

Switches and Switch Mounting, Mounting, Accessories & Other Products Used

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****Please note: This is not a complete list, but rather a list I compiled of the most readily available and easily obtained switches by companies who are reputable and have been in the field of AT for some time. Please visit their web-sites. This list is NOT complete, but rather an excellent starting point. I may have neglected to mention all the products in each company, but I have tried to give participants a good idea of products available.*

Primarily Switches and Access equipment (in alphabetical order)

1. Ablenet; 2625 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113; 800-322-0956

www.ablenetinc.com

Switches, Mechanical & electronic sensors; wireless, AAC devices, mounting, switch adaptations, toys, battery interrupters, and many learning materials, Ipad apps

2. Adaptivation, 2225 W. 50th Street, Suite 100, Sioux Falls, SD 57105; 800-723-2783

www.adaptivation.com

Switches, AAC devices, mounting, switch adaptations, toys, and many learning materials

3. Adaptive Switch Labs, Inc, 125 Spur 191, Suite C, Spicewood, TX 78669; 800-626-8698

www.asl-inc.com

Electronic Switches (proximity, Fiber optics, photo-electric, infrared, etc.) and mechanical switches, Alternative Access to powered chairs; Tecla Shield (2 switch access to Ipad); Mouse Emulation, Mounting

4. AMDi; 95 Sherwood Ave, Farmingdale, NY 11735; 888-353-2634

www.amdi.net

Electronic Switches (proximity, Fiber optics, photo-electric, infrared, etc.) and mechanical switches, Mounting, Communicators, Ipad accessories and bundles, learning materials

**5. BigKeys Company; 11959 Ramah Church Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078;
800-249-5397 www.bigkeys.com**

Big Key keyboards, etc.

**6. Enabling Devices; 50 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY 10532; 800-832-8697
www.enablingdevices.com**

Switches, Multiple switches; Mounting, Simple communicators

**7. Inclusive TLC Special Needs; 2206 Legacy Oak Dr, Waxhaw, NC 28173;
800-462-0930; www.inclusivetlc.com**

Switches, software , computer access devices and communication aids

**8. Infogrip; 1899 E. Main St, Ventura, CA 93001; 800-397-0921
www.infogrip.com**

Switches, computer access both hardware and software, Software access,
mounting, many communication devices and AAC access

**9. Origin Instruments Corp., 854 Greenview DR, Grand Prairie, TX 75050;
972-606-8740; www.orin.com**

Head access for AAC and computer access, switch adaptors, etc.

**10. RJ Cooper and Associates; 27602 Forbes Rd, #39, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677;
800-rjcooper; www.rjcooper.com**

Switches, mounting, alternative access, etc.

Primarily Mounting:

**1. CJT Mounting; PO Box 10028; Costa Mesa, CA 92627; 877-751-6295
www.cjtmounting.com**

**2. Daedalus Technologies; 2491 Vauxhall Place, Richmond, BC, V6V 1Z5, Canada;
800-561-5570
www.daessy.com**

**3. Blue Sky Designs, Inc; 2637 27th Ave, S, Ste 209, Minneapolis, MN
55406; 888-724-7002
www.mountnmover.com**

Other Products of Interest:

1. **Switch in Time**; 172 Harvard Rd, Littleton, MA 01460; 978-486-9433
www.switchintime.com ; Software for Music, music, switch games

2. **Bookshare**; 480 S. California Ave, #201; Palo Alto, CA 94306; 650-644-3400; www.bookshare.org

3. **EZ Back; Standard** www.amstilt.com

This comes in pediatric size, can be used on manual chairs or other seating, this is what I use most often in assessment, now, to assist in trunk support. From: Advanced Mobility Systems, 621 Justus Drive, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4H5 800-661-6716;

4. **Mother Earth Pillows**; www.motherearthpillows.com

Flaxseed pillows/bolster in various shapes, used for simulated seating as demonstrated: Primarily Small bolster(5" x 15") and small flaxseed pillow (7"x 10") 2024 Key West Drive, Suite E, Arnold, MO, 63010; 800-344-2072;

5. **Mini-Head Array and Elite Head array with mini-laterals** from www.asl-inc.com

I most frequently use this with proximity switched embedded, which can be obtained from Adaptive Switch Labs

6. **Chest Strap, Elastic, large or small**, from Bodypoint Designs, Inc.
www.bodypoint.com

7. **Neck towel roll**: 100% chamois, PakTowl (brand name) I get mine from Campmor;
www.campmor.com but they can be obtained from many camping/hiking/outdoor stores.

