
AT&T Practices

Building Designer's Guide for the Americans with Disabilities Act, Drawings and Specifications

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1. About This Document

- 1.01 This practice has been issued to provide general information relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (commonly referred to as the ADA) and its impact on the Building Services Division of AT&T. This practice is intended to provide the facility manager with a reference point for the specifications and drawings associated to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Due to the broad scope of this law, an awareness and sensitivity must be developed and maintained by all management.
- 1.02 This practice is a new issue to provide the facility managers with information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This is the initial issue of this policy.

Purpose

- 1.03 This document sets guidelines for accessibility to places of public accommodation and commercial facilities by individuals with disabilities. These guidelines must be applied during the design, construction, and alteration of such buildings and facilities to the extent required by regulations issued by Federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- 1.04 The technical specifications in 5.71 through 5.295 of these guidelines are the same as those of American National Standard Institute's (ANSI) document A117.1-1980, except as noted in this text by italics. However, paragraphs 5.01 through 5.70 are different from ANSI A117.1 in their entirety and are printed in standard type.
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Related Documentation

- 1.06 A related overview of the ADA is provided in practice 760-100-005, *AT&T Network Services Building Designer's Guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. A checklist for the purpose of facility review is provided as Attachment 1 to practice 760-100-005. It is recommended that the checklist be reviewed by the facility manager at the time of issue of this policy and at least annually thereafter.

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2. General

Provisions for Adults

- 2.01 The specifications in these guidelines are based upon adult dimensions and are anthropometric.

Equivalent Facilitation

- 2.02 Departing from particular technical and scoping requirements of this guideline and using other designs and technologies will provide substantially equivalent or greater access to and usability of the facility.

Graphic Conventions

- 2.03 Typical dimensions showing U.S. customary units (in inches) are above the lines, and S.I. units (in millimeters) are below the lines in all graphics. Dimensions that are not marked minimum or maximum are absolute, unless otherwise indicated in the text or captions.

3. Overview of the ADA

Purpose of the Law

- 3.01 As adopted by Congress in January 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became effective January 26, 1992, for employers with 25 employees or more. In 1994 the law covers employers with 15 employees. The purpose of law as identified by Congress is to:
- Provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
 - Provide clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
 - Ensure that the Federal Government plays a central role in enforcing the standards established in this act on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

- Invoke the sweep of congressional authority, including the power to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment and to regulate commerce, in order to address the major areas of discrimination faced day to day by people with disabilities.

3.02 The Americans with Disabilities Act is divided into Five Titles. The Titles cover a variety of the goals of the ADA. This document primarily deals with Title III: "Commercial Facilities."

4. Overview of Title III "Commercial Facilities"

4.01 The ADA requires alterations and new construction to commercial facilities to conform to ADA directive as of January 26, 1992.

Public Accommodations

4.02 A public accommodation is a private entity that owns, operates, leases, or leases to, a place of public accommodation. Places of public accommodation include a wide range of entities, such as offices, retail stores, museums, training centers, and day care centers.

Barrier Removal

4.03 As of January 26, 1992, public accommodations are required to remove architectural and communications barriers that are structural in nature from existing facilities, when such removal is "readily achievable."

What are Considered Barriers?

4.04 An architectural barrier is a physical object that impedes a disabled person's access to, or use of, a facility such as stairs, doorways, etc. Communications barriers that are structural in nature are those which are an integral part of the physical structure of a facility. Examples include alarm systems and permanent signage.

What is Readily Achievable?

4.05 The ADA defines readily achievable as "easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense." Whether an action is readily achievable is to be determined on a case-by-case basis. No

numerical formula or threshold of any kind was set out by the U.S. Justice Department. However, the following factors are to be considered:

- The nature and the cost of the action needed
- The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved
- The number of persons employed at the site
- The affect on expenses and resources
- The impact upon the operation of the site
- The geographic separateness and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites to any parent corporation or entity
- If applicable, the overall financial resources and size of any parent corporation or entity
- If applicable, the type of operation of any parent corporation or entity.

- 4.06 In addition, each barrier removal action need not be considered in complete isolation when determining what is readily achievable. The costs of other barrier removal actions may be considered as another factor when determining if a measure is readily achievable.

Employee Work Areas

- 4.07 As stated in the Federal Register Vol. 56. 144 page 35568: "Because the purpose of Title III of the ADA is to ensure that public accommodations are accessible to their customers, clients or patrons (as opposed to their employees, who are the focus of Title I), the obligation to remove barriers under #36.304 does not extend to areas of a facility that are used exclusively as employee work."

5. Accessible Elements and Spaces: Scope and Technical Requirements

Minimum Requirements

General

- 5.01 All areas of newly designed or newly constructed buildings and facilities required to be accessible by 5.07 through 5.41 and altered portions of existing buildings and facilities required to be accessible by 5.43 through

5.58 shall comply with the guidelines set forth in this document, unless otherwise provided in this section or as modified in a special application section.

Application Based on Building Use

- 5.02 When a building or facility contains more than one use covered by a special application section, each portion shall comply with the requirements for that use.

Areas Used Only by Employees as Work Areas

- 5.03 Areas that are used only as work areas shall be designed and constructed so that individuals with disabilities can approach, enter, and exit the areas. These guidelines do not require that any areas used only as work areas be constructed to permit maneuvering within the work area or be constructed or equipped (i.e., with racks or shelves) in order to be accessible.

Temporary Structures

- 5.04 These guidelines cover temporary buildings or facilities as well as permanent facilities. Temporary buildings and facilities are not of permanent construction but are extensively used or are essential for public use for a period of time. Examples of temporary buildings or facilities covered by these guidelines include, but are not limited to:
- Reviewing stands
 - Temporary classrooms
 - Bleacher areas
 - Exhibit areas
 - Temporary banking facilities
 - Temporary health screening services
 - Temporary safe pedestrian passageways around a construction site.

Structures, sites and equipment directly associated with the actual processes of construction, such as scaffolding, bridging, materials hoists, or construction trailers are not included.

General Exceptions

- 5.05 In new construction, a person or entity is not required to fully meet the requirements of these guidelines when that person or entity can demonstrate that it is structurally impracticable to do so. Full compliance will be considered structurally impracticable only in those rare circumstances when the unique characteristics of terrain prevent the incorporation of accessibility features. If full compliance with the requirements of these guidelines is structurally impracticable, a person or entity shall comply with the requirements to the extent it is not structurally impracticable. Any portion of the building or facility which can be made accessible shall comply to the extent that it is not structurally impracticable.
- 5.06 Accessibility is not required in the following:
- a. Observation galleries used primarily for security purposes
 - b. Non-occupiable spaces which meet both of the following conditions:
 1. Those which are accessed only by ladders, catwalks, crawl spaces, very narrow passageways, or freight (non-passenger) elevators
 2. Those frequented only by service personnel for repair purposes; such spaces include, but are not limited to: elevator pits, elevator penthouses, piping or equipment catwalks.

Accessible Sites and Exterior Facilities: New Construction

- 5.07 An accessible site shall meet the following minimum requirements:
1. To comply with 5.79 through 5.96, at least one accessible route to an accessible building entrance shall be provided within the boundary of the site from public transportation stops, accessible parking spaces, passenger loading zones if provided, and public streets or sidewalks.
 2. At least one accessible route complying with 5.79 through 5.96 shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.
 3. All objects that protrude from surfaces or posts into circulation paths shall comply with 5.97 and 5.98.
 4. Ground surfaces along accessible routes and in accessible spaces shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.
 5. If toilet facilities are provided on a site, then each public or common use toilet facility shall comply with the specifications in 5.211 through 5.217. If bathing facilities are provided on a site, then each

public or common use bathing facility shall comply with 5.218 through 5.226. For single user portable toilet or bathing units clustered at a single location, at least 5% but no less than one toilet unit or bathing unit complying with 5.211 through 5.226 shall be installed at each cluster whenever typical inaccessible units are provided. Accessible units shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility.

EXCEPTION: Portable toilet units at construction sites used exclusively by construction personnel are not required to comply with the minimum requirements listed in number 5 above.

6. Signs which designate permanent rooms and spaces shall comply with 5.254, 5.257, 5.258 and 5.259. Other signs which provide direction to or information about functional spaces of the building shall comply with 5.254, 5.255, 5.256, and 5.258. Elements and spaces of accessible facilities which shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility and which shall comply with 5.260 through 5.263 are:

- Parking spaces designated as reserved for individuals with disabilities
- Accessible passenger loading zones
- Accessible entrances when not all are accessible (inaccessible entrances shall have directional signage to indicate the route to the nearest accessible entrance)
- Accessible toilet and bathing facilities when not all are accessible.

Parking and Loading Zone Requirements

5.08 If parking spaces are provided for self-parking by employees or visitors, or both, then accessible spaces complying with 5.103 through 5.108 shall be provided as defined in the table below. Spaces required by the table need not be provided in the particular lot. They may be provided in a different location if equivalent or greater accessibility in terms of distance from an accessible entrance, cost, and convenience are ensured.

Table A: Required Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces

Total Parking in Lot	Required Minimum Number of Accessible Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2

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Total Parking in Lot	Required Minimum Number of Accessible Spaces
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100 over 1000

5.09 Access aisles adjacent to accessible spaces shall be a minimum of 60 inches (1525 mm) wide except as follows: one in every eight accessible spaces, but not less than one, shall be served by an access aisle 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum and shall be designated "van accessible" as required by 5.106. The vertical clearance at such spaces shall comply with 5.107. All such spaces may be grouped on one level of a parking structure.

EXCEPTION: Provision of all required parking spaces in conformance with "Universal Parking Design" is permitted.

- 5.10 If passenger loading zones are provided, then at least one passenger loading zone shall comply with 5.108.
- 5.11 At facilities providing medical care and other services for persons with mobility impairments, parking spaces complying with 5.103 through 5.108 shall be provided in accordance with 5.08 except as follows:
 - Outpatient units and facilities: 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces provided serving each such outpatient unit or facility
 - Units and facilities that specialize in treatment or services for persons with mobility impairments: 20 percent of the total number of parking spaces provided serving each such unit or facility.

Valet Parking

5.12 Valet parking facilities shall provide a passenger loading zone complying with 5.108 and located on an accessible route to the entrance of the facil-

ity. Paragraphs 5.08, 5.09, and 5.11 of this section do not apply to valet parking facilities.

Accessible Buildings: New Construction

5.13 Accessible buildings and facilities shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. At least one accessible route complying with 5.79 through 5.96 shall connect accessible building or facility entrances with all accessible spaces and elements within the building or facility.
2. All objects that overhang or protrude into circulation paths shall comply with 5.97 and 5.98.
3. Ground and floor surfaces along accessible routes and in accessible rooms and spaces shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.
4. Interior and exterior stairs connecting levels that are not connected by an elevator, ramp, or other accessible means of vertical access shall comply with 5.128 through 5.132.
5. One passenger elevator complying with 5.133 through 5.150 shall serve each level, including mezzanines, in all multi-story buildings and facilities unless exempted below. If more than one elevator is provided, each full passenger elevator shall comply with 5.133 through 5.150. There are four exceptions to this requirement. They are as follows:

EXCEPTION 1: Elevators are not required in facilities that are less than three stories or have less than 3000 square feet per story unless the building is a shopping center, a shopping mall, the professional office of a health care provider, or another type of facility as determined by the Attorney General. The elevator exemption set forth in this paragraph does not obviate or limit the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in paragraphs 5.13 through 5.41. For example, floors above or below the accessible ground floor must meet the requirements of this section except for elevator service. If toilet or bathing facilities are provided on a level not served by an elevator, then toilet or bathing facilities must be provided on the accessible ground floor. In new construction if a building or facility is eligible for this exemption but a full passenger elevator is nonetheless planned, that elevator shall meet the requirements of 5.133 through 5.150 and shall serve each level in the building. A full passenger elevator that provides service from a garage to only one level of a building or facility is not required to serve other levels.

EXCEPTION 2: Elevator pits, elevator penthouses, mechanical rooms, piping or equipment catwalks are exempted from this

requirement.

EXCEPTION 3: Accessible ramps complying with 5.120 through 5.127 may be used in lieu of an elevator.

EXCEPTION 4: Platform lifts (wheelchair lifts) complying with 5.151 through 5.153 of this guideline and applicable state or local codes may be used in lieu of an elevator only under the following conditions:

- To provide an accessible route to a performing area in an assembly occupancy
- To comply with the wheelchair viewing position line-of-sight and dispersion requirements of 5.282.
- To provide access to incidental occupiable spaces and rooms which are not open to the general public and which house no more than five persons, including but not limited to equipment control rooms and projection booths
- To provide access where existing site constraints or other constraints make use of a ramp or an elevator infeasible.

Windows

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for windows.

Doors

- 5.14 At each accessible entrance to a building or facility, at least one door shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166.
- 5.15 Within a building or facility, at least one door at each accessible space shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166.
- 5.16 Each door that is an element of an accessible route shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166.
- 5.17 Each door required by 5.91, Egress, shall comply with 5.154 through 5.156.

Entrances

- 5.18 In new construction, at a minimum, the requirements below shall be satisfied independently:
1. At least 50% of all public entrances (excluding those in 5.19 below) must be accessible. At least one must be a ground floor entrance. Public entrances are any entrances that are not loading or service entrances.

2. Accessible entrances must be provided in a number at least equivalent to the number of exits required by the applicable building/fire codes.
 3. An accessible entrance must be provided to each tenancy in a facility (for example, individual stores in a strip shopping center).
 - a. One entrance may be considered as meeting more than one requirement.
 - b. Where feasible, accessible entrances shall be the entrances used by the majority of people visiting or working in the building.
- 5.19 In addition, if direct access is provided for pedestrians from an enclosed parking garage to the building, at least one direct entrance from the garage to the building must be accessible. If access is provided for pedestrians from a pedestrian tunnel or elevated walkway, one entrance to the building from each tunnel or walkway must be accessible.
- One entrance may be considered as meeting more than one requirement.
 - Because entrances also serve as emergency exits where proximity to all parts of buildings and facilities is essential, it is preferable that all entrances be accessible.
- 5.20 If the only entrance to a building or tenancy in a facility is a service entrance, that entrance shall be accessible.
- 5.21 Entrances which are not accessible shall have directional signage complying with 5.254, 5.255, 5.256, and 5.258, which indicates the location of the nearest accessible entrance.

Required Exits

- 5.22 In buildings or facilities, or portions of buildings or facilities, required to be accessible, accessible means of egress shall be provided in the same number as required for exits by local building/life safety regulations. Where a required exit from an occupiable level above or below a level of accessible exit discharge is not accessible, an area of rescue assistance shall be provided on each such level (in a number equal to that of inaccessible required exits). Areas of rescue assistance shall comply with 5.92 through 5.96. A horizontal exit meeting the requirements of local building/life safety regulations shall satisfy the requirement for an area of rescue assistance.

EXCEPTION: areas of rescue assistance are not required in buildings or facilities having a supervised automatic sprinkler system.

Drinking Fountains

- 5.23 Where only one drinking fountain is provided on a floor, there shall be a drinking fountain which is accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs in accordance with 5.169 through 5.173 and one accessible to those who have difficulty bending or stooping. This can be accommodated by the following:
- Use of a "hi-lo" fountain
 - Providing one fountain accessible to those who use wheelchairs and one fountain at a standard height convenient for those who have difficulty bending
 - Providing a fountain accessible under 5.169 through 5.173 and a water cooler
 - Such other means as would achieve the required accessibility for each group on each floor.
- 5.24 Where more than one drinking fountain or water cooler is provided on a floor, 50% of those provided shall comply with 5.169 through 5.173 and shall be on an accessible route.

Toilet Facilities

- 5.25 If toilet rooms are provided, then each public and common use toilet room shall comply with 5.211 through 5.217. Other toilet rooms provided for the use of occupants of specific spaces (i.e., a private toilet room for the occupant of a private office) shall be adaptable. If bathing rooms are provided, then each public and common use bathroom shall comply with 5.218 through 5.226. Accessible toilet rooms and bathing facilities shall be on an accessible route.

Storage, Shelving, and Display Units

- 5.26 If fixed or built-in storage facilities such as cabinets, shelves, closets, and drawers are provided in accessible spaces, at least one of each type provided shall contain storage space complying with 5.234 through 5.237. Additional storage may be provided outside of the dimensions required by 5.234 through 5.237.
- 5.27 Shelves or display units allowing self-service by customers in mercantile occupancies shall be located on an accessible route complying with 5.79 through 5.96. Requirements for accessible reach range do not apply.

Mechanical Spaces

- 5.28 Controls and operating mechanisms in accessible spaces, along accessible routes, or as parts of accessible elements (for example, light switches and dispenser controls) shall comply with 5.242 through 5.245.

Emergency Warning Systems

- 5.29 If emergency warning systems are provided, then they shall include both audible alarms and visual alarms complying with 5.246 through 5.249. Emergency warning systems in medical care facilities may be modified to suit standard health care alarm design practice.

Warning Systems

- 5.30 Detectable warnings shall be provided at locations as specified in 5.250 through 5.253.

Building Signage

- 5.31 Signs which designate permanent rooms and spaces shall comply with 5.254, 5.257, 5.258 and 5.259.
- 5.32 Other signs which provide direction to or information about functional spaces of the building shall comply with 5.254, 5.255, 5.256, and 5.258.

EXCEPTION: building directories, menus, and all other signs which are temporary are not required to comply.

Public Telephones

- 5.33 If public pay telephones, public closed circuit telephones, or other public telephones are provided, then they shall comply with 5.265 through 5.272, to the extent required by the following table:

Table B: Number of Telephones Required to Comply with 5.264 through 5.275

Number of each type of telephone provided on each floor	Number of telephones required to comply with 5.265 through 5.272{1}
1 or more single unit	1 per floor
1 bank {2}	1 per floor

Table B: Number of Telephones Required to Comply with 5.264 through 5.275

Number of each type of telephone provided on each floor	Number of telephones required to comply with 5.265 through 5.272{1}
2 or more banks	1 per bank. Accessible unit may be installed as a single unit in proximity (either visible or with signage) to the bank. At least one public telephone per floor shall meet the requirements for a forward reach telephone {3}.

{1} Additional public telephones may be installed at any height. Unless otherwise specified, accessible telephones may be either forward or side reach telephones.

{2} A bank consists of two or more adjacent public telephones, often installed as a unit.

{3} **EXCEPTION:** For exterior installations only, if dial tone first service is available, then a side reach telephone may be installed instead of the required forward reach telephone (i.e., one telephone in proximity to each bank shall comply with 5.264 through 5.275).

5.34 All telephones required to be accessible and complying with 5.265 through 5.272 shall be equipped with a volume control. In addition, 25 percent, but never less than one, of all other public telephones provided shall be equipped with a volume control and shall be dispersed among all types of public telephones, including closed circuit telephones, throughout the building or facility. Signage complying with applicable provisions of 5.260 through 5.263 shall be provided.

5.35 The following shall be provided in accordance with 5.273 through 5.275:

- a. If a total number of four or more public pay telephones (including both interior and exterior phones) is provided at a site, and at least one is in an interior location, then at least one interior public text telephone shall be provided.
- b. If an interior public pay telephone is provided in a stadium or arena, in a convention center, in a hotel with a convention center, or in a covered mall, at least one interior public text telephone shall be provided in the facility.
- c. If a public pay telephone is located in or adjacent to a hospital emergency room, hospital recovery room, or hospital waiting room, one public text telephone shall be provided at each such location.

5.36 Where a bank of telephones in the interior of a building consists of three or more public pay telephones, at least one public pay telephone in each such bank shall be equipped with a shelf and outlet in compliance with 5.274.

Fixed Seating

5.37 If fixed or built-in seating or tables (including, but not limited to, study carrels and student laboratory stations) are provided in accessible public or common use areas, at least five percent (5%), but not less than one of the fixed or built-in seating areas or tables, shall comply with 5.276 through 5.279. An accessible route shall lead to and through such fixed or built-in seating areas or tables.

Assembly Areas

5.38 In places of assembly with fixed seating, accessible wheelchair locations shall comply with 5.281, 5.282, and 5.283 and shall be provided consistent with the following table:

Table C: Required Wheelchair Locations in Assembly Areas

Capacity of Seating in Assembly Areas	Number of Required Wheelchair Locations
4 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 300	4
301 to 500	6
over 500	6, plus 1 additional space for each total seating capacity increase of 100

In addition, one percent, but not less than one, of all fixed seats shall be aisle seats with no armrests on the aisle side, or removable or folding armrests on the aisle side. Each such seat shall be identified by a sign or marker. Signage notifying patrons of the availability of such seats shall be posted at the ticket office. Aisle seats are not required to comply with 5.283.

5.39 This paragraph applies to assembly areas where audible communications are integral to the use of the space (i.e., concert and lecture halls, playhouses and movie theaters, meeting rooms, etc.). If such assembly areas accommodate at least 50 persons or have audio-amplification systems and if they have fixed seating, they shall have a permanently installed assistive listening system complying with 5.280 through 5.286. For other assembly areas, a permanently installed assistive listening system or an adequate number of electrical outlets or other supplementary wiring necessary to support a portable assistive listening system shall be provided. The minimum number of receivers to be provided shall be equal to 4 percent of the total number of seats, but in no case less than two. Signage

complying with applicable provisions of 5.254 through 5.263 shall be installed to notify patrons of the availability of a listening system.

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)

- 5.40 Where automated teller machines (ATMs) are provided, each ATM shall comply with the requirements of 5.287 through 5.290, except where two or more are provided at a location, then only one must comply.

EXCEPTION: Drive-up-only automated teller machines are not required to comply with 5.243, 5.244 and 5.289.

Dressing Rooms

- 5.41 Where dressing and fitting rooms are provided for use by the general public, patients, customers or employees, 5 percent, but never less than one, of dressing rooms for each type of use in each cluster of dressing rooms shall be accessible and shall comply with 5.291 through 5.295. Examples of types of dressing rooms are those serving different genders or distinct and different functions as in different treatment or examination facilities.

Accessible Buildings: Additions

- 5.42 Each addition to an existing building or facility shall be regarded as an alteration. Each space or element added to the existing building or facility shall comply with the applicable provisions of 5.01 through 5.41, Minimum Requirements (for New Construction), and the applicable technical specifications of 5.71 through 5.295. Each addition that affects or could affect the usability of an area containing a primary function shall comply with 5.44.

Accessible Buildings: Alterations

General

- 5.43 Alterations to existing buildings and facilities shall comply with the following:
- a. No alteration shall be undertaken which decreases or has the effect of decreasing the accessibility or usability of a building or facility below the requirements for new construction at the time of alteration.
 - b. If existing elements, spaces, or common areas are altered, then each such altered element, space, feature, or area shall comply with the applicable provisions of 5.01 through 5.41, Minimum Requirements (for New Construction). If the applicable provision for new construction requires that an element, space, or common area be on

- an accessible route, the altered element, space, or common area is not required to be on an accessible route except as provided in 5.44 (Alterations to an Area Containing a Primary Function).
- c. If alterations of single elements, when considered together, amount to an alteration of a room or space in a building or facility, the entire space shall be made accessible.
 - d. No alteration of an existing element, space, or area of a building or facility shall impose a requirement for greater accessibility than that which would be required for new construction. For example, if the elevators and stairs in a building are being altered and the elevators are in turn being made accessible, then no accessibility modifications are required to the stairs connecting levels connected by the elevator. If stair modifications to correct unsafe conditions are required by other codes, the modifications shall be done in compliance with these guidelines, unless they are technically infeasible.
 - e. At least one interior public text telephone complying with 5.273 through 5.275 shall be provided if:
 - 1. Alterations to existing buildings or facilities with less than four exterior or interior public pay telephones would increase the total number to four or more telephones with at least one in an interior location
 - 2. Alterations to one or more exterior or interior public pay telephones occur in an existing building or facility with four or more public telephones with at least one in an interior location.
 - f. If an escalator or stair is planned or installed where none existed previously and major structural modifications are necessary for such installation, then a means of accessible vertical access shall be provided that complies with the applicable provisions of 5.120 through 5.127, or 5.133 through 5.153.
 - g. In alterations, the requirements of 5.22 and 5.91 through 5.96 do not apply.
 - h. If a planned alteration entails alterations to an entrance, and the building has an accessible entrance, the entrance being altered is not required to comply with 5.18 through 5.21, except to the extent required by 5.44. If a particular entrance is not made accessible, appropriate accessible signage indicating the location of the nearest accessible entrance(s) shall be installed at or near the inaccessible entrance, such that a person with a disability will not be required to retrace the approach route from the inaccessible entrance.

- i. If the alteration work is limited solely to the electrical, mechanical, or plumbing system, or to hazardous material abatement, or automatic sprinkler retrofitting, and does not involve the alteration of any elements or spaces required to be accessible under these guidelines, then 5.44 does not apply.
- j. **EXCEPTION:** In alteration work, if compliance with 5.43 through 5.58 is technically infeasible, the alteration shall provide accessibility to the maximum extent feasible. Any elements or features of the building or facility that are being altered and can be made accessible shall be made accessible within the scope of the alteration.

With respect to an alteration of a building or facility, *technically infeasible* means that it has little likelihood of being accomplished for one of two reasons. The first is that existing structural conditions would require removing or altering a load-bearing member which is an essential part of the structural frame. The second is that other existing physical or site constraints prohibit modification or addition of elements, spaces, or features which are in full and strict compliance with the minimum requirements for new construction and which are necessary to provide accessibility.

k. **EXCEPTION:**

1. These guidelines do not require the installation of an elevator in an altered facility that is less than three stories or has less than 3,000 square feet per story unless the building is a shopping center, a shopping mall, the professional office of a health care provider, or another type of facility as determined by the Attorney General.
2. The exemption provided above does not obviate or limit in any way the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in these guidelines. For example, alterations to floors above or below the ground floor must be accessible regardless of whether the altered facility has an elevator. If a facility subject to the elevator exemption set forth in the paragraph above nonetheless has a full passenger elevator, that elevator shall meet the accessibility requirements of these guidelines to the maximum extent feasible.

Alterations to an Area Containing a Primary Function

- 5.44 In addition to the requirements above, an alteration that affects or could affect the usability of or access to an area containing a primary function shall be made so as to ensure that, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, unless such alterations are disproportionate to the overall alterations in terms of cost and scope (as determined under criteria established by the Attorney General).

Special Technical Provisions for Alterations to Existing Buildings and Facilities

Ramps

- 5.45 Curb ramps and interior or exterior ramps to be constructed on sites or in existing buildings or facilities where space limitations prohibit the use of a 1:12 slope or less may have slopes and rises as follows:
- A slope between 1:10 and 1:12 is allowed for a maximum rise of 6 inches.
 - A slope between 1:8 and 1:10 is allowed for a maximum rise of 3 inches. A slope steeper than 1:8 is not allowed.

Stairs

- 5.46 Full extension of handrails at stairs shall not be required in alterations where such extensions would be hazardous or impossible due to plan configuration.

Elevators

- 5.47 If safety door edges are provided in existing automatic elevators, automatic door reopening devices may be omitted.
- 5.48 Where existing shaft configuration or technical infeasibility prohibits strict compliance with 5.141, the minimum car plan dimensions may be reduced by the minimum amount necessary, but in no case shall the inside car area be smaller than 48 inches by 48 inches.
- 5.49 Equivalent facilitation may be provided with an elevator car of different dimensions when usability can be demonstrated and when all other elements required to be accessible comply with the applicable provisions of 5.133 through 5.150. For example, an elevator of 47 inches by 69 inches (1195 mm by 1755 mm) with a door opening on the narrow dimension could accommodate the standard wheelchair clearances shown in Figure F4.

Doors

- 5.50 Where it is technically infeasible to comply with clear opening width requirements of 5.158, a projection of 5/8 inches maximum will be permitted for the latch side stop.
- 5.51 If existing thresholds are 3/4 inches high or less and have (or are modified to have) a beveled edge on each side, they may remain.

Toilet Rooms

- 5.52 Where it is technically infeasible to comply with 5.211 through 5.266, the installation of at least one unisex toilet/bathroom per floor, located in the same area as existing toilet facilities, will be permitted in lieu of modifying existing toilet facilities to be accessible. Each unisex toilet room shall contain one water closet complying with 5.174 through 5.179 and one lavatory complying with 5.190 through 5.195, and the door shall have a privacy latch.
- 5.53 Where it is technically infeasible to install a required standard stall (Fig. F30(a)), or where other codes prohibit reduction of the fixture count (i.e., removal of a water closet in order to create a double-wide stall), either alternate stall (Fig. F30(b)) may be provided in lieu of the standard stall.
- 5.54 When existing toilet or bathing facilities are being altered and are not made accessible, provide signage which indicates the location of the nearest accessible toilet or bathing facility within the facility as required in 5.254, 5.255, 5.256, 5.258, and 5.260 through 5.263.

Assembly Areas

- 5.55 Where it is technically infeasible to disperse accessible seating throughout an altered assembly area, accessible seating areas may be clustered. Each accessible seating area shall have provisions for companion seating and shall be located on an accessible route that also serves as a means of emergency egress.
- 5.56 Where it is technically infeasible to alter all performing areas to be on an accessible route, at least one of each type of performing area shall be made accessible.

Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts)

- 5.57 In alterations, platform lifts (wheelchair lifts) complying with 5.151 through 5.153 and applicable state or local codes may be used as part of an accessible route. The use of lifts is not limited to the four conditions in **EXCEPTION 4** of 5.13.

Dressing Rooms

- 5.58 In alterations where technical infeasibility can be demonstrated, one dressing room for each sex on each level shall be made accessible. Where only unisex dressing rooms are provided, accessible unisex dressing rooms may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Accessible Buildings: Historic Preservation

Applicability

General Rule

- 5.59 Alterations to a qualified historic building or facility shall comply with 5.43 through 5.58, Accessible Buildings: Alterations, and the applicable technical specifications of 5.71 through 5.295, unless it is determined in accordance with the procedures in 5.61 through 5.65 that compliance with the requirements for accessible routes (exterior and interior), ramps, entrances, or toilets would threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility in which case the alternative requirements in 5.66 through 5.70 may be used for the feature.

