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(54) **BACKREST AND CHAIR**

(57) Backrest for supporting the back of a seated person comprising a rigid backrest frame and a back support structure comprising substantially non-elastic, flexible sheet material. The non-elastic, flexible sheet material comprising a central region and at least four lateral segments, wherein the backrest support surface in its loaded condition has a form-stable, a three-dimensionally curved shape of which a cross-sectional view in the sagittal plane shows a backrest support surface curvature. Preferably, this backrest support surface curvature corresponds with the vertebral curvature at least in a region which corresponding with the lumbar region and a transition region which is formed by a lower part of the thoracic region and an upper part of the lumbar region.

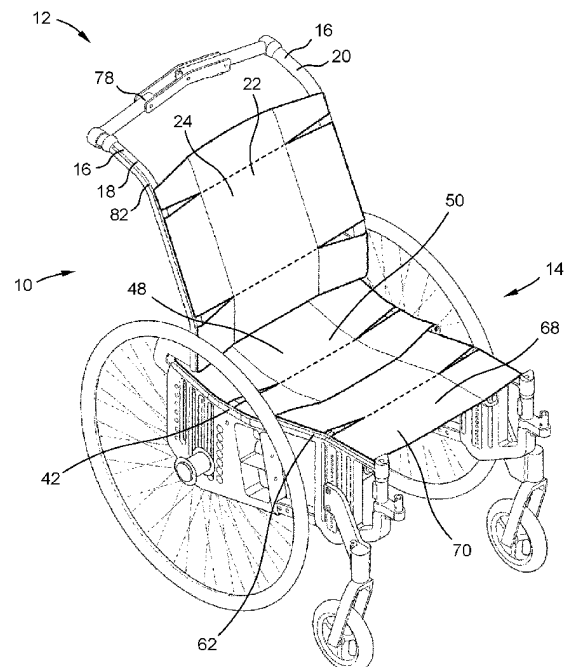


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1. claims: 1-19 (completely); 20-22 (partially)

Backrest with three-dimensionally curved shape

2. claims: 20-22 (partially)

Chair with three-dimensionally curved seat frames

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