



Paralympics Ontario is a non-profit, Provincial Sport Organization and Provincial partner of the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) that delivers programs and provides competitive opportunities for its member organizations.

Ready, Willing, & Able (RWA) is a program of Paralympics Ontario.

Debbie Low, Executive Director indicates that as a Provincial partner of the CPC, their goal is to develop and promote the Paralympic Movement.

RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., and VARILITE™ in Canada is proud to be corporate sponsors of organizations promoting sport and active living for people with a disability.



Ready, Willing, and Able (RWA)



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Paralympics Ontario launched a new program November 12th called **RWA**, aimed at increasing the awareness and number of participants in sport for people with a physical disability.

MC Jeff Adams, relayed that RWA Ambassadors go to the community to share their experiences in sport. RWA Ambassadors deliver hands-on demonstrations in such locations as

rehabilitation/treatment centres, schools, and camps. Participants then have the opportunity to try the demonstrated sports with the necessary sport-specific equipment provided by Paralympics Ontario.

VARILITE™ AADL/ProForm NX™

Seat Cushion Selection Guide

	ProForm	Evolution	Evolution PSV	Solo	Stratus	ZOID
USER PROFILE						
Weight	150-250 lbs					
Height	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"
Age	18+	18+	18+	18+	18+	18+
Activity Level	Low to High					
Posture	Upright	Upright	Upright	Upright	Upright	Upright
Use Case	Office, Home, Travel					
Special Features	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

We were pleased to relay that the Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program (AADL) put the **Talon™** back and **Evolution™** cushion on their approved products list this year and we look forward to having the rest of the line introduced in the near future. The VARILITE™ product line is extensive and includes backs, cushions, lateral supports, belts, and harnesses.

Back Support Selection Guide

	TALON	EVOLUTION BACK™	EVOLUTION BACK™	EVOLUTION BACK™
USER PROFILE				
Weight	150-250 lbs	150-250 lbs	150-250 lbs	150-250 lbs
Height	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"	5'0" - 6'0"
Age	18+	18+	18+	18+
Activity Level	Low to High	Low to High	Low to High	Low to High
Posture	Upright	Upright	Upright	Upright
Use Case	Office, Home, Travel	Office, Home, Travel	Office, Home, Travel	Office, Home, Travel
Special Features	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

VARILITE™ is in the 16th year as a wholly subsidiary of Cascade Designs, Inc. who has entered the fourth decade of providing quality products worldwide. Now, the family of VARILITE™ cushions (**ProForm™**, **Evolution™**, **Evolution PSV™**, **Solo™**, **Stratus™**, **ZOID™**) will be joined by the **ProForm NX™** in January 2005!

The **ProForm NX™** closed-cell foam base does not absorb fluid and is resistant to bacteria. The base can be cut with a knife or blade to accommodate drop-base seats, leg-length discrepancies, and "hot spots." Laterals and a deep ischial pan provide maximum immersion and pressure distribution. Molded thigh troughs improve lower extremity positioning. Flex hinge lets the base flex

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VARILITE™ ProForm NX™ the most *lightweight, easy-to-use, and comfortable integrated seating system comes to Canada in January 2005.*

RGK Wheelchairs, Inc. is a privately owned corporation founded in 2002 to market and promote RGK Wheelchairs in North America and distribute VARILITE™ Seating Systems in Canada, in addition to bringing Kenda tires, tubes, and Spinergy Wheels to the marketplace.

Three issues of **BESPOKE Plus** in November. See www.4RGK.com for copies.

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VARILITE ProForm NX
The cushion of choice for wheelchair users with challenging positioning and postural support requirements.

Therapists recommend the ProForm NX for individuals with leg length discrepancies, amputations, and other pelvic obliquities. Therapists value this cost-effective and easy-to-customize off-the-shelf product. Users and caregivers value the durability and adjustability of the ProForm NX.