EXCEPTION: ***Reserved: Congress has not yet issued an exception to this specification.***

Definition

- 5.60 A qualified historic building or facility is a building or facility that is:
- Listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
 - Designated as historic under an appropriate state or local law.

Procedures

Alterations to Qualified Historic Buildings and Facilities Subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

- 5.61 SECTION 106 PROCESS: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 f) requires that a Federal agency with jurisdiction over a Federal, federally assisted, or federally licensed undertaking consider the effects of the agency's undertaking on buildings and facilities listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and give the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on the undertaking prior to approval of the undertaking.
- 5.62 ADA APPLICATION: Where alterations are undertaken to a qualified historic building or facility that is subject to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Federal agency with jurisdiction over the undertaking shall follow the section 106 process. If the State Historic Preservation Officer or Advisory Council on Historic Preservation agrees that compliance with the requirements for accessible routes (exterior and

interior), ramps, entrances, or toilets would threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility, the alternative requirements in 5.66 through 5.70 may be used for the feature.

Alterations to Qualified Historic Buildings and Facilities Not Subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

- 5.63 Where alterations are undertaken to a qualified historic building or facility that is not subject to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, if the entity undertaking the alterations believes that compliance with the requirements for accessible routes (exterior and interior), ramps, entrances, or toilets would threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility and that the alternative requirements in 5.66 through 5.70 should be used for the feature, the entity should consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer. If the State Historic Preservation Officer agrees that compliance with the accessibility requirements for accessible routes (exterior and interior), ramps, entrances or toilets would threaten or destroy the historical significance of the building or facility, the alternative requirements in 5.66 through 5.70 may be used.

Consultation with Interested Persons

- 5.64 Interested persons, including State or local accessibility officials; individuals with disabilities; and organizations representing individuals with disabilities, should be invited to participate in the consultation process.

Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Programs

- 5.65 Where the State Historic Preservation Officer has delegated the consultation responsibility for purposes of this section to a local government historic preservation program that has been certified in accordance with section 101(c) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470a (c)) and is implementing regulations (36 CFR 61.5), the responsibility may be carried out by the appropriate local government body or official.

Historic Preservation: Minimum Requirements

- 5.66 At least one accessible route complying with 5.79 through 5.96 from a site access point to an accessible entrance shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: A ramp with a slope no greater than 1:6 for a run not to exceed 2 feet (610 mm) may be used as part of an accessible route to an entrance.

- 5.67 At least one accessible entrance which is used by the public and complies with 5.167 and 5.168 shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: If it is determined that no entrance used by the public can comply with 5.167

and 5.168, then access at any entrance not used by the general public but open (unlocked) with directional signage at the primary entrance may be used. The accessible entrance shall also have a notification system. Where security is a problem, remote monitoring may be used.

- 5.68 If toilets are provided, then at least one toilet facility complying with 5.43 through 5.58 and 5.211 through 5.217 shall be provided along an accessible route that complies with 5.79 through 5.96. Such a toilet facility may be unisex in design.
- 5.69 Accessible routes from an accessible entrance to all publicly used spaces on at least the level of the accessible entrance shall be provided. Access shall be provided to all levels of a building or facility in compliance with 5.01 through 5.70, whenever practical.
- 5.70 Locate displays, written information, and documents where a seated person can see them. Locate exhibits and signage which are displayed horizontally (i.e., open books) no higher than 44 inches (1120 mm) above the floor surface.

**NOTE:**

The technical provisions of sections 5.71 through 5.295 are the same as those of the American National Standard Institute's document A117.1-1980, except as noted in the text.

Space Allowance and Reach Ranges

Wheelchair Passage Width

- 5.71 The minimum clear width for single wheelchair passage shall be 32 inches (815 mm) at a point and 36 inches (915 mm) continuously (see Fig. F1 and F24(e)).

Width for Wheelchair Passing

- 5.72 The minimum width for two wheelchairs to pass is 60 inches (1525 mm) (see Fig. F2).

Wheelchair Turning Space

- 5.73 The space required for a wheelchair to make a 180-degree turn is a clear space of 60 inches (1525 mm) diameter (see Fig. F3(a)) or a T-shaped space (see Fig. F3(b)).

Clear Floor or Ground Space for Wheelchairs

Size and Approach

- 5.74 The minimum clear floor or ground space required to accommodate a single, stationary wheelchair and occupant is 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) (see Fig. F4(a)). The minimum clear floor or ground space for wheelchairs may be positioned for forward or parallel approach to an object (see Fig. F4(b) and F4(c)). Clear floor or ground space for wheelchairs may be part of the knee space required under some objects.

Relationship of Maneuvering Clearance to Wheelchair Spaces

- 5.75 One full unobstructed side of the clear floor or ground space for a wheelchair shall adjoin or overlap an accessible route or adjoin another wheelchair clear floor space. If a clear floor space is located in an alcove or otherwise confined on all or part of three sides, additional maneuvering clearances shall be provided as shown in Fig. F4(d) and F4(e).

Surfaces for Wheelchair Spaces

- 5.76 Clear floor or ground spaces for wheelchairs shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

Forward Reach

- 5.77 If the clear floor space only allows forward approach to an object, the maximum high forward reach allowed shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) (see Fig. F5(a)). The minimum low forward reach is 15 inches (380 mm). If the high forward reach is over an obstruction, reach and clearances shall be as shown in Fig. F5(b).

Side Reach

- 5.78 If the clear floor space allows parallel approach by a person in a wheelchair, the maximum high side reach allowed shall be 54 inches (1370 mm) and the low side reach shall be no less than 9 inches (230 mm) above the floor (Fig. F6(a) and F6(b)). If the side reach is over an obstruction, the reach and clearances shall be as shown in Fig. F6(c).

Accessible Route

General

- 5.79 All walks, halls, corridors, aisles, skywalks, tunnels, and other spaces that are part of an accessible route shall comply with 5.79 through 5.96.

***See Figures 1 and 2.**

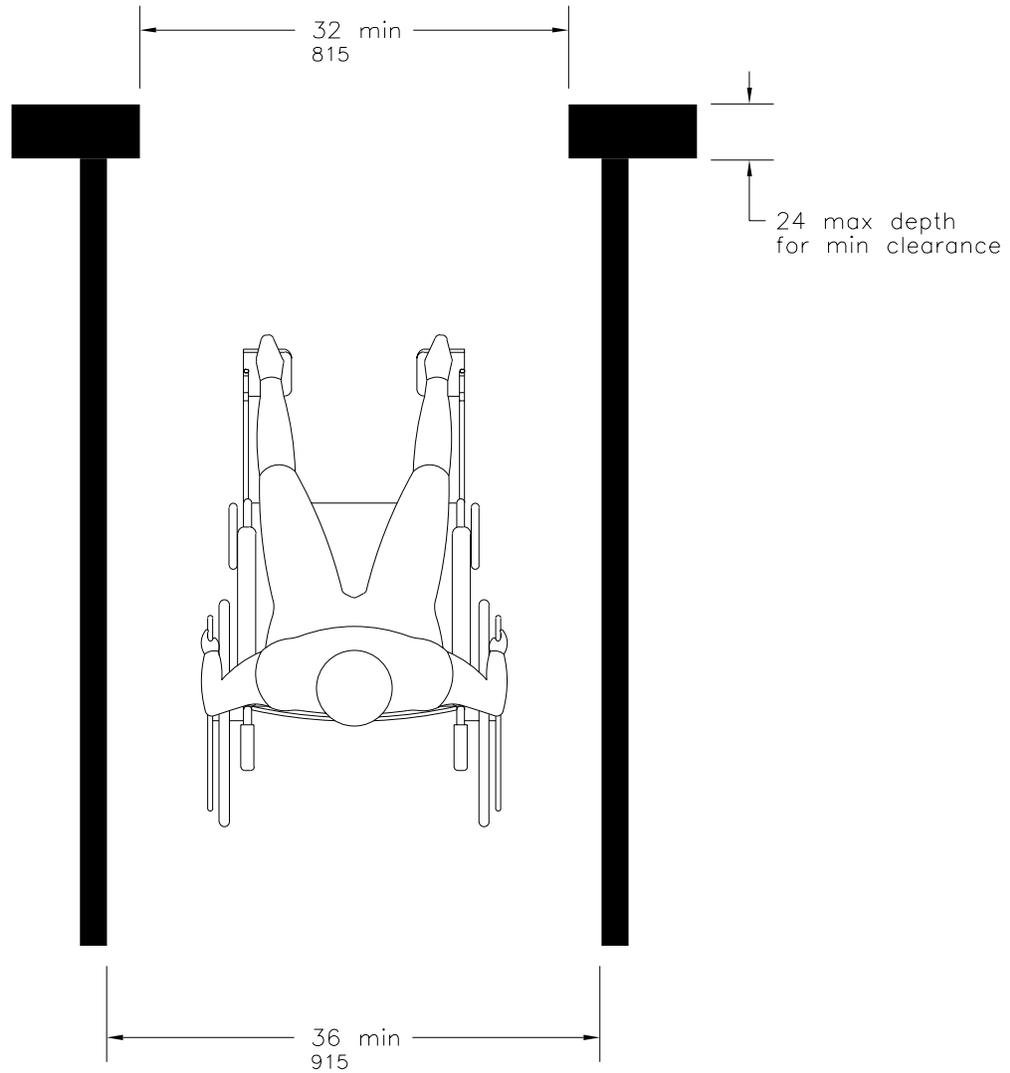


Figure 1. Minimum Clear Width for Single Wheelchair

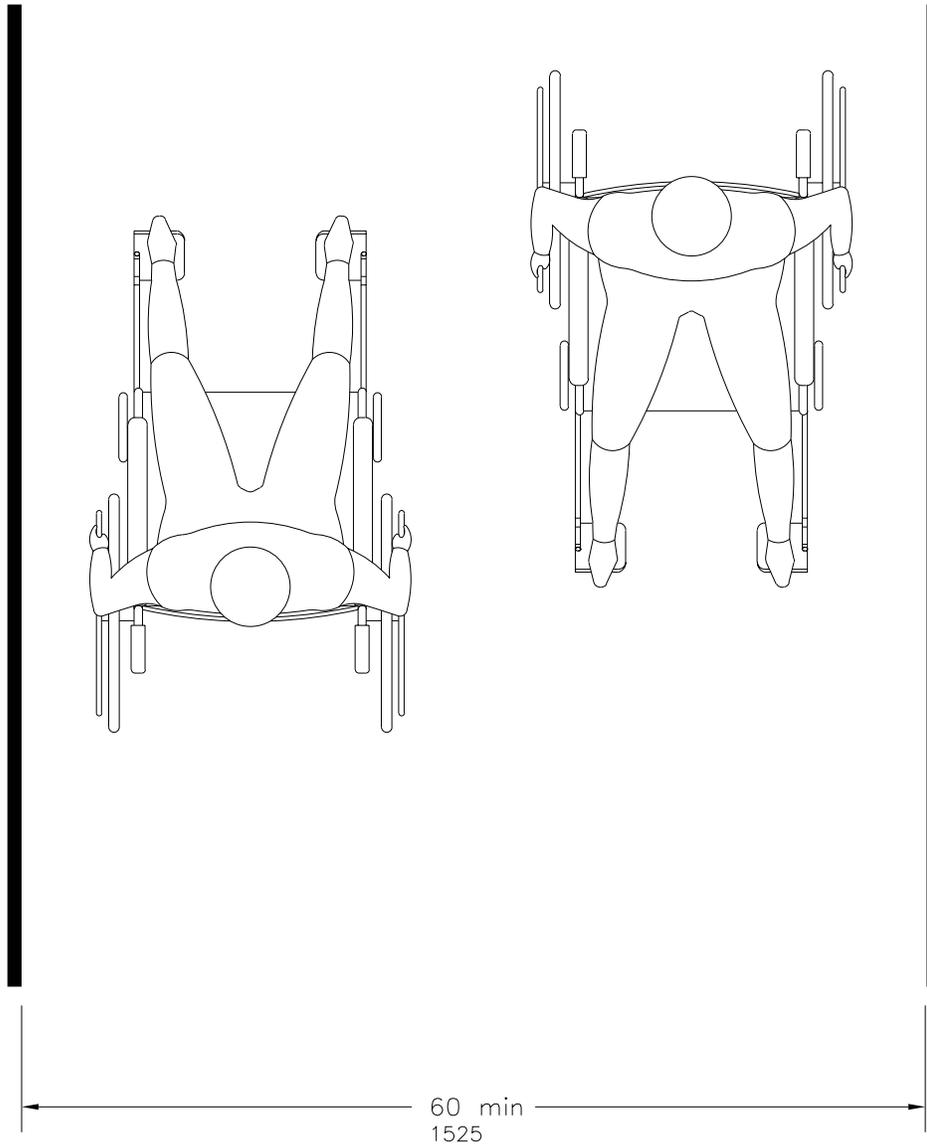


Figure 2. Minimum Clear Width for Two Wheelchairs

Location

5.80 At least one accessible route within the boundary of the site shall be pro-

vided from public transportation stops, accessible parking, accessible passenger loading zones, and public streets or sidewalks to the accessible building entrance they serve. The accessible route shall, to the maximum extent feasible, coincide with the route for the general public.

- 5.81 At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, facilities, elements, and spaces that are on the same site.
- 5.82 At least one accessible route shall connect accessible building or facility entrances with all accessible spaces and elements and with all accessible dwelling units within the building or facility.
- 5.83 An accessible route shall connect at least one accessible entrance of each accessible dwelling unit with those exterior and interior spaces and facilities that serve the accessible dwelling unit.

Width

- 5.84 The minimum clear width of an accessible route shall be 36 inches (915 mm) except at doors (see 5.158 and 5.159). If a person in a wheelchair must make a turn around an obstruction, the minimum clear width of the accessible route shall be as shown in Fig. F7(a) and F7(b).

Passing Space

- 5.85 If an accessible route has less than 60 inches (1525 mm) clear width, then passing spaces at least 60 inches by 60 inches (1525 mm by 1525 mm) shall be located at reasonable intervals not to exceed 200 feet (61 m). A T-intersection of two corridors or walks is an acceptable passing place.

Head Room

- 5.86 Accessible routes shall comply with 5.98.

Surface Textures

- 5.87 The surface of an accessible route shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

***See Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

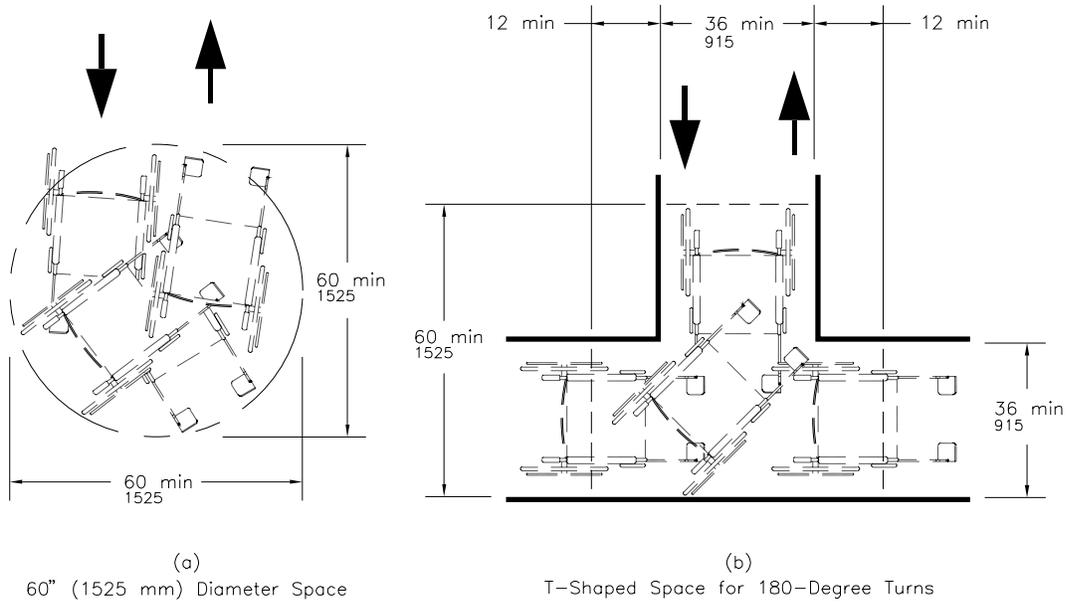


Figure 3. Wheelchair Turning Space

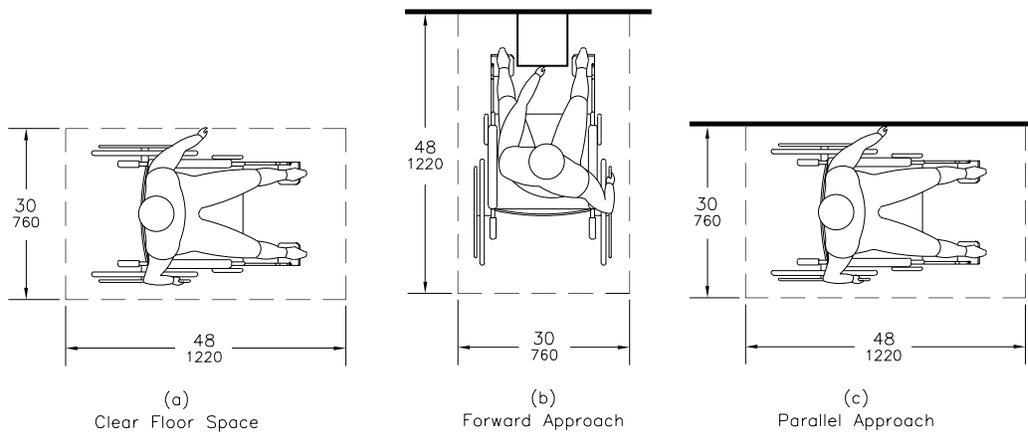
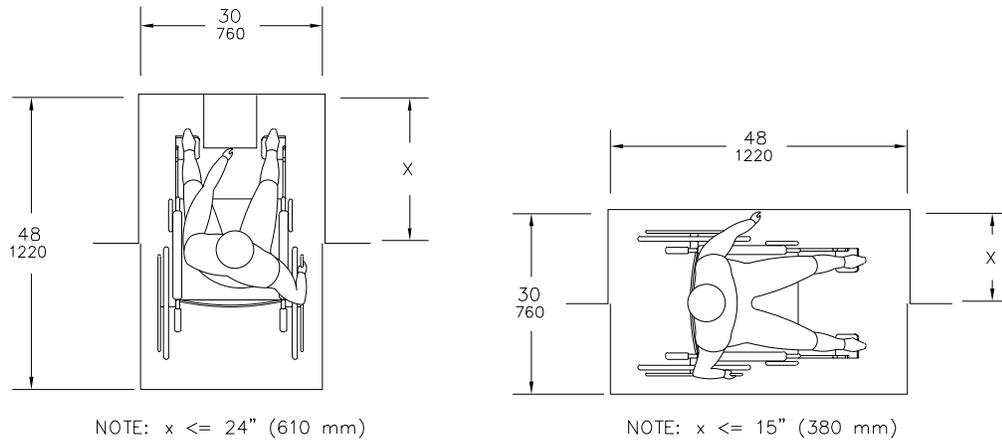
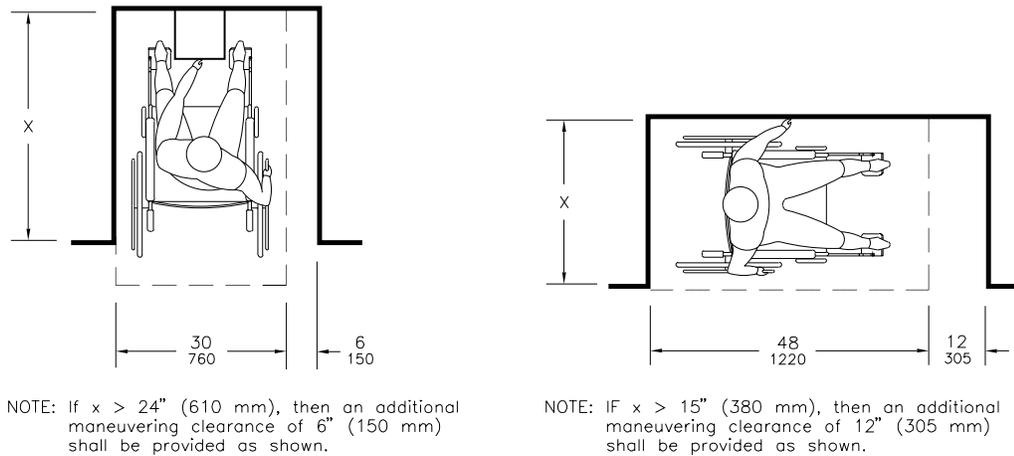


Figure 4. Minimum Clear Floor Space for Wheelchairs



(d)
Clear Floor Space in Alcoves

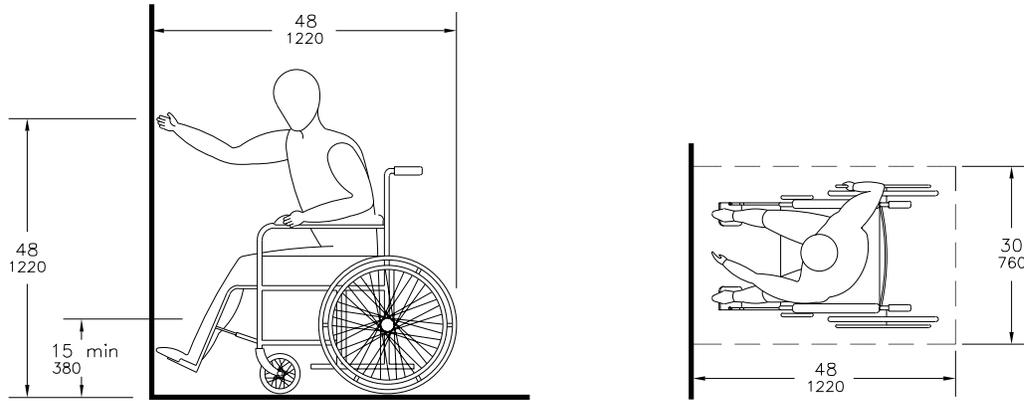
Figure 4 cont'd. Minimum Clear Floor Space for Wheelchairs



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Additional Maneuvering Clearances for Alcoves

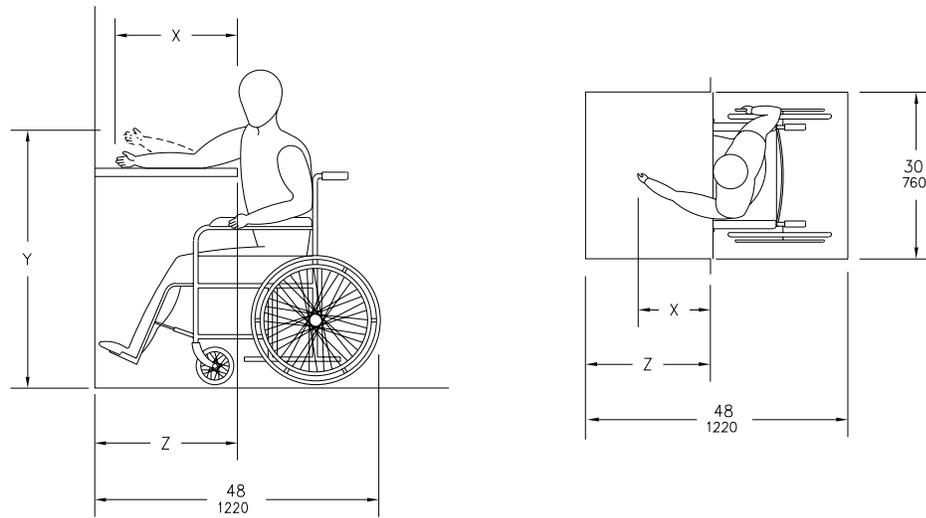
Figure 4 cont'd. Minimum Clear Floor Space for Wheelchairs

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(a)
High Forward Reach Limit

Figure 5. Forward Reach



NOTE: x shall be $\leq 25"$ (635 mm); z shall be $\geq x$. When $x < 20"$ (510 mm), then y shall be 48" (1220 mm) maximum. When x is 20 to 25" (510 to 635 mm), then y shall be 44" (1120 mm) maximum.

(b)
Maximum Forward Reach over an Obstruction

Figure 5 cont'd. Forward Reach

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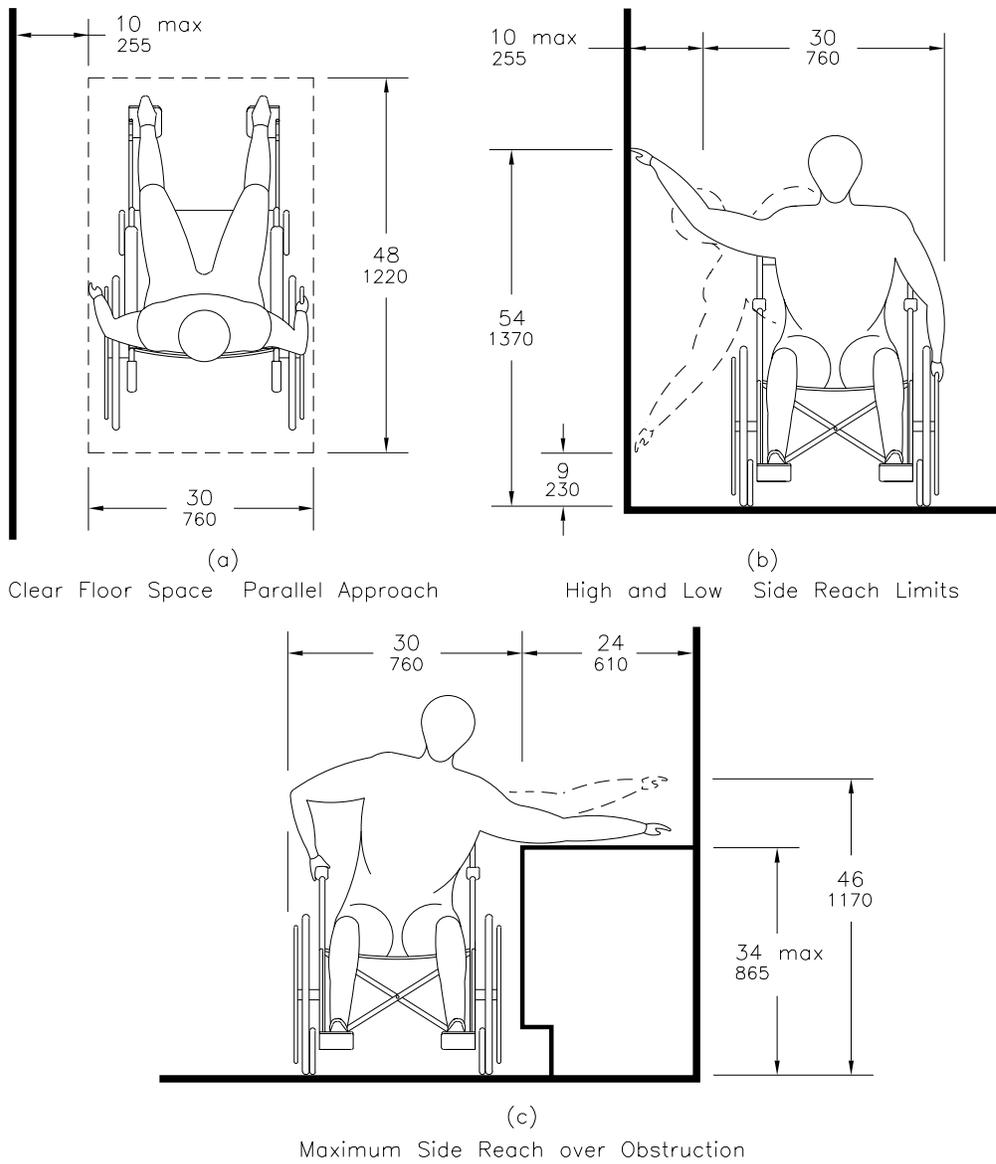


Figure 6. Side Reach

Slope

- 5.88 An accessible route with a running slope greater than 1:20 is a ramp and shall comply with 5.120 through 5.127. Nowhere shall the cross slope of an accessible route exceed 1:50.

Changes in Levels

- 5.89 Changes in levels along an accessible route shall comply with 5.100. If an accessible route has changes in level greater than 1/2 inches (13 mm), then provide either a curb ramp elevator or a platform lift (as permitted in 5.13 through 5.41 and 5.43 through 5.58) that complies with 5.109 through 5.127 or 5.133 through 5.153. An accessible route does not include stairs, steps, or escalators.

Doors

- 5.90 Doors along an accessible route shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166.

