

2/90 SIGN SYSTEMS

ADA-COMPLIANT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



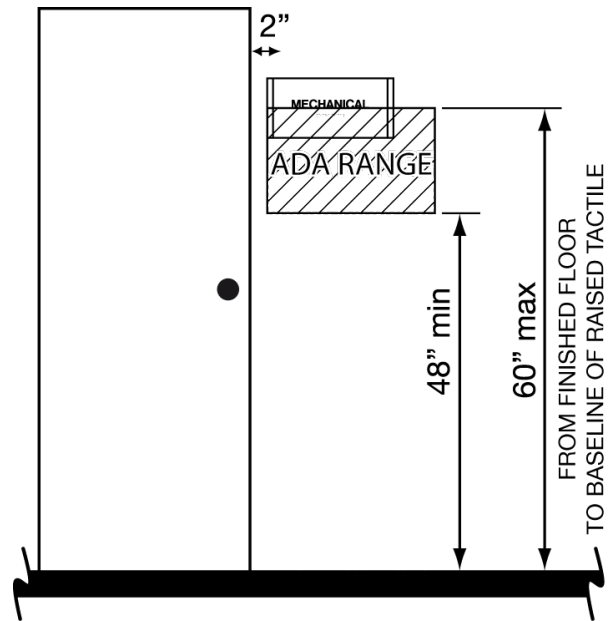
WHAT IS ADA?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was implemented in the early 1990s to protect the civil rights of the disabled. The intent of the law as it pertains to signage is to ensure access to goods and services by mandating identification standards including character size, color contrast, sign location, and tactile copy for readability.

The Department of Justice amended the Americans with Disabilities Act on September 15, 2010. The revisions clarify and refine issues that have arisen since its implementation over twenty years ago. These changes are referred to as "2010 Standards for Accessible Design" (SAD) and are enforced today for new construction and alterations.

ARE THERE ADA MOUNTING REQUIREMENTS?

Yes, not only do signs need to follow ADA guidelines, but mounting installation location is just as crucial to remain ADA-Compliant.



WHAT HEIGHT DO ADA SIGNS NEED TO BE INSTALLED?

Previously, ADA signs were mounted at 60 inches to the center of the sign. 2010 Standards provide for a range of 48 to 60 inches above the finished floor measured from the baseline of the highest tactile character. This change provides for visual consistency of sign heights.

WHAT ARE MINIMUM HEIGHT CLEARANCES FOR ADA SIGNAGE?

The bottom of overhead signage must clear 80 inches minimum above the finished floor (AFF). Wall-mounted signs must be mounted a minimum of 27 inches AFF and a maximum height of 80 inches, with a maximum protrusion into the pathway of 4 inches.

WHERE DO ADA SIGNS NEED TO BE INSTALLED IN RELATIONSHIP TO A DOOR?

When mounting ADA-compliant signage, sign location is relative to door type and swing path. The new ADA provides greater guidance for the placement of signs, allowing tactile signs to be placed on the push side of doors with a closing mechanism. This change clarifies the issue of signs on restroom doors.

- Single Door: Sign shall be next to door on latch side.
- Double Doors (one active leaf): Sign shall be located on inactive leaf.
- Double Doors (two active leaves): Sign shall be to the right of right-handed door.
- Push Doors: Sign shall be on the push side of doors with closers and without hold-open devices.
- Signs for doors without wall space (on latch side of single door or at the right side of double doors) shall be mounted on nearest adjacent wall.
- Mounting location for such signage shall be so that a person may approach within 3 inches of signage without encountering protruding objects or standing within the swing of a door.

DO ALL SIGNS NEED TO BE ADA COMPLIANT?

No. Several signs are exempt from ADA codes including building addresses, building directories, company names and logos, menus, occupant names, seat and row designations in assembly areas, signs in parking facilities (except accessible parking space signs), signs not located in public use areas in detention and correctional facilities, and temporary signs which are used for seven days or less. Learn more at www.ADA.gov.