

# Bespoke Plus

*If Your Work Speaks For Itself, Don't Interrupt!*



**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSORIES**

## Adapt Expo

The Adapt Expo is on May 09, 2026, at Carleton University Fieldhouse from 10 AM – 3 PM. This is a collaborative event put on by Buildable, Whimble, SCI Ontario, and Abilities Centre Ottawa. The Adapt EXPO + Ottawa Inclusive & Para Sports Expo have joined forces again to bring you Eastern Ontario's largest double-expo celebrating every age & ability! This event celebrates diversity and lived experience. We look forward to seeing one and all at Adapt Expo this weekend!

## Spinergy EX Wheel

We have written many times that poly(p-phenylene-2,6-benzobisoxazole) (PBO for short) by Spinergy provides a product that is 3X STRONGER THAN STEEL and 1/2 THE WEIGHT. Using PBO Fiber for spokes on a wheelchair wheel offers numerous advantages over traditional metal spokes. It is lightweight, durable, exceptional tensile strength, modulus, thermal stability, reducing overall wheelchair weight and enhancing maneuverability. PBO Fiber spokes absorb vibrations, providing a smoother ride and minimizing discomfort for the user. Additionally, its corrosion-resistant properties make it ideal for long-term use in various environmental conditions, contributing to a more reliable and maintenance-free wheelchair experience.

The EX-wheel introduced previously as Spinergy's first E-Assist wheel on the mobility side of the company meets today's need for higher speeds, increased impact protection, flat prevention, and is a modern performance upgrade.



- NO INNER TUBES REQUIRED
- REDUCED FLATS & PUNCTURE PROTECTION
- LOWER ROLLING RESISTANCE
- IMPROVED CANTILEVER & VIBRATION DAMPING
- LIGHTER OVERALL SETUP
- EASY SEALANT REPAIRS

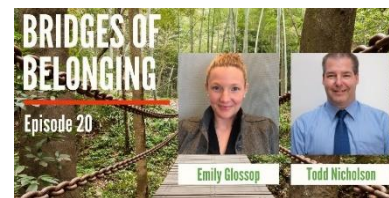
Purpose-built to handle the added forces of E-Assist devices, the Spinergy EX is a go-to wheel for elevated performance and durability. Designed to enhance performance at higher speeds, the wheel features a 24mm bead width rim to better support wider tires. Larger

volume tires reduce the risk of flats and provide a smoother ride. The rim is also tubeless-ready which means you can upgrade to tubeless tires for added flat protection and weight reduction - 25" (559) size only.

With 24 spokes and a wider hub, the EX delivers maximum strength and lateral stability where it counts. Available with Cerakote ceramic hub colors for a sleek, modern finish that lasts.

Whether you're driving an E-Assist system or just want more performance out of your manual chair, the EX is optimized to meet the demand.

## Para Tough Toronto



Good job on Para Tough Todd, Emily, family, and extended family and friends. Events like this are the lifeblood of development and are dependent on people that build community by wearing it on their sleeve, motivating every individual and community they come in contact with; every sport for athletes with a disability needs more of you guys and thank you for the introduction to [Bridges of Belonging!](#)

## Rainer Kuschall - Meyra

MEYRA is one of the world's best-known and most successful manufacturers of wheelchairs and suppliers of rehabilitation aids. The companies MDH, REHAB and LIFE also belong to the portfolio of the MEYRA GROUP corporate structure. These companies enjoy international success in the fields of rehabilitation and orthopaedics. For MEYRA, the phrase "inspire joy of life" is more than just a claim, it determines how they do business. They support and motivate people with a disability by providing independence through mobility.

They bring together the expertise and experience of individual core competencies to get new perspectives and thereby develop innovative solutions. The constant

communication with people using such products, doctors, clinics, therapists, care givers, and medical companies facilitate their development of practical products. In short, MEYRA has stood for consolidated expertise, great dedication and a strong brand for more than 80 years – for a common goal.



And now, Rainer Kuschall the founder of the famous Kuschall line of wheelchairs has a new branded product showcased on the Meyra web site and sold under the names of FEMTO X 1.185, FEMTO X 1.186, and FEMTO X 1.180.

In 2019, H.I.G. Europe (H.I.G. Capital) acquired the Meyra Group and Alu Rehab to create a leading equipment manufacturer in Europe. The company has a presence in Norway (Alu Rehab AS, Klepp stasjon) and Denmark (Alu Rehab ApS, Ry), with major production facilities in China (Alu Rehab (Xiamen) Co., Ltd.).

## Permobil Update

We are behind on noting some updates with Permobil.ca. The Acta-Embrace and Acta-Relief backs is refreshed to match the Unite and now the Comfort Embrace and Comfort Relief. The Acta Contour has been discontinued and there are new ADP codes in Ontario. They have introduced the lateral trunk support (LTS) series to Ontario, and those backs come with the SA lateral pads as selected on their order form. Order forms have been updated on their website along with the resource listing. The store is being updated and will include a selection of back supports offered on chair.

## National Events



Super job done by the Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Society (ANLWBS) Wheelchair Sports Alberta, and the Inferno at the 40<sup>th</sup> Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Finals and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the ANLWBS. It was great to

see our national association honour Roy (Scooter) Sherman, Gary (Mother) McPherson, and the 80's ANLWBS team who had achieved success on and off the court at every level.

## OSOT Update

The 2026 Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT) Fund Applications Submission Deadline was May

1, 2026. They offered two grants to support occupational therapy research:

1. Occupational Therapy Research Grant for up to \$2,000
2. Strategic Priorities Research Grant for up to \$10,000

To learn more about funding opportunities follow here: <https://www.osot.on.ca/OSOT/Home/OSOT/Home.aspx>.

## TriRide Trekking

TriRide updated their distribution partners and dealers that they have made a change to their internal policy regarding the MTW Trekking Power system. The MTW Trekking Power will not be supplied in kit form for reseller installation. This has been introduced to ensure consistent installation standards, safety, and long-term product performance.



Moving forward, there are two available options that include: 1. Factory Installation at Triride Srl - You may ship the customer's wheelchair to their factory, where their technical team will carry out the full MTW Trekking

Power installation and once complete regular shipping will commence back to you. 2. Complete MTW Wheelchair Frame - You can order the MTW Wheelchair Frame complete with MTW Trekking Power, supplied ready for use as per the ordered dimensions.

This policy is definitive and applies to all future orders. Please factor this process into quotations, including the cost and logistics of shipping the customer's wheelchair to their factory where applicable.

## Bits and Bytes

- 49 Adapt Expo May 9, 2026, Carleton U, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Rugby Nationals May 14-17, Carleton U, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Abilities June 12-14, 2026, Chicago, IL;
- 49 Abilities July 31-August 2, 2026, Houston, TX;
- 49 IWF World Champs Sep 9-19, 2026, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Abilities September 11-13, 2026, Phoenix, AZ;
- 49 CSMC September 15-16, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Rehacare September 23-26, 2026, Dusseldorf, DE.

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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.**