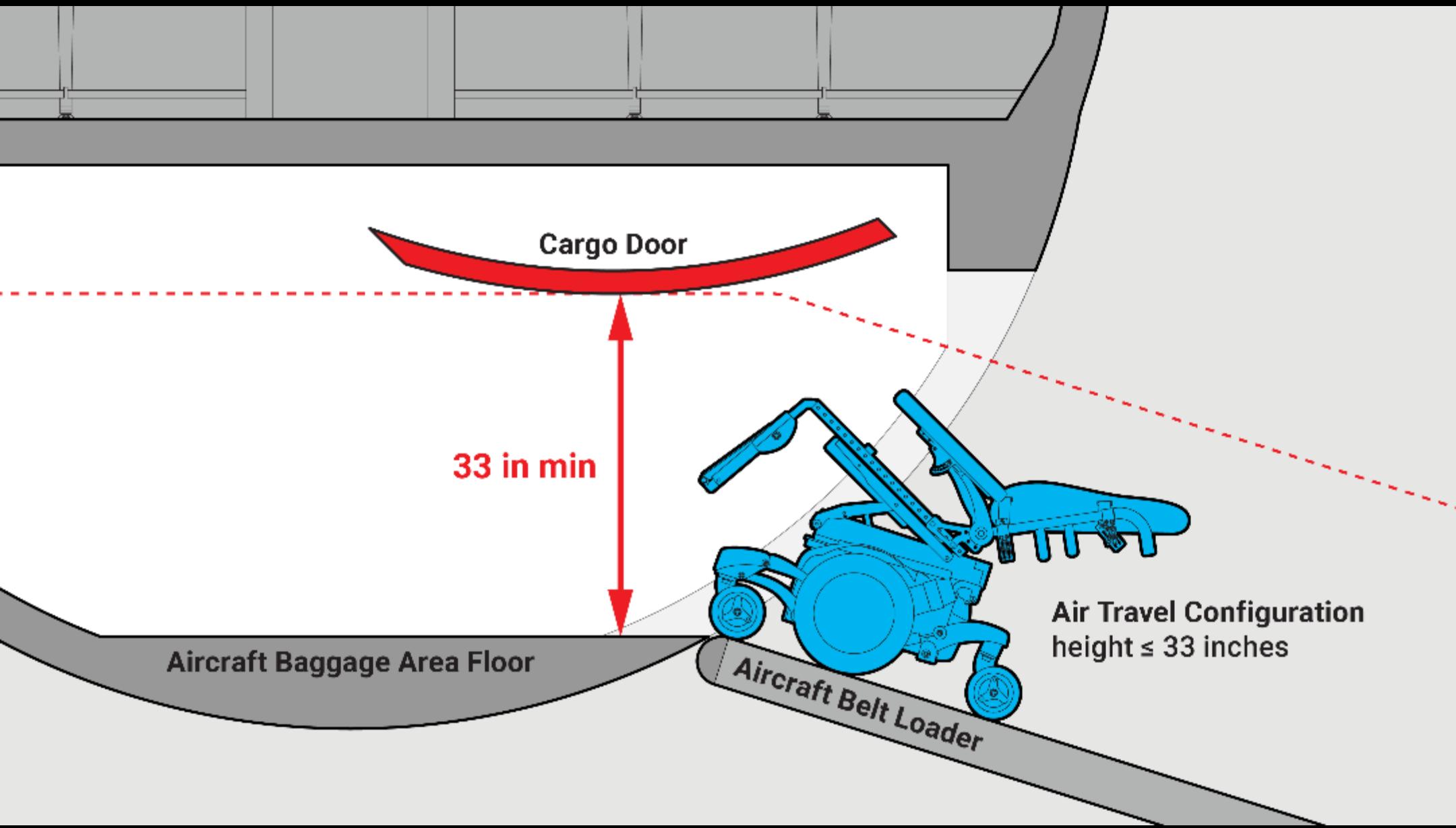
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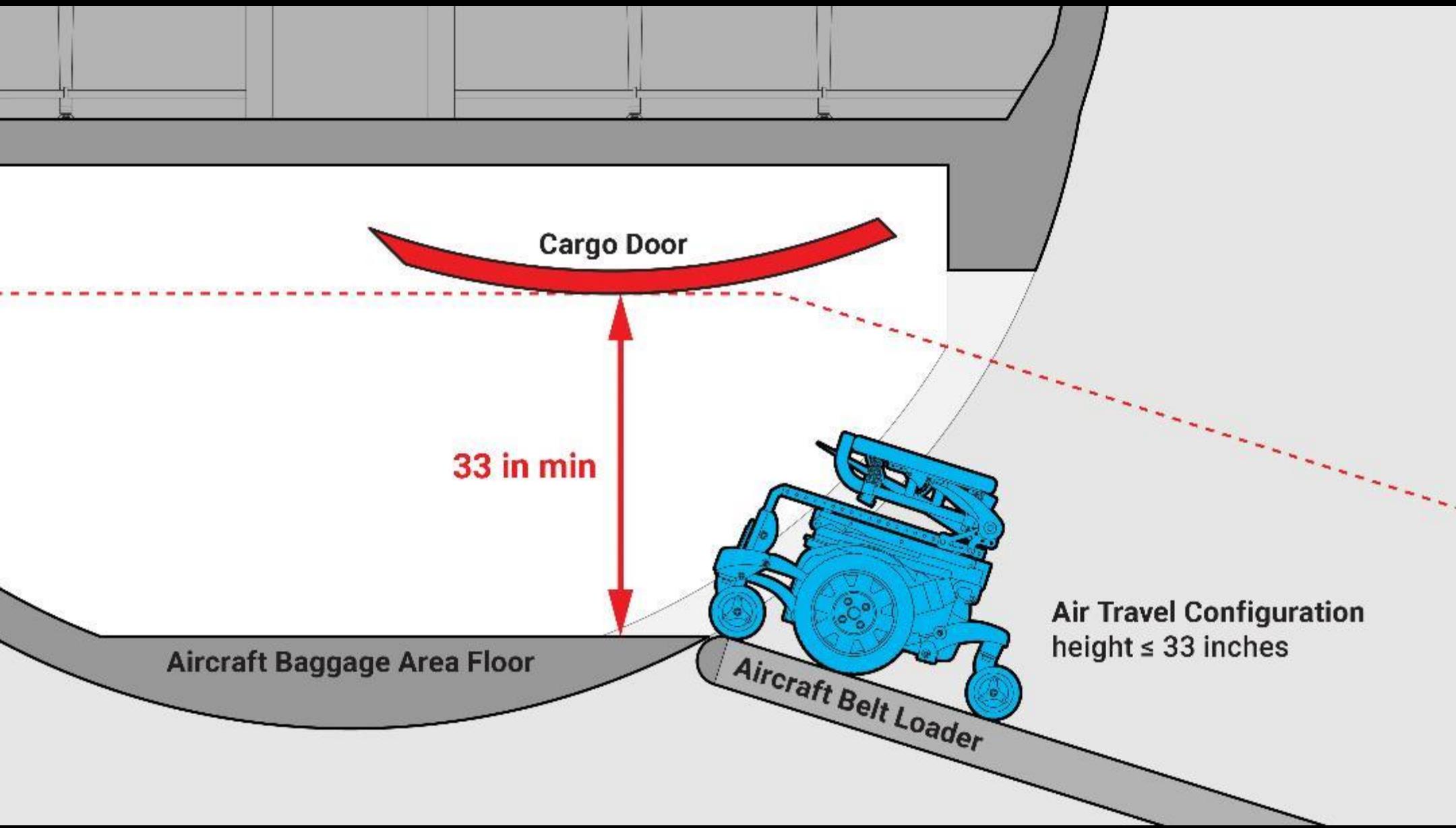


