

# New HighTower Docking Station: Is It Right For You?

One of the most trusted names in transfer seating, B&D Independence has come out with a new docking system for power wheelchairs. Called **HighTower**, it was designed to eliminate ground clearance problems and improve stability. This means you can move about more freely and drive with confidence from your power wheelchair.

The HighTower Docking System is a side-mounted docking station designed to dock power wheelchairs into the driver or front passenger position of a lowered-floor minivan or full size van. It's the first of its kind, and utilizes a rod bracket between the frame and seat of the wheelchair that docks with a station situated in the console area between the driver and front passenger seat.



Because it's side-mounted instead of floor-mounted, it's easier to see while locking in or out of the system so you have a smoother transition when guiding yourself into position.

The restraint system is available for many popular rehabilitation power wheelchairs, including those that Medicare defines as Group 2 Complex, Group 3 and some Group 4 Power Wheelchairs. The system is crash tested and certified under RESNA WC-4:2012, Section 18.

HighTower fits lowered-floor minivans such as the Chrysler, Dodge, Honda, and Toyota. It can also fit to lowered-floor and some non lowered-floor full size vans. It does not fit to floors that are not compatible with wheelchairs, such as those with multiple floor levels or floors that have obstacles located in the driving/front passenger area, such as an airbag/control module found in most non-lowered full size vans.

HighTower works with most applications of equipment including hand controls, spinner knobs, pedal guards and other various simple use products. Even with high technology products, such as EMC or DSI equipment, the system can coexist. The deciding factor in all of these applications will be the area in between the driver and front passenger seat; this location must be generally clear to receive the HighTower Docking System.

Your dedicated Mobility Specialist at Bussani Mobility will evaluate your needs and help you decide if the HighTower Docking System is right for you.