

# Bespoke Plus

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



**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSORIES**

## Access Expo 2026



The Kingston, Toronto, and London Access Expo events with SCI Ontario are set and we will be joining them again at those three events as Accessibility Sponsors.

Accessibility empowers everyone and enhances quality of life for all. Opportunities like this provide information on equipment, products, and services to the general population, assist the business community to get their word out, and educates the folks working in the field.

We hope to see you in Kingston July 8, Toronto August 20, and London September 10.

## Compatibility & Testing



Batec Mobility has gone to great lengths to ensure the compatibility of their products with many manufacturers' wheelchairs with parts and pieces to accommodate with center mounting that also strengthens the frame of the wheelchair. The testing done at the Batec Factory is second to none ensuring a safe experience for all users.

The general characteristics for wheelchair compatibility include Seat width from 30 cm to 50 cm, minimum height between footrest and floor of 5 cm, minimum front seat height from 45 cm, Minimum distance between seat and footrest of 30 cm, maximum user weight of 110 kg.

Lastly, we require that the dealer, upon disperse, go for a ride with the new user to review rider skills, sidewalk and road rules and responsibilities, and we prefer they do that with a power add on or at least with a bike!

## Rehasense Growth

The Rehasense Group recently announced a transition in its top leadership as part of its ongoing global expansion.

After serving 10 years as CEO, Roger Dutton will move into the role of Chairman. In this new position, he will focus on long-term global strategy and strengthening the company's product and channel mix.

Søren Smedegaard has been appointed as the next Chief Executive Officer, officially starting September 1, 2026. He brings extensive international experience in manufacturing and agri-technology across Europe, Asia, and North America.

Rehasense IBERIA: Launched in early 2026, there is a new branch in Iberia and Tomas Cutrin is the Country Manager.

Rehasense Ireland opened under the leadership of Barry Cooke and Alan Monahan.

Judith Mansson was recently appointed as the Global Product Manager for Manual Wheelchairs.

The group celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2025, marking a period of rapid growth that included opening new offices in Australia and Colombia.

## No Tools Adjustment



It is always a bit of hassle to adjust the locks on someone's wheelchair if you have the clamp in between the wheel and the frame. For years OX in Japan have had a push to lock that works like a charm. They can adjust the lock with a simple turn screw on the barrel, so it was not

necessary to undo the two bolts and move the clamp. Now, a few companies are producing something similar for both push/push to lock and scissor locks. [Check them out on our site.](#)

## Wheel Assembly Pricing

The new wheel assemblies price list is now online complete with all the Spinergy and other offerings. Just select what you need and the pricing is provided. These products are normally ordered offline, but you can send in an email with your preferred wheel set, push rims, tires, tubes, etc., and they will be built and sent out often the same day. The PDF also has the information on the Loopwheels line of products. You can find it here [Wheel-Assemblies-Pricelist-07thMay2026](#).

## Motion Tek RMD

In April 2026 Motion and Matia Robotics announced a partnership to market and promote their Tek RMD in Canada. This was a natural opportunity for Matia Robotics who have had a similar relationship with Numotion in the USA market for nearly a decade. Numotion had acquired the Canadian company (Motion – Formerly Motion Specialties) from Birch Hill Equity in September 2025.

## Align Home Health Care

Align Home Health Care proudly announced their newest location opening and updated their partners on recent developments and plans for the remainder of the year.

They recently opened a Scarborough location which is their second in the GTA. It reflects an increasing GTA business and will allow them to consolidate operations from Etobicoke and Whitby locations. The larger warehouse with closer proximity to current and future GTA accounts will increase their ability to service them quickly and efficiently. They continue to search for appropriate retail space in Durham region to help service their growing business in that area. Scarborough will work closely with the Barrie hub for most builds and shipments. Align applied the same strategy in Nappanee, Kingston, and Belleville where building, dispense, and stock activity was consolidated. The Peterborough, Barrie, and both Niagara locations remain unchanged.

Align's developments are customer service orientated and have resulted in record quarter sales growth.

Their new Scarborough address is – 2370 Midland Avenue, Unit A15, Scarborough, Ontario, M1S 5C6, 289-220-9961.

Align is part of the Abilities Members Group and is the largest locally owned and managed home health care provider in Ontario. Dennis Mahoney, Paul Bell, or any of the Align team members are ready to answer any concerns or questions.

## 2026 AccessAbility Week

The first week of June features National AccessAbility Week, a Canadian initiative running from May 31 to June 6, 2026. It is described as an awareness and strategic planning initiative that aligns with some milestones that impact the community.

- 49 **National Accessibility Plan:** Broadcasters and organizations, including CBC/Radio-Canada, officially launch their updated, multi-year National Accessibility Plans during this week to reduce systemic barriers.
- 49 **Awareness Campaigns:** The week highlights disability representation, inclusive programming, and employment strategies across the country.
- 49 **Federal Benefit Processing Cycles:** The federal government reviews programs and provides updates during this time like with the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), Payment Dates for CBD, and the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefits are distributed near the end of the month.

## Schwalbe Marathon Plus



Promoted as the Flat-less® tire it is the first unit with absolute reference to being a puncture-proof pneumatic tire. This tire is hand-friendly with a smooth sidewall (patented and standard on all Schwalbe wheelchair tires), Black'n'Roll meaning it leaves no black abrasion marks on indoor floors while having super durability. We have all sizes of the Marathon Plus on our web site.

## Bits and Bytes

- 49 National AccessAbility Week May 31-June 6, 2026;
- 49 Abilities June 12-14, 2026, Chicago, IL;
- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo July 8, 2026, Kingston, ON;
- 49 Abilities July 31-August 2, 2026, Houston, TX;
- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo Aug 20, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 IWBF World Champs Sep 9-19, 2026, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo Sep 10, 2026, London, 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.**