ProForm NX Dual-Chambered Cushion

	12 x 14	14 x 14	14 x 16	16 x 16	16 x 18
Mesh Back Cover	79422	79422	79422	79422	79422
Mesh Backrest Cover	79422	79422	79422	79422	79422

ProForm NX Single-Chambered Cushion

	12 x 14	14 x 14	14 x 16	16 x 16	16 x 18
Mesh Back Cover	79421	79421	79421	79421	79421
Mesh Backrest Cover	79421	79421	79421	79421	79421

when a modifiable wedge is placed underneath it. Designed for pelvic obliquities and other asymmetrical conditions, exclusive **Air-Foam Floatation** cushion contains two self-inflating, independently-adjustable chambers (patent pending). Adjustments are made using two-way air valves that release air to immerse the user in the foam. The foam contours to the user and the user's weight is distributed over the surface of the cushion. **ProForm NX™** is also available

with a single chamber configuration.

Breathable, mesh-covered reticulated-foam blocks contour over the medial thigh separator and anterior laterals for added comfort and stability. Modifiable thigh Cushion is patterned in sections for easy modification to match changes made to the contoured base; non-absorbent and washable. The **ProForm NX™** is available with a mesh or incontinence cover with breathable foam-reinforced material. Reticulated foam inside promotes air exchange and improves pressure distribution. The underside is a rugged non-slip material with hook and loop for added security. A modifiable closed-cell foam wedge comes standard; it may be used to increase the weight-bearing load on the back of the thighs and decrease the load on the buttocks, without changing the seat-to-back angle. The 2 inch (5 cm) tapered wedge trims easily for custom fitting.

1 Contoured Base
A modifiable contoured base, superior pressure distribution, asymmetric positioning options, comfort, and simplicity make the ProForm NX an ideal off-the-shelf solution when a customizable wheelchair cushion is needed.

2 Closed-Cell Foam
Closed-cell foam base will not absorb fluid and is resistant to bacteria. The base can be cut with a knife or blade to accommodate drop seat, leg length discrepancies, and "hot spots". Laterals and a deep indentation provide maximum containment and prevent lateral movement. Flap flaps into the base foam when a Modifiable Wedge is placed underneath it.

3 Air-Foam Floatation Cushion
Designed for pelvic obliquities and other asymmetrical conditions, exclusive Air-Foam Floatation cushion contains two self-inflating, independently adjustable chambers (patent pending). Adjustments are made using two-way air valves that release air to immerse the user in the foam. The foam contours to the user and the user's weight is distributed over the surface of the cushion. ProForm NX also is available in a single-chamber configuration.

4 Mesh-Covered Thigh Cushion
Breathable, mesh-covered reticulated foam blocks contour over the medial thigh separator and anterior laterals for added comfort and stability. Modifiable Thigh Cushion is patterned in sections for easy modification to match changes made to the Contoured Base. Non-absorbent and washable.

5 Cover
ProForm NX is available with a mesh or incontinence cover with breathable foam-reinforced material. Reticulated foam inside promotes air exchange and improves pressure distribution. The underside is a rugged non-slip material with hook and loop for added security. ProForm NX cover meets ISO 17100 liquid-resistant standards for upholstered automotive components. Machine washable.

6 Modifiable Wedge
A modifiable closed-cell foam wedge is standard with each ProForm NX. The Modifiable Wedge increases the weight-bearing load on the back of the thighs and decreases the load on the buttocks, without changing the seat-to-back angle. The 2 inch (5 cm) tapered wedge trims easily for custom fitting.

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RGK AADL

RGK ultra-light **BESPOKE** (Custom Made) wheelchairs have met the AADL requirements to be listed on the approved products list. This includes the satisfactory completion of the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) testing. In addition, RGK products have CE marking, Australia Standards AS3695, were approved in Quebec (RAMQ) two (2) years ago, and approved three (3) years ago in Ontario through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP). Although some Albertans enjoy the benefits of RGK products, those relying on AADL services will have to wait. We look forward to continued discussions on having RGK products on the AADL approved products listing.

Bits and Bytes

- Manufacturing in Canada on track for January 2005 announcement!
- REHA Show in Germany successful for RGK UK (booth on left).

BESPOKE PLUS helps market and promotes **RGK Wheelchairs, VARILITE™** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA** Tires, **SPINERGY** Wheels, and other products through the North American company called **RGK Wheelchairs, Inc.**

If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact us at your convenience in the manner of your choice.