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PMD Labeling Guidelines

Weight



WHEELCHAIR
WEIGHT

150 kg

330 lb





For existing devices, create an Air Travel Information Card

 **air travel information**

owner: John Doe phone: 123-456-7890 email: john.doe@airtravel.com Manufacturer Model: X-1000 COMPLIANT WITH REBWA AT1 chair serial number: X200002

air travel preparation
The owner of this device, or a designated accident, is encouraged to participate in the following process:

1. remove seat cushion
Remove and cushion static in aircraft seat.
2. remove head support
Remove head support with a quick release.
3. lower back support to fit into aircraft
Remove back support cushion store in the off seat. Back is fixed in place by means of velcro or tie down. Consider back cushion price back except the cost of the attachment used for the back support. Do not support the back.
4. remove joystick
Remove stem or connector to joystick. Remove joystick from the front of the seat.
5. raise foot supports
Move foot supports to the upright position.
6. Isolate battery power
Switch breaker to off to fully disconnect power.
7. disengage drive system
Front lock on each wheel to manually push the mobility device.

air travel configuration

Height: 601 mm (23.7 in)
Width: 864 mm (34 in)

driving configuration

Height: 1007 mm (39.5 in)
Width: 1054 mm (41.5 in)

unoccupied product weight
150 kg (330 lb)

WARNING: This product exceeds the laws using a lithium cell that can cause injury.

weight of additional components
(if greater than 10 kg)
12 kg (26.5 lb)

battery information
WARNING: Only non-spillable lead-acid batteries may be installed on this product. This device does not support the use of 9-volt alkaline gel cell non-spillable batteries conforming to DOT 4A CFR 173.169 (b) and IATA Provision A67.

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isolate battery power SWITCH
Switch breaker to off to disconnect power from the battery. The switch is located in the rear, behind the foot plate.

disengage drive system
Move lock on each wheel to manually push the mobility device. The locks are located at the front of the mobility device.

manual lift points
Manual lift points are located on all four side arms. **WARNING:** Do not lift the device using the front or rear lift points. Use the side arms only.

chair secured
REBWA AT1 secured points can be used to secure the mobility device. After loading and securing the mobility device, use the cross system to lock the cross struts.

user operator manual online
Search the AT1 section under REBWA AT1 usage. Configuration can also be used to search for the specific device that is being used. The user operator manual can be found on the manufacturer's website. The manufacturer's website is www.rebwa.org. The manufacturer's website is www.rebwa.org. The manufacturer's website is www.rebwa.org.

14 CFR §382.129(a)
For example, you must permit passengers with a disability to provide written information concerning the disability and information concerning their wheelchair, either owned by the passenger or the airline. You must carry written instructions to the greater extent feasible.





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