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NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TILITE RANGE

With the current strength of the pound against the dollar, there has never been a better time to buy a TiLite wheelchair. If you would like to experience the smoothness of TiLite for yourself, contact us FREE on 0800 220975 to arrange a no-obligation demonstration.

Representing the leading edge in wheelchair design and manufacture are two new chairs from TiLite. The new **TiLite 2GX** titanium folding frame uses state of the art materials and design elements to maximise performance, function and durability. By combining TiLite's Tru-Fit component system and signature 'bullet' caster housing with a unique curved axle plate, the 2GX is as adjustable as you need it to be.

The Tru-Fit clamp on component system results in a 50% reduction of holes, allowing for stepless adjustments and greatly improving the durability of the frame.

Sharing the same design features as the 2GX, the new aluminium **Aero X** wheelchair combines unmistakable TiLite design with the convenience of a folding chair. Available in two versions, Fixed or Swing In or Out Removable Front Ends, the Aero X is an affordable everyday chair that combines quality design and new features to ensure maximum function and durability.

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1983 **25** 2008 **YEARS ON!**

2008 marks the 25th anniversary of Gerald Simonds. Launching the company in March 1983, Gerald soon became UK distributor of the original Swede 24 wheelchair, one of the first lightweight rigid framed wheelchairs in production. Finding ready acceptance of this new generation of manual wheelchairs, the company grew to its present position as leading UK supplier of high quality wheelchairs. Our range has also grown to include a wide range of pressure relieving and positioning wheelchair cushions and mattresses.

Do you have the oldest piece of equipment from Gerald Simonds, still in regular use?

Send us details and you could be a winner!

This is now... the ultra portable **TiLite ZRA** lightweight wheelchair



To celebrate this significant milestone, we are searching for the oldest item of equipment supplied by us since 1983 and still in regular use. Send details, and a photograph if possible, to **The Editor, Spokesman, Gerald Simonds Healthcare Ltd., FREEPOST, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 3BR**, or email spokesman@gerald-simonds.co.uk. There will be an appropriate prize for the winner.

That was then... the original **Swede 24**, on sale in 1983



IT'S TIME YOU SPOKE UP!

We've always intended The Spokesman to be a dialogue, between us at Gerald Simonds and you, our current or future customers and friends. We see it as an opportunity for us to tell you about new developments in mobility and for you to tell us about how you use them. Or how they could be improved. Or what else you would like to see.

We want to hear from you, whatever you have to say. This is your part of The Spokesman and we want you to use it. You can contact us by writing to **The Editor, Spokesman, Gerald Simonds Healthcare Ltd., FREEPOST, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 3BR** or by emailing: spokesman@gerald-simonds.co.uk.



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TILITE AND E-MOTION MAKE LIGHTER WORK FOR KAROLINE

Soon after completing a textile course at college and setting out on a career in costume design, Karoline O'Neill from Hertfordshire was diagnosed with congenital paraplegia and began using a standard manual wheelchair. Her condition was compounded in 1980 when she suffered kidney failure, then the pressure on her upper body, caused by pushing her chair, eventually led to a tear in her rotator cuff, the group of muscles and tendons that support the shoulder. 'I was experiencing increasing pain in my shoulders, just doing simple things like housework,' explained Karoline.

Already a customer of Gerald Simonds, in 2003 Karoline read with interest about a **TiLite** chair with a **Vicair** back, fitted with Alber **e-Motion** add on power wheels. 'I thought that might be the right set up for me,' said Karoline, 'so I asked for more details. I was very excited' After a full assessment she took delivery of her new chair, a lightweight TiLite SX folding wheelchair fitted with e-Motion wheels.

Karoline noticed a difference immediately. 'The TiLite was featherlight and the e-Motion wheels meant I could move around with hardly any effort.' Since using her new chair the pressure on Karoline's shoulders has effectively been removed and her condition has much improved.

'My consultant at St Mary's Hospital at Paddington in London was extremely impressed with the improvement brought about by the new chair,' said Karoline. 'The combination of a much lighter chair and e-Motion wheels has made life considerably easier for me'.



Karoline O'Neill with her 'effortless' e-Motion wheels.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

For twenty five years Gerald Simonds has specialised in providing the world's best mobility solutions, both manual and powered. Our current range of power chairs and add-on power drives, designed for those with reduced strength or stamina, are all durable, reliable and easily adjustable. We have solutions for use indoors and out, on or off road, combining driving safety, stability and comfort with reliability and efficiency.

