



BESPOKEPLUS



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

Batec Compatibility



Batec strengthens the frame of manual chairs by connecting to open and closed frame chairs beside or in front of the stabilizer bar under the seat.

This enhances the safety of their front power add on units. Testing done for compatibility on wheelchairs in the market further adds to the comfort level of end users. Their patent pending products and principle of universal design meets the needs of all users C6 and below and are compatible with 95% of chairs on the market.

Batec Mobility is the only company with EASY-FIX a fast-anchoring system; they have a DOCKING-BAR for rigid and folding frame chairs, an EASY-FIT regulation system, and a SAFE-FEET standing frame which all add to the easy set up and easy on and off system. The GAS & Brake handlebar without levers, QUAD-GRIPS, SHIFT LEVER allowing a person to easily engage without moving the hands from the pedals on the hybrid, and the MAGIC LEVER crank arm release system provides an assisted start mode so Batec users can enjoy the zero-effort mode when they choose.



When you combine all these features with the Class 1 Medical Device designation, we have a complete package of add on power products that will enhance the lives of many!

The Batec Bloc is making it even easier to connect on chairs or if your chair manufacturer is one of the following you may get it built into the chair during the manufacturing process: GTM, Melrose, Mogo, Offcarr, Per4max, Wolturnus, and RGK. Check out the compatibility listing under support on our website.

CPC and OTP



We have all met folks in our lives that have helped to make us grow and develop. Some people that have made a great impression on me and I have learnt from are also instrumental in the sport for athletes with a disability community. Karen O'Neill, CEO of the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Anne Merklinger, CEO of Own the Podium (OTO).



They have individually and collectively made a significant contribution to the development of the sport system in a most inclusive manner. Most notable is their ability to involve top athletes, coaches, and administrators that have a history in the Paralympic movement in all aspects of their organizations.



Todd Nicholson, Paralympic medallist in Sledge Hockey is Chair of the Board of Directors of OTP and was as proud to see

Michael Frogley, Paralympic Medallist in wheelchair basketball and long-time coach/administrator to accept a position at OTP. Both of these fellows have made significant contributions to sport for athletes with a disability and all have our admiration for wearing it on their sleeve and



continuing to bring sport and active living for all to greater heights.

It is uplifting to these folks contributing every day moving things forward for all athletes. Thanks to all four of you for all you do to open up a world of opportunities for folks that may otherwise not see a way of contributing!

CFPDP

Vim Kochhar with the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP) has been front row and center since their inception in 1984. The CFPDP focuses on the abilities of people and seeks to recognize and celebrate their achievements and contributions to society. They have raised over \$35 million to support numerous initiatives. Learn more at www.cfpdp.com and reach out to ChristinePayne@cfpdp.com for information.



On October 20, 2022, the CFPDP will return to an in-person event at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto to celebrate the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Canadian Disability Hall of Fame inductees. Apart from those previously mentioned in this publication, the 2022 inductees are Josh Dueck, Lorin MacDonald, and Greg Westlake. "Each of our 2022 inductees has demonstrated outstanding commitment, incredible passion and an extraordinary overall impact on improving the lives of people with disabilities," said Honourable David Crombie, Chair, Canadian Disability Hall of Fame.



The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame is the only place in Canada to permanently recognize people who live with disabilities and those who help enrich their lives. Founded by CFPDP, the public exhibit was officially opened on February 11, 1994, at Metro Hall in Toronto. It is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Clean and Maintain

We have always had a "clean and maintain" attitude when it comes to looking after your equipment, but it is more prevalent than ever before now as we move forward with front power add on equipment. We like to take a page out of the eBike industries playbook where they are always talking about keeping your ride clean, the drivetrain well lubricated, the tires properly inflated, loose bolts torqued to manufacturers specifications, and replace any damaged or broken parts immediately. Check with your dealer and take advantage of any program they may offer.

Terry Fox Run



The annual Terry Fox Run is on September 18, 2022, this year. The web site indicates that the efforts Terry started has resulted in the

association raising \$850 million dollars to date, with 4,000,000 donors, supporting 10,000 events, and funding over 1,300 research projects! Whether you are participating in the run or not, you have another great looking T-Shirt you can purchase to show your support at <https://shop.terryfox.org>.

2022 CSMC



The Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference (CSMC) is back as in person event on October 20-21, 2022, at the Delta hotel Toronto Airport.

This show is owned and operated by the VGM Group and strives to provide educational and networking opportunities for businesses, manufacturers, industry experts so everyone can move "Forward Together" as they share and learn about the latest things in the industry.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities September 09-11, 2022, Phoenix, AZ;
- 49 Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE September 14-17, 2022;
- 49 CSMC October 20-21, 2022, Toronto, ON;
- 49 OSOT 2022 November 4-5 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Abilities November 04-06, 2022, Miami, FL;
- 49 Abilities December 2-4, 2022, Dallas, TX;
- 49 Abilities March 10-12, 2023, Los Angeles, CA;
- 49 REE March 7, 2023, Richmond Olympic Oval, BC;
- 49 38th ISS Pittsburg, PA April 13-15, 2023.

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.