***See Figure 7.**

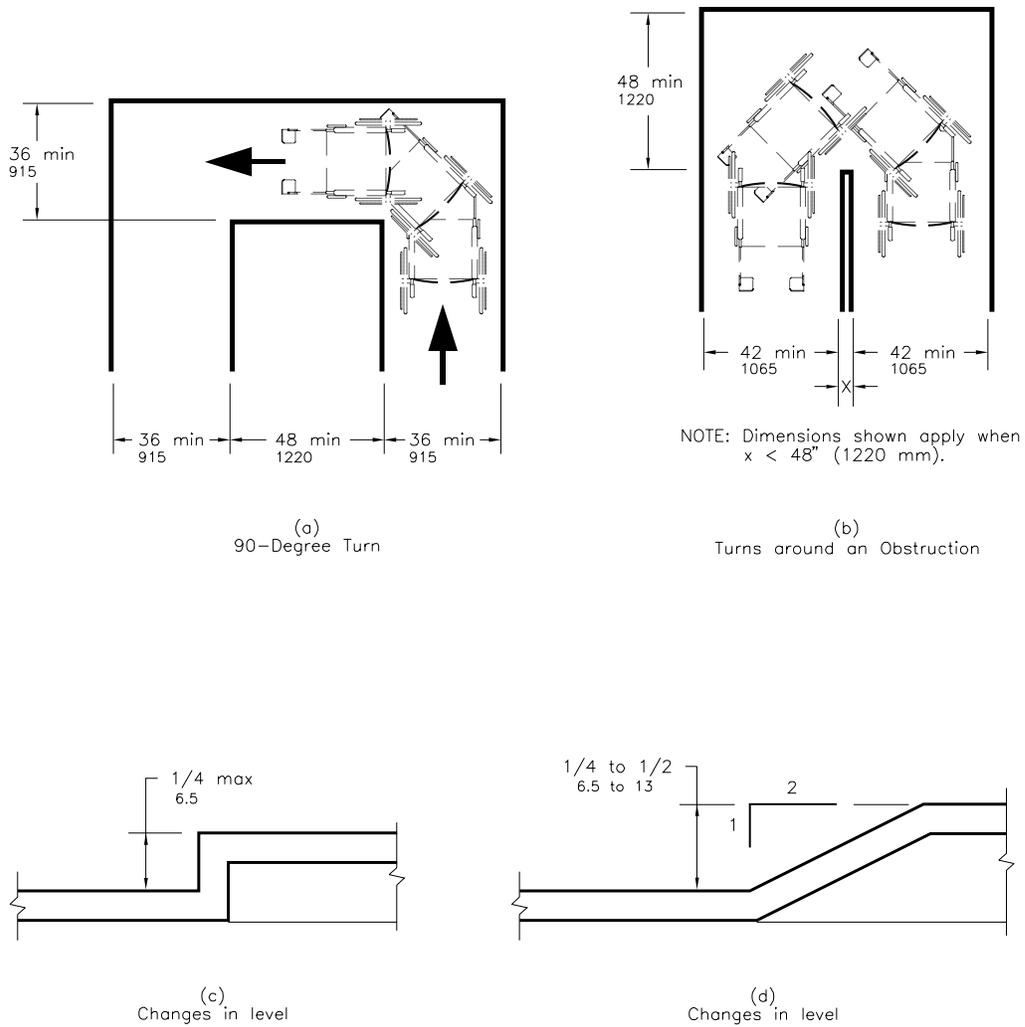


Figure 7. Accessible Route

Egress

- 5.91 Accessible routes serving any accessible space or element shall also serve as a means of egress for emergencies or connect to an accessible area of rescue assistance.

Areas of Rescue Assistance

Location and Construction

5.92 An area of rescue assistance shall be one of the following:

1. A portion of a stairway landing within a smokeproof enclosure (complying with local requirements).
2. A portion of an exterior exit balcony located immediately adjacent to an exit stairway when the balcony complies with local requirements for exterior exit balconies. Openings to the interior of the building located within 20 feet (6 m) of the area of rescue assistance shall be protected with fire assemblies having a three-fourths hour fire protection rating.
3. A portion of a one-hour fire-resistive corridor (complying with local requirements for fire-resistive construction and for openings) located immediately adjacent to an exit enclosure.
4. A vestibule located immediately adjacent to an exit enclosure and constructed to the same fire-resistive standards as required for corridors and openings.
5. A portion of a stairway landing within an exit enclosure which is vented to the exterior and is separated from the interior of the building with not less than one-hour fire-resistive doors.
6. When approved by the appropriate local authority, an area or a room which is separated from other portions of the building by a smoke barrier. Smoke barriers shall have a fire-resistive rating of not less than one hour and shall completely enclose the area or room. Doors in the smoke barrier shall be tight-fitting smoke- and draft-control assemblies having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes and shall be self-closing or automatic closing. The area or room shall be provided with an exit directly to an exit enclosure. Where the room or area exits into an exit enclosure which is required to be more than one-hour fire-resistive construction, the room or area shall have the same fire-resistive construction, including the same opening protection, as required for the adjacent exit enclosure.
7. An elevator lobby when elevator shafts and adjacent lobbies are pressurized as required for smokeproof enclosures by local regulations and when complying with requirements herein for size, communication, and signage. Such a pressurization system shall be activated by smoke detectors on each floor located in a manner approved by the appropriate local authority. Pressurization equipment and its duct work within the building shall be separated from other portions of the building by a minimum two-hour fire-resistive construction.

Size

- 5.93 Each area of rescue assistance shall provide at least two accessible areas each being not less than 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm). The area of rescue assistance shall not encroach on any required exit width. The total number of such 30-inch by 48-inch (760 mm by 1220 mm) areas per story shall be not less than one for every 200 persons of calculated occupant load served by the area of rescue assistance.

EXCEPTION: The appropriate local authority may reduce the minimum number of 30-inch by 48-inch (760 mm by 1220 mm) areas to one for each area of rescue assistance on floors where the occupant load is less than 200.

Stairway Width

- 5.94 Each stairway adjacent to an area of rescue assistance shall have a minimum clear width of 48 inches between handrails.

Two-way Communication

- 5.95 Provide a method of two-way communication, with both visible and audible signals, between each area of rescue assistance and the primary entry. The fire department or appropriate local authority may approve a location other than the primary entry.

Identification

- 5.96 Each area of rescue assistance shall be identified by a sign which states "AREA OF RESCUE ASSISTANCE" and displays the international symbol of accessibility. The sign shall be illuminated when exit sign illumination is required. Signage shall also be installed at all inaccessible exits and where otherwise necessary to clearly indicate the direction to areas of rescue assistance. In each area of rescue assistance, instructions on the use of the area under emergency conditions shall be posted adjoining the two-way communication system.

Protruding Objects

General

- 5.97 Objects projecting from walls (for example, telephones) which have leading edges between 27 inches and 80 inches (685 mm and 2030 mm) above the finished floor shall protrude no more than 4 inches (100 mm) into walks, halls, corridors, passageways, or aisles (see Fig. F8(a)). Objects mounted with their leading edges at or below 27 inches (685 mm)

above the finished floor may protrude any amount (see Fig. F8(a) and F8(b)). Freestanding objects mounted on posts or pylons may overhang 12 inches (305 mm) maximum from 27 inches to 80 inches (685 mm to 2030 mm) above the ground or finished floor (see Fig. F8(c) and F8(d)). Protruding objects shall not reduce the clear width of an accessible route or maneuvering space (see Fig. F8(e)).

***See Figures 8a and 8b.**

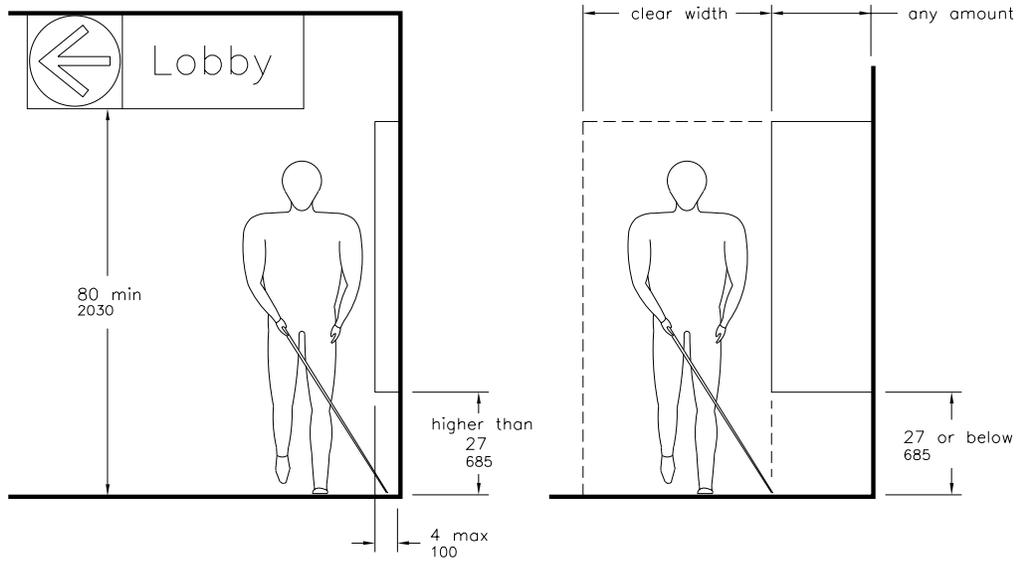


Fig. 8 (a)
Walking Parallel to a Wall

Figure 8. Protruding Objects

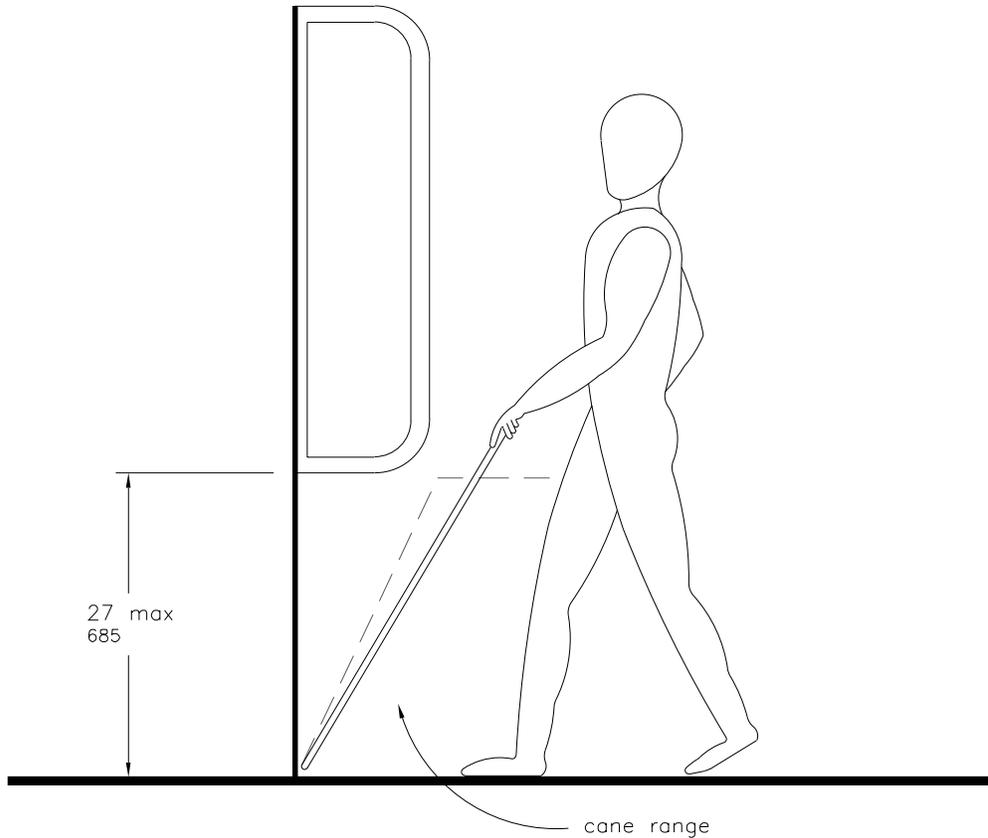


Fig. 8 (b)
Walking Perpendicular to a Wall

Figure 8 cont'd. Protruding Objects

Head Room

- 5.98 Walks, halls, corridors, passageways, aisles, or the circulation spaces shall have 80 inches (2030 mm) minimum clear head room (see Fig. F8(a)). If vertical clearance of an area adjoining an accessible route is reduced to less than 80 inches (nominal dimension), a barrier to warn blind or visually-impaired persons shall be provided (see Fig. F8(c-1)).

Ground and Floor Surfaces

General

- 5.99 Ground and floor surfaces along accessible routes and in accessible rooms and spaces, including floors; walks; ramps; stairs; and curb ramps, shall be stable, firm, slip-resistant, and shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

Changes in Level

- 5.100 Changes in level up to 1/4 inches (6 mm) may be vertical and without edge treatment (see Fig. F7(c)). Changes in level between 1/4 inches and 1/2 inches (6 mm and 13 mm) shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2 (see Fig. F7(d)). Changes in level greater than 1/2 inches (13 mm) shall be accomplished by means of a ramp that complies with 5.109 through 5.127.

***See Figures 8c, 8d, and 8e**

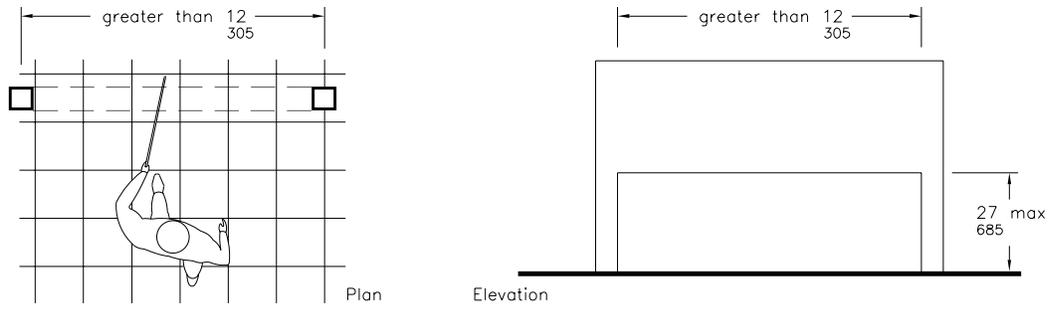


Fig , 8 (c) Free-Standing Overhanging Objects

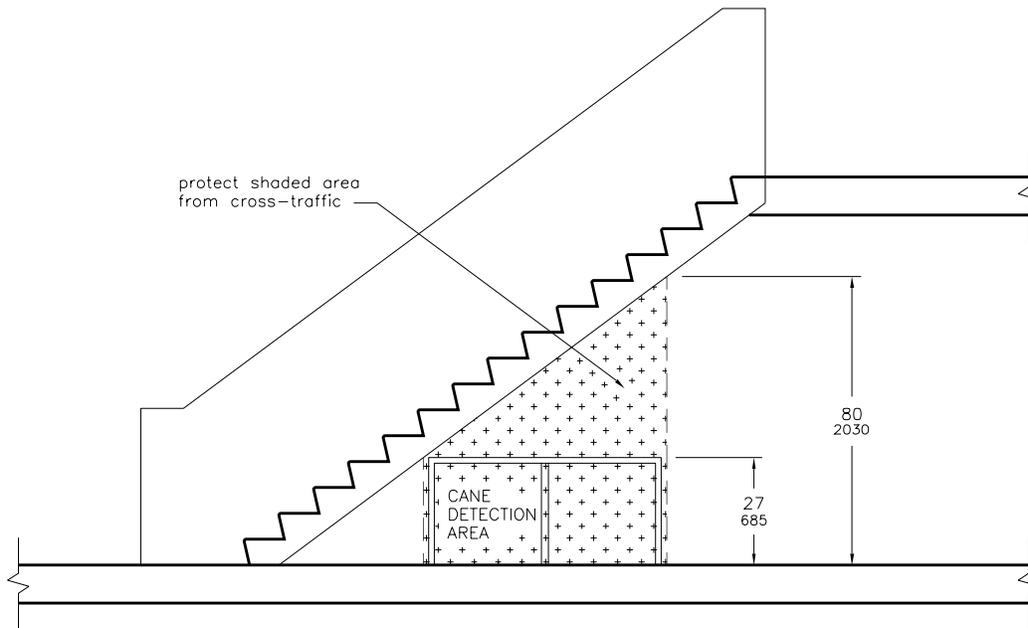


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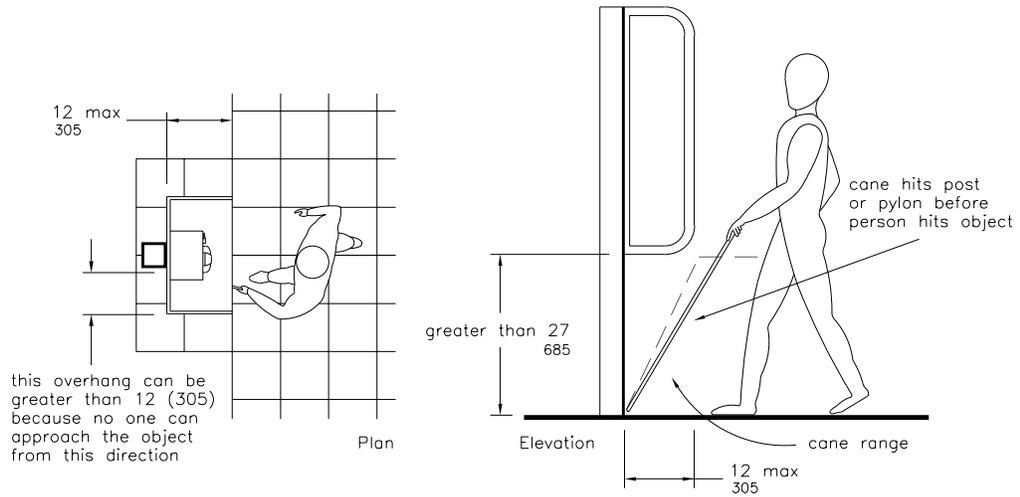


Fig. 8 (d)
Objects Mounted on Posts or Pylons

Figure 8d. Protruding Objects

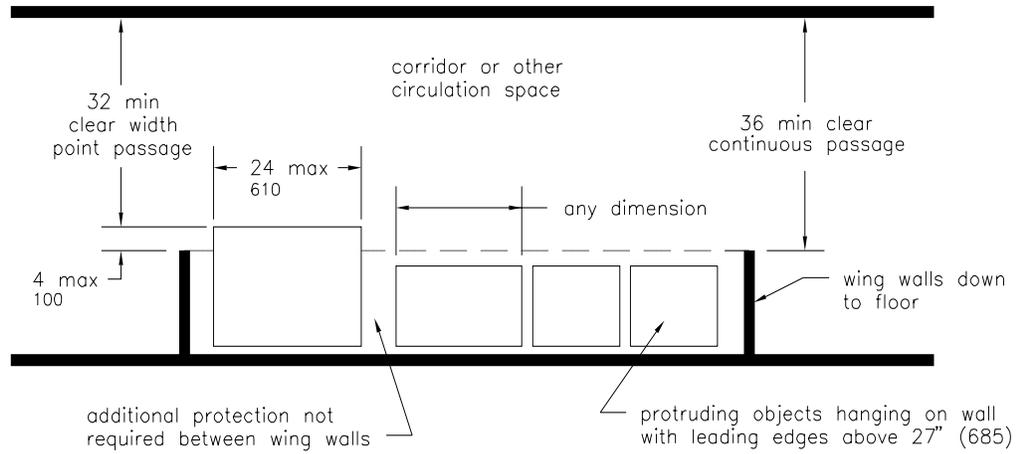


FIG. 8 (e)

Example of Protection around Wall-Mounted Objects and Measurements of Clear Widths

Figure 8 cont'd. Protruding Objects

Carpet

- 5.101 If carpet or carpet tile is used on a ground or floor surface, then it shall be securely attached; have a firm cushion, pad, or backing, or no cushion or pad; and have a level loop, textured loop, level cut pile, or level cut/uncut pile texture. The maximum pile thickness shall be 1/2 inches (13 mm) (see Fig. F8(f)). Exposed edges of carpet shall be fastened to floor surfaces and have trim along the entire length of the exposed edge. Carpet edge trim shall comply with 5.100.

Gratings

- 5.102 If gratings are located in walking surfaces, then they shall have spaces no greater than 1/2 inches (13 mm) wide in one direction (see Fig. F8(g)). If gratings have elongated openings, then they shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel (see Fig. F8(h)).

Parking and Passenger Loading Zones

*See Figures 8f, 8g, and 8h.

Minimum Number

- 5.103 Parking spaces required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.104 through 5.107. Passenger loading zones required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.107 and 5.108.

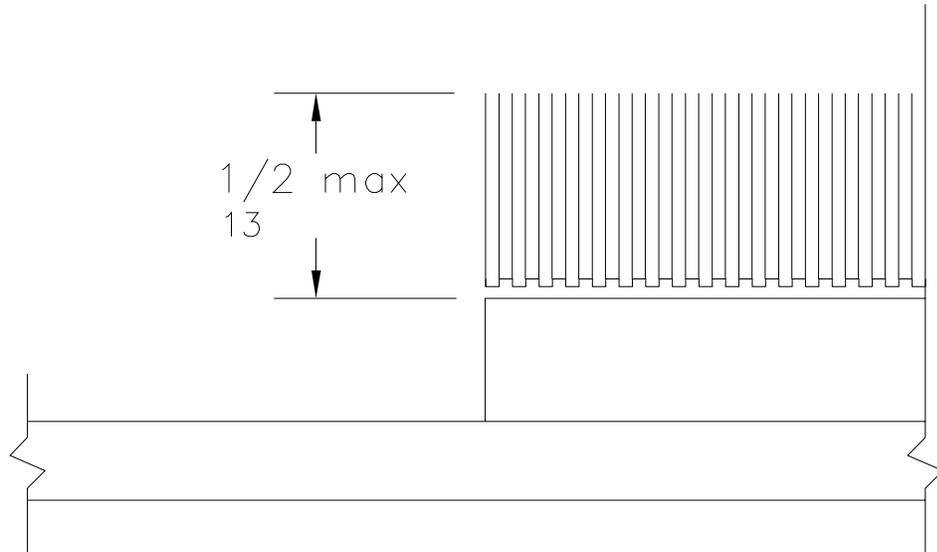


FIG. 8 (f)
Carpet Pile Thickness

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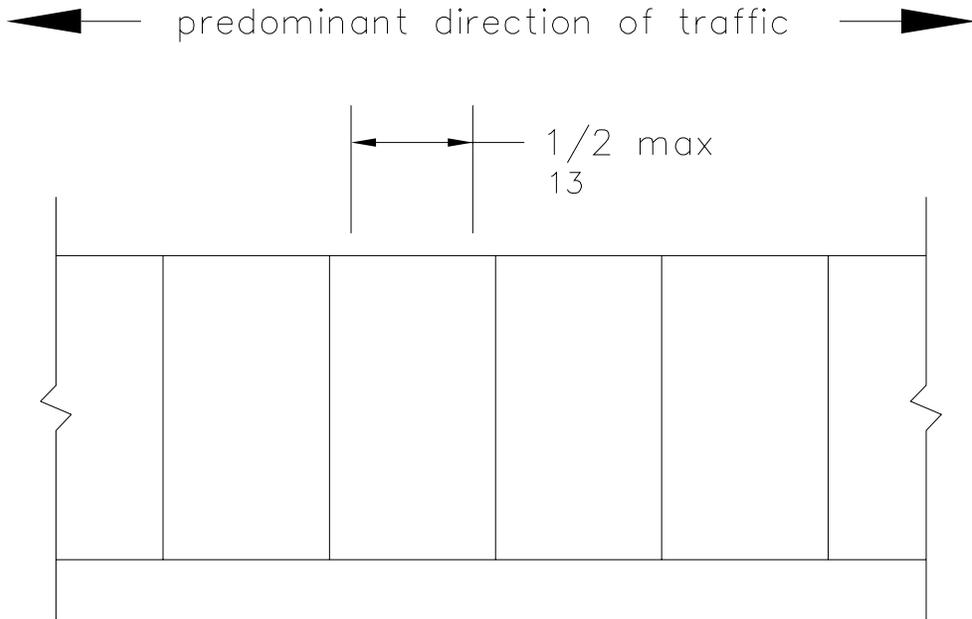


FIG. 8 (g)
Gratings

Figure 8 cont'd. Protruding Objects

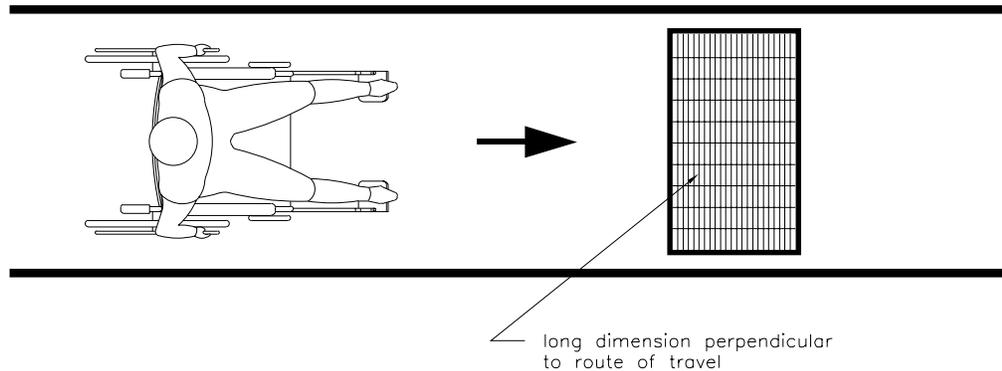


FIG. 8 (h)
Grating Orientation

Figure 8 cont'd. Protruding Objects

Location

- 5.104 Accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility. In buildings with multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

Parking Spaces

- 5.105 Accessible parking spaces shall be at least 96 inches (2440 mm) wide. Parking access aisles shall be part of an accessible route to the building or facility entrance and shall comply with 5.79 through 5.96. Two accessible parking spaces may share a common access aisle (see Fig. F9). Parked vehicle overhangs shall not reduce the clear width of an accessible route. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be level with surface slopes not exceeding 1:50 (2%) in all directions.

Signage

- 5.106 Accessible parking spaces shall be designated as reserved by a sign showing the symbol of accessibility (see 5.260 through 5.263). Spaces

complying with 5.09 shall have an additional sign "Van-Accessible" mounted below the symbol of accessibility. Such signs shall be located so they cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space.

Vertical Clearance

- 5.107 Provide minimum vertical clearance of 114 inches (2895 mm) at accessible passenger loading zones and along at least one vehicle access route to such areas from site entrance(s) and exit(s). At parking spaces complying with 5.09, provide minimum vertical clearance of 98 inches (2490 mm) at the parking space and along at least one vehicle access route to such spaces from the site entrance(s) and exit(s).

Passenger Loading Zones

- 5.108 Passenger loading zones shall provide an access aisle at least 60 inches (1525 mm) wide and 20 feet (240 inches or 6100 mm) long adjacent and parallel to the vehicle pull-up space (see Fig. F10). If there are curbs between the access aisle and the vehicle pull-up space, then a curb ramp complying with 5.109 through 5.119 shall be provided. Vehicle standing spaces and access aisles shall be level with surface slopes not exceeding 1:50 (2%) in all directions.

***See Figure 9.**

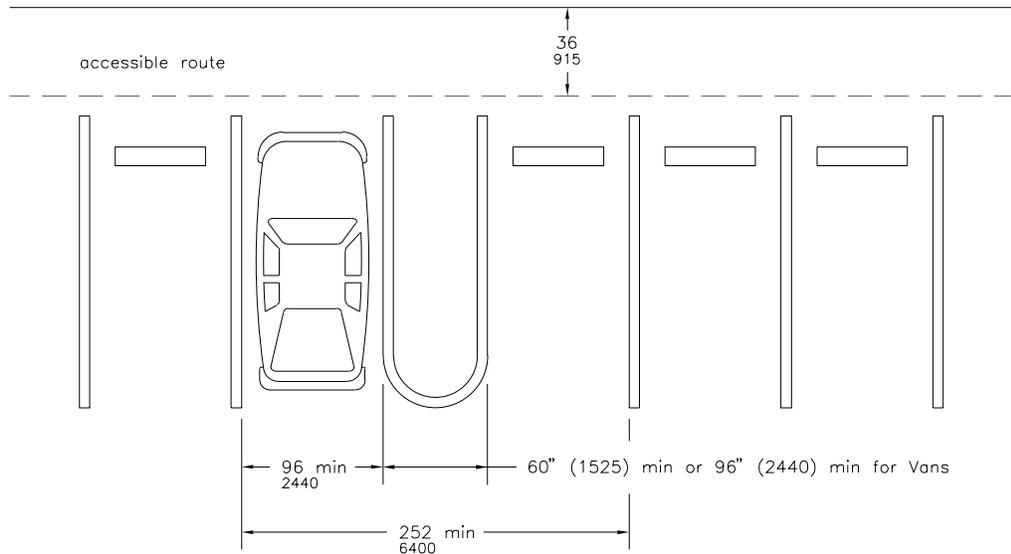


Figure 9. Dimensions of Parking Spaces

Curb Ramps

Location

- 5.109 Curb ramps complying with 5.109 through 5.119 shall be provided wherever an accessible route crosses a curb.

Slope

- 5.110 Slopes of curb ramps shall comply with 5.121. The slope shall be measured as shown in Fig. F11. Transitions from ramps to walks, gutters, or streets shall be flush and free of abrupt changes. Maximum slopes of adjoining gutters, road surface immediately adjacent to the curb ramp, or accessible route shall not exceed 1:20.

Width

- 5.111 The minimum width of a curb ramp shall be 36 in (915 mm), exclusive of flared sides.

Surface

- 5.112 Surfaces of curb ramps shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

Sides of Curb Ramps

- 5.113 If a curb ramp is located where pedestrians must walk across the ramp, or where it is not protected by handrails or guardrails, it shall have flared sides. The maximum slope of the flare shall be 1:10 (see Fig. F12(a)). Curb ramps with returned curbs may be used where pedestrians would not normally walk across the ramp (see Fig. F12(b)).

Built-up Curb Ramps

- 5.114 Built-up curb ramps shall be located so that they do not project into vehicular traffic lanes (see Fig. F13).

Detectable Warnings

- 5.115 A curb ramp shall have a detectable warning complying with 5.251. The detectable warning shall extend the full width and depth of the curb ramp.

Obstructions

- 5.116 Curb ramps shall be located or protected to prevent their obstruction by parked vehicles.