8. **Chair Hugger and Cuddle loop** (from Abilitations catalog) www.abilitations.com

9. **KidWalk**, finally a hands-free walker, meant to help kids get close, also able to get child in in less than 30 seconds (and that's true) only in two sizes, but will be three. Developed by pediatric therapist with real kids, for real movement, nothing like it!! Two sizes (with lots of growth), already available. Can use headrest bracket with a head array and proximity switches too!! Can potentially replace standers. Is manufactured and obtained from Prime Engineering, Inc.
www.primeengineering.com

10. **The Tiger CUB**, will use Invacare's Mark 6 electronics, a small powered chair, half the size of Invacare's powered Tiger, will have new, pediatric seating, a real chair for little kids. Should be ready any day now. Will be distributed by Adaptive Switch Labs, Inc. 125 Spur 191, Suite C, Spicewood, TX 78669, 1-800-626-8698; www.asl-inc.com

11. X-Panda, a great high/low chair, uses only one tool (and it's on-board); seating is truly adjustable, not just one piece, can get feet onto floor by taking off footrests completely. Developed by therapists from Europe. Uses one tool, and it's "on board." Also can be configured as a "dynamic" seat, similar to Rock Active's motion. Has various bases, to work from. Distributed by Snugseat, www.snugseat.com

12. Nandu, a new high/low chair again from snugseat. Just played with it, haven't yet used with a student, but love it, as it is. Let me know if it works for you. www.snugseat.com

13. Activity Chair, another high/low chair by Rifton. Comes with a rolling base or a standard base. Easily adjustable, Developed here in the USA. www.rifton.com

14. Leckey's High/Low Chairs; Leckey Mygo and Squiggles; distributed by Ottobock. Another set of high/low chairs, just a bit different configuration. www.ottobockus.com

Interesting Further Reading:

This is not a bibliography, as I have shared with you, instead my own understandings and musings as a treating therapist who has had so many wonderful children as a part of my clinical life. However, I do attempt to base my observations, thoughts, and attitudes not only on experience but also on current and past readings, and studies of others. These books and articles I have found particularly helpful to me, I offer them to you for further study yourself, if you so choose. This is by no way a comprehensive list, but rather a good beginning.

1. "Two Switches to Success" Hand-out from Linda Burkhart

www.lindaburkhart.com

How to teach 2 Switch Scanning By Linda Burkhart.

2. "Ditch Hit the Switch" By Kelly Fonner/Scott Marfulis, CTG 2011 (I can send you hand-out if no longer available from www.closingthegap.com)

3. **Prescriptive Seating for Wheeled Mobility, Vol. 1, Theory, Application and Terminology**, By Diane E. Ward, M.Ed., OTR, Published by: Healthweath International, 517 NW 103 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324-1625; www.hlthwlth.com ; 954-472-0517

*****I love this book, every therapist involved in seating should have it to refer to, and read frequently. Will help in the "big" picture, and explain all terminology accurately. I use this text in my graduate course. Don't think it's "old" just because AOTA no longer carries it.*

4. **Clinical Assessment and Training Strategies for the Child's Mastery of Independent Powered Mobility** By Karen M. Kangas OTR/L, updated 2008, booklet

can be purchased directly from author (by check or money order to Karen M. Kangas OTR/L, for \$22.00 includes S&H)

5. Understanding the Nature of Sensory Integration with Diverse Populations

by Susanne Smith Roley, Erna Blanche, and Roann Sc. Schaaf from Harcourt Publishing (previously Therapy Skill Builders); www.psychcorp.com

6. "Translating Motor Control and Motor Learning Theory into Occupational Therapy Practice for Children and Young Adults," Part One, Nov. 17, 2008, Part Two, Jan. 19, 2009, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA Publications) OT Practice.

7. Streaming Video from PATTAN Project; <http://pattanat.com>

"The Challenge of Integrating the Use of Assistive Technology Equipment for Independent Control and Access of Multiple Systems"

"The Challenge of Developing Consistency of Access"