



# BESPOKE PLUS

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*The Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) has dotted the i's and crossed the t's in their organization for the Paralympics in Beijing and I am sure that their counterpart in the USA is equally ready to go and prepared to provide their athletes with everything they need to have their best performance in China!*

*Canada has 143 athletes at the games this time around and look for a 5th overall placing or better.*

*USA has 230 athletes in Beijing and come to China to improve on their third overall ranking from Athens 2004!*

*Beijing has over 4000 athletes.*

## New Web Site

In an attempt to make all the information readily accessible to the end user, the dealer network, prescribing authorities, and all those interested in quality products, we employed the services of ITW Consulting to assist us with the production of our first database site. We take this opportunity to thank Alex and Igor, whom we first met at the [www.people-in-motion.com](http://www.people-in-motion.com) show, for their professional services [www.itwconsulting.com](http://www.itwconsulting.com). The following domain names will take you directly to the respective brands that we work with and the partner section will direct you to the respective manufacturers sites and other folks that we have developed a working relationship with; the sites are: <http://www.4RGK.com> <http://www.Varilite.ca> <http://www.KiMobility.ca> <http://www.KendaCanada.com>



## Beijing 2008

The closing ceremonies at the Olympic games in Beijing were fantastic and the flag hand off from China to Great Britain was quite a show; naturally I had to notice the two wheelchairs used in the event were RGK's and I guess that is kind of fitting when that company has funded in excess of 30 national team athletes annually since their inception in 1988! Congratulations Russel Simms and Greg Eden, the founders of RGK Wheelchairs, Ltd., in the United Kingdom.

Now, it is time for the Paralympic athletes of the world to strut their stuff, albeit with a whole lot less fanfare than that of the Olympics. Picking up the slack is Paralympic TV, live on the internet brought to you from [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org).

The CPC has provided us with the following broadcast schedule for the games which are on from September 07-17, 2008 in Beijing, China. Broadcast coverage of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games on CBC TV and Radio-Canada: [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)

The **Canadian Broadcasting Corp.** will be covering the Paralympic Games on its main English TV network on the following dates:

Saturday, Sept. 6:	19:00 to 20:00 (Opening Ceremony)
Saturday, Sept. 13:	13:00 to 15:30
Saturday, Sept. 20:	12:00 to 13:00
Saturday, Sept. 27:	14:00 to 15: 30

**Radio-Canada** will be covering the Paralympic Games on its main French TV network on the following dates:

Saturday, Sept. 27:	14:00 to 16:00
Saturday, Oct. 4:	14:00 to 16:00

The CBC/Radio-Canada is also planning to do some web streaming and will broadcast on its English language digital TV station. Note: Their web site suggests daily coverage, so bookmark [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca) to follow along.

### Paralympic TV

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) will once again be presenting the Beijing Paralympic Games on [www.paralympicsport.tv](http://www.paralympicsport.tv)



## Ki Mobility

*Did you know if you order a 16x18 chair it will be longer than the 16x16 model? Unlike most folding units on the market it is not one frame size fits all sizes.*

*Angle adjustable foot rests come in three (3) sizes for 14"-15", 16"-17", and 18"-20" sizes.*

*250 Lb. 21 & 22 inch wide units are available (\$575.00 retail) and heavy duty to 350 Lbs. \$395.00. Super low units from the factory are available for \$280.00 charge.*

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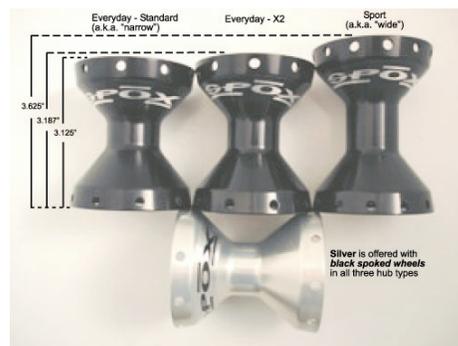
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## Spinergy Wheels

We have the largest selection of Spinergy Wheels in Canada for immediate shipping, complete with the desired push rim, setting, tires, etc. We often get the question of which axles to use with these and other wheels. RGK uses a 130 mm axle for all Spinergy PBO (polyphenylene bensobisoxazole fiber) and 120 mm axles for Spinergy Wire Wheels.

The most common Spinergy Hubs are: 1. Everyday Standard which has an overall width of 3.125 inches and a bearing spacing of 1.8 inches; 2. Everyday X2 which has an overall width of 3.187 inches and a bearing spacing of 2.3 inches; 3. Sport Wheel which has an overall width of 3.6 inches and a bearing spacing of 2.3 inches. As you can see with the two everyday hubs, the X2 has the inside bearing close to the edge of the hub itself whereas the other daily use offering has the bearing recessed 1/2 inch. See the individual hubs on our website along with service instructions, spoke reference sheets, etc.



## Natural Fit Handrims LT

Natural-Fit and the Natural-Fit LT push rims have proven results for performance and efficiency, eliminating pushing on the tire, eases pain in the hands & wrists, and gives greater control when braking.

The Natural-Fit (top image) uses the original, larger profile oval. It offers 80% more surface area for gripping than a standard handrim and weighs just 26 ounces.

The Natural-Fit LT (bottom image) uses a reduced weight, smaller profile oval. The LT is designed for those looking for a reduction in weight or a smaller gripping surface (for those with smaller hands). The LT is more than 25% lighter than the original Natural-Fit; it weighs just 19 ounces (about 4 ounces more than a standard round-tube handrim).



Both the Natural-Fit and the LT fit on almost all standard wheels: \* 22, 24, 25, & 26 standard spoke wheels \* 24 Mags (6, 7, and 8 point) Spinergy and X-Core Wheels.

## Bits and Bytes



- Paralympic Games September 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Beijing, China;
- Rehab Equipment Expo September 9<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver;
- Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> in Toronto;
- Shoppers Innovations Conference/Trade Show November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> in Toronto;
- Shoppers Innovations Conference/Trade Show December 9<sup>th</sup> in Calgary;
- Medtrade in Atlanta Georgia October 27-30!

**BESPOKE PLUS** helps to market and promote **RGK Wheelchairs**, **VARILITE®** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA**, and **Ki Mobility** products, along with Spinergy, Glance, Rogue, Frog Legs, Schwalbe, KIK, Sun, MBL and other great products.

**If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact the editor, Reg McClellan.**