Location at Marked Crossings

- 5.117 Curb ramps at marked crossings shall be wholly contained within the markings, excluding any flared sides (see Fig. F15).

Diagonal Curb Ramps

- 5.118 If diagonal (or corner type) curb ramps have returned curbs or other well-defined edges, such edges shall be parallel to the direction of pedestrian flow. The bottom of diagonal curb ramps shall have 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum clear space as shown in Fig. F15(c) and F15(d). If diagonal curb ramps are provided at marked crossings, the 48 inches (1220 mm) clear space shall be within the markings (see Fig. F15(c) and F15(d)). If diagonal curb ramps have flared sides, they shall also have at least a 24 inch (610 mm) long segment of straight curb located on each side of the curb ramp and within the marked crossing (see Fig. F15(c)).

*See Figures 10, 11 and 12.

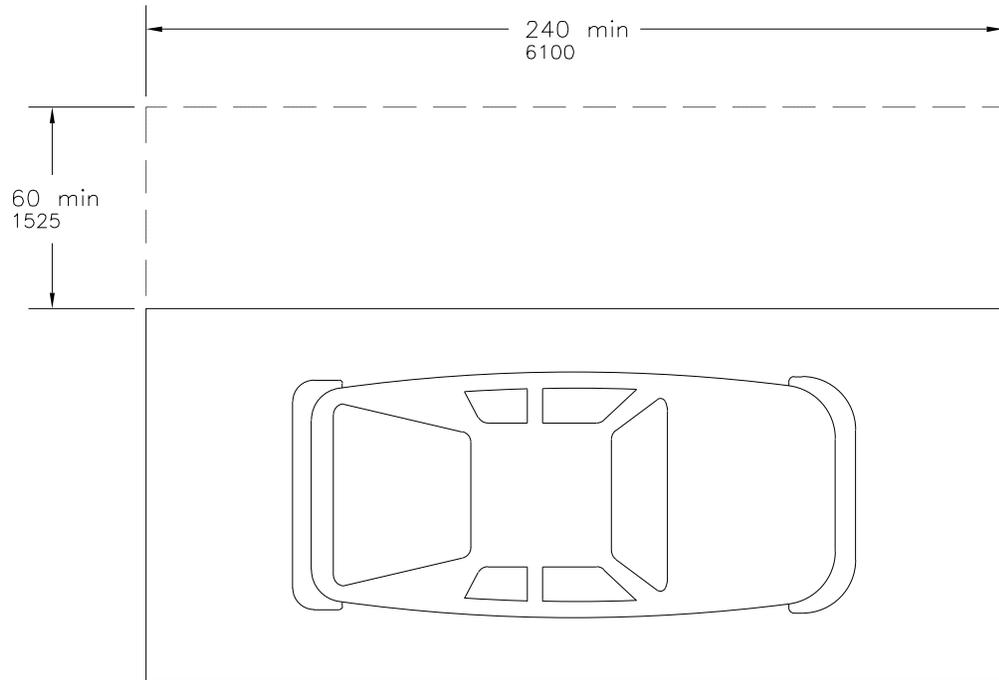


Figure 10. Dimensions of Parking Spaces

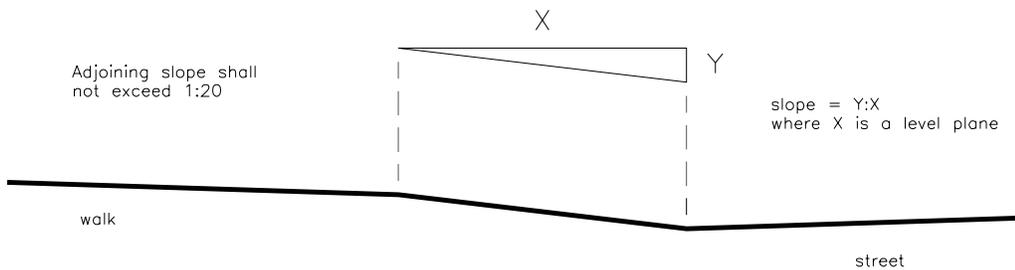


Figure 11. Measurement of Curb Ramp Slopes

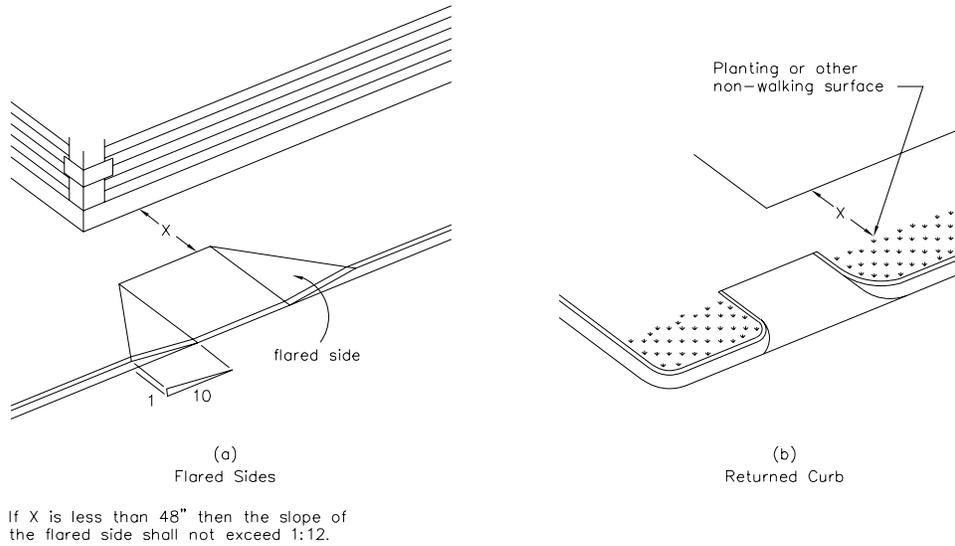


Figure 12. Side of Curb Ramps

Islands

- 5.119 Any raised islands in crossings shall be cut through level with the street or have curb ramps at both sides and a level area at least 48 inches (1220 mm) long between the curb ramps in the part of the island intersected by the crossings (see Fig. F15(a) and F15(b)).

Ramps

General

- 5.120 Any part of an accessible route with a slope greater than 1:20 shall be considered a ramp and shall comply with 5.120 through 5.127.

Slope and Rise

- 5.121 The least possible slope shall be used for any ramp. The maximum slope of a ramp in new construction shall be 1:12. The maximum rise for any run shall be 30 inches (760 mm) - see Figure 16. Curb ramps and ramps

to be constructed on existing sites or in existing buildings or facilities may have slopes and rises as allowed in 5.45 through 5.58 if space limitations prohibit the use of a 1:12 slope or less.

Clear Width

- 5.122 The minimum clear width of a ramp shall be 36 inches (915 mm).

Landings

- 5.123 Ramps shall have a level landing at the bottom and top of each ramp and each ramp run. Landings shall have the following features:
1. The landing shall be at least as wide as the ramp run leading to it.
 2. The landing length shall be a minimum of 60 inches (1525 mm clear).
 3. If ramps change direction at landings, the minimum landing size shall be 60 inches (1525 mm by 1525 mm).
 4. If a doorway is located at a landing, then the area in front of the doorway shall comply with 5.159.

Handrails

- 5.124 If a ramp run has a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) or a horizontal projection greater than 72 inches (1830 mm), then it shall have handrails on both sides. Handrails are not required on curb ramps or adjacent to seating in assembly areas. Handrails shall comply with 5.238 through 5.241 and shall have the following features:
1. Handrails shall be provided along both sides of ramp segments. The inside handrail on switchback or dogleg ramps shall always be continuous.
 2. If handrails are not continuous, they shall extend at least 12 inches (305 mm) beyond the top and bottom of the ramp segment and shall be parallel with the floor or ground surface (see figure 17).
 3. The clear space between the handrail and the wall shall be 1-1/2 inches (38 mm).
 4. Gripping surfaces shall be continuous.
 5. Top of handrail gripping surfaces shall be mounted between 3 and 4 inches above ramp surfaces.
 6. Ends of handrails shall be either rounded or returned smoothly to the floor, wall, or post.

7. Handrails shall not rotate within their fittings.

Cross Slope and Surfaces

5.125 The cross slope of ramp surfaces shall be no greater than 1:50. Ramp surfaces shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

Edge Protection

5.126 Ramps and landing with drop-offs shall have curbs, walls, railings or projecting surfaces that prevent people from slipping off the ramp. Curbs shall be a minimum of 2 inches (50 mm) high (see Fig. 17).

Outdoor Conditions

5.127 Outdoor ramps and their approaches shall be designed so that water will not accumulate on walking surfaces.

Stairs

Minimum Number

5.128 Stairs required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with the specifications in this section, **Stairs**.

Treads and Risers

5.129 On any given flight of stairs, all steps shall have uniform riser heights and uniform tread widths. Stair treads shall be no less than 11 inches (280 mm) wide, measured from riser to riser (see Fig. F18(a)). Open risers are not permitted.

***See Figures 13, 14 and 15.**

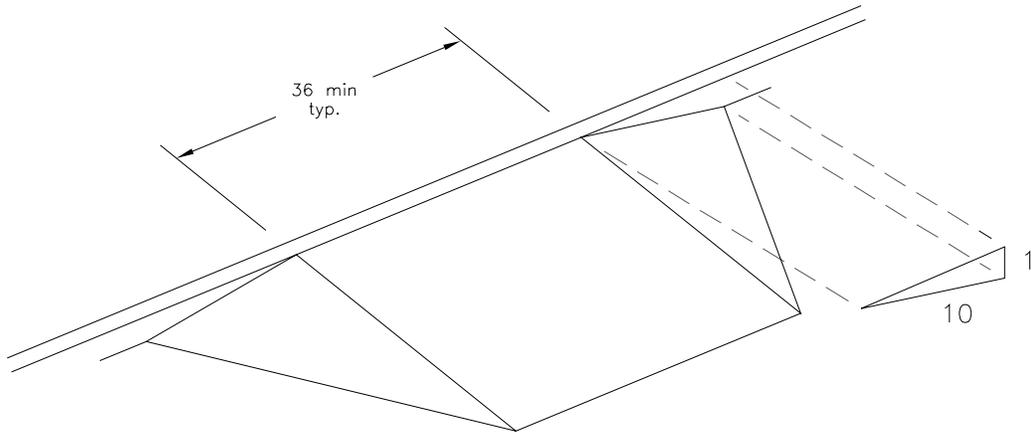


Figure 13. Built-up Curb Ramp

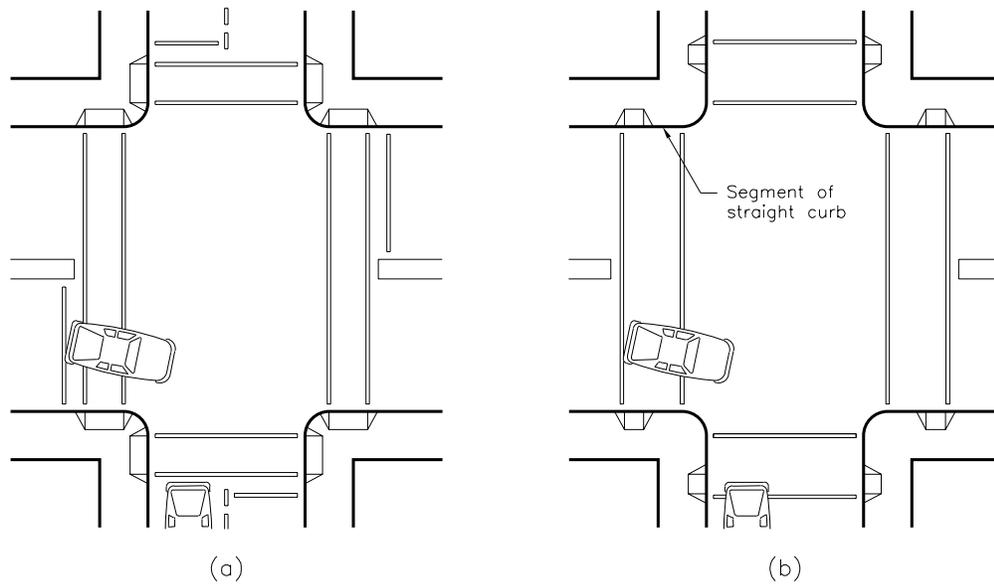


Figure 14. Curb Ramps at Marked Crossings

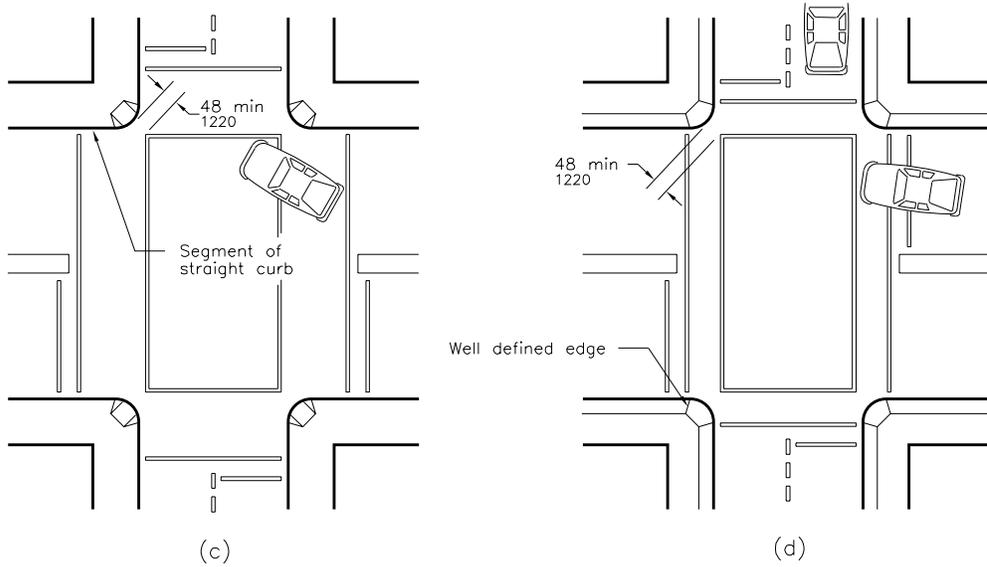
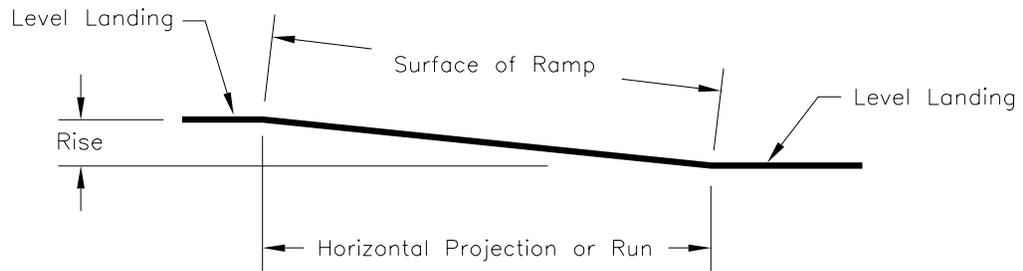


Figure 14 cont'd. Curb Ramps at Marked Crossings



Slope	Maximum Rise		Maximum Horizontal Projection	
	in	mm	ft	m
1:12 to < 1:16	30	760	30	9
1:16 to < 1:20	30	760	40	12

Figure 15. Components of a Single Ramp Run and Sample Ramp Dimensions

Nosings

5.130 The undersides of nosings shall not be abrupt. The radius of curvature at the leading edge of the tread shall be no greater than 1/2 inches (13 mm). Risers shall be sloped or the underside of the nosing shall have an angle not less than 60 degrees from the horizontal. Nosings shall project no more than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) (see Fig. F18).

Handrails

5.131 Stairways shall have handrails at both sides of all stairs. Handrails shall comply with 5.238 through 5.241 and shall have the following features:

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1. Handrails shall be continuous along both sides of stairs. The inside handrail on switchback or dogleg stairs shall always be continuous (see Fig. F19(a) and F19(b)).
2. If handrails are not continuous, they shall extend at least 12 inches (305 mm) beyond the top riser and at least 12 inches (305 mm) plus the width of one tread beyond the bottom riser. At the top, the extension shall be parallel with the floor or ground surface. At the bottom, the handrail shall continue to slope for a distance of the width of one tread from the bottom riser; the remainder of the extension shall be horizontal (see Fig. F19(c) and F19(d)). Handrail extensions shall comply with 5.97 and 5.98.
3. The clear space between handrails and wall shall be 1-1/2 inches (38 mm).
4. Gripping surfaces shall not be interrupted by newel posts, other construction elements, or obstructions.
5. Top of handrail gripping surface shall be mounted between 34 inches and 38 inches (865 mm and 965 mm) above stair nosings.
6. Ends of handrails shall be either rounded or returned smoothly to the floor, wall, or post.
7. Handrails shall not rotate within their fittings.

Detectable Warnings at Stairs

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for detectable warnings at stairs.

Outdoor Conditions

- 5.132 Outdoor stairs and their approaches shall be designed so that water will not accumulate on walking surfaces.

Elevators

General

- 5.133 Accessible elevators shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with 5.133 through 5.150 and with the ASME A17.1-1990, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. Freight elevators shall not be considered as meeting the requirements of this section unless the only elevators provided are used as combination passenger and freight elevators for the public and employees.

Automatic Operation

- 5.134 Elevator operation shall be automatic. Each car shall be equipped with a self-leveling feature that will automatically bring the car to floor landings within a tolerance of 1/2 inch (13 mm) under rated loading to zero loading conditions. This self-leveling feature shall be automatic and independent of the operating device and shall correct the overtravel or undertravel.

Hall Call Buttons

- 5.135 Call buttons in elevator lobbies and halls shall be centered at 42 inches (1065 mm) above the floor. Such call buttons shall have visual signals to indicate when each call is registered and when each call is answered. Call buttons shall be a minimum of 3/4 inch (19 mm) in the smallest dimension. The button designating the up direction shall be on top. (See Fig. F20.) Buttons shall be raised or flush. Objects mounted beneath hall call buttons shall not project into the elevator lobby more than 4 inches (100 mm).

***See Figures 16, 17, 18 and 19.**

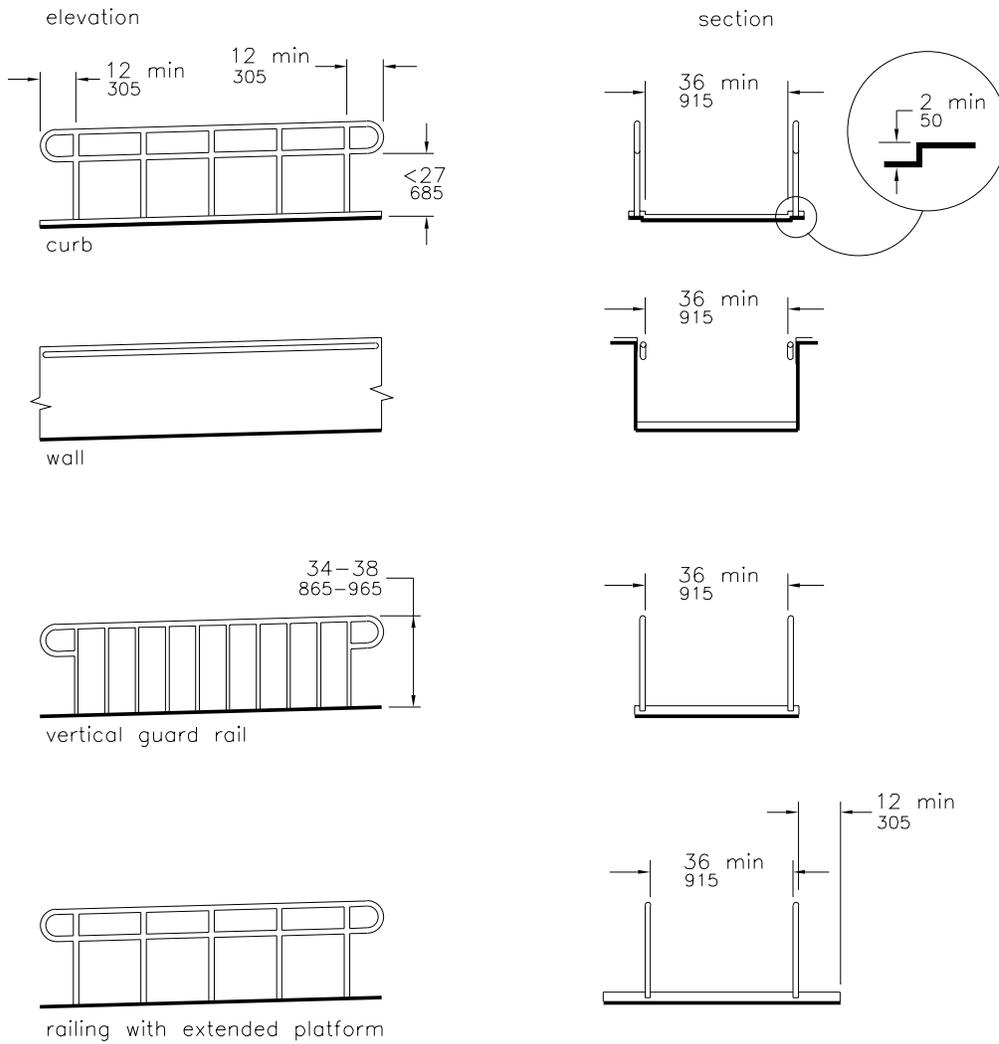


Figure 16. Examples of Edge Protection and Handrail Extensions

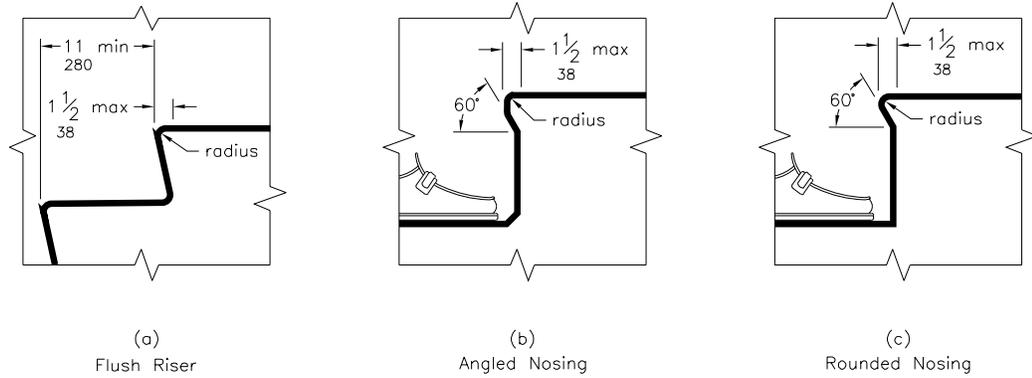
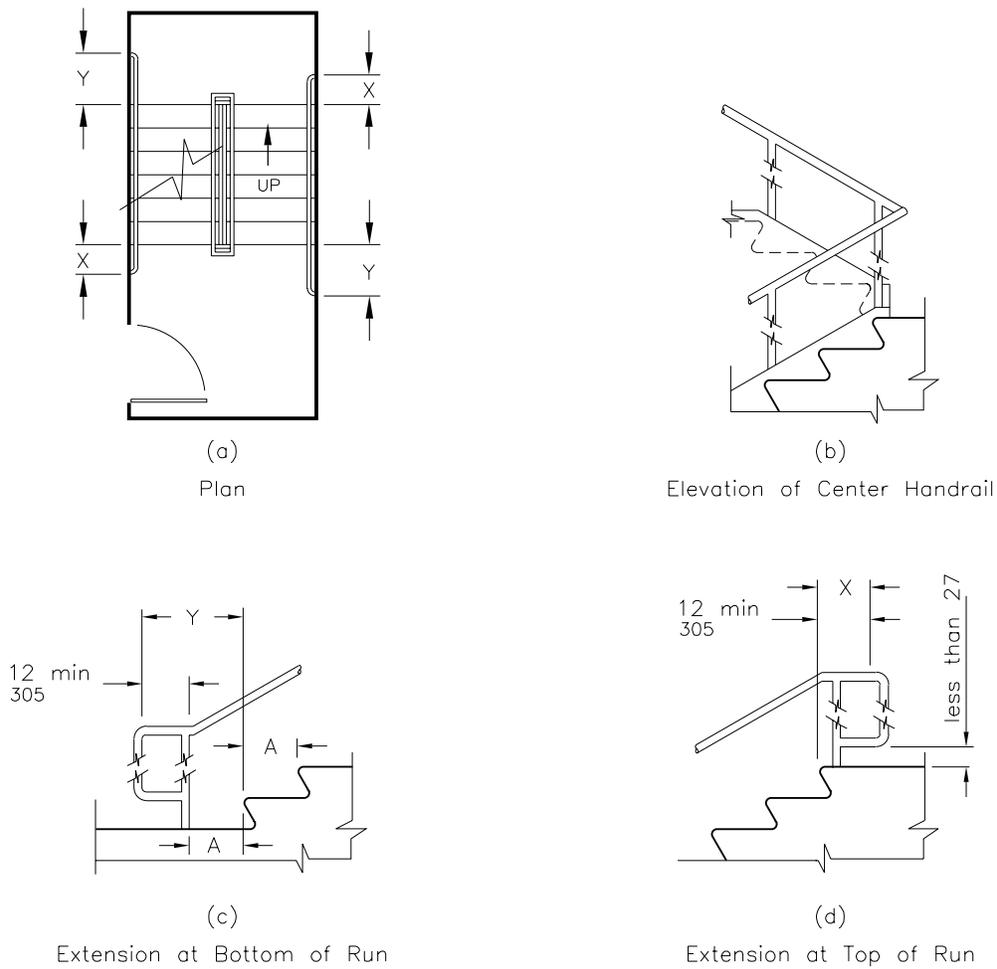


Figure 17. Usable Tread Width and Examples of Acceptable Nosings

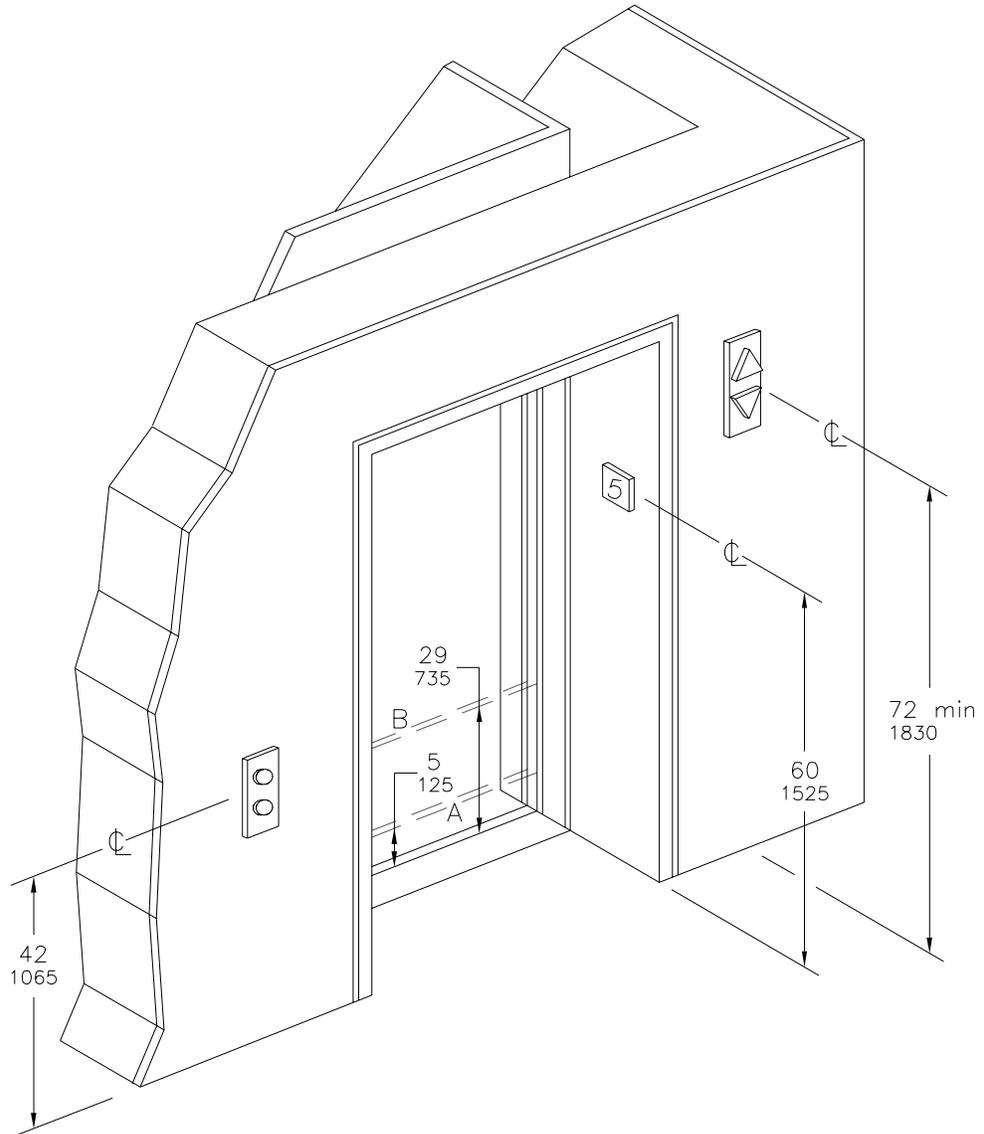


NOTE:

X is the 12" minimum handrail extension required at each top riser.

Y is the minimum handrail extension of 12" plus the width of one tread that is required at each bottom riser.

Figure 18. Stair Handrails



NOTE: The automatic door reopening device is activated if an object passes through either line A or line B. Line A and line B represent the vertical locations of the door reopening device not requiring contact.

