



# BESPOKEPLUS



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

## 2024 Paralympics

The Paralympics are underway taking centre stage in Paris (August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 08<sup>th</sup>) now that all the bugs are worked out from the Olympics. The 2024 Summer Paralympics, also known as the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, and branded as Paris 2024, is the 17th Summer Paralympic Games, an international multi-sport para sports event governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

There are 184 National Paralympic Committee's involved, with 23 sports, 11 days of competition at 20 venues with



549 events with 4,400 athletes and with an estimated 3,000,000 plus spectators. With each set of games there is more and more publicity and

more and more athlete names becoming synonymous with sport. Check out the Canadian Paralympic site for information on the games and how you can participate in [Paris 2024](https://paris2024.org/) and see [www.cbc.ca](https://www.cbc.ca) for coverage along with a lot of other streaming opportunities!

## CSMC Toronto 2024

For over three decades the Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference has been billed as the premier educational event for seating, mobility, and rehab technology professionals from across Canada. It is now held at the Delta Hotels by Marriott - Toronto Airport & Conference Centre and is set to go September 10-11. We will be there with Rehasense and hope to showcase more power add on units along with the line of rollators which will be the first such products to be presented to the Assistive Devices Program in Ontario to be part of their funded offerings.



## Rehacare Germany



The theme this year is "Self-Determined Living" and we feel it's worth the trip to Düsseldorf from September 25-28, 2024. The web site reads, "REHACARE International is the leading trade fair for rehabilitation, prevention, integration and care. Every year, experts, specialists and visitors from Europe and overseas meet in Düsseldorf to present and experience the latest developments and trends in the fields of mobility, barrier-free living and work design, as well as aids and technologies for people with disabilities". There will be international products showcased by over 850 exhibitors from 40 countries along with theme parks, specialist forums on a range of relevant topics. The participants will include manufacturers, distributors, dealers, end users, prescribers, funders, and everyone else that has anything to do with this industry.

## Prairie Seating Workshop

Back this year for the first since covid, Corinna Klassen and her Therapy First Team will host the 2024 edition of the Prairie Seating Workshop "Advancing Best



prairie seating  
workshop

Practises In Seating And Mobility". Therapy First was established in 2004 with a vision to

provide quality community occupational therapy services to Winnipeg and surrounding areas. Over the years they have grown to be able to offer multidisciplinary services. Offering a diverse range of services and with experience from their network, they work in several areas including spinal cord injury (SCI) rehabilitation, chronic pain services, community home management, specialized equipment provision, upper limb management for SCI, 24-hour postural care/pressure injury prevention and management, manual and power wheelchair assessments/provision and specialized seating

assessment/intervention, and more. Their tag line "Together We Can" shows a belief that together, with all involved we can achieve maximum functional independence for people in need. They look forward to seeing you September 24-25, 2024.

## Tires, Tubes, Rim Strip

The tires end users get often depend on which ones come standard on wheelchair order forms. What ends up on wheelchair order forms may be the best around or simply make the most economic sense to the manufacturer. This is one of those pet peeves where we have order forms with lots of choices that allow for extra cost items.

The darling of tires is what works best for the individual and their personal choice. Schwalbe's Marathon Plus is hard to beat with its long wearing compound, high pressure, and 5 mm of puncture resistance underneath the tread giving it the flat-less label for daily use products and their Right Run and Speed Air tires for sport.



Relatively new tires on the market from OMOBIC include the Trailblazer, SpeedLite, and Gazelle are gaining in popularity with puncture resistance up to 3.5 mm underneath the tread. They are on some order

forms now and we can expect that the dealer network will be stocking them soon.

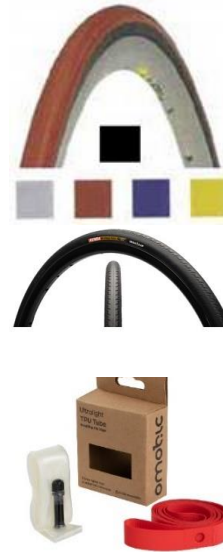
Although Spinerge is using all tires, they are distributing the IRC line designed for competition and featuring the Exeracer Pro with a silica and antibacterial rubber tread compound that provides a balance between surface grip and low rolling resistance.



Primo has always been popular, along with Cheng Shing, and the Sentinel line. These offerings also have power chair tires and solid tires competing with Kenda for the widest range of products available.

Kenda was our first introduction to colored tires, and they have the widest range of products available in this space crossing manual and power products. They have had a hold on court action with Kontender, Konzept, Kontester, Konstrictor, Pardeigm, and Hexon!

Most of these tires range from 20"(451), 22"(489 or 501), 24"(520 or 540), 25"(559), and 26"(571 or 590), 27" (622).



All of these companies provide tubes for sizes and each one has construction quality along with valve offerings. Like Schwalbe with their Aerothan TPU products, OMOBIC has ventured into the Thermoplastic Polyurethane area that has been in the bike industry for some time producing ultralight and extremely durable, easy to handle and to assemble product. The material is extremely flexible, resilient and heat/cold resistant, and is ECO friendly! Their snap-on rim strip is like Spinerge's, the best coming in most sizes and if it is not available

then Schwalbe's blue roll will do the job very well.

## Abilities Expo 2025

We have met with the new owners of Abilities Expo (Racoon Media Group) and have had conversations with Lew and David (former owners) and we are hoping there will be a Canadian Abilities Expo in 2025 in Toronto and maybe even throughout the country going forward.

More to come on this at [www.abilities.com](http://www.abilities.com) and as information becomes available.

## Bits and Bytes

- 49 Access Expo London Sept 5, 2024;
- 49 CSMC Toronto, ON Sept 10-11, 2024;
- 49 Birmingham ITF 3 Sept 12-15 2024, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Motion Cares Saskatoon September 17, 2024;
- 49 Prairie Seating September 24-25 Winnipeg, MB;
- 49 Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE September 25-28, 2024;
- 49 Access Expo Hamilton TBD 2024;
- 49 Motion Cares Kelowna, BC October 3, 2024;
- 49 Motion Cares Courtney, BC October 8, 2024;
- 49 Motion Cares Victoria, BC October 10, 2024;
- 49 Motion Cares London, ON October 17, 2024;
- 49 Motion Cares Hamilton, ON November 6, 2024.

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