

CHAIR AS ACCESS

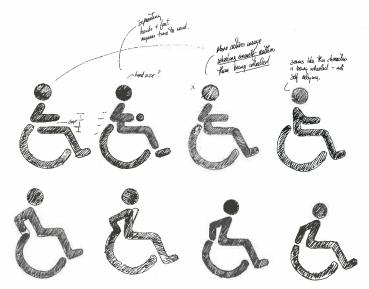
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MOHAWK SUPERFINE

MOST PEOPLE SEE A CHAIR

as a place to sit. Many disabled see it as much more: freedom and mobility. Wheelchairs, once 90 pounds of wicker and wood, have evolved: firms like Quickie Design now make a 26-pound chair using aluminum tube and nylon (the company was founded by Marilyn



Hamilton, paralyzed in a hanggliding accident). Many wheelchair
athletes compete in sports like
tennis and volleyball. And even the
international access symbol wants
to be more mobile: design student
Brendán Murphey thinks the
existing figure portrays a person
who is dependent and helpless,
and is lobbying for a more athleticlooking occupant.