Figure 19. Hoistway and Elevator Entrances

Hall Lanterns

- 5.136 A visible and audible signal shall be provided at each hoistway entrance to indicate which car is answering a call. Audible signals shall sound once for the up direction and twice for the down direction or shall have verbal annunciators that say "up" or "down." Visible signals shall have the following features:
1. Hall lantern fixtures shall be mounted so that their centerline is at least 72 inches (1830 mm) above the lobby floor. (See Fig. F20.)
 2. Visual elements shall be at least 2-1/2 inches (64 mm) in the smallest dimension.
 3. Signals shall be visible from the vicinity of the hall call button (see Fig. F20). In-car lanterns located in cars, visible from the vicinity of hall call buttons, and conforming to the above requirements shall be acceptable.

Raised and Braille Characters on Hoistway Entrances

- 5.137 All elevator hoistway entrances shall have raised and Braille floor designations provided on both jambs. The centerline of the characters shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) above finish floor. Such characters shall be 2 inches (50 mm) high and shall comply with 5.257. Permanently applied plates are acceptable if they are permanently fixed to the jambs. (See Fig. F20).

Door Protective and Reopening Device

- 5.138 Elevator doors shall open and close automatically. They shall be provided with a reopening device that will stop and reopen a car door and hoistway door automatically if the door becomes obstructed by an object or person. The device shall be capable of completing these operations without requiring contact for an obstruction passing through the opening at heights of 5 inches and 29 inches (125 mm and 735 mm) above finish floor (see Fig. F20). Door reopening devices shall remain effective for at least 20 seconds. After such an interval, doors may close in accordance with the requirements of ASME A17.1-1990.

Door and Signal Timing for Hall Calls

- 5.139 The minimum acceptable time from notification that a car is answering a call until the doors of that car start to close shall be calculated from the following equation:

$$T = D/(1.5 \text{ ft/s}) \text{ or } T = D/(445 \text{ mm/s})$$

where T is total time in seconds and D is distance (in feet or millimeters) from a point in the lobby or corridor 60 inches (1525 mm) directly in front of the farthest call button controlling that car to the centerline of its hoistway door (see Fig. F21). For cars with in-car lanterns, T begins when the lantern is visible from the vicinity of hall call buttons and an audible signal is sounded. The minimum acceptable notification time shall be 5 seconds.

Door Delay for Car Calls

- 5.140 The minimum time for elevator doors to remain fully open in response to a car call shall be 3 seconds.

Floor Plan of Elevator Cars

- 5.141 The floor area of elevator cars shall provide space for wheelchair users to enter the car, maneuver within reach of controls, and exit from the car. Acceptable door opening and inside dimensions shall be as shown in Fig. F22. The clearance between the car platform sill and the edge of any hoistway landing shall be no greater than 1-1/4 inches (32 mm).

***See Figure 21.**

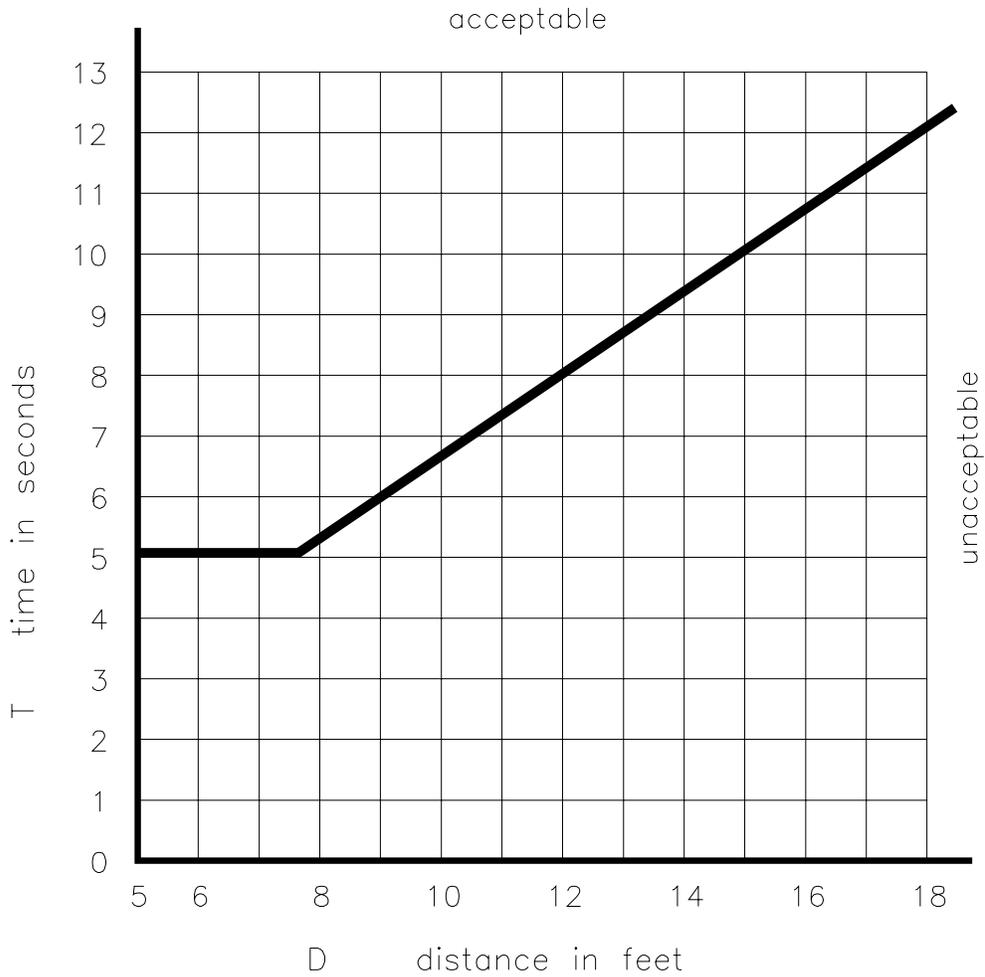


Figure 20. Graph of Timing Equation

Floor Surfaces

5.142 Floor surfaces shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

Illumination Levels

5.143 The level of illumination at the car controls, platform, and car threshold and landing sill shall be at least 5 footcandles (53.8 lux).

Car Controls

- 5.144 Elevator control panels shall have the following features:

Buttons

- 5.145 All control buttons shall be at least 3/4 inch (19 mm) in their smallest dimension. They shall be raised or flush.

Tactile, Braille, and Visual Control Indicators

- 5.146 All control buttons shall be designated by Braille and by raised standard alphabet characters for letters, arabic characters for numerals, or standard symbols as shown in Fig. F23(a), and as required in ASME A17.1-1990. Raised and Braille characters and symbols shall comply with 5.254 through 5.275. The call button for the main entry floor shall be designated by a raised star at the left of the floor designation (see Fig. F23(a)). All raised designations for control buttons shall be placed immediately to the left of the button to which they apply. Applied plates, permanently attached, are an acceptable means to provide raised control designations. Floor buttons shall be provided with visual indicators to show when each call is registered. The visual indicators shall be extinguished when each call is answered.

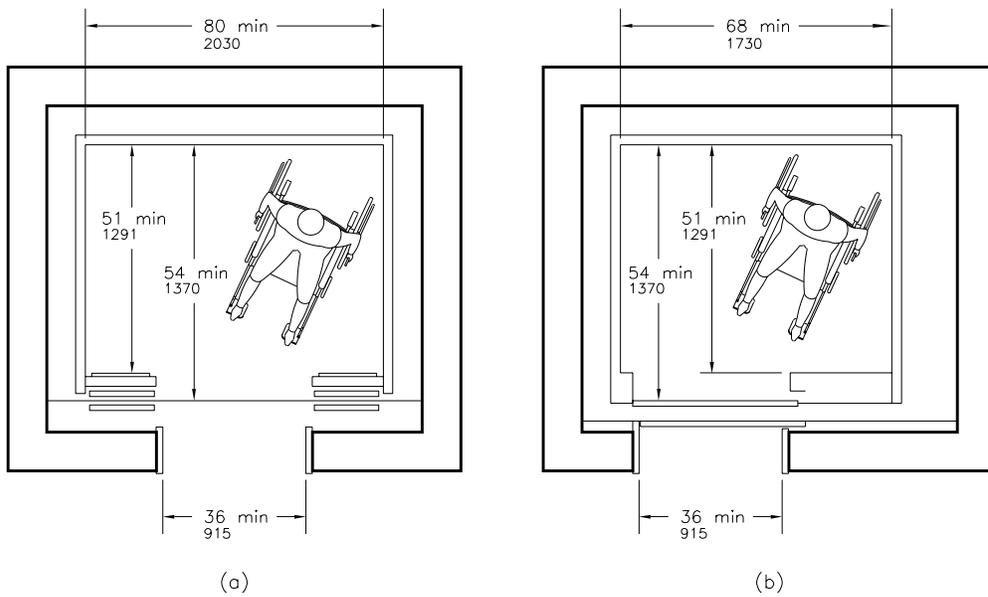


Figure 21. Minimum Dimensions of Elevator Cars

Height

- 5.147 All floor buttons shall be no higher than 54 inches (1370 mm) above the finish floor for side approach and 48 inches (1220 mm) for front approach. Emergency controls, including the emergency alarm and emergency stop, shall be grouped at the bottom of the panel and shall have their center-lines no less than 35 inches (890 mm) above the finish floor (see Fig. F23(a) and F23(b)).

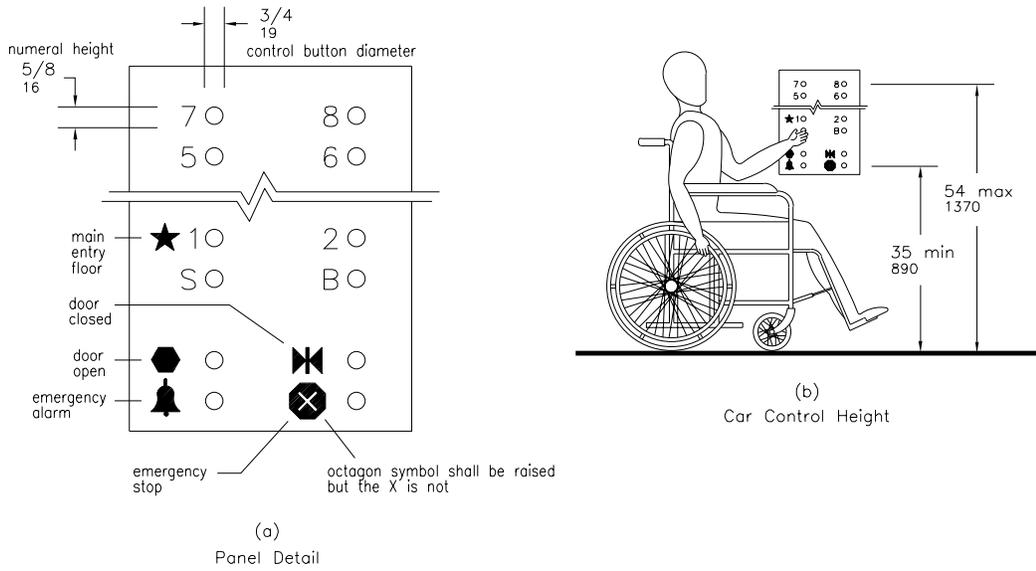


Figure 22. Car Controls

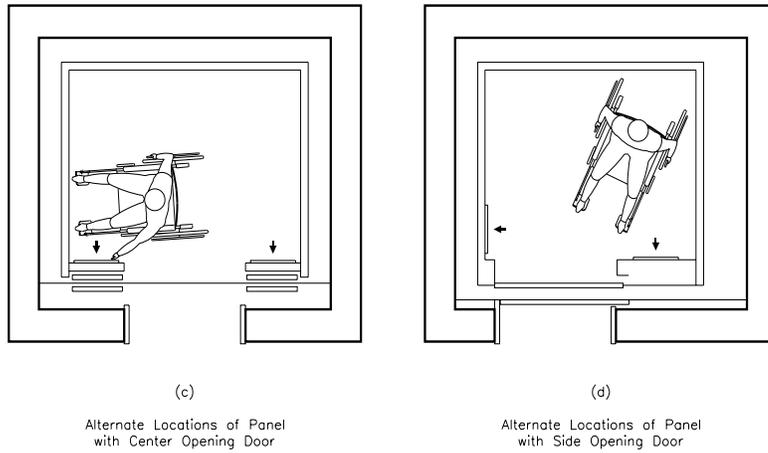


Figure 22 cont'd. Car Controls

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Location

- 5.148 Controls shall be located on a front wall if cars have center opening doors, and at the side wall or at the front wall next to the door if cars have side opening doors (see Fig. F23(c) and F23(d)).

Car Position Indicators

- 5.149 In elevator cars, a visual car position indicator shall be provided above the car control panel or over the door to show the position of the elevator in the hoistway. As the car passes or stops at a floor served by the elevators, the corresponding numerals shall illuminate, and an audible signal shall sound. Numerals shall be a minimum of 1/2 inch (13 mm) high. The audible signal shall be no less than 20 decibels with a frequency no higher than 1500 Hz. An automatic verbal announcement of the floor number at which a car stops or which a car passes may be substituted for the audible signal.

Emergency Communications

- 5.150 If provided, emergency two-way communication systems between the elevator and a point outside the hoistway shall comply with ASME A17.1-1990. The highest operable part of a two-way communication system shall be a maximum of 48 inches (1220 mm) from the floor of the car. It shall be identified by a raised symbol and lettering complying with 5.254 through 5.263 and located adjacent to the device. If the system uses a handset then the length of the cord from the panel to the handset shall be at least 29 inches (735 mm). If the system is located in a closed compartment, the compartment door hardware shall conform to 5.242 through 5.245, Controls and Operating Mechanisms. The emergency intercommunication system shall not require voice communication.

Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts)

Location

- 5.151 Platform lifts (wheelchair lifts) permitted by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with the requirements of 5.151 through 5.153.

Other Requirements

- 5.152 If platform lifts (wheelchair lifts) are used, they shall comply with 5.74 through 5.76, 5.99 through 5.102, 5.242 through 5.245, and ASME A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, Section XX, 1990.

Entrance

- 5.153 If platform lifts are used then they shall facilitate unassisted entry, operation, and exit from the lift in compliance with 5.152.

Windows

General

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued general specifications for windows.

Window Hardware

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for window hardware.

Doors

General

- 5.154 Doors required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with the requirements of 5.154 through 5.166.

Revolving Doors and Turnstiles

- 5.155 Revolving doors or turnstiles shall not be the only means of passage at an accessible entrance or along an accessible route. An accessible gate or door shall be provided adjacent to the turnstile or revolving door and shall be so designed as to facilitate the same use pattern.

Gates

- 5.156 Gates, including ticket gates, shall meet all applicable specifications of 5.154 through 5.166.

Double-leaf Doorways

- 5.157 If doorways have two independently operated door leaves, then at least one leaf shall meet the specifications in 5.158 and 5.159. That leaf shall be an active leaf.

Clear Width

- 5.158 Doorways shall have a minimum clear opening of 32 inches (815 mm) with the door open 90 degrees, measured between the face of the door and the opposite stop (see Fig. F24(a), F24(b), F24(c), and F24(d)). Openings more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall comply with 5.71 and 5.84 (see Fig. F24(e)).

EXCEPTION: Doors not requiring full user passage, such as shallow closets, may have the clear opening reduced to 20 inches (510 mm) minimum.

Maneuvering Clearances at Doors

- 5.159 Minimum maneuvering clearances at doors that are not automatic or power-assisted shall be as shown in Fig. F25. The floor or ground area within the required clearances shall be level and clear.

EXCEPTION: Entry doors to acute care hospital bedrooms for inpatients shall be exempted from the requirement for space at the latch side of the door (see dimension "x" in Fig. F25) if the door is at least 44 inches (1120 mm) wide.

Two Doors in Series

- 5.160 The minimum space between two hinged or pivoted doors in series shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) plus the width of any door swinging into the space. Doors in series shall swing either in the same direction or away from the space between the doors (see Fig. F26).

Thresholds at Doorways

- 5.161 Thresholds at doorways shall not exceed 3/4 inches (19 mm) in height for exterior sliding doors or 1/2 inch (13 mm) for other types of doors. Raised thresholds and floor level changes at accessible doorways shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2 (see 5.100).

Door Hardware

- 5.162 Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operating devices on accessible doors shall have a shape that is easy to grasp with one hand and does not require tight grasping, tight pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate. Lever-operated mechanisms, push-type mechanisms, and U-shaped handles are acceptable designs. When sliding doors are fully open, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides. Hardware required for accessible door passage shall be mounted no higher than 48 inches (1220 mm) above finished floor.

*See Figure 24.

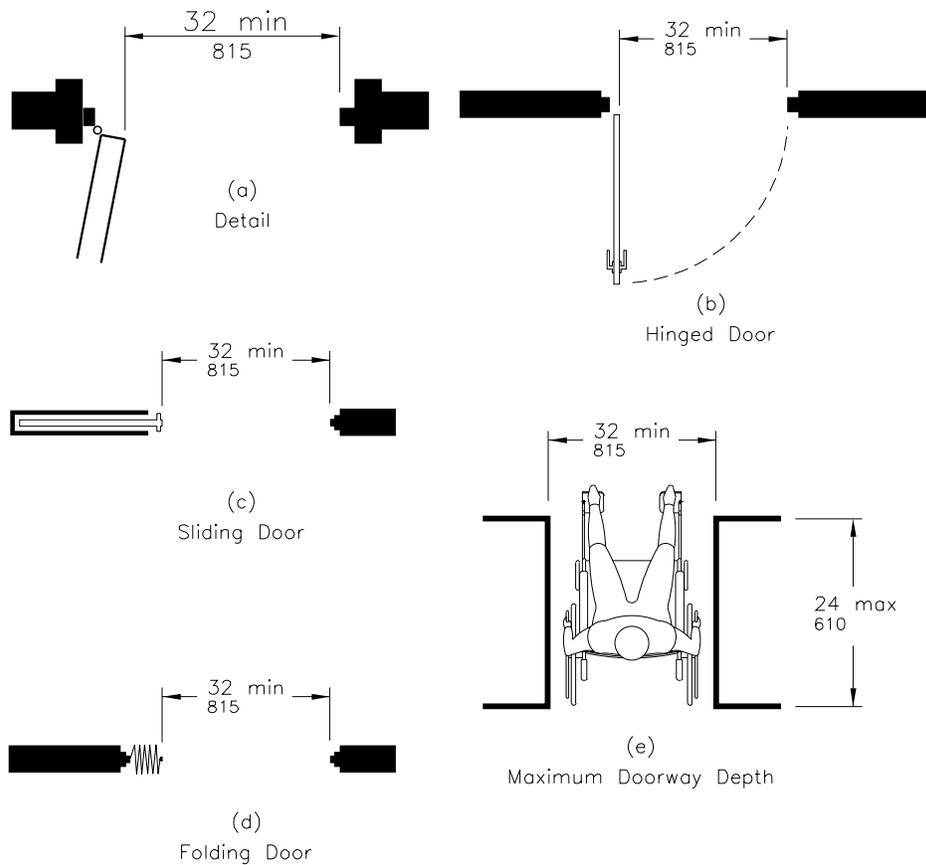


Figure 23. Clear Doorway Width and Depth

Door Closers

- 5.163 If a door has a closer, then the sweep period of the closer shall be adjusted so that from an open position of 70 degrees, the door will take at least 3 seconds to move to a point 3 inches (75 mm) from the latch, measured to the leading edge of the door.

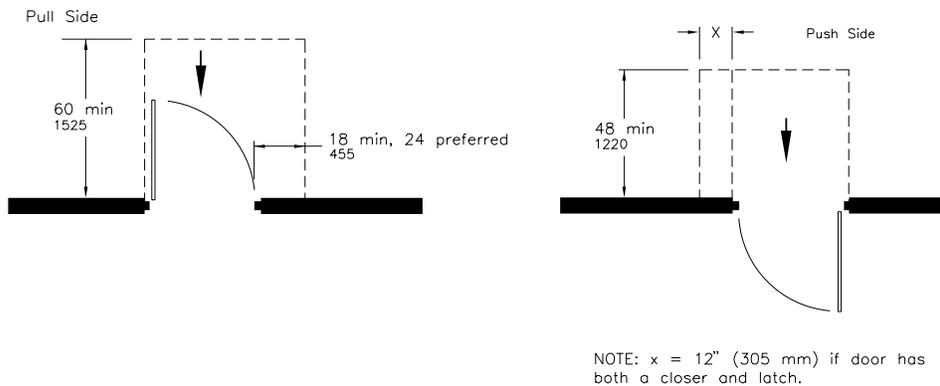
Door Opening Force

- 5.164 The maximum force for pushing or pulling open a door shall be as follows:

1. Fire doors shall have the minimum opening force allowable by the appropriate administrative authority.
2. Other Doors:
 - a. Exterior Hinged Doors: **Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for exterior hinged doors.**
 - b. Interior hinged doors: 5 lbf (22.2N).
 - c. Sliding or folding doors: 5 lbf (22.2N).

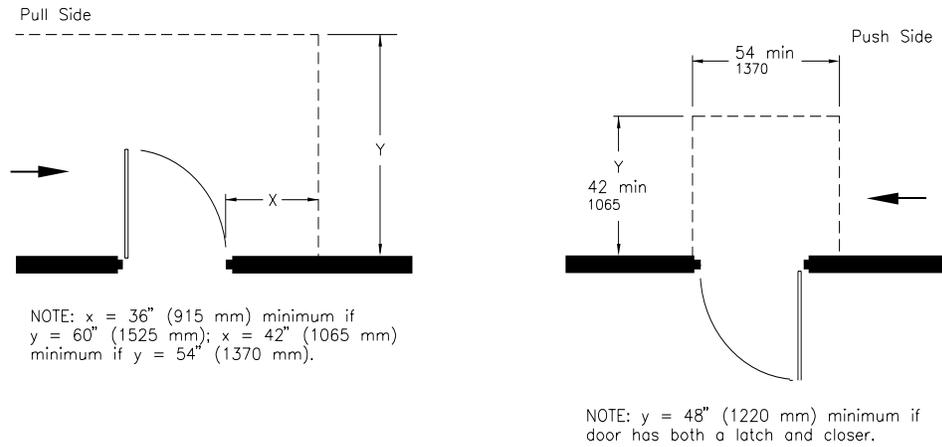
- 5.165 These forces do not apply to the force required to retract latch bolts or disengage other devices that may hold the door in a closed position.

*See Figures 24 and 25.



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Front Approaches - Swinging Doors

Figure 24. Maneuvering Clearances at Doors

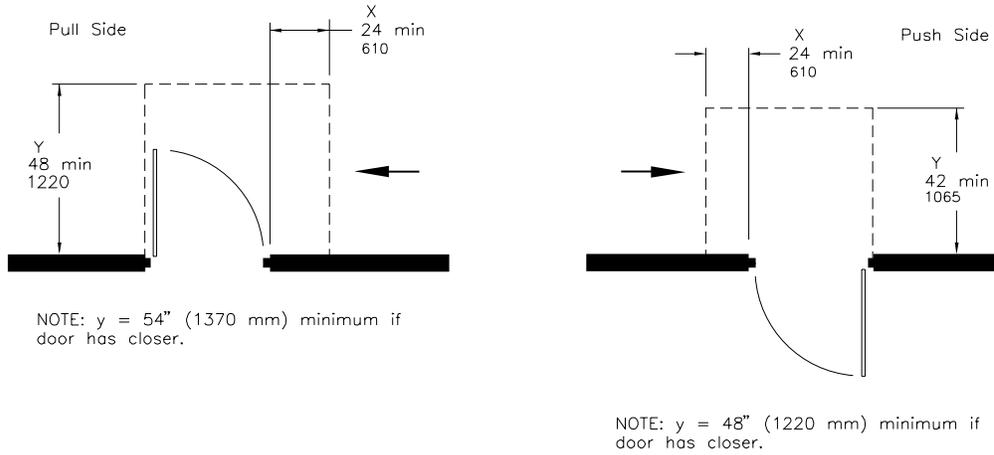


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Hinge Side Approaches – Swinging Doors

NOTE: All doors in alcoves shall comply with the clearances for front approaches.

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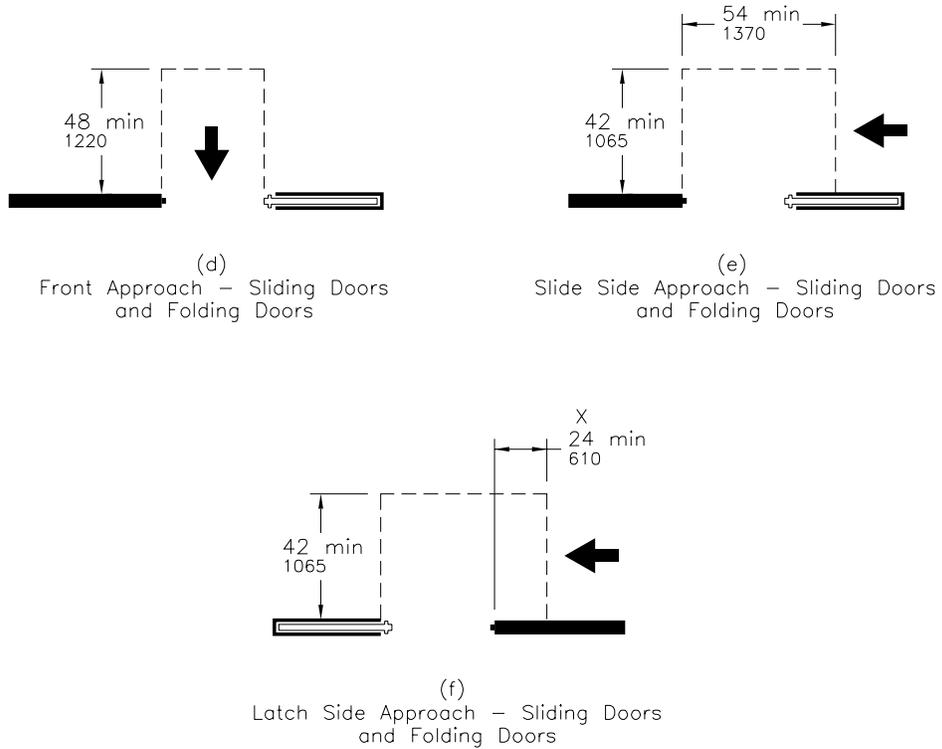


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Latch Side Approaches – Swinging Doors

NOTE: All doors in alcoves shall comply with the clearances for front approaches.

Figure 24 cont'd. Maneuvering Clearances at Doors



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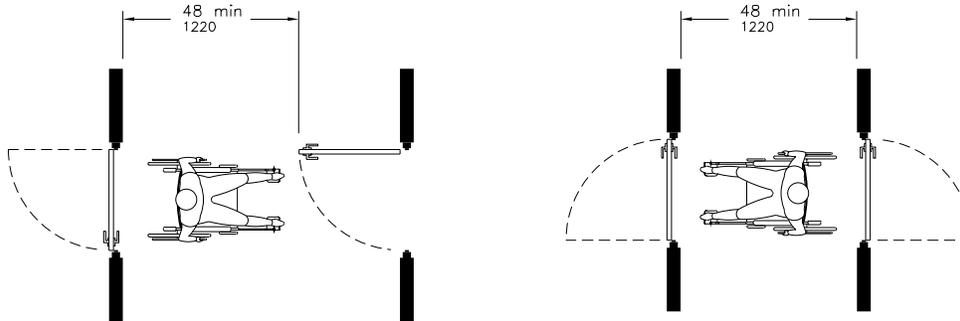


Figure 25. Two-Hinged Doors in Series

Automatic Doors and Power-assisted Doors

- 5.166 If an automatic door is used, then it shall comply with ANSI/BHMA A156.10-1985. Slow opening, low-powered, automatic doors shall comply with ANSI A156.19-1984. Such doors shall not open to back check faster than 3 seconds and shall require no more than 15 lbf (66.6N) to stop door movement. If a power-assisted door is used, its door-opening force shall comply with 5.164 and its closing shall conform to the requirements in ANSI A156.19-1984.

Entrances

Minimum Number

- 5.167 Entrances required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall be part of an accessible route complying with 5.79 through 5.96. Such entrances shall be connected by an accessible route to public transportation stops, to accessible parking and passenger loading zones, and to public streets or sidewalks if available (see 5.80). They shall also be connected by an accessible route to all accessible spaces or elements within the building or facility.

Service Entrances

- 5.168 A service entrance shall not be the sole accessible entrance unless it is the only entrance to a building or facility (for example, in a factory or garage).

Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers

Minimum Number

- 5.169 Drinking fountains or water coolers required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.169 through 5.173.

Spout Height

- 5.170 Spouts shall be no higher than 36 inches (915 mm), measured from the floor or ground surfaces to the spout outlet (see fig. 27(a)).

