Product Description: Side push wheelchair

Intended Customers: Primary customer--hospitals (MGH), museums, airports, and care facilities Secondary customer--individuals with regular wheelchair interaction

Market: Specialized wheelchairs

Customer Need	Product Attributes	Engineering Specifications
Enhanced pusher/rider communication	 Head rotation in conversation 	 <45° for pusher <60° for rider
Quick and Simple change from Share Mode to Normal Mode	 Time to change modes 	 <4 sec for complete reconfiguration <2 sec for partial reconfiguration
Comfortable usage for pusher	 Ergonomic pusher interface in Share and Normal Mode 	 Pusher interface located >30 in above ground Bending angle required for 5th-95th percentile <5^o Height of interface while in use ≥0.9 m
Share Mode no more physically taxing on pusher than Normal Mode	 Similar force to push in Share Mode as Normal Mode 	 Within 10% of 0.03*load (load = normal wheelchair + rider)
	 Similar force to brake in Share Mode as Normal Mode 	 Within 10% of 0.4*load
	 Capability of motion equal in Share and Normal Modes 	 Continuous path curvature variable between 0° and 90°
Share Mode usable in conditions where walking side-by-side is normal	Width in Share Mode	 <42 in width
Share Mode feels as safe as Normal Mode for pusher/rider	 Fixed interface 	 Total bend and float <5^o under maximum load