

## Comparing assistive technology (AT) - A tool to assist with self-advocacy and AT decision-making.

In her article 'Accessing AT from rural and remote areas', Nerine discusses comparing examples of rollators, and how that process assisted her in self-advocating and choosing AT that suits her best. The table below shows the criteria she considered when comparing the different models of rollators and which you could use when making a decision about your own piece of AT.

	AT example #1	AT example #2	AT example #3	AT example #4
<b>Likes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Folds in two directions to make it more compact</li> <li>• Loop handles make breaking easy</li> <li>• Comes with a bag</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon fibre, super lightweight</li> <li>• Fits in most car boots</li> <li>• Colours: cream, red, black</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use to walk but can get a push when fatigued</li> <li>• Adjustable footrests and handle heights</li> <li>• Colours: blue, black, white, or purple</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bigger tyres for outdoor terrain</li> <li>• Comes with Pocket Bag</li> <li>• Colours: dark green, brown, black</li> </ul>
<b>Dislikes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One colour: black</li> <li>• No travel bag</li> <li>• No way to secure it closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't like design, too 'medical' and doesn't suit my lifestyle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heaviest option</li> <li>• Have to manually attach the wheelchair section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doesn't fit easily in car boot</li> </ul>
<b>Weight</b>	• 7.5kg	• 4.8kg	• 11.6kg	• 6.7kg
<b>Cost</b>	• \$350	• \$1,000	• \$1,700	• \$1,200
<b>Optional Accessories</b>	• No accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back support</li> <li>• Cane holder</li> <li>• Travel bag</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back support</li> <li>• Cane holder</li> <li>• Travel cover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back support</li> <li>• Travel bag</li> <li>• Touch-up paint pens</li> </ul>
<b>Repairability</b>	• In-store service/repair	• In-store service/repair	• In-store service/repair	• In-store service/repair
<b>Warranty</b>	• 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frame: Lifetime</li> <li>• Everything else: 2 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frame: 5 years</li> <li>• Everything else: 2 years</li> </ul>	•
<b>Availability</b>	• Online or Supplier #1 (30km)	• Online or Supplier #2 (33km)	• Online or Supplier #3 (60km)	• Online or Supplier #4 (90km)
<b>Reviews</b>	• Website link	• Website link	• Website link	• Website link

**\*Disclaimer:** This tool is a guide only and isn't intended to be used for selecting these specific examples of AT, nor should it replace the advice of a health professional or AT Advisor.