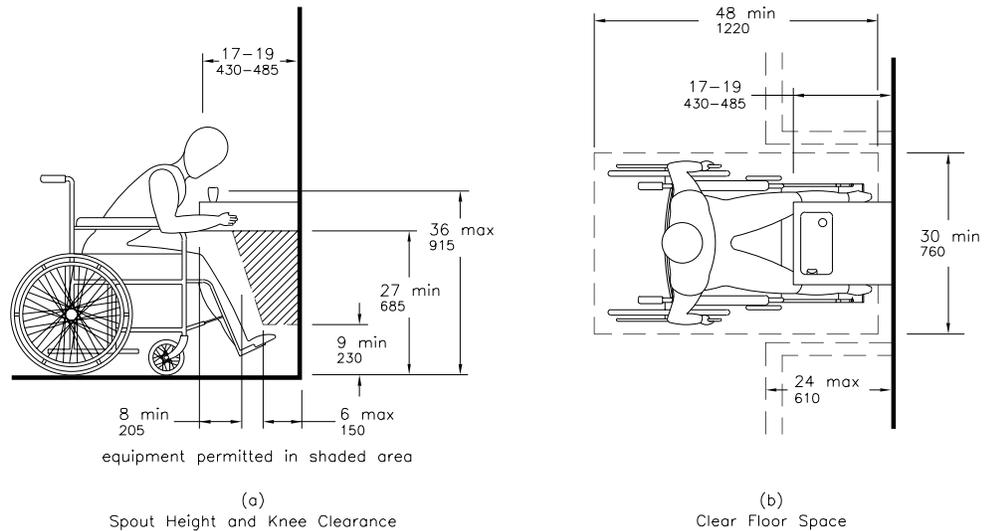


Figure 26. Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers

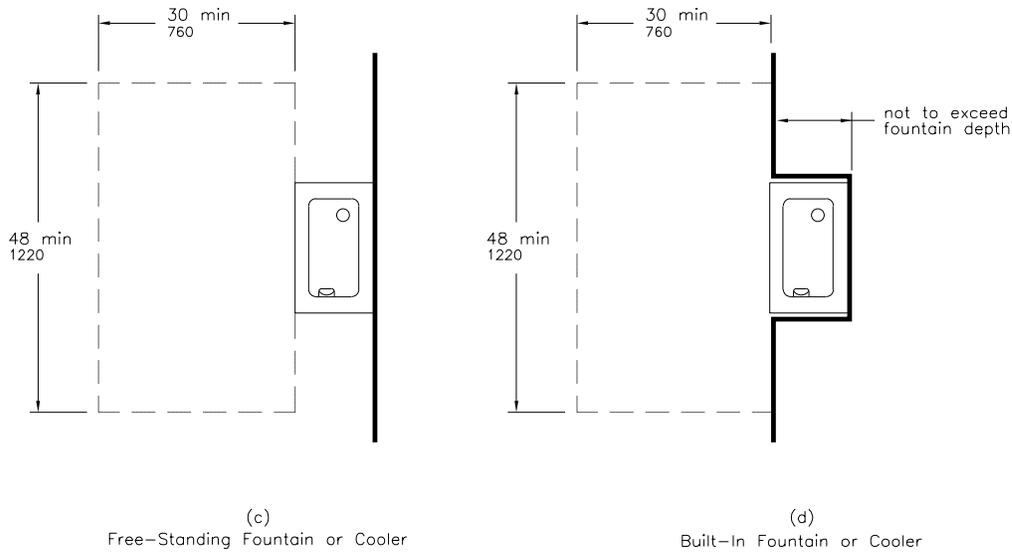


Figure 26 cont'd. Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers

Spout Location

- 5.171 The spouts of drinking fountains and water coolers shall be at the front of the unit and shall direct the water flow in a trajectory that is parallel or nearly parallel to the front of the unit. The spout shall provide a flow of water at least 4 inches (100 mm) high so as to allow the insertion of a cup or glass under the flow of water. On an accessible drinking fountain with a round or oval bowl, the spout must be positioned so the flow of water is within 3 inches (75 mm) of the front edge of the fountain.

Controls

- 5.172 Controls shall comply with 5.245. Unit controls shall be front mounted or side mounted near the front edge.

Clearances

- 5.173 Wall and post mounted cantilevered units shall have a clear knee space between the bottom of the apron and the floor or ground at least 27 inches (685 mm) high, 30 inches (760 mm) wide, and 17 to 19 inches

(430 to 485 mm) deep (see fig. 27(a) and (b)). Such units shall also have a minimum clear floor space 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) to allow a person in a wheelchair to approach the unit facing forward. Free-standing or built-in units not having a clear space under them shall have a clear floor space at least 30 inches by 48 inches (750 mm by 1220 mm) that allows a person in a wheelchair to make a parallel approach to the unit (see fig. 26(c) and (d)). This clear floor space shall comply with 5.74 through 5.76.

Water Closets

General

5.174 Accessible water closets shall comply with 5.174 through 5.179.

Clear Floor Space

5.175 Clear floor space for water closets not in stalls shall comply with Fig. F28. Clear floor space may be arranged to allow either a left-handed or right-handed approach.

Height

5.176 The height of water closets shall be 17 inches to 19 inches (430 mm to 485 mm), measured to the top of the toilet seat (see Fig. F29(b)). Seats shall not be sprung to return to a lifted position.

Grab Bars

5.177 Grab bars for water closets not located in stalls shall comply with 5.238 through 5.241 and Fig. F29. The grab bar behind the water closet shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

Flush Controls

5.178 Flush controls shall be hand operated or automatic and shall comply with 5.245. Controls for flush valves shall be mounted on the wide side of toilet areas no more than 44 inches (1120 mm) above the floor.

Dispensers

- 5.179 Toilet paper dispensers shall be installed within reach, as shown in Fig. F29(b). Dispensers that control delivery, or that do not permit continuous paper flow, shall not be used.

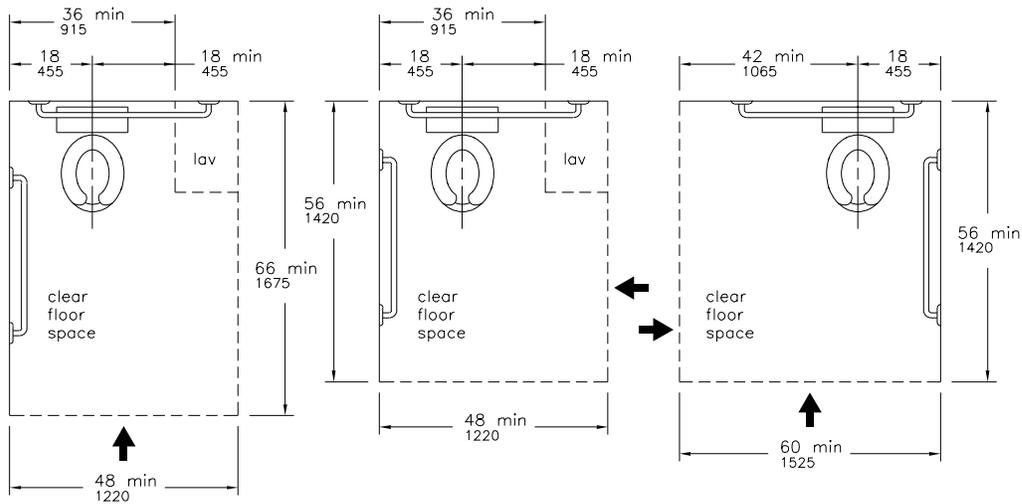


Figure 27. Clear Floor Space at Water Closets

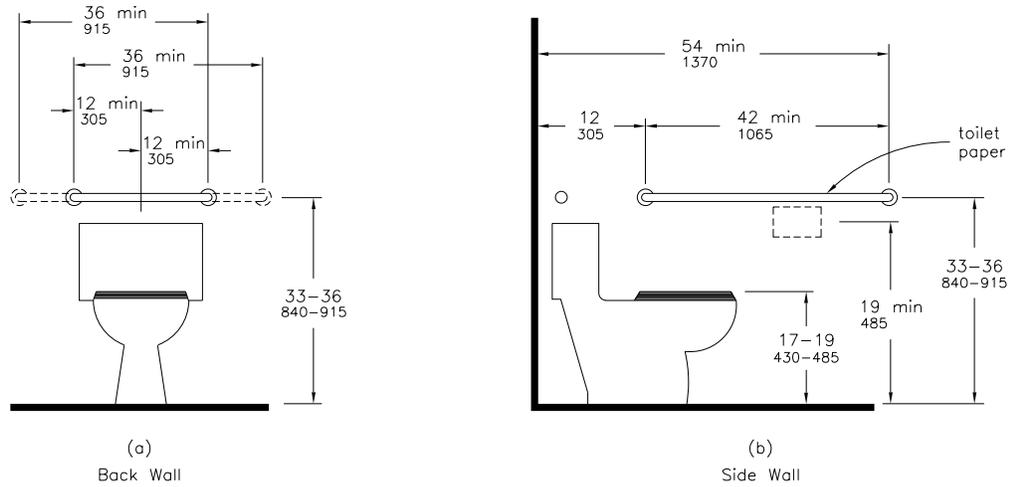


Figure 28. Grab Bars at Water Closets

Toilet Stalls

Location

- 5.180 Accessible toilet stalls shall be on an accessible route and shall meet the requirements of 5.180 through 5.185.

Water Closets

- 5.181 Water closets in accessible stalls shall comply with 5.174 through 5.179.

***See Figure 27, 28 and 29.**

Size and Arrangement

- 5.182 The size and arrangement of the standard toilet stall shall comply with Fig. F30(a), Standard Stall. Standard toilet stalls with a minimum depth of 56 inches (1420 mm) (see Fig. F30(a)) shall have wall-mounted water closets. If the depth of a standard toilet stall is increased at least 3 inches (75 mm), then a floor-mounted water closet may be used. Arrangements shown for standard toilet stalls may be reversed to allow either a left- or right-hand approach. Additional stalls shall be provided in conformance with 5.214.

EXCEPTION: In instances of alteration work where provision of a standard stall (Fig. F30(a)) is technically infeasible or where plumbing code requirements prevent combining existing stalls to provide space, either alternate stall (Fig. F30(b)) may be provided in lieu of the standard stall.

Toe Clearances

- 5.183 In standard stalls, the front partition and at least one side partition shall provide a toe clearance of at least 9 inches (230 mm) above the floor. If the depth of the stall is greater than 60 inches (1525 mm), then the toe clearance is not required.

Doors

- 5.184 Toilet stall doors, including door hardware, shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166. If toilet stall approach is from the latch side of the stall door, clearance between the door side of the stall and any obstruction may be reduced to a minimum of 42 inches (1065 mm) (Fig. F30).

***See Figure 30.**

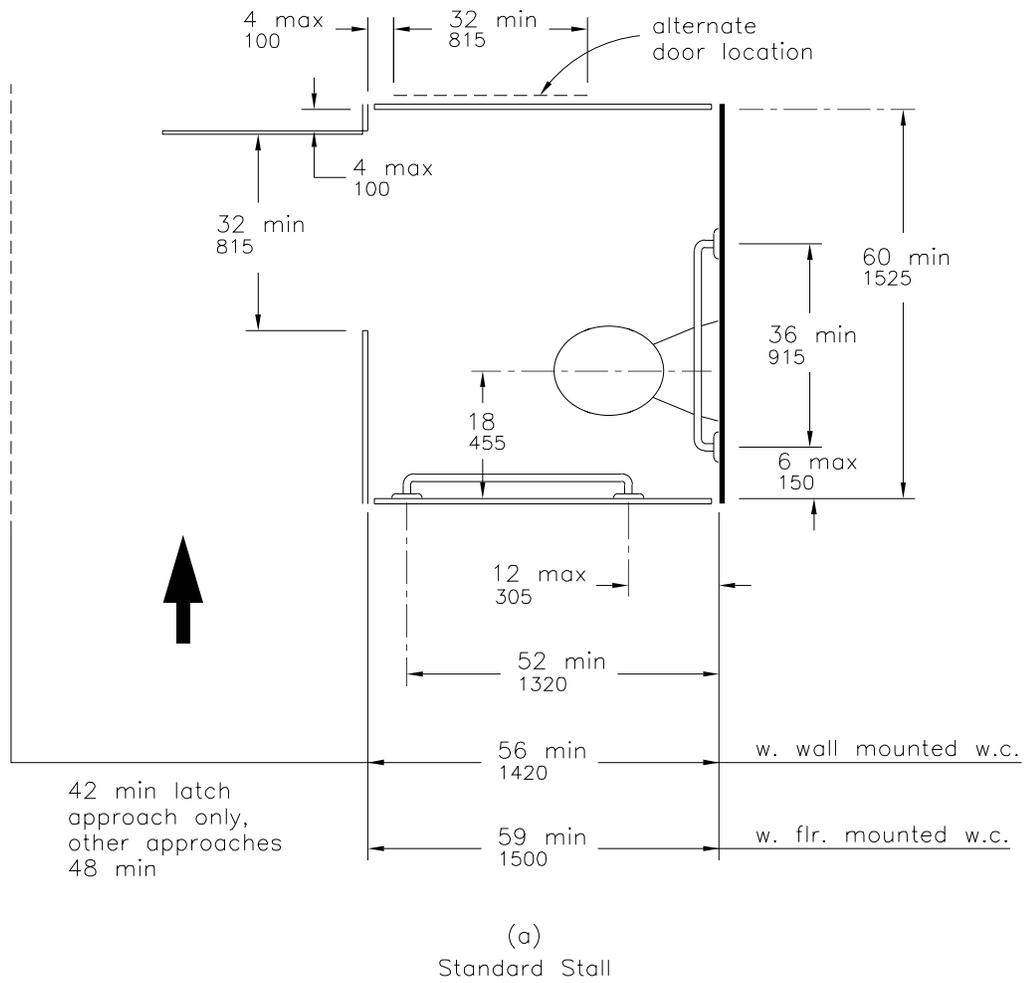


Figure 29. Toilet Stalls

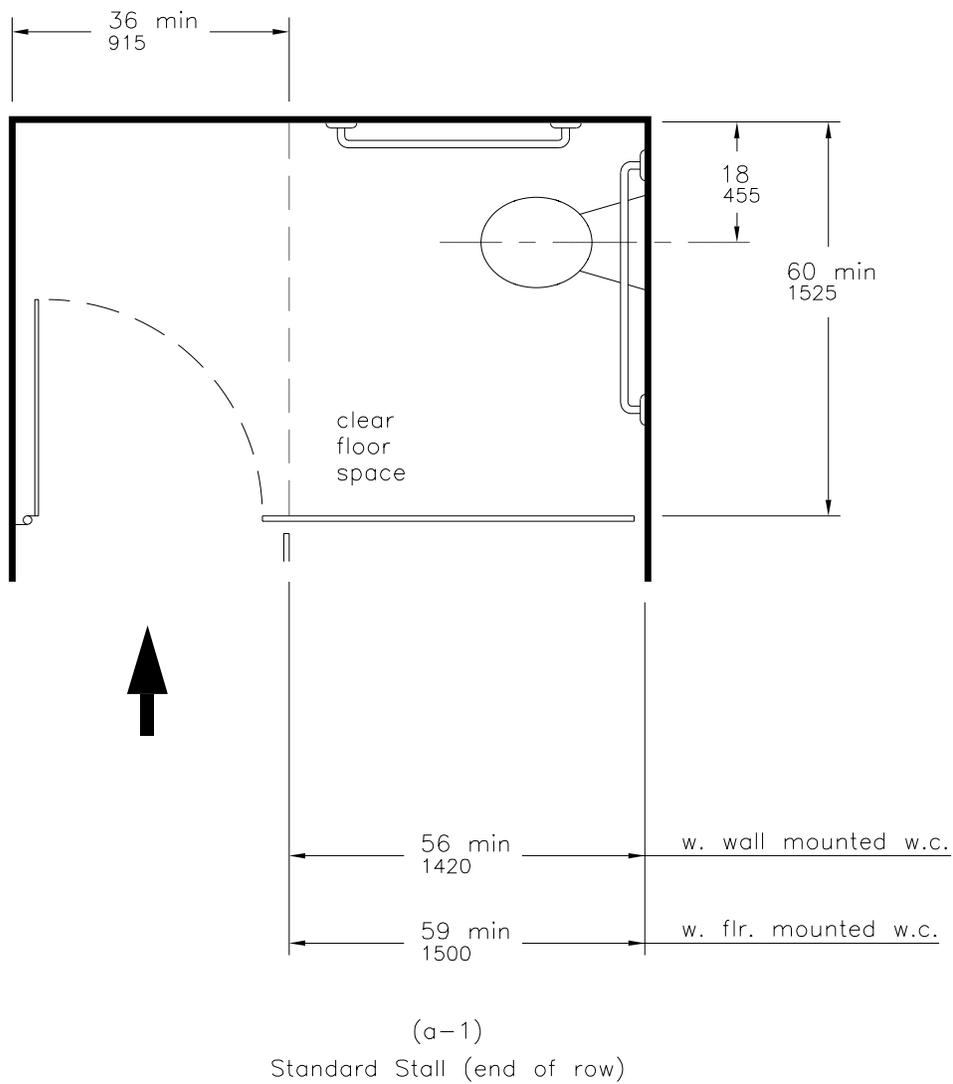


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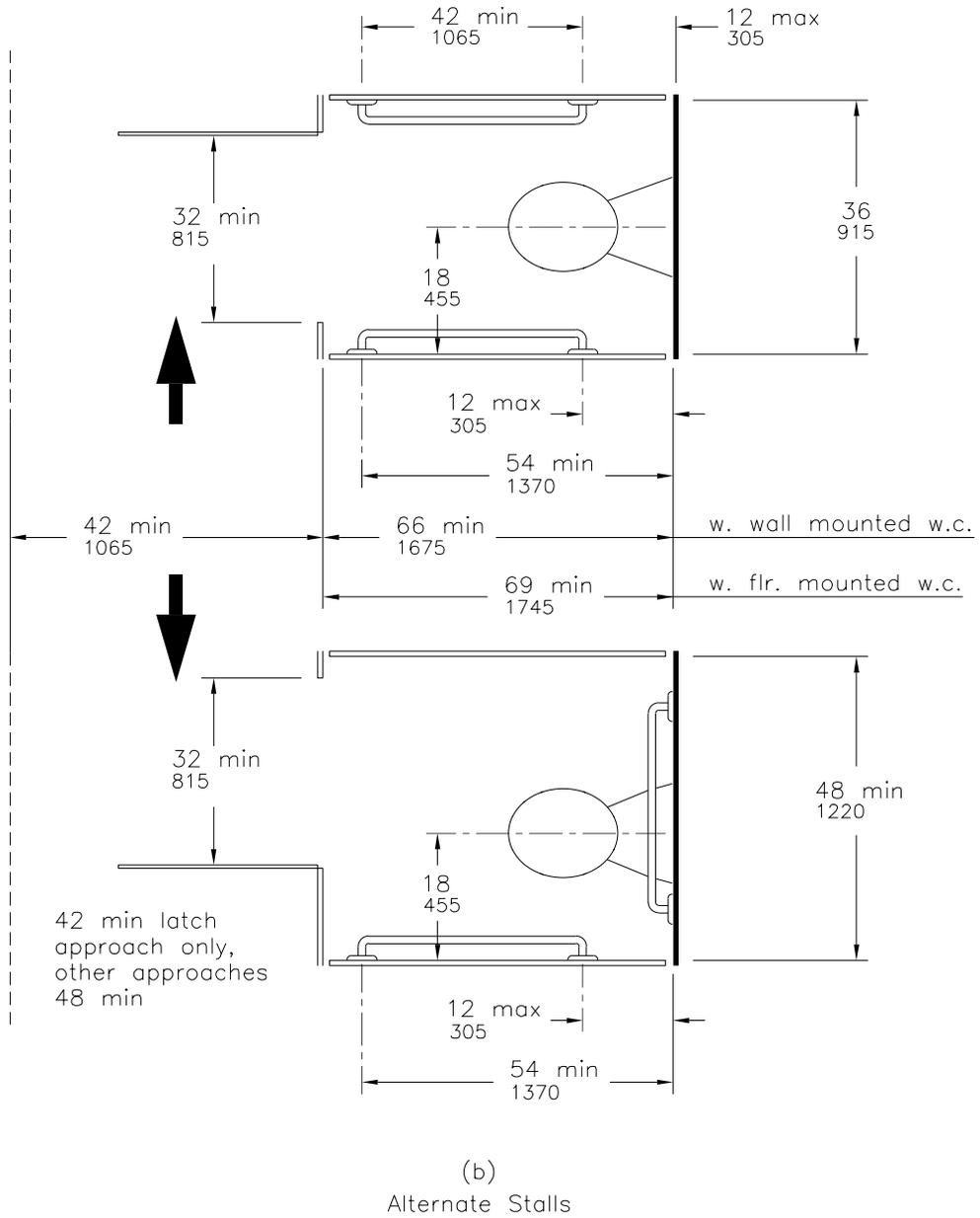


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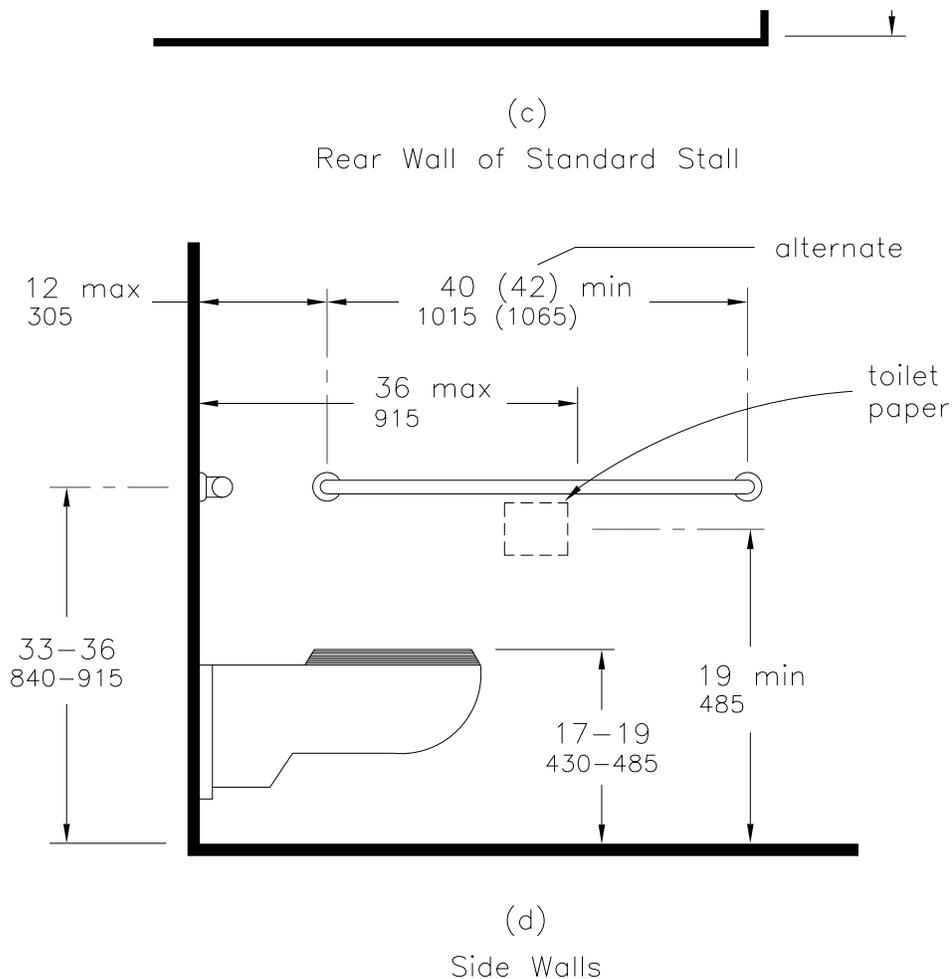


Figure 29 cont'd. Toilet Stalls

Grab Bars

5.185 Grab bars complying with the length and positioning shown in Fig. F30(a), F30(b), F30(c), and F30(d) shall be provided. Grab bars may be mounted with any desired method as long as they have a gripping surface at the locations shown and do not obstruct the required clear floor area. Grab bars shall comply with 5.238 through 5.241.

Urinals

General

- 5.186 Accessible urinals shall comply with 5.186 through 5.189.

Height

- 5.187 Urinals shall be stall-type or wall-hung with an elongated rim at a maximum of 17 inches (430 mm) above the finish floor.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.188 A clear floor space 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) shall be provided in front of urinals to allow forward approach. This clear space shall adjoin or overlap an accessible route and shall comply with 5.74 through 5.76. Urinal shields that do not extend beyond the front edge of the urinal rim may be provided with 29 inches (735 mm) clearance between them.

Flush Controls

- 5.189 Flush controls shall be hand operated or automatic, comply with 5.245, and be mounted no more than 44 inches (1120 mm) above the finish floor.

Lavatories and Mirrors

General

- 5.190 The requirements of 5.190 through 5.195 shall apply to lavatory fixtures, vanities, and built-in lavatories.

Height and Clearances

- 5.191 Lavatories shall be mounted with the rim or counter surface no higher than 34 inches (865 mm) above the finish floor. Provide a clearance of at least 29 inches (735 mm) above the finish floor to the bottom of the apron. Knee and toe clearance shall comply with Fig. F31.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.192 A clear floor space 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) complying with 5.74 through 5.76 shall be provided in front of a lavatory to allow forward approach. Such clear floor space shall adjoin or overlap an accessible route and shall extend a maximum of 19 inches (485 mm) underneath the lavatory (see Fig. F32).

Exposed Pipes and Surfaces

- 5.193 Hot water and drain pipes under lavatories shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories.

Faucets

- 5.194 Faucets shall comply with 5.245. Lever-operated, push-type, and electronically controlled mechanisms are examples of acceptable designs. If self-closing valves are used, the faucet shall remain open for at least 10 seconds.

***See Figures 30 and 31.**

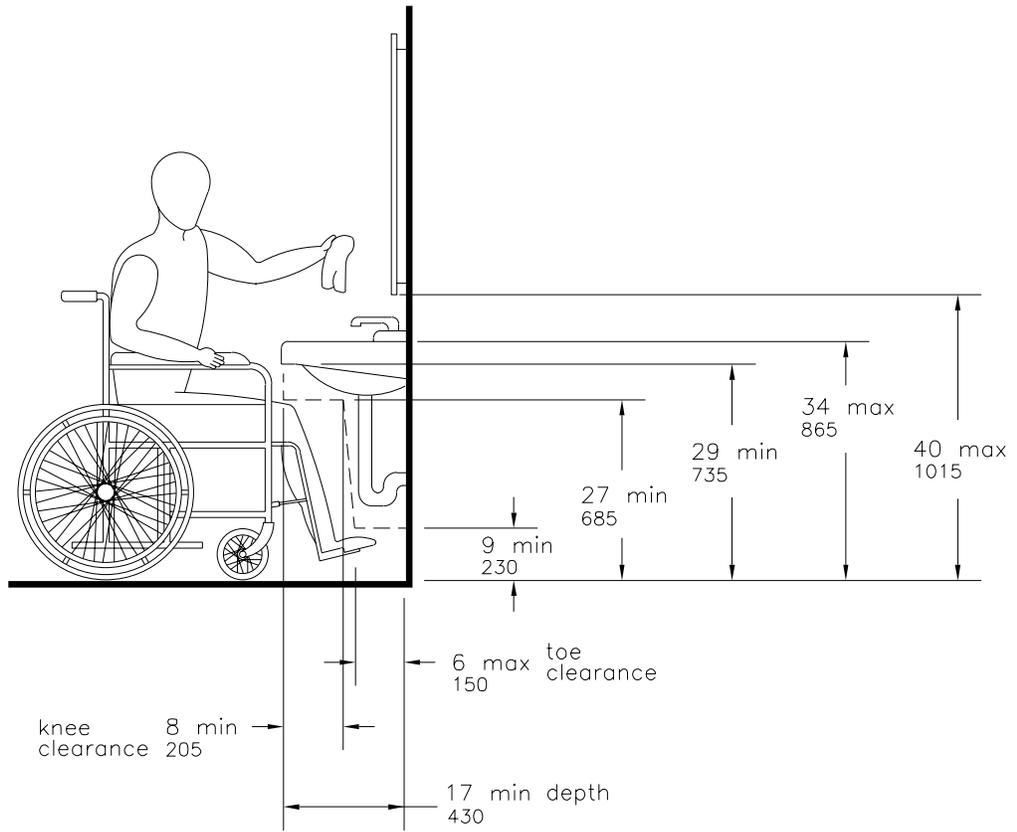


Figure 30. Lavatory Clearances

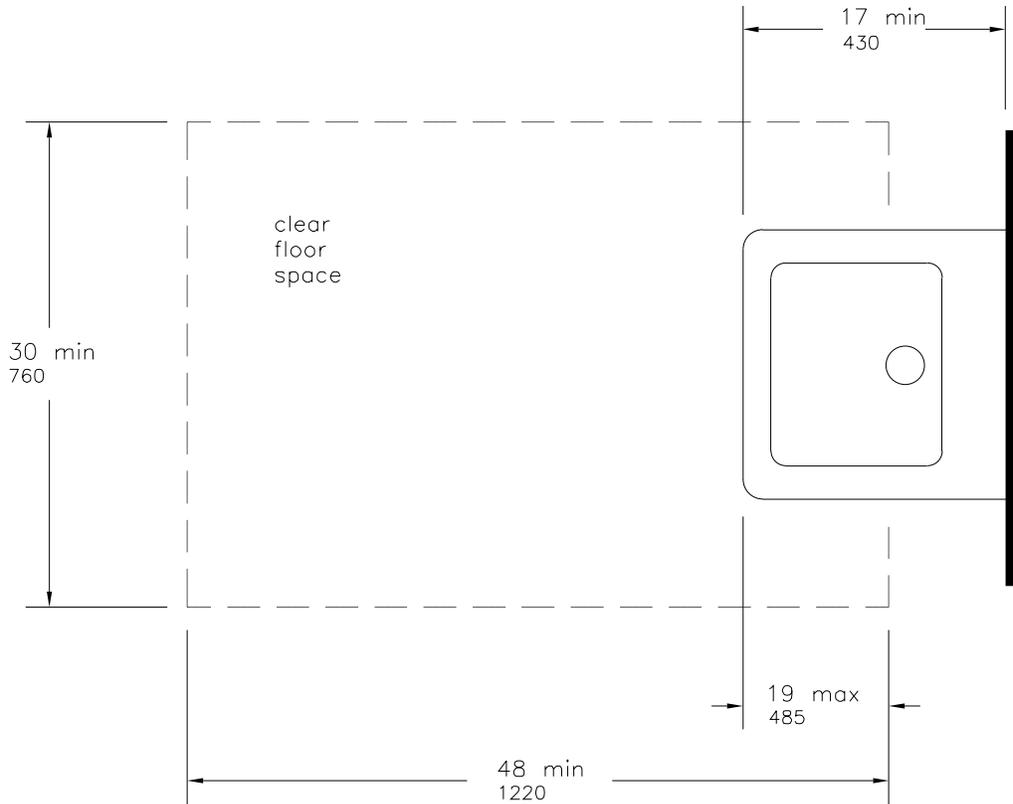


Figure 31. Clear Floor Space at Lavatories

Mirrors

- 5.195 Mirrors shall be mounted with the bottom edge of the reflecting surface no higher than 40 inches (1015 mm) above the finish floor (see Fig. F31).

