



BESPOKEPLUS



"If your work speaks for itself don't interrupt"

Batec Hybrid 2

Those individuals who purchased the Hybrid 1 have a product that they got very comfortable with (and those with the straight manual unit liked the product very much as well). Fast forward a couple years and the manual has been discontinued along with the Hybrid 1.



The Hybrid 2 has been well received for the most part with all of its electronic, mechanical, and structural improvements, but some Hybrid 1 users are less impressed with the 18 upgrades to the new model. Most of those in that category are folks that

have quad versions and live with the magic lever, rarely changing gears.

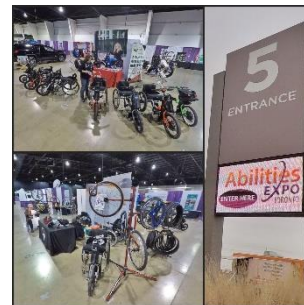
All the improvements to the product have been designed with end user recommendations to improve the product without changing the essence of this "work horse" and they include: 1. Configurable electronics for all three modes of use 2. Torque sensor in combination with the new regulator which detects the effort immediately 3. Brake with signal cut-off sensor 4. All in one LCD Console 5. Button panel with 3 help modes plus the E mode 6. Front light with running lamp and high beam 7. Trigger throttle 8. Horn 9. Nine speed cassette 10. Derailleur 11. 36 teeth chainring 12. Gear levers 13. 150 mm cranks 14. Frame bar clamp fixation 15. Stand frame 16. Battery holder on the front 17. Reinforced fork 18. Bag added to the fork.



Para and Quad versions are in stock and ready to ship!

Abilities Expo New Start

And the news release reads, "In its desire to serve a larger segment of the disability community, Abilities Expo - the premiere event for people with disabilities, their families, caregivers, seniors and healthcare professionals - has agreed to be acquired by Raccoon Media Group, a global leader in community-based events. This strategic move marks a significant milestone for both organizations, opening up new avenues for growth and opportunity in the health and well-being markets."



Founded in 1979, Abilities Expo has done a good job of showcasing the skills and contributions of people with a disability while providing product information, services and technologies to all; that includes everyone in our communities.

The Raccoon Media Group Ltd was founded in 2016 and has evolved into a dynamic, high-growth media business focused on enabling healthy and active lives via a number of different shows and events for all.

David Korse, CEO of Abilities shared, "Raccoon will enable the Abilities shows to reach a much larger audience than before because of its commitment to health and wellness and its motivation to lead Abilities onto greater strengths." Abilities Chairman Lew Shomer added, "Community is at the heart of our Abilities Expo events, and we're delighted that building sustainable and engaged communities is a core value of what the Raccoon Media Group team brings to the table." Lew Shomer went on to confirm, "The Abilities team will remain in place and, with the merging of the skills and knowledge from our two companies, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers."

"We are thrilled to welcome Abilities Expo," said Mike Seaman, CEO of Raccoon Media Group. "This strategic acquisition aligns with our mission to create pathways to achieving healthy and active lifestyles for widely diverse audiences. Abilities Expo's dedication to the disability community aligns strongly with our values, and we are excited about the growth potential that this collaboration will bring."

Lew will travel to the GTA the first week of August with the new owners to investigate the post covid return to the Canadian marketplace. For those that followed the start of the Abilities Expo in Canada you will recall us supporting the concept of having a complimentary event to what was then the People in Motion Show, so that we could support east and west GTA and beyond.

Licensing Power Add Ons

Thank you for your comments on licensing power add-on equipment. There is interest to have a program that more resembles the certification program that we have in the forklift industry. This would encourage dealers handling equipment to have more contact with the end user to ensure everyone was driving safely and respecting the responsibility that comes along with these types of products. It may also encourage the dealer network and manufacturers as well, to seek users with lived experiences to assist in that process. Though we are talking class 1 medical devices where the individual is viewed as a pedestrian, we all have a responsibility to ensure the end user has the best information available and is physically capable of using the products safely.

On the scooter side of things in Ontario a motorcycle license is required for all scooters, mopeds and motorcycles regardless of engine size or any electric over 500 watts output. Insurance and license plates are also required. To operate a moped or scooter, you must be at least 14 years of age and hold a Class 6D driver's licence. Registering your moped or scooter as well as wearing a helmet are mandatory. E-bikes on the other hand with a power output of up to 500 watts and a top speed of 32 kph (20 mph) align with bicycles and the Highway traffic act.

Batec Chair Compatibility

Batec has added another new chair to their compatibility listing. The Aria Speciale has now been tested and approved for Batec installations.


The compatibility listing is available off both the [international site](#) and our [web site](#).

Wolturnus – Asker HC





Wolturnus in Nibe is becoming part of the Swedish Asker Healthcare Group to ensure future development and better handle the increasing regulatory demands in the industry.

Wolturnus has been manufacturing custom-made wheelchairs/hand bikes in Nibe, with CEO Peter Libak at the helm since 2002. This will continue, but today, Peter Libak and partner/Co-Director Christian Gammelgaard are no longer the owners. Like many other companies in the healthcare sector, Wolturnus has chosen to consolidate.

 Asker Healthcare Group, headquartered in Stockholm, owns more than 45 companies in 14 countries within medical equipment and assistive technologies. This includes the medical company OneMed, which acts as the group's Danish parent company. OneMed's CEO, Morten Nielsen, will now serve as the Chairman of the Board at Wolturnus, where daily operations will continue to be managed by Peter Libak, Christian Gammelgaard, and the rest of the management team.

Bits and Bytes

-  Access Expo Toronto July 31, 2024;
-  Access Expo Peterborough August 20, 2024;
-  Rehacare Suzou Ctr., China, August 21-23, 2024;
-  Access Expo Hamilton TBD 2024;
-  Access Expo London September 5, 2024;
-  CSMC Toronto, ON September 10-11, 2024;
-  Motion Cares Saskatoon September 17, 2024;
-  Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE September 25-28, 2024;
-  Motion Cares Kelowna, BC October 3, 2024;
-  Motion Cares Courtney, BC October 8, 2024;
-  Motion Cares Victoria, BC October 10, 2024;
-  Motion Cares London, ON October 17, 2024;
-  Motion Cares Hamilton, ON November 6, 2024.

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We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. **Comments are welcome ...**