

Tomcat -

VERY SPECIAL TRIKES FOR VERY SPECIAL KIDS

In 1997, Engineer, Bob Griffin designed and built a remarkable tricycle for his son Tom, who has severe learning difficulties. His invention could be steered and braked from behind with a joystick that connects to the trike's steering and brakes.

With mum at the controls, Tom was able to explore the lanes of Gloucestershire in complete safety. It was a dream come true that has made cycling possible for Tom and many other children who have very special needs.

The **Tomcat** Trike is the UK's only custom made tricycle and because it tackles individual problems, children with a **Tomcat** are often among the more severely disabled and/or visually impaired. However, despite

this, the success rate is very nearly 100%. That's the difference that custom building, innovation, knowledge and experience can make.

Custom building has given Bob and his team, unequalled experience and their skills are in high demand by physiotherapists, parents and other professionals looking to exercise or occupy children in their care or to rehabilitate them after serious injury or illness. **Tomcat** Trikes are available for all ages - from children aged 2 to adult. (For the 2-8 age group see the **Tomcat** Tiger.)

Tomcat Trikes are held in very high regard by many well-known charities and we can provide guidance on funding when required.

BOB'S APPROACH IS SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE.

- All children want to succeed so the **Tomcat's** job is to make difficult tasks easy - with Carer Controlled Steering for example.
- You can't change the child but you can change the tricycle. Custom building is about understanding the difficulties then designing a mechanical machine that works in perfect harmony with the biological one.



A TYPICAL CASE HISTORY



Jeremy has quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy and Severe Learning Difficulties. He needs full trunk support and finds it very difficult to hold his head up unaided.

Jeremy's special backrest has helped him keep his spine straight, head up and shoulders back whilst the customised frame gives him perfect posture.

With dad at the controls, Jeremy goes for his first ever trike ride.

A very warm glow on a very cold day!

Many Unique Features

(Patents Applied For)

- **Tomcat** Trikes available for all ages
- Ideal for children with learning difficulties and/or visual impairment
- The UK's lightest and only custom built Special Needs Trike



- High quality engineering produces style and great looks!
- **Tomcat** Carer Control™ (for steering and braking)
- **Tomcat** Cord Pull Parent Brake™ (for braking only)
- **Tomcat** Two-Piece Frame™ for easy storage and transportation - assembles in seconds without tools
- **Tomcat** Accessories include: **Tomcat** Swivel Saddle™ **Tomcat** Footshoes™
Foot and leg supports, drop-arm backrest, fully upholstered backrest, thoracic and pelvic supports, waistcoats, lateral supports, head support and rocking handlebars
- Also: Trailer Trikes, School/Playgroup Trikes, Adult Multi-Geared Trikes, 'One-offs' & Specials
- Choose from Yellow, Red, Lilac, Blue, Silver or Green
- Technical Support, consultations, upgrades, service and repair
- Wide range of accessories for all your bicycle needs
- Available throughout the UK and Exported overseas