

Invacare launches the new Birdie^{EVO} lifter family

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Leading European safe patient handling solutions provider Invacare, has unveiled new versions of the market leading Birdie mobile floor lifter; the Birdie^{EVO}, the Birdie^{EVO COMPACT} and the Birdie^{EVO PLUS}.

The new mobile floor lifters have been designed to offer a high feature-set of options that have been blended with new technologies to provide maximum comfort and security when lifting or transferring a patient to or from a bed, chair or even the floor.

The three key new features are:

- **Slow'R™** - A new, patented dampening mechanism has been designed and integrated into the boom to reduce the rocking movement of the client, giving a more comfortable experience and providing carers with more control during transfers.
- **SMARTLOCK™** - A new, patented quick release mechanism makes it simple and safe to exchange the spreader bars without tools. Enhanced safety is provided via a swallow tail connection that is further secured by a locking pin to ensure both parts of the system remain in place.
- **Sling Hook Design** - A new ergonomic hook design allows the loop on the sling to be attached with just one hand. A wider hook makes positioning loops easier, whilst the hook's nose has been designed to prevent slings sliding out unintentionally, reducing the risk of injury.

Speaking at the launch of the new additions to Invacare's passive lifters range, Group Product Manager for Safe Patient Handling in EMEA, Matthieu Robelin said:

"The release of the new Birdie^{EVO} is a big step forward in improving one of Invacare's most well-established offerings. We have listened to feedback from our customers and, through technologies like the Slow'R™ and SMARTLOCK™, we are delivering what we feel is the best equipped mobile floor lifter to tackle the challenges faced in safe patient handling today."

The new lifters will be available across of Europe from May 2018. To find out more, please go to www.invacare.eu.com.

About Invacare:

Invacare Corporation (NYSE:IVC), headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, is the global leader in the manufacture and distribution of innovative home and long-term care medical products that promote recovery and active lifestyles. The Company currently has 5,400 associates and markets its products in approximately 80 countries around the world.

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