

ADAPTIVE SPORTS PARTNERS

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The HASE PINO TOUR BIKE

Description - What makes this bike unique?



The Hase Pino Tour bike is an adaptive tandem bicycle that allows free visibility for both riders. The “captain” in back provides the main pedal power, controls all steering and has the ability to control elements at the handle bar. The partner rides comfortably in the front and experiences the joy of riding a bike without feeling as though he or she is being pulled along by someone else. This partner can decide when to pedal or rest - thanks to the freewheel mechanism. Relaxed communication between the riders is possible because they are comfortably seated close to each other.

Who Can Benefit?

The Pino Tour bike is designed to accommodate a front rider with special needs. The bike’s seat has a supportive back that is especially helpful for people who have trouble sitting up independently; the bike also allows the rider to rest when needed. This bike permits riders with poor balance, heart problems, limited endurance, vision problems, poor upper body strength, coordination problems or cognitive disabilities the ability to enjoy the outdoors and the experience of bicycling with a friend. It allowed the 75 year old man pictured on the right to fulfill his dream of cycling across country despite Lymphocytic Leukemia and an erratic heart. This bike is appropriate for people with a wide range of disabilities including Cerebral Palsy, ataxia, stroke, Developmental Disabilities and Autism.



How Does it Operate?

The steel framed Pino Tour has a number of built-in safety features. Its short wheel base makes it compact and nimble. It is built for cruising or speed. Disk brakes are standard. If needed, a person can ride this stable and lightweight tandem alone from the rear position. The frame size is adjustable and adapts to a range of different-sized riders from 4'3" to 6'7". It can also be customized for children with special removable cranks and brackets. The Pino Tour can be fitted with a two leg kickstand designed to keep the bike stable while loading and unloading a person from the front seat. A rack can be fitted over the rear tire for carrying portable medical equipment.



The Pino is easy to transport and is highly suitable for outings and family tours. It is short enough to load onto a standard rear-mounted bike carrier on a car or transported on most Thule-type roof racks.



Personal Story



The young lady with the smile is Annie, she is 28 years old and has autism. She has been part of the Adaptive program for the past five years. In the picture she is enjoying biking with her friend Jim using the Haso Pino Tour Bike.

Dana O'Neil, Annie's Mother has this to say about Annie's participation in sports activities like biking:

"Activities like hiking, biking, skiing and swimming that involve her whole body, are necessary for Annie's mental and physical well-being. Her underlying anxiety diminishes and her appetite increases! These are good things for Annie and for everyone she shares her life with.

This adaptive community helps strengthen Annie's sense of self and accomplishment. For people like her on the autism spectrum, this is magic!"

Please help us in purchasing and maintaining this Haso Pino Tour Bike and training volunteers to use this valuable piece of equipment.

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