Alber Adventure

The award-winning **Alber Adventure** is driven by powerful, reliable electric wheel hub motors that use less energy and give up to 45% more range than conventional motors. Depending on the terrain and other factors, you can keep going for up to 30 miles without recharging. Each of its four wheels has independent suspension, with extra long travel, ensuring stability, traction and comfort even on rough ground and maximising driving comfort on uneven surfaces. Generous ground clearance allows more challenging terrain to be tackled safely and securely, while a new, all-terrain tyre gives a smoother ride and easy rotation on smooth surfaces and good, all round traction for safe travel across the roughest ground.

All main components of the Adventure can be easily removed from the chassis without the need of tools, then transported in most cars (even a Smart!)

Levo combi

Standing in the power drive/power stand **Levo combi** gives increased integration at home and at work and can also bring increased health benefits, activating circulation and invigorating the system, reducing the likelihood of pressure ulcers, muscular spasms and osteoporosis. The Levo combi truly raises the bar for integration and independence through powered mobility.

As with all our wheelchairs we offer a full and free assessment to ensure the most appropriate powerchair, providing maximum comfort and ease of use. Each chair is fully inspected and customised to meet the individual requirements of the user before it is delivered and every sale is backed by the support of our nationwide technical team.



VICAIR LIBERTY CUSHIONS

The cost effective **Vicair® Liberty** cushion is a universal, low profile cushion designed for sitting over extended periods. It provides comfort and adequate prevention for wheelchair users and others at moderate risk of skin breakdown. The Liberty is an air cushion, primarily used for comfort and stability, fitted with a valve which regulates the amount of 'free air' circulating between the unique Vicair SmartCells.

Easy and reliable in use, the **Liberty ST**, available in three sizes, is the standard model with a single compartment ideal for short term use by post operative patients, for older and infirm users who spend extended periods sitting unsupported in armchairs, even by active wheelchair users taking part in sports activities.

If there is an increased tendency to slide forward, the **Liberty PT** offers extra protection, thanks to the cushion's division into separate front and rear compartments. The **Liberty PPS** comes with a Pelvic Stabiliser, a semicircular hard foam base, available in three sizes, which prevents the pelvis from tilting backwards. This unique combination offers a high degree of positioning to the user at medium to high risk of developing decubitus ulcers. The Liberty cushion is comfortable, lightweight and, because it is a sealed unit, easy to clean and disinfect.

Liberty cushions are available with two types of outer cover which can be washed at 60°C and replaced separately. The Comfair cover has a breathable top fabric for comfort and moisture dispersal while the Incontinence cover is made of vapour-permeable, waterproof material. Both covers are two way stretch, guaranteeing optimal immersion of the body into the cushion.

Mary Laver in 'Alber', the Alber Adventure which she plans to take from Lands End to John o'Groats.

ADVENTURE GOES END TO END

Since contracting rheumatoid arthritis, Mary Laver from Newcastle upon Tyne has become wheelchair and carer dependent and has used a powerchair for the past twenty years. Finding that diet could help control her condition she became co-author of a best seller called 'Diet For Life', published by Pan Books. Since 1996 she has also taken part in eleven Great North Runs, the world's biggest half marathon. Obviously one for a challenge, Mary is now planning her biggest adventure to date – completing the End to End Challenge, travelling from Lands End to John o'Groats in an Alber Adventure, in aid of Arthritis Care.

The robust Adventure, customised to Mary's needs, should certainly be up to the challenge. With independent suspension on each of its four wheels giving increased

stability and traction, it should ensure Mary has a smooth and comfortable journey on the most uneven of road surfaces. Mary sets off from Lands End at 12 noon on Sunday June 1 and plans to arrive at John o'Groats four weeks later on Sunday 29 June. You can follow Mary's planning and progress on her blog on www.powerwheelchair2e.blogspot.com or support her and Arthritis Care by making a donation on www.justgiving.com/powerwheelchairchallenge.

Both we and Alber are pleased to be supporting Mary's record attempt, and we'll report on her progress in the next edition of The Spokesman.



Log on and win an iPod!



With this issue of **The Spokesman**, we aim to keep you informed with news of our latest products and developments. But, as always, we'd like to do more.

Our website, www.gerald-simonds.co.uk, is the complete source of the most current information about all our products, prices and special offers. What's more, if you visit our website, update your contact details and, if appropriate, complete our on-line customer satisfaction survey, you'll have a good chance of winning an amazing new iPod Nano.

Simply log on now and click on the 'Win an iPod' link, take a few moments to enter your details, and you'll be entered in the draw to win an iPod Nano. Which could be music to your ears.

SNOW MOBILE

The **Alber Adventure** power chair, durable and reliable at the best of times, can now provide the benefits of comfort, driving safety and traction even in the depths of winter, with the addition of optional snow chains. We think this is the first time such a vital accessory has been available in the UK and it will certainly allow Adventure users to go where snowman has been before!



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