Bathtubs

General

- 5.196 Accessible bathtubs shall comply with 5.196 through 5.202.

Floor Space

- 5.197 Clear floor space in front of bathtubs shall be as shown in Fig. F33.

Seat

- 5.198 An in-tub seat or a seat at the head end of the tub shall be provided as shown in Fig. F33 and F34. The structural strength of seats and their attachments shall comply with 5.240. Seats shall be mounted securely and shall not slip during use.

Grab Bars

- 5.199 Grab bars complying with 5.238 through 5.241 shall be provided as shown in Fig. F33 and F34.

Controls

- 5.200 Faucets and other controls complying with 5.245 shall be located as shown in Fig. F34.

Shower Unit

- 5.201 A shower spray unit with a hose at least 60 inches (1525 mm) long that can be used both as a fixed shower head and as a hand-held shower shall be provided.

Bathtub Enclosures

- 5.202 If provided, enclosures for bathtubs shall not obstruct controls or transfer from wheelchairs onto bathtub seats or into tubs. Enclosures on bathtubs shall not have tracks mounted on their rims.

Shower Stalls

General

- 5.203 Accessible shower stalls shall comply with 5.203 through 5.210.

Size and Clearances

- 5.204 Shower stall size and clear floor space shall comply with Fig. F35(a) or F35(b). The shower stall in Fig. F35(a) shall be 36 inches by 36 inches (915 mm by 915 mm). The shower stall in Fig. F35(b) will fit into the space required for a bathtub.

Seat

- 5.205 A seat shall be provided in shower stalls 36 inches by 36 inches (915 mm by 915 mm) and shall be as shown in Fig. F36. The seat shall be mounted 17 inches to 19 inches (430 mm to 485 mm) from the bathroom floor and shall extend the full depth of the stall. In a 36 inch by 36 inch (915 mm by 915 mm) shower stall, the seat shall be on the wall opposite the controls. Where a fixed seat is provided in a 30 inch by 60 inch minimum (760 mm by 1525 mm) shower stall, it shall be a folding type and shall be mounted on the wall adjacent to the controls as shown in Fig. F57. The structural strength of seats and their attachments shall comply with 5.240.

Grab Bars

- 5.206 Grab bars complying with 5.238 through 5.241 shall be provided as shown in Fig. F37.

Controls

- 5.207 Faucets and other controls complying with 5.245 shall be located as shown in Fig. F37. In shower stalls 36 inches by 36 inches (915 mm by 915 mm), all controls, faucets, and the shower unit shall be mounted on the side wall opposite the seat.

Shower Unit

- 5.208 A shower spray unit with a hose at least 60 inches (1525 mm) long that can be used both as a fixed shower head and as a hand-held shower shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: In unmonitored facilities where vandalism is a consideration, a fixed shower head mounted at 48 inches (1220 mm) above the shower floor may be used in lieu of a hand-held shower head.

Curbs

- 5.209 If provided, curbs in shower stalls 36 inches by 36 inches (915 mm by 915 mm) shall be no higher than 1/2 inch (13 mm). Shower stalls that are 30 inches by 60 inches (760 mm by 1525 mm) minimum shall not have curbs.

Shower Enclosures

- 5.210 If provided, enclosures for shower stalls shall not obstruct controls or obstruct transfer from wheelchairs onto shower seats.

Toilet Rooms

Minimum Number

- 5.211 Toilet facilities required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.211 through 5.217. Accessible toilet rooms shall be on an accessible route.

*See Figures 32 and 33.

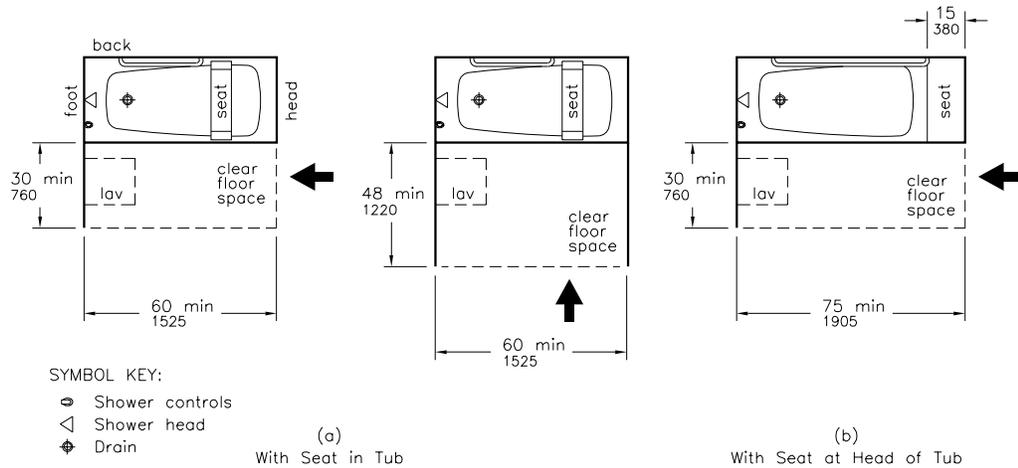


Figure 32. Clear Floor Space at Lavatories

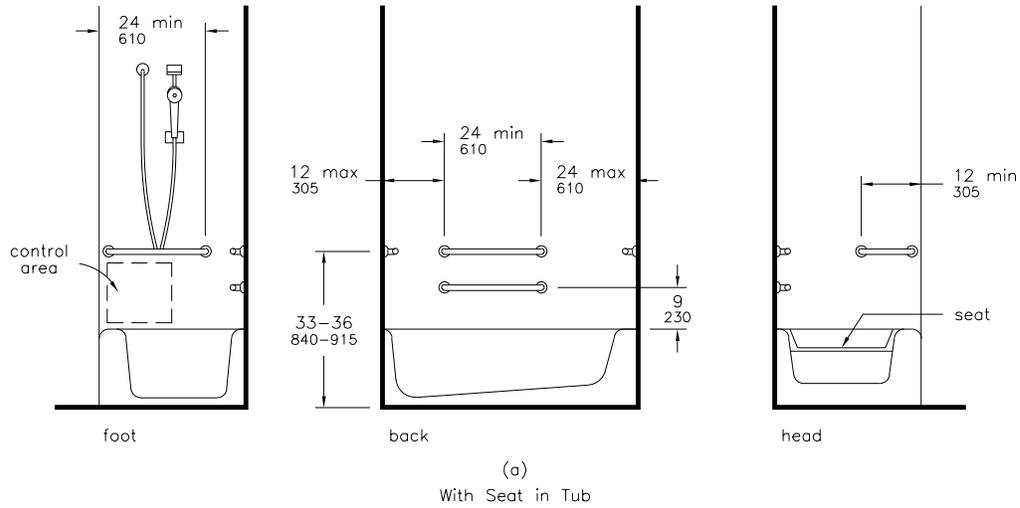


Figure 33. Grab Bars at Bathtubs

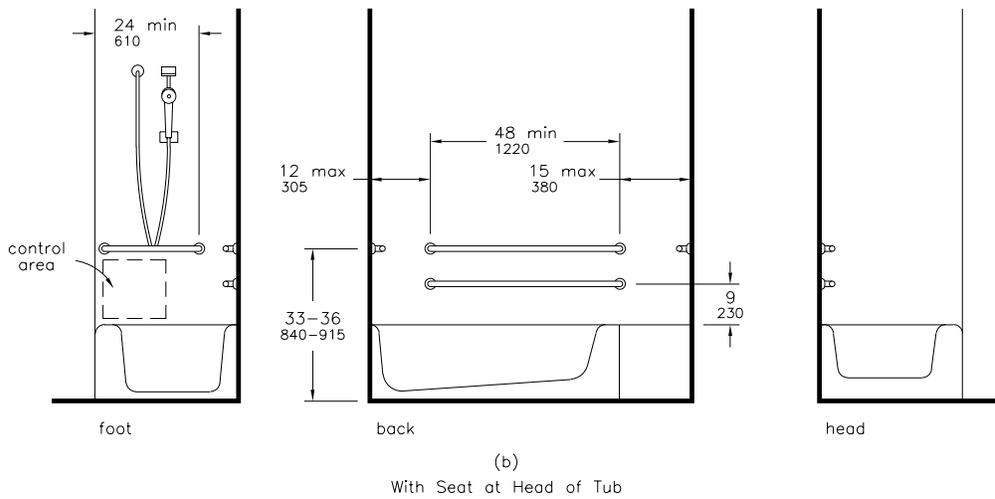


Figure 33 cont'd. Grab Bars at Bathtubs

Doors

- 5.212 All doors to accessible toilet rooms shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166. Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space required for any fixture.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.213 The accessible fixtures and controls required in 5.214, 5.215, 5.216, and 5.217 shall be on an accessible route. An unobstructed turning space complying with 5.73 shall be provided within an accessible toilet room. The clear floor space at fixtures and controls, the accessible route, and the turning space may overlap.

Water Closets

- 5.214 If toilet stalls are provided, then at least one shall be a standard toilet stall complying with 5.180 through 5.185. Where 6 or more stalls are provided, in addition to the stall complying with 5.182, at least one stall 36 inches (915 mm) wide with an outward swinging, self-closing door and parallel grab bars complying with Fig. F30(d) and 5.238 through 5.241 shall be provided. Water closets in such stalls shall comply with 5.174 through 5.179. If water closets are not in stalls, then at least one shall comply with 5.174 through 5.179.

Urinals

- 5.215 If urinals are provided, then at least one shall comply with 5.186 through 5.189.

Lavatories and Mirrors

- 5.216 If lavatories and mirrors are provided, then at least one of each shall comply with 5.190 through 5.195.

Controls and Dispensers

- 5.217 If controls, dispensers, receptacles, or other equipment are provided, then at least one of each shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with 5.242 through 5.245.

***See Figures 34 and 35.**

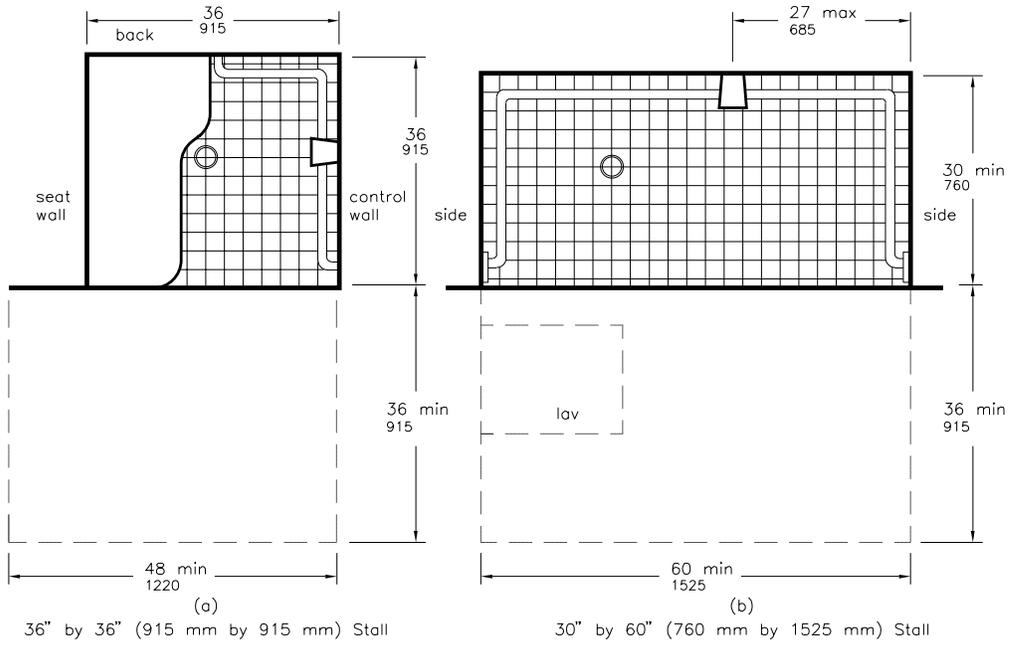


Figure 34. Shower Size and Clearances

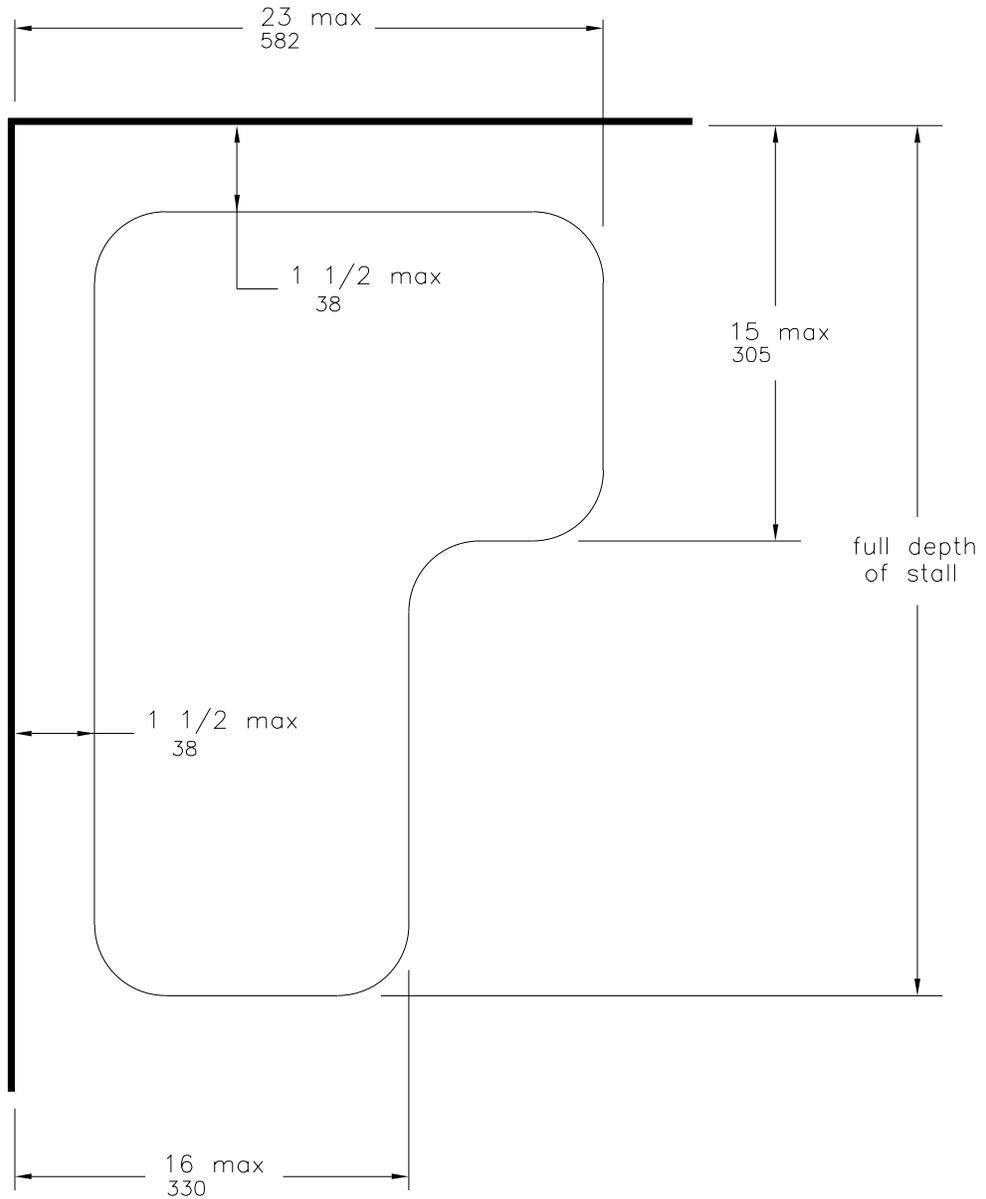


Figure 35. Shower Seat Design

Bathrooms, Bathing Facilities, and Shower Rooms

Minimum Number

- 5.218 Bathrooms, bathing facilities, or shower rooms required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.218 through 5.226 and shall be on an accessible route.

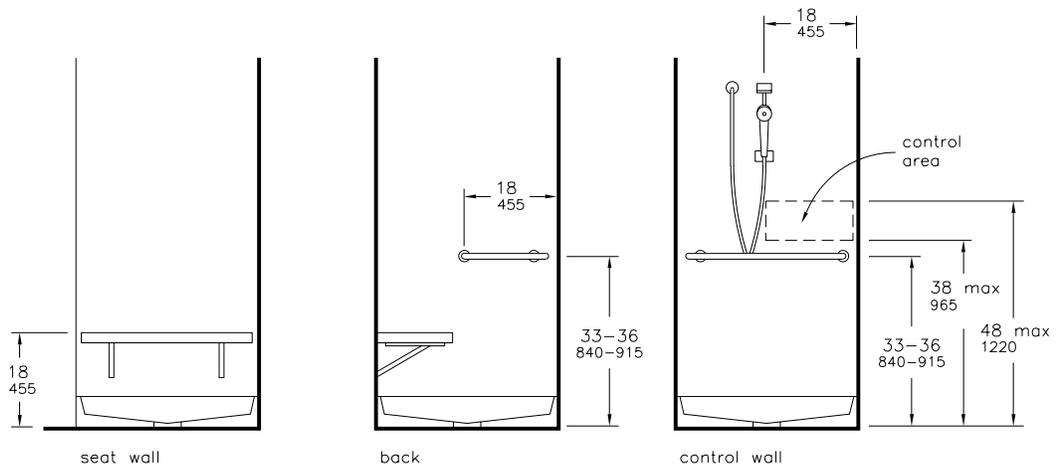
Doors

- 5.219 Doors to accessible bathrooms shall comply with 5.154 through 5.166. Doors shall not swing into the floor space required for any fixture.

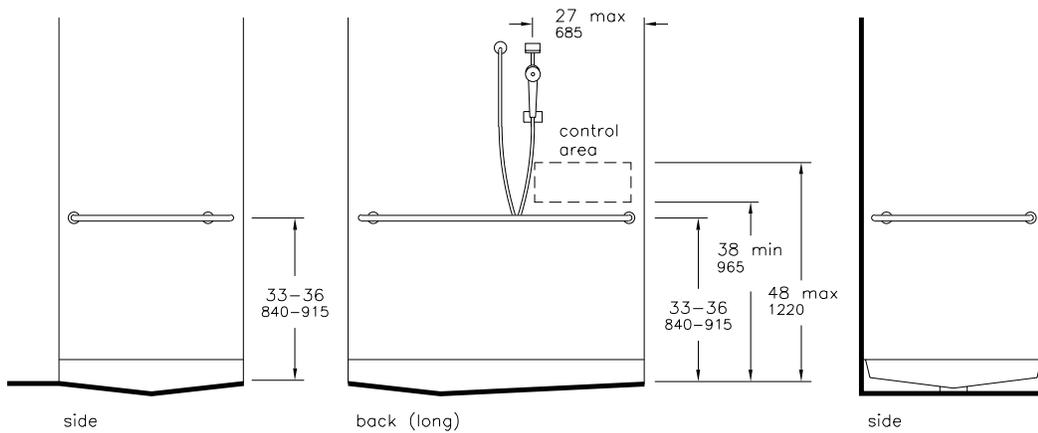
Clear Floor Space

- 5.220 The accessible fixtures and controls required in 5.221 through 5.226 shall be on an accessible route. An unobstructed turning space complying with 5.73 shall be provided within an accessible bathroom. The clear floor spaces at fixtures and controls, the accessible route, and the turning space may overlap.

***See Figure 37.**



(a)
36" by 36" (915 mm by 915 mm) Stall



NOTE: Shower head and control area may be on back (long) wall (as shown) or on either side wall.

(b)
30" by 60" (760 mm by 1525 mm) Stall

Figure 36. Grab Bars at Shower Stalls

Water Closets

- 5.221 If toilet stalls are provided, then at least one shall be a standard toilet stall complying with 5.180 through 5.185. Where 6 or more stalls are provided, in addition to the stall complying with 5.182, at least one stall 36 inches (915 mm) wide with an outward swinging, self-closing door and parallel grab bars complying with Fig. F30(d) and 5.238 through 5.241 shall be provided. Water closets in such stalls shall comply with 5.174 through 5.179. If water closets are not in stalls, then at least one shall comply with 5.174 through 5.179.

Urinals

- 5.222 If urinals are provided, then at least one shall comply with 5.186 through 5.189.

Lavatories and Mirrors

- 5.223 If lavatories and mirrors are provided, then at least one of each shall comply with 5.190 through 5.195.

Controls and Dispensers

- 5.224 If controls, dispensers, receptacles, or other equipment are provided, then at least one of each shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with 5.242 through 5.245.

Bathing and Shower Facilities

- 5.225 If tubs or showers are provided, then at least one accessible tub that complies with 5.196 through 5.202 or at least one accessible shower that complies with 5.203 through 5.210 shall be provided.

Medicine Cabinets

- 5.226 If medicine cabinets are provided, at least one shall be located with a usable shelf no higher than 44 inches (1120 mm) above the floor space. The floor space shall comply with 5.74 through 5.76.

Sinks

General

- 5.227 Sinks required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.227 through 5.233.

Height

- 5.228 Sinks shall be mounted with the counter or rim no higher than 34 inches (865 mm) above the finish floor.

Knee Clearance

- 5.229 Knee clearance that is at least 27 inches (685 mm) high, 30 inches (760 mm) wide, and 19 inches (485 mm) deep shall be provided underneath sinks.

Depth

- 5.230 Each sink shall be a maximum of 6-1/2 inches (165 mm) deep.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.231 A clear floor space at least 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) that complies with 5.74 through 5.76 shall be provided in front of a sink to allow forward approach. The clear floor space shall be on an accessible route and shall extend a maximum of 19 inches (485 mm) underneath the sink (see Fig. F32).

Exposed Pipes and Surfaces

- 5.232 Hot water and drain pipes exposed under sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured so as to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under sinks.

Faucets

- 5.233 Faucets shall comply with 5.245. Lever-operated, push-type, touch-type, or electronically controlled mechanisms are acceptable designs.

Storage

General

- 5.234 Fixed storage facilities such as cabinets, shelves, closets, and drawers required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.234 through 5.237.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.235 In compliance with 5.74 through 5.76, a clear floor space at least 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) that allows either a forward or parallel approach by a person using a wheelchair shall be provided at accessible storage facilities.

Height

- 5.236 Accessible storage spaces shall be within at least one of the reach ranges specified in 5.77 and 5.78 (see Fig. F5 and Fig. F6). Clothes rods or shelves shall be a maximum of 54 inches (1370 mm) above the finish floor for a side approach. Where the distance from the wheelchair to the clothes rod or shelf exceeds 10 inches (255 mm) (as in closets without accessible doors), the height and depth to the rod or shelf shall comply with Fig. F38(a) and Fig. F38(b).

Hardware

- 5.237 Hardware for accessible storage facilities shall comply with 5.245. Touch latches and U-shaped pulls are acceptable.

***See Figure 38.**

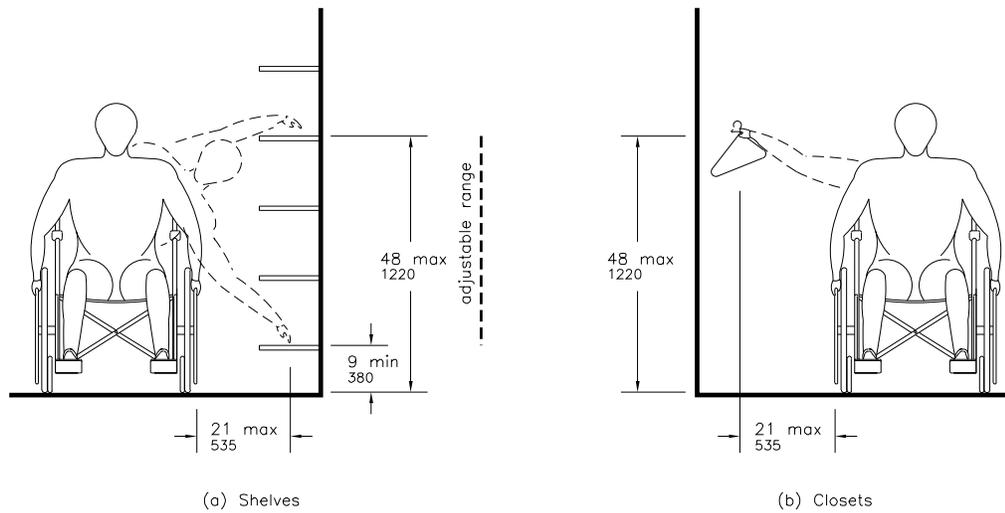


Figure 37. Storage Shelves and Closets

Handrails, Grab Bars, and Tub and Shower Seats

General

- 5.238 All handrails, grab bars, and tub and shower seats required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70, 5.120 through 5.132, 5.174 through 5.185, and 5.196 through 5.210 shall comply with this section; Handrails, Grab Bars, and Tub and Shower Seats.

Size and Spacing of Grab Bars and Handrails

- 5.239 The diameter or width of the gripping surfaces of a handrail or grab bar shall be 1-1/4 inches to 1-1/2 inches (32 mm to 38 mm), or the shape shall provide an equivalent gripping surface. If handrails or grab bars are mounted adjacent to a wall, the space between the wall and the grab bar shall be 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) (see Fig. F39(a), F39(b), F39(c), and F39(e)). Handrails may be located in a recess if the recess is a maximum of 3 inches (75 mm) deep and extends at least 18 inches (455 mm) above the top of the rail (see Fig. F39(d)).

Structural Strength

- 5.240 The structural strength of grab bars, tub and shower seats, fasteners, and mounting devices shall meet the following specifications:
1. Bending stress in a grab bar or seat induced by the maximum bending moment from the application of 250 lbf (1112N) shall be less than the allowable stress for the material of the grab bar or seat.
 2. Shear stress induced in a grab bar or seat by the application of 250 lbf (1112N) shall be less than the allowable shear stress for the material of the grab bar or seat. If the connection between the grab bar or seat and its mounting bracket or other support is considered to be fully restrained, then direct and torsional shear stresses shall be totaled for the combined shear stress, which shall not exceed the allowable shear stress.
 3. Shear force induced in a fastener or mounting device from the application of 250 lbf (1112N) shall be less than the allowable lateral load of either the fastener or mounting device or the supporting structure, whichever is the smaller allowable load.
 4. Tensile force induced in a fastener by a direct tension force of 250 lbf (1112N) plus the maximum moment from the application of 250 lbf (1112N) shall be less than the allowable withdrawal load between the fastener and the supporting structure.
 5. Grab bars shall not rotate within their fittings.

***See Figure 39.**

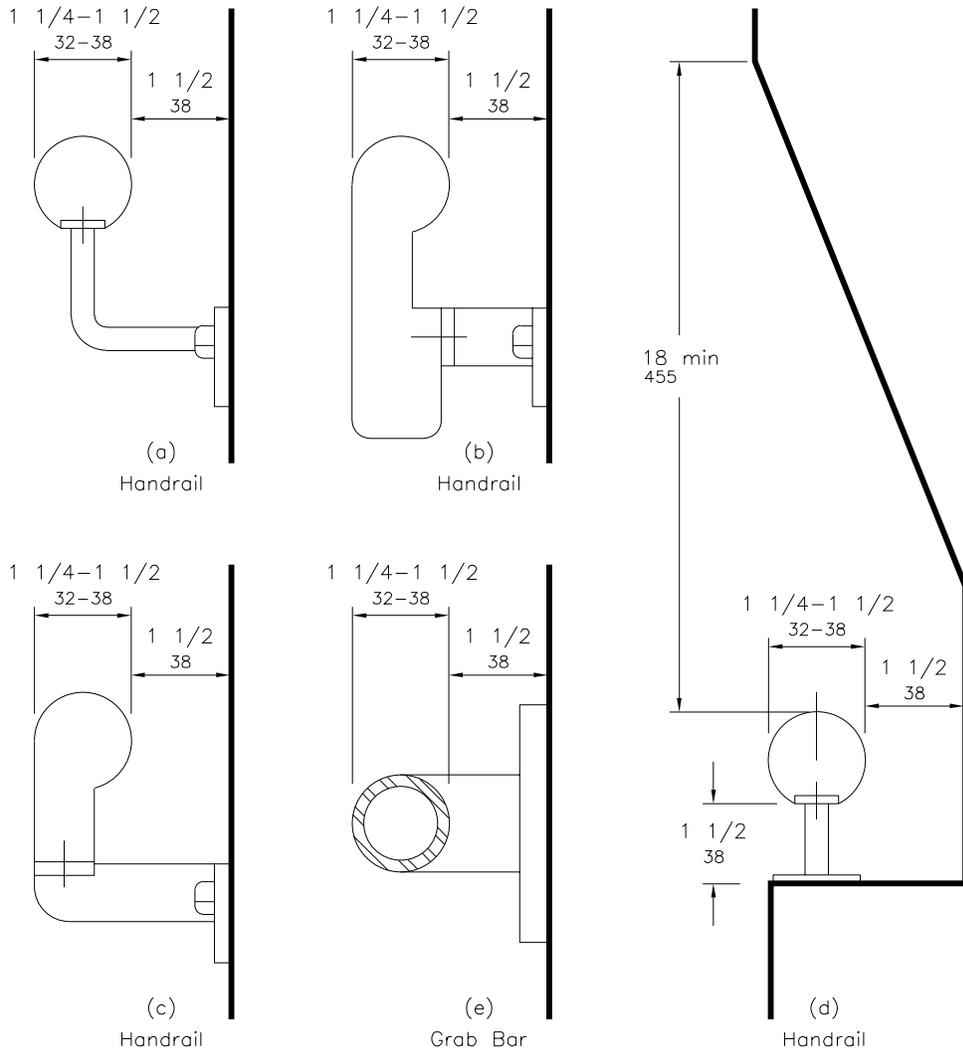


Figure 38. Size and Spacing of Handrails and Grab Bars

Eliminating Hazards

- 5.241 A handrail or grab bar and any wall or other surface adjacent to it shall be free of any sharp or abrasive elements. Edges shall have a minimum radius of 1/8 inches (3.2 mm).

