

# Backgrounder: Rick Hansen Man In Motion World Tour

Inspired by the dream of an accessible and inclusive world, and fuelled by a deep seated belief that 'anything is possible', Rick Hansen set out on a journey, the legendary Man In Motion World Tour, on March 21, 1985. For two years, two months and two days, Rick and his team wheeled more than 40,000km through 34 countries. While the Tour raised \$26M for spinal cord injury (SCI) research, its greatest impact was the increased awareness of the potential of people with disabilities when barriers are removed. Canadians from coast to coast and people around the world were inspired to believe in Rick's dream.

## Statistics

### Highlights

- March 21, 1985 to May 23, 1987 (2 Years, 2 Months, 2 Days)
- Funds Raised: \$26 million
- Continents Wheeled On: 4
- Countries Traveled Through: 34

### Distance

- Equivalent to the circumference of the Earth
- Total distance travelled: 40,075.16 Km
- Distance traveled through Canada: 11,557.58 Km

### Gifts Received

- Baseball Caps Received: Approx 1,100
- T-Shirts Received: Approximately 750
- Flags: 47
- Toys: 73
- Pins: Thousands
- Buttons: Thousands
- Letters Received: Over 200,000

### Other Stats

- Days on the Road: 792
- Postcards Written: 2172
- Flat Tires: 126
- Gloves Worn Out: 94
- Most Hours Spent Wheeling in One Day: 16 Hours on October 1, 1985 Salzburg to Kirk Bach, Austria.
- Largest Crowd: Tianjin, China
- Highest Summit: 1700 meters in the Alps on October 2, 1985.
- Steepest Grade Wheeled on Tour: Thermal Hill, BC (17.5%)