



BESPOKEPLUS



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

Freewheel® - Front Wheel



We stock the FreeWheel® for same day shipping and we have the Front Wheel available as well, but it requires a specific fit for each wheelchair and is therefore an ordered item.

Both of these units do a super job of getting the front casters off the ground and lengthening the wheelbase providing for a safer outside journey over most any terrain; no more pebbles stopping forward movement or changing your direction creating a balance issue.

The FreeWheel® attaches to the footrest of your wheelchair and transforms it into a three-wheel all-terrain vehicle. Pushing through grass, gravel, uneven surfaces and even snow becomes significantly easier and the user experiences more confidence wherever they travel! When not in use, the FreeWheel® stores on the back of your chair in seconds.

The standard size FreeWheel® is designed for manual rigid wheelchairs with a stationary footplate/footrest. With Folding Wheelchairs, an ADAPTOR is available making most any wheelchair FreeWheel® friendly.

If your footrest is 4-7/8" (or less) from the ground to the top of the footrest, the standard FreeWheel® will work. If your footrest is higher than 4-7/8", a custom FreeWheel® would be available for 5.5", 6.5", 7.5", and 8.5" footrests off the ground. Each custom size FreeWheel® has the ability to adjust up or down 1". This means that the highest footrest a FreeWheel® can accommodate with a custom frame is 9.5" inches from the ground to the top of the footrest. When ordering it is important to mention what kind of footrest you have, the height it is from the ground to the top of the footrest in the front AND in the back, and the depth of the footrest so that the angle of the footrest can

be determined. Depending if you have a riser or not, you may also require a "modified D" which will be mounted underneath the footrest, in the very front, to mimic the tubing the FreeWheel® normally connects to.

The FreeWheel® does place all the weight/pressure on the footrest and most wheelchair manufacturers would recommend a heavy-duty footrest.

Front Wheel



The Front Wheel comes from RGK Wheelchairs. It is great for outdoors, tackle those tracks, and not let anything stop you! Fitted and removed in seconds, it enables you to travel across grass, cobbles, mud, gravel and other uneven ground easily by keeping your front castor wheels off the floor at all times when you move in any direction, including backwards.

The Front Wheel is compatible with all RGK chairs and other manufacturers also! Because it is made for your wheelchair, we would need to take specifications and then have it built. It connects to the front frame of your wheelchair and simply applies pressure to the bottom of your footrest to secure it in place; it does not place any undo pressure or weight on the footrest. The Product weight is 2.6kg with a maximum user weight of 125kg. It has a 200x50 pneumatic tire on the front with an anti-flutter fork.

It has unrivalled performance articulating in the same plane as opposed to having the front of the wheelchair going up or down if you are turning right or left as on the Freewheel. It is still compact and easy to fit and remove in seconds. It is a robust three-point connection to the main frame and underneath footrest.

Stay tuned to this space as we highlight another product in this category in an upcoming issue.

CADA Online

In the past few months the Canadian Assistive Devices Association (CADA) has won eight major concessions for vendors; with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MoH), Assistive Devices Program (ADP), and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and the Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS).

ADP in Ontario has fast-tracked the e-submissions portal project and has made a commitment to a dramatic decrease in processing time along with providing approval for virtual assessments. ADP cleaned up the backlog from their temporary shutdown, and significantly improved application processing turnaround by streamlining processes and bringing in extra resources. ADP vendors were included as essential services and they delayed the reduced walker/rollator price structure until April 2021.

In consultation with vendors and the ODSP along with the ACDA explicit approval for virtual diagnosis and repairs has been instituted.

CADA formed and leveraged a Stakeholder Coalition of client and professional based agencies to support bringing attention to the issues impacting people with a disability. This Coalition will continue to be helpful for CADA in all future endeavours with ADP and the Ontario Government.

Further to discussions with ADP, the MoH will not be pursuing an aggressive payment schedule for interim payments.

ETRTO

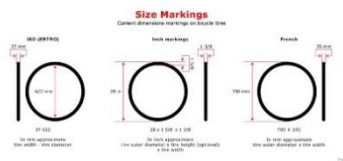
The European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) was created in 1964 with the task of getting industry folks together to align national standards in order to achieve interchangeability of tires, wheels, and valves. That organization has grown to include everything related to load index, speed ratings and symbols, solid tires, and everything else including metric sizing.



We deal with this a lot in our shop; tires have metric and inch markings and because the bike industry (where most of the tire molds come from) have a series of 26" wheels that have rim diameters of 559 mm, 571 mm, 584

mm, 590 mm, and 597 mm. In the wheelchair world we use 559 mm, 571 mm, and 590 mm predominately when it comes to 26" wheels so we need to know the metric to match up the tires.

But, depending on the tire profile for the desired rim diameter the overall height could vary considerably and that is important so that end users are able to match up different tread uses without having to adjust their locks each



and every time. We maintain a list of tires and the overall profile they would have, and we encourage you to check with us when ordering tires for different wheel sets. Remember that we tend to look at the metric measurement and that usually looks like this: 25-559 mm is a 1" wide tire on a 25" rim and it probably says 26" on your tire; 37-559 mm is 1 x 3/8" wide on a 25" rim and it also would say 26". We have similar situations with 540 mm (24") wheels and as you can see from the ETRTO diagram (please enlarge it) there are French marking differences!

CFPDP



The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP) held their 27th Annual Hall of Fame inductions electronically this year unveiling plaques at Metro Hall in Toronto. The 2020 inductees were Tim Cormode, Martha Sandoval Gustafson, and Meenu Sikand. Their biographies are online at www.cfpdp.com and they are pictured in this congratulatory imagery in the National Post. Also pictured are other recipients from the past two plus decades along with the numerous sponsors and supporters of the CFPDP.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities Virtual Nov 20-22, 2020 plus post show;
- 49 Abilities Los Angeles March 12-14, 2021;
- 49 Abilities April 30 - May 2, 2021 New York, NY;
- 49 Abilities Spring, 2021 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Abilities Chicago June 25-27, 2021;
- 49 Abilities Houston August 6-8, 2021;
- 49 Paralympics **Aug 25–Sept 5, 2021** Tokyo, Japan;
- 49 Abilities Phoenix September 10-12, 2021;
- 49 Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE **October 6-9, 2021**;
- 49 37th ISS **October 26-30, 2021** Pittsburg, PA;
- 49 9th Annual SCI Conference November 15-18, 2021;
- 49 Dallas Abilities December 3-5, 2021.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability.

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