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Controls and Operating Mechanisms

General

- 5.242 Controls and operating mechanisms required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.242 through 5.245.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.243 Clear floor space complying with 5.74 through 5.76 that allows a forward or a parallel approach by a person using a wheelchair shall be provided at controls, dispensers, receptacles, and other operable equipment.

Height

- 5.244 The highest operable part of controls, dispensers, receptacles, and other operable equipment shall be placed within at least one of the reach ranges specified in 5.77 and 5.78. Electrical and communications system receptacles on walls shall be mounted no less than 15 inches (380 mm) above the floor.

EXCEPTION: These requirements do not apply where the use of special equipment dictates otherwise or where electrical and communications systems receptacles are not normally intended for use by building occupants.

Operation

- 5.245 Controls and operating mechanisms shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls shall be no greater than 5 lbf (22.2 N).

Alarms

General

- 5.246 Alarm systems required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.246 through 5.249. At a minimum, visual signal appliances shall be provided in buildings and facilities in each of the following areas: restrooms and any other general usage areas (i.e., meeting rooms), hallways, lobbies, and any other area for common use.

Audible Alarms

- 5.247 If provided, audible emergency alarms shall produce a sound that exceeds the prevailing equivalent sound level in the room or space by at least 15 dbA or exceeds any maximum sound level with a duration of 60 seconds by 5 dbA, whichever is louder. Sound levels for alarm signals shall not exceed 120 dbA.

Visual Alarms

- 5.248 Visual alarm signal appliances shall be integrated into the building or facility alarm system. If single station audible alarms are provided, then single station visual alarm signals shall be provided. Visual alarm signals shall have the following minimum photometric and location features:
1. The lamp shall be a xenon strobe type or equivalent.
 2. The color shall be clear or nominal white (i.e., unfiltered or clear filtered white light).
 3. The maximum pulse duration shall be two-tenths of one second (0.2 sec) with a maximum duty cycle of 40 percent. The pulse duration is defined as the time interval between initial and final points of 10 percent of maximum signal.
 4. The intensity shall be a minimum of 75 candela.
 5. The flash rate shall be a minimum of 1 Hz and a maximum of 3 Hz.
 6. The appliance shall be placed 80 inches (2030 mm) above the highest floor level within the space or 6 inches (152 mm) below the ceiling, whichever is lower.
 7. In general, no place in any room or space required to have a visual signal appliance shall be more than 50 feet (15 m) from the signal (in the horizontal plane). In large rooms and spaces exceeding 100 feet (30 m) across without obstructions 6 feet (2 m) above the finish floor, such as auditoriums, devices may be placed around the perimeter, spaced a maximum 100 feet (30 m) apart, in lieu of suspending appliances from the ceiling.
 8. No place in common corridors or hallways in which visual alarm signalling appliances are required shall be more than 50 feet (15 m) from the signal.

Auxiliary Alarms

- 5.249 Units and sleeping accommodations shall have a visual alarm connected to the building emergency alarm system or shall have a standard 110-volt electrical receptacle into which such an alarm is connected and where a signal from the building emergency alarm system triggers such an auxil-

iary alarm. When visual alarms are in place, the signal shall be visible in all areas of the unit or room. Instructions for use of the auxiliary alarm or receptacle shall be provided.

Detectable Warnings

General

- 5.250 Detectable warnings required by 5.01 through 5.70 and 5.109 through 5.119 shall comply with 5.250 through 5.253.

Detectable Warnings on Walking Surfaces

- 5.251 Detectable warnings shall consist of raised truncated domes with a diameter of nominal 0.9 inches (23 mm), a height of nominal 0.2 inches (5 mm) and a center-to-center spacing of nominal 2.35 inches (60 mm) and shall contrast visually with adjoining surfaces, either light-on-dark, or dark-on-light. The material used to provide contrast shall be an integral part of the walking surface. Detectable warnings used on interior surfaces shall differ from adjoining walking surfaces in resiliency or sound-on-cane contact.

Detectable Warnings on Doors to Hazardous Areas

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for detectable warnings on doors to hazardous areas.

Detectable Warnings at Stairs

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for detectable warnings at stairs.

Detectable Warnings at Hazardous Vehicular Areas

- 5.252 If a walk crosses or adjoins a vehicular way, and the walking surfaces are not separated by curbs, railings, or other elements between the pedestrian areas and vehicular areas, the boundary between the areas shall be defined by a continuous detectable warning which is 36 inches (915 mm) wide and complies with 5.251.

Detectable Warnings at Reflecting Pools

- 5.253 The edges of reflecting pools shall be protected by railings, walls, curbs, or detectable warnings complying with 5.251.

Signage

General

- 5.254 Signage required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with the applicable provisions of 5.254 through 5.275.

Character Proportion

- 5.255 Letters and numbers on signs shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke-width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10.

Character Height

- 5.256 Characters and numbers on signs shall be sized according to the viewing distance from which they are to be read. The minimum height is measured using an upper case "X." Character height on signs shall be suspended or projected overhead in compliance with 5.98 with a minimum character width of 3 inches (75mm). Lower case characters are permitted.

Raised and Brailled Characters and Pictorial Symbol Signs (Pictograms)

- 5.257 Letters and numerals shall be raised 1/32 inch, upper case, sans serif or simple serif type and shall be accompanied with Grade 2 Braille. Raised characters shall be at least 5/8 inch (16 mm) high, but no higher than 2 inches (50 mm). Pictograms shall be accompanied by the equivalent verbal description placed directly below the pictogram. The border dimension of the pictogram shall be 6 inches (152 mm) minimum in height.

Finish and Contrast

- 5.258 The characters and background of signs shall be eggshell, matte, or other non-glare finish. Characters and symbols shall contrast with their background, either light characters on a dark background or dark characters on a light background.

Mounting Location and Height

- 5.259 Where permanent identification is provided for rooms and spaces, signs shall be installed on the wall adjacent to the latch side of the door. Where there is no wall space to the latch side of the door, including at double leaf doors, signs shall be placed on the nearest adjacent wall. Mounting height shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) above the finish floor to the center-line of the sign. Mounting location for such signage shall be so that a person may approach within 3 inches (76 mm) of signage without encountering protruding objects or standing within the swing of a door.

Symbols of Accessibility

Symbol

- 5.260 Facilities and elements required to be identified as accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall use the international symbol of accessibility. The symbol shall be displayed as shown in Fig. F43(a) and F43(b).

Volume Control Telephones

- 5.261 Telephones required to have a volume control by 5.34 shall be identified by a sign containing a depiction of a telephone handset with radiating sound waves.

Text Telephones

- 5.262 Text telephones required by 5.35 shall be identified by the international TDD symbol (Fig. F43(c)). In addition, if a facility has a public text telephone, directional signage indicating the location of the nearest text telephone shall be placed adjacent to all banks of telephones which do not contain a text telephone. Such directional signage shall include the international TDD symbol. If a facility has no banks of telephones, the directional signage shall be provided at the entrance (i.e., in a building directory).

Assistive Listening Systems

- 5.263 In assembly areas where permanently installed assistive listening systems are required by 5.39, the availability of such systems shall be identified with signage that includes the international symbol of access for hearing loss (Fig. F43(d)).

*See Figure 40.

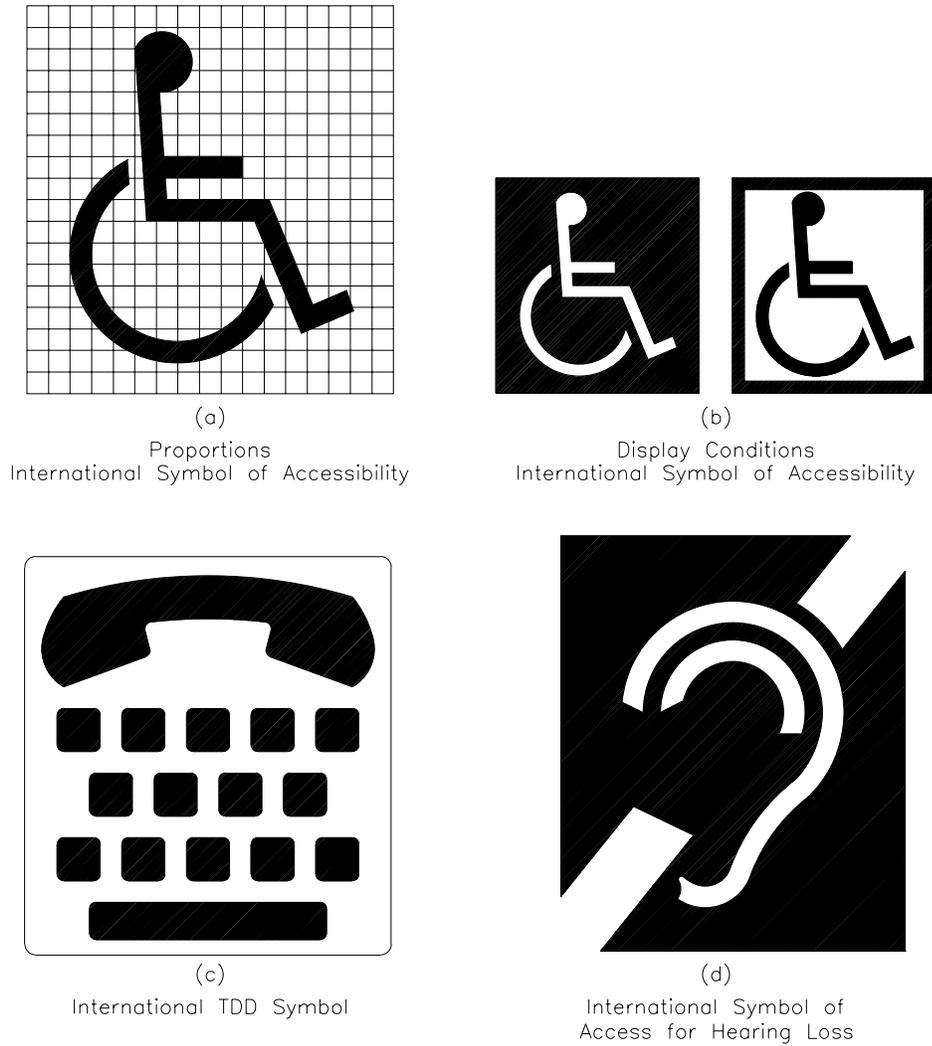


Figure 39. International Symbols

Illumination Levels

Reserved: Congress has not yet issued specifications for illumination levels.

Telephones

General

- 5.264 Public telephones required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.264 through 5.275.

Clear Floor or Ground Space

- 5.265 A clear floor or ground space at least 30 inches by 48 inches (760 mm by 1220 mm) that allows either a forward or parallel approach by a person using a wheelchair shall be provided at telephones (see Fig. F44). The clear floor or ground space shall comply with 5.74 through 5.76. Bases, enclosures, and fixed seats shall not impede approaches to telephones by people who use wheelchairs.

Mounting Height

- 5.266 The highest operable part of the telephone shall be within the reach ranges specified in 5.77 or 5.78.

Protruding Objects

- 5.267 Telephones shall comply with 5.97 and 5.98.

***See Figure 41.**

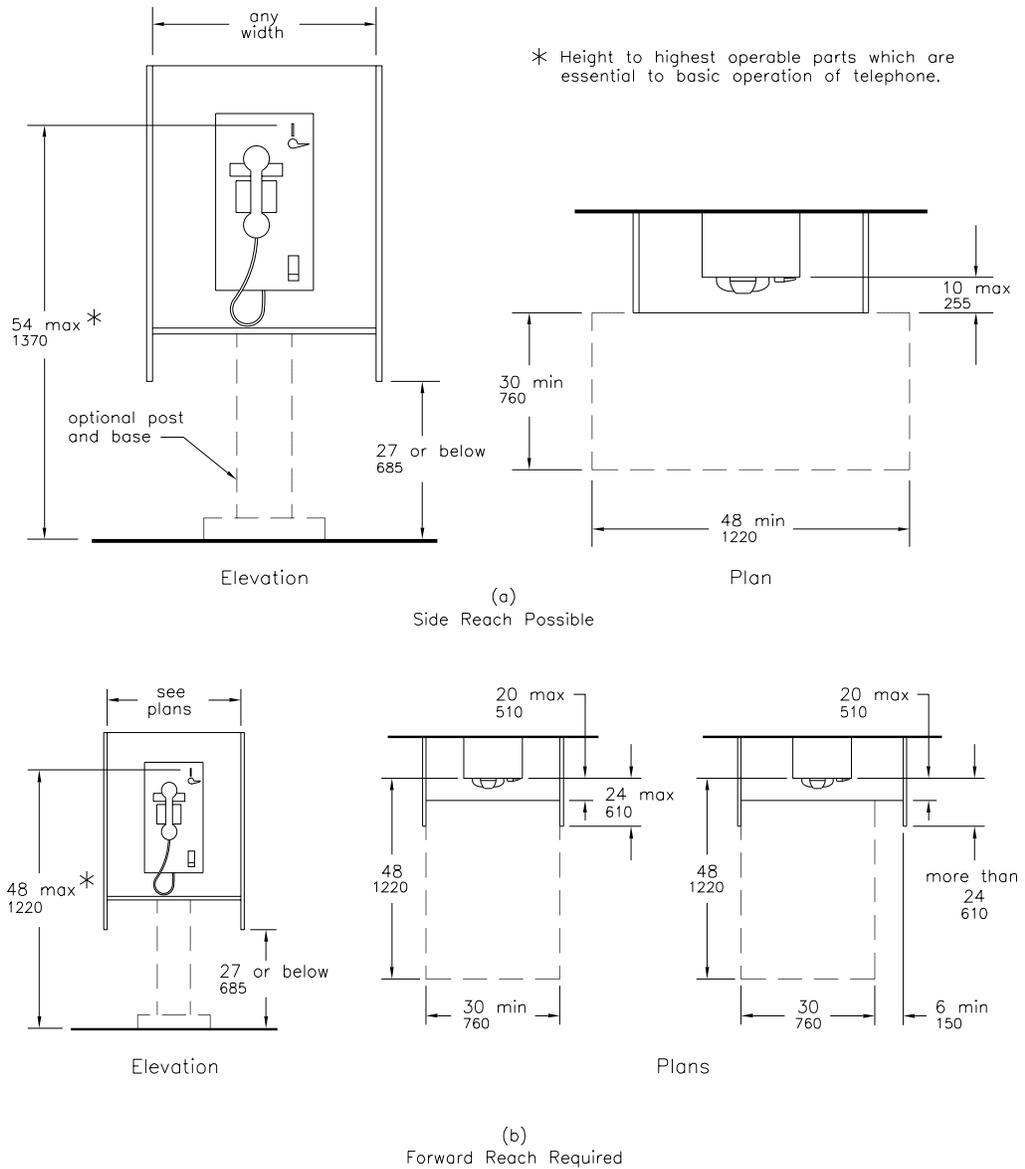


Figure 40. Mounting Heights and Clearances for Telephones

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Hearing Aid Compatible and Volume Control Telephones Required

- 5.268 Telephones shall be hearing aid compatible.
- 5.269 If volume controls capable of a minimum of 12 dbA and a maximum of automatic reset are provided, then 18 dbA may be exceeded.

Controls

- 5.270 Telephones shall have push-button controls where service for such equipment is available.

Telephone Books

- 5.271 Telephone books, if provided, shall be located in a position that complies with the reach ranges specified in 5.77 and 5.78.

Cord Length

- 5.272 The cord from the telephone to the handset shall be at least 29 inches (735 mm) long.

Pay Telephones

- 5.273 Text telephones used with a pay telephone shall be permanently affixed within, or adjacent to, the telephone enclosure. If an acoustic coupler is used, the telephone cord shall be sufficiently long to allow connection of the text telephone and the telephone receiver.
- 5.274 Pay telephones designed to accommodate a portable text telephone shall be equipped with a shelf and an electrical outlet within or adjacent to the telephone enclosure. The telephone handset shall be capable of being placed flush on the surface of the shelf. The shelf shall be capable of accommodating a text telephone and shall have 6 inches (152 mm) minimum vertical clearance in the area where the text telephone is to be placed.
- 5.275 Equivalent facilitation may be provided. For example, a portable text telephone may be made available in a hotel at the registration desk if it is available on a 24-hour basis for use with nearby public pay telephones. In this instance, at least one pay telephone shall comply with paragraph 5.274 of this section. In addition, if an acoustic coupler is used, the telephone handset cord shall be sufficiently long so as to allow connection of

the text telephone and the telephone receiver. Directional signage shall be provided and shall comply with 5.260 through 5.263.

Fixed or Built-in Seating and Tables

Minimum Number

- 5.276 Fixed or built-in seating or tables required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.276 through 5.279.

Seating

- 5.277 If seating spaces for people in wheelchairs are provided at fixed tables or counters, clear floor space complying with 5.74 through 5.76 shall be provided. Such clear floor space shall not overlap knee space by more than 19 inches (485 mm) (see Fig. F45).

Knee Clearances

- 5.278 If seating for people in wheelchairs is provided at tables or counters, knee spaces at least 27 inches (685 mm) high, 30 inches (760 mm) wide, and 19 inches (485 mm) deep shall be provided (see Fig. F45).

Height of Tables or Counters

- 5.279 The tops of accessible tables and counters shall be from 28 inches to 34 inches (710 mm to 865 mm) above the finish floor or ground.

Assembly Areas

Minimum Number

- 5.280 Assembly and associated areas required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.280 through 5.286.

Size of Wheelchair Locations

- 5.281 Each wheelchair location shall provide minimum clear ground or floor spaces as shown in Fig. F46.

Placement of Wheelchair Locations

- 5.282 Wheelchair areas shall be an integral part of any fixed seating plan and shall be provided so as to provide people with physical disabilities a choice of admission prices and lines of sight comparable to those for members of the general public. They shall adjoin an accessible route that also serves as a means of egress in case of emergency. At least one companion fixed seat shall be provided next to each wheelchair seating area. When the seating capacity exceeds 300, wheelchair spaces shall be provided in more than one location. Readily removable seats may be installed in wheelchair spaces when the spaces are not required to accommodate wheelchair users.

EXCEPTION: Accessible viewing positions may be clustered for bleachers, balconies, and other areas having sight lines that require slopes of greater than 5 percent. Equivalent accessible viewing positions may be located on levels having accessible egress.

Surfaces

- 5.283 The ground or floor at wheelchair locations shall be level and shall comply with 5.99 through 5.102.

***See Figures 41 and 42.**

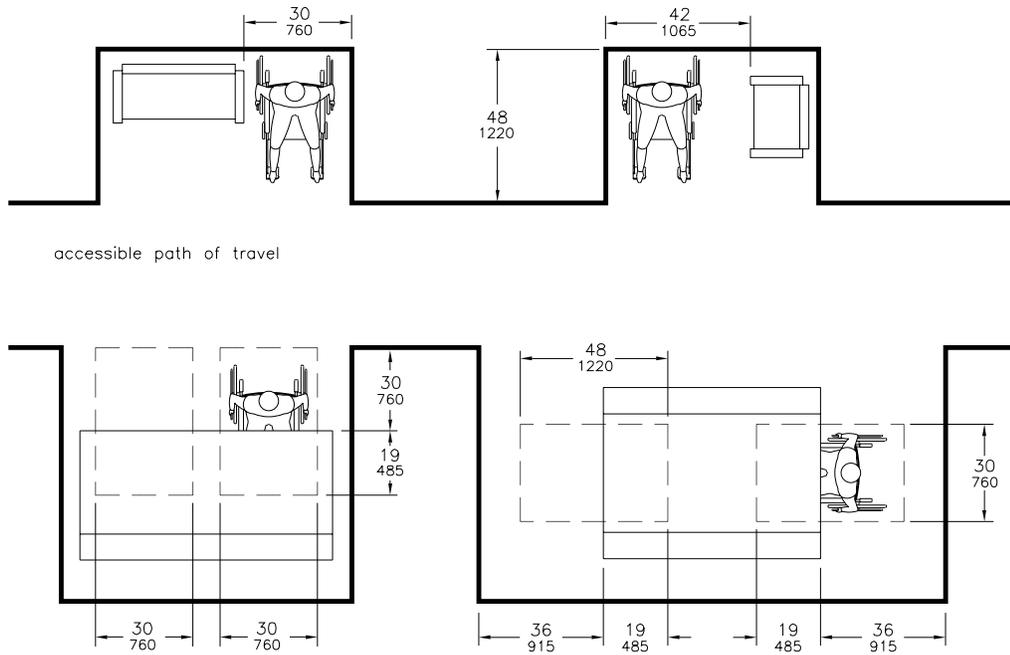


Figure 41. Minimum Clearances for Seating and Tables

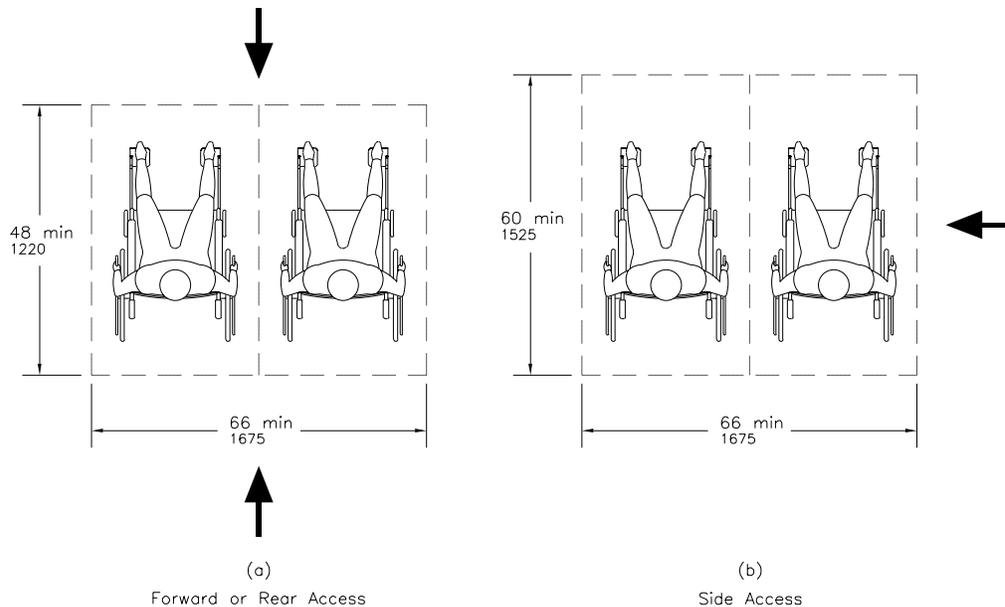


Figure 42. Space Requirements for Wheelchair Seating Spaces in Series

Access to Performing Areas

- 5.284 An accessible route shall connect wheelchair seating locations with performing areas, including stages, arena floors, dressing rooms, locker rooms, and other spaces used by performers.

Placement of Listening Systems

- 5.285 If the listening system provided serves individual fixed seats, then such seats shall be located within a 50 foot (15 m) viewing distance of the stage or playing area and shall have a complete view of the stage or playing area.

Types of Listening Systems

- 5.286 Assistive listening systems (ALS) are intended to augment standard public address and audio systems by providing signals which can be received directly by persons with special receivers or their own hearing aids and which eliminate or filter background noise. The type of assistive listening

system appropriate for a particular application depends on the characteristics of the setting, the nature of the program, and the intended audience. Magnetic induction loops, infra-red and radio frequency systems are types of listening systems which are appropriate for various applications.

Automated Teller Machines

General

- 5.287 Each machine required to be accessible by 5.13 through 5.41 shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with 5.287 through 5.290.

Controls

- 5.288 Controls for user activation shall comply with the requirements of 5.242 through 5.245.

Clearances and Reach Range

- 5.289 Free standing or built-in units not having a clear space under them shall comply with 5.243 and 5.244 and provide for a parallel approach and both a forward and side reach to the unit allowing a person in a wheelchair to access the controls and dispensers.

Equipment for Persons with Vision Impairments

- 5.290 Instructions and all information for use shall be made accessible to and independently usable by persons with vision impairments.

Dressing and Fitting Rooms

General

- 5.291 Dressing and fitting rooms required to be accessible by 5.01 through 5.70 shall comply with 5.291 through 5.295 and shall be on an accessible route.

Clear Floor Space

- 5.292 A clear floor space allowing a person using a wheelchair to make a 180-degree turn shall be provided in every accessible dressing room entered through a swinging or sliding door. No door shall swing into any part of the turning space. Turning space shall not be required in a private dressing room entered through a curtained opening at least 32 inches (815 mm) wide if clear floor space complying with paragraphs 5.71 through 5.78 renders the dressing room usable by a person using a wheelchair.

Doors

- 5.293 All doors to accessible dressing rooms shall be in compliance with section 5.154 through 5.166.

Bench

- 5.294 Every accessible dressing room shall have a 24 inch by 48 inch (610 mm by 1220 mm) bench fixed to the wall along the longer dimension. The bench shall be mounted 17 inches to 19 inches (430 mm to 485 mm) above the finish floor. Clear floor space shall be provided alongside the bench to allow a person using a wheelchair to make a parallel transfer onto the bench. The structural strength of the bench and attachments shall comply with 5.240. Where installed in conjunction with showers, swimming pools, or other wet locations, water shall not accumulate upon the surface of the bench and the bench shall have a slip-resistant surface.

Mirror

- 5.295 Where mirrors are provided in dressing rooms of the same use, then in an accessible dressing room, a full-length mirror, measuring at least 18 inches wide by 54 inches high (460 mm by 1370 mm) shall be mounted in a position affording a view to a person on the bench as well as to a person in a standing position.



NOTE:

Paragraphs 5.01 through 5.70 are different from ANSI A117.1 in their entirety and are printed in standard type.

Appendix A — Purchase, Installation and Replacement of Facility Hardware Items Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

1. General

- 1.01 The purpose of this section is to set forth basic standards for any new hardware purchases or installation so that it complies with the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) legislation by facilitating access to the disabled. This section relates to facilities hardware, including the installation of hardware in new facilities, renovations, and routine maintenance or replacement. The term hardware shall include door hardware, plumbing and lavatory fixtures, electrical switches, and elevator and emergency switches.
- 1.02 This new practice is being issued to provide guidance to the individuals responsible for selecting, purchasing, or installing hardware items in AT&T facilities with respect to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- 1.03 Prior to the ADA legislation, there were no specific requirements regarding hardware design for the disabled. This section does not mandate the replacement of all non-compliant hardware, but rather sets a minimum standard for any new or placement hardware items. Immediate replacement of non-complying items shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by local management for those cases where existing hardware provides a hardship for disabled employees, visitors or customers. It is the intent of this section that the procurement and installation of all hardware in the future comply with the minimum ADA requirements. The marginal difference in obtaining compliant hardware at the time of installation or replacement, even in cases where such requirement is not readily apparent, is expected to be less than the cost of replacing an item in order to comply at a later date.

2. Scope

- 2.01 The scope of this practice shall include all AT&T owned or leased facilities. A higher level of attention must be applied to those facilities where disabled employees are or may be located and where visitors or customers are expected to require access.

- 2.02 The hardware items covered by this practice shall include typical facility hardware items such as listed below. The persons responsible for selection of items of this nature shall consider the requirement of the ADA in making the selection of these and items of this nature. It is the intent of this practice to apply to all items of a hardware nature that would assist in providing access for disabled individuals.
- Door hardware
 - Lavatory fixtures and accessories
 - Electrical devices
 - Elevator Controls
 - Alarm switches
 - Door replacement
 - Flooring materials
 - Public telephone.
- 2.03 Guidance in the specific selection of the above items can be obtained directly from the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Title III section____, or the ADA sections of approved vendors catalogs.

3. Door Hardware Standards

- 3.01 It has been determined that round "knob set" type hardware is difficult to operate for many people who are disabled. The specific requirements for ADA compliant hardware are as follows:
1. Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operating devices shall have a shape that is easy to grasp with one hand and does not require tight grasping, tight pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate.
 2. Lever-operated mechanisms, push type mechanisms, and U-shaped handles are acceptable designs.
 3. When sliding doors are fully open, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
 4. Hardware required for passage shall be mounted no higher than 48 inches above the floor.
 5. If a door has a closure, then the sweep period of the closure shall be adjusted so that from an open position of seventy degrees, the door will take at least three seconds to move to a point 3 inches from the latch, measured to the leading edge of the door.

6. The maximum force for pushing or pulling open a door shall be as follows:

- a. Fire doors shall have the minimum opening force allowable by the governing regulatory authority.
- b. Exterior hinged doors - (No requirement at this time).
- c. Interior hinged doors - 5 lbf.

These forces do not apply to the force required to retract latch bolts or disengage other devices that may hold the door in a closed position.

3.02 The above minimum requirements shall apply to the replacement of any existing hardware. Renovation and new construction work will also comply with these requirements, but there are additional requirements relating to the size and placement of doors, as well as other conditions relating to the design of entrances and passageways that must also be met for new and renovation construction work.

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