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RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., distributes VARILITE® Seating Systems in Canada. The AADL program has now included the Evolution™ Wave™ on the Approved Products Listing (APL).

## ERGO Seating

RGK has been producing ERGO seating in their range of wheelchairs since the 90's. They supported the development of a body of work by Drs. Kees van Brueklen on this subject and he produced a paper in 2000 which is finally coming to the Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference (CSMC) September 18-21, 2007. Reg McClellan will present the paper in a PowerPoint presentation.



ERGO seating is about the development of the wheelchair seat rail to use the most

positive properties of the flat seat and the wedge seat to enhance the sitting posture, torso stability, pressure distribution, and wheelchair propulsion abilities for the end user. This "all purpose" seat will be presented as a positive contribution for end users of wheelchair products and may also include comments on the many individual choices the end users face every time they look at getting into new products to assist them to get from A to B. We are pleased to see other manufacturers now offering ERGO seating and look forward to the day when all manufacturers will see the benefit for end users. For more information on CSMC, visit the web site at [www.csmc.ca](http://www.csmc.ca).



CPW-Contoured Positioning Wedge

CPB-Contoured Positioning Base

LPB-Lateral Positioning Base

## Evolution™ Wave™ in Alberta

The **EVOLUTION™** and **EVOLUTION WAVE™** are now available on the Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) program. They are **VARILITE®** products with high pressure relief, high pressure reduction, and high postural support. They are self inflating, come with a standard or Pressure Setting Valve (PSV), have three different stiffness's of foam to create contouring postural support while providing the best in pressure relief, are water proof, and have a cut resistant 4-way stretch fabric that is bonded to the interior foam for maximum strength and comfort.

Air-Foam Floation combines the best characteristics of air and foam to provide excellent pressure distribution, comfort, and stability. The weight capacity for **VARILITE®** seat cushions are listed on the image to the right. **VARILITE®** is a division of Cascade Designs, Inc., and they manufacture their products out of Seattle, Washington. RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., distributes their products in Canada. More information is available at [www.varilite.com](http://www.varilite.com) and [www.varilite.ca](http://www.varilite.ca).

| Size  | Capacity |
|-------|----------|
| 12x8  | 250      |
| 12x12 | 300      |
| 12x14 | 325      |
| 14x14 | 400      |
| 14x16 | 450      |
| 16x16 | 500      |
| 16x18 | 575      |
| 17x17 | 575      |
| 18x16 | 575      |
| 16x20 | 650      |
| 18x18 | 650      |
| 20x16 | 650      |
| 18x20 | 725      |
| 20x18 | 725      |
| 20x20 | 750      |
| 22x18 | 750      |
| 22x20 | 750      |
| 24x18 | 750      |
| 24x20 | 750      |



Canpar provides service for us in Canada. Recently, dealers indicate that two or three strapped boxes have arrived as only one box & we re-supplied product they claim did not arrive. Now we ship all products as one piece; this has increased our costs and we will revisit our free shipping policy. Note: We now provide next day service in Canada for \$75.00 with a program through Air Canada Cargo.



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## Debbie Dillion Lightfoot

It is with sadness that we received the word that Debbie passed away June 21, 2007 after a lengthy illness. Many people in North America will remember Debbie as the sane voice in the crowd. She had leadership qualities on and off court and a visible understanding of human behavior.

The NWBA Hall of Fame reads; *"The third Woman to be inducted into the NWBA Hall of Fame. Member of the University of Illinois Ms. Kids, the Bay Area Meteorites, Peninsula Golden Spokes, and Sacramento Gold Rush. Awarded the NWWBT Timothy Vandermeiden Sportsmanship Award two times and selected to the All-Tournament Team in 1984. Member of the University of Illinois's first NWWBT championship team (1978). Competed on the USA Women's Paralympic Basketball Team (1976-Toronto), Stoke Mandeville Games (1977) and Pan American Games (1978-Rio De Janeiro). Served as Chairperson of the NWBA Women's Division. Served as Secretary on the NWBA Executive Committee (1982-2000)."* Thank you Debbie Dillion Lightfoot, and to her husband David who said, *"I was the luckiest man to share her life!"*



## RGK Schwalbe Tires

RGK Wheelchairs, Ltd., introduced Schwalbe tires some weeks ago for daily use 24" and 25" wheels. These are now available in North America and we also stock 26" in both the Marathon Plus and Marathon Plus Evolution.

These are available in grey and black non-marking. These are the first black tires that leave no skid-marks on indoor floors, made possible by the revolutionary Black'n'Roll compound, developed in SCHWALBE's labs. Flat-less with **SmartGuard!** Hand friendly with 2grip! Check out their North American web site at: [www.schwalbetires.com](http://www.schwalbetires.com)



## Bits and Bytes

- RAMQ meetings July 9 in Quebec City, QC;
- Ontario Medical Supply moves into new 46,000 ´ facility in Ottawa, ON;
- Spitfire Challenge August 3-6 at the Olympium Etobicoke, ON;
- Motion Specialties Open House August 9 Windsor, ON;
- 2007 Parapanamerican Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil August 12-19;
- Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) September 11 Vancouver, BC;
- CSMC September 19-21 at the Congress Center, Toronto, ON.

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