

## Re: OT: rollerblade wheels

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Hello Martin,

[http://www.cdk.fr/rouler/heelys\\_shoes\\_a\\_roulette/roues\\_de\\_rechange\\_article2296.html](http://www.cdk.fr/rouler/heelys_shoes_a_roulette/roues_de_rechange_article2296.html)

For inline skating, the usual size is 76mm going toward 80mm as a standard.  
For ramp skating, the size is about 55mm as smaller means more flexibility when doing tricks.  
But anything smaller does not really makes sense for the general public.

Its not for skating, its for a little motion control rig prototype/bodge/concept, and the skate wheels are the closest that I could find. Still in the scribbling on paper stage but 30mm ish seems about right at the mo. I could go custom, but that would probably cost a fortune, compared with COTS.

Regretably I'm too old for rollerblading, and I live on a very steep hill :(

Well, check out those Heelys that OBones pointed out. I believe some are even smaller than 30mm. I didn't know they'd be so freaking expensive, 18 Euros a pop, ouch. What's also surprising is that they still list the price in Francs.

What could help is a trip to a sports store that has those kinds of shoes with built-in wheels. Heck, if it's just for a prototype you could buy a pair on sale and remove the wheels. Can't be difficult to do since they are usually serviceable. If you find your size you could still use the rest of the shoes for walking. Or leave the wheels in on one foot so you could scoot down that hill on one leg. Stretch out the other leg and hold your hands like aircraft wings to look cool enough. Oh, and wear the Porsche design sunglasses :-)

Regards, Joerg

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