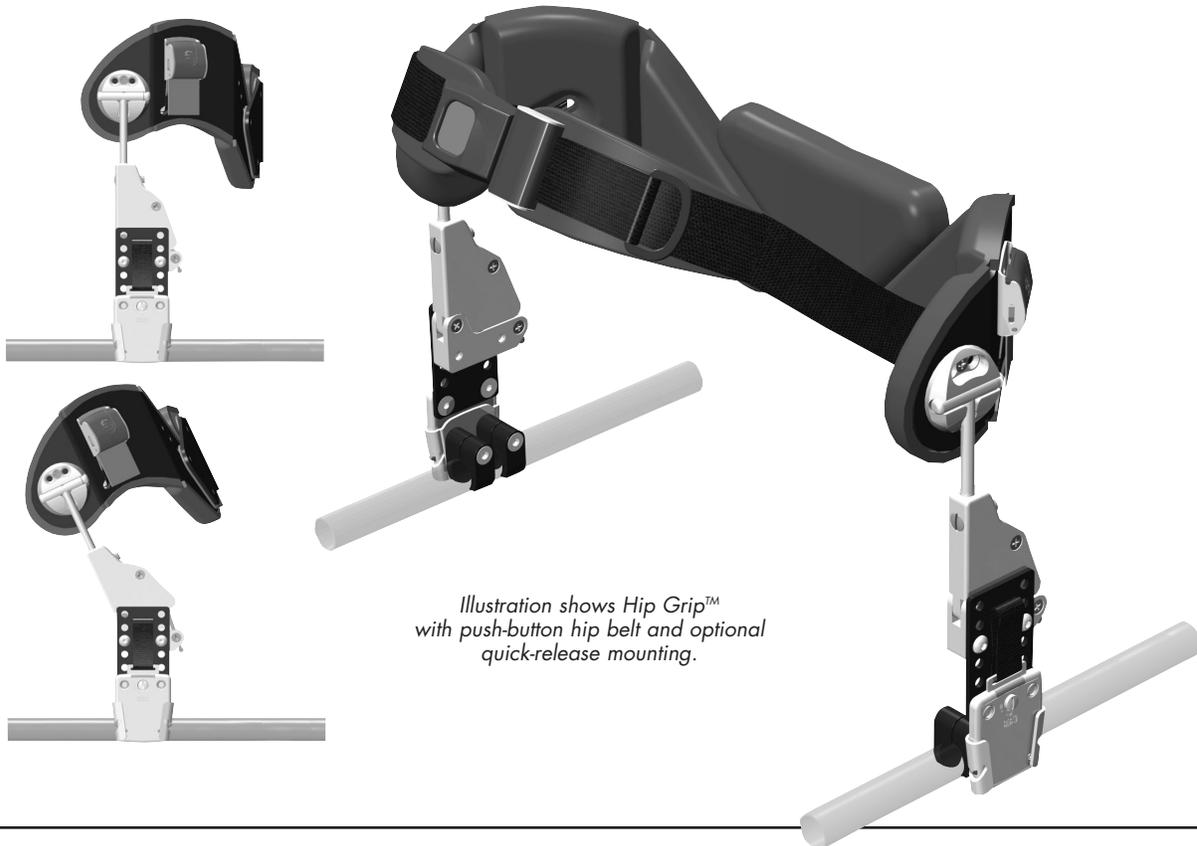


Dramatically Increase Forward Reach While Improving Pelvic Stability



What is the Bodypoint Hip Grip™?

The Hip Grip is an innovative dynamic pelvic stabilization device that assists the wheelchair user to maintain pelvic stability while allowing functional pelvic movements. The Hip Grip allows the pelvis to perform a natural anterior and posterior range of motion, while providing variable resistance to bring the pelvis back into its neutral posture. The combination of improved pelvic positioning and dynamic pelvic movement enhances sitting posture and improves functional activities, such as reaching and propelling the wheelchair. Users in clinical trials experienced dramatic improvement in reach and range of motion.

Why the Bodypoint Hip Grip™?

The Need for Better Pelvic Support

There is a direct link between a stable pelvis and improved upper body function and postural stability, but the pelvis is also dynamic, and natural movements should be allowed to occur. Currently available pelvic supports may not control undesired pelvic movement and tend to fix the pelvis in a static, non-functional position, often promoting posterior pelvic tilt.

Hip Grip™ History

Bodypoint, Inc. is the manufacturing design consultant and exclusive distribution partner for Hip Grip. Beneficial Designs, the research and design firm which sponsored the invention of the Hip Grip, holds the design patent and was awarded a National Institute of Health grant to conduct a 36 month, 23-user clinical trial. Preliminary data from the clinical evaluations indicate that the Hip Grip reduced undesired pelvic movement while improving posture, comfort, and upper body function in the majority of clinical trial subjects. In addition, the variable resistance helped to bring the pelvis back into its neutral posture after allowing movement. Improvements noted in trials included increased reach, trunk and upper extremity control, as well as decreased pelvic obliquity. Users also responded that the Hip Grip was easy to use and aesthetically pleasing, while it improved posture and increased feelings of stability in the chair.

