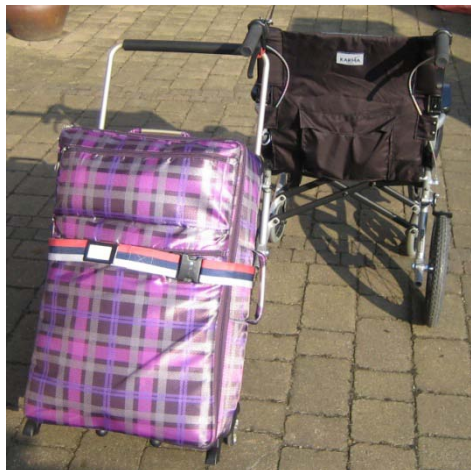


# Towing a suitcase behind a wheelchair is easy....

...provided you use the right design of suitcase.

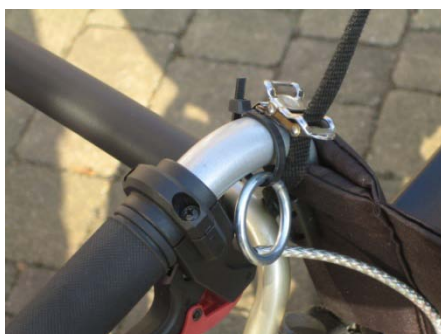
A conventional wheeled suitcase has the handle in the middle, but if you use one with a wide handle it can be attached to the wheelchair in seconds, thus:



The suitcase follows the wheelchair in a straight line and doesn't veer to the left or right, so it doesn't interfere with the partner pushing the wheelchair.

Using this combination we travelled 3000 km by train across Europe in January 2012, involving 13 train changes, with great success. This wheelchair user is able to walk short distances including up and down stairs, but the 394m length of a Eurostar train (1293ft) is a step too far.

To hold a walking stick while the wheelchair is in use, a couple of steel rings are attached to the wheelchair with cable ties. These will conveniently hold a standard telescopic hiking pole:



The wheelchair is a Karma Ergo lite

[http://karmawheelchairs.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_hotproperty&task=view&id=68&Itemid=8](http://karmawheelchairs.org.uk/index.php?option=com_hotproperty&task=view&id=68&Itemid=8)

purchased from: <http://www.aidmobility.co.uk/>

and the suitcase is a Sub Zero G (26")

[http://www.landor-hawa.co.uk/04\\_02\\_02\\_btn/05\\_02\\_01\\_btn/05\\_02\\_01\\_00.html](http://www.landor-hawa.co.uk/04_02_02_btn/05_02_01_btn/05_02_01_00.html)

purchased from: <http://www.bagsetc.co.uk/>

Both products are probably the lightest in their class, which makes it relatively easy for the able-bodied partner to carry the collapsed wheelchair in one hand and the suitcase in the other when using escalators etc.

The strap holding the case to the wheelchair is a 45cm long quick-release strap, originally designed for use with a bicycle toe clip.