

# Shower/commode

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It's the room in your home where you crave the most privacy. Yet, the average disabled person can find the bathroom to be the one room with the least amount of options. Luckily, many companies have stepped up to offer a wide variety of shower commode chairs that are not only useful, but incredibly practical.

One of those companies is Nuprodx, a San Francisco based company whose CEO knows firsthand the challenges to find portable bathroom equipment you can trust.

“I learned early on that having the independence to toilet and shower on your own can have a ripple effect on your entire life,” explains Nuprodx CEO Bruce Hammer, a former motorcycle racer who suffered a spinal cord injury back in 1982. “The confidence that can come from a piece of equipment such as this can make people feel so much better about themselves, which can then encourage them to become more social or get a new job.”

Just the shame of wheeling a big shower chair through an upscale hotel lobby was enough to make Hammer want to stay home. Shortly after leaving rehab

# chairs

in 1982, Hammer was asked by some friends in New Jersey to come for a visit. Yet, the stress of getting around in the bathroom was something that weighed heavily on his mind.

“I remember coming up with my first chair by taking an old shower bench and cutting it to meet my needs,” says Hammer. “I remember loading it up in a huge steamer trunk. It just wasn’t practical.”

So, Hammer took his problem into his own hands and decid-



Nuprod  
chairs



Go-Anywhere  
Commode 'n Shower  
Chair by Go-Mobility  
Solutions is a self-  
propelled chair that is  
simple to assemble. It  
allows the occupant  
to propel him-  
self/herself from his  
or her bed to the  
commode.





**RAZ Rehab Shower Commode Chairs** — The electropolished stainless steel frame provides easy access for not only users, but the ever important caregiver. Equipped with an adjustable tension fabric backrest, flip up armrests and an ultra soft commode seat, this chair makes comfort a real priority.

ed to create Nuprodx, which has sold over 7,000 shower commode chairs to the disabled community.

“I was the ideal person to do this since I did have experience in machinery and welding,” says Hammer. “I also had some architectural and drafting knowledge and knew what it took to create a quality product.”

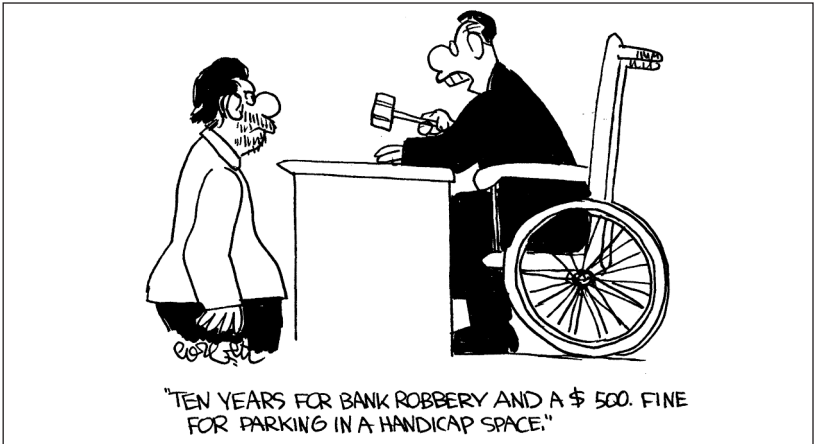
At a retail price of \$1,295, Nuprodx multiCHAIR 3000tx features a cloth back, adjustable seat height and a black nylon

carrying case. Recently awarded a highly desirable patent from the US Government, the piece features aircraft grade aluminum which will not rust.

“While it’s a bit more expensive than our competitors, it’s for users and caregivers who appreciate the quality of a product that will last for a very long time,” says Hammer. “I always say you will appreciate the quality long after you forget the price.”

While boasting a group of loyal followers, the company

The Invacare Mariner Rehab Shower Chair are rust-resistant. It folds easily for transport or storage. The chair fits over most standard and elongated bowls for over-the-toilet use as well. It features flip-back padded arms that lock down for safety, swivel front riggings with tool-less adjustable height footrests and a four-position padded seat. There are various seat widths and wheel options for a custom fit.



also supplies chairs to veterans from around the country as part of their work with the Veteran's Administration.

“There is something to be said about a product that is made in the USA,” says Hammer. “It's all about longevity and quality.”

Following are some additional options for shower commode chairs. :

**Quantam Q100 Bath Chair** – This chair is the result of an incredible amount of research and testing by manufacturer Apex Designs. No tools are required to fold, transport, adjust or use this chair, and is one of the most portable and lightweight options out there.

**Dynamic Series Shower Commode Chairs** – A stainless steel option, this option has more height adjustability than many other commode options. All models come with a comfortable seat and a 300 lb weight capacity. \*

## Resources

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