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Changes to and Interpretation of 2010 ADA Regulations

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Introduction

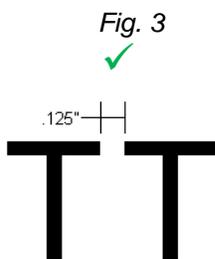
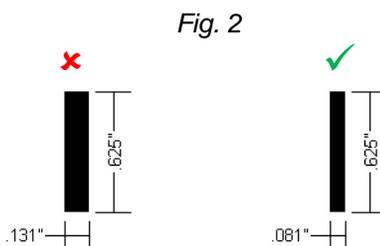
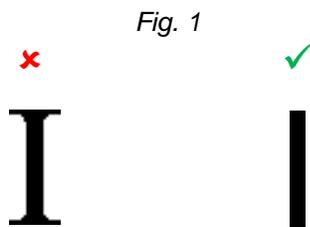
As a leader in the ADA signage and wayfinding industry, Best Sign Systems strives to remain educated in federal regulations that affect our industry. We would like our dealers and their customers to know that we have been proactive in our efforts to comply with the anticipated finalization of ADA Standards.

Revised Regulation

On September 15, 2010, the Department of Justice published revised and final ADA regulations. Enforcement of these new standards begins on March 15, 2012, for all new construction and alterations.

Changes & Interpretation

In anticipation of the 2012 enforcement of the revised ADA regulations, Best Signs has been making incremental changes to our production and design standards throughout 2011. Some of these changes are detailed below, along with Best Signs' interpretation of how the new regulations will influence your signage.



Style [703.2.3]

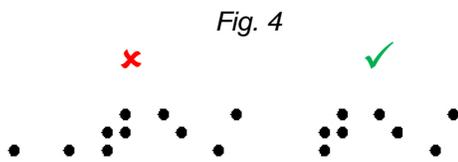
Sans Serif typestyles only. Simple serif typestyles (i.e. Times New Roman, Century Schoolbook, etc.) no longer comply. (Fig. 1)

Stroke Thickness [703.2.6]

The new guidelines for stroke thickness require thinner strokes. Most "Medium" typestyles (i.e. Helvetica Medium, Optima Medium, etc.) no longer comply. (Fig. 2)

Character Spacing [703.2.7]

A minimum of 1/8" space between adjoining characters is required. We have adjusted the settings in our graphic software to allow for 1/8" space between the "TT" letter combination. The spacing between other letter combinations will vary, depending on the typestyle used, but will not be less than 1/8". (Fig. 3)



Dimensions and Capitalization [703.3.1]

Indication of all caps copy in the Braille translation does not comply. Best Signs will continue our standard of not indicating capitalization in Braille. In order to comply with the new regulation for domed or rounded Braille, our Graphic Blast production process requires that the braille be painted the same color as the sign background. (Fig. 4)

Compliant Typestyles

Typestyles are limited. We have determined that the following fonts in our system are ADA compliant:

SansSerif	Helvetica Condensed
Arial	Helvetica Regular
Century Gothic	IKEA Sans Regular
Frutiger 55 Roman	Lucida Sans Unicode
FrutigerLTStd-Cn	MyriadPro-Regular

Where no typestyle is specified Best Signs' default font will be SansSerif.

Resources

More detailed information can be found at the following official ADA websites:

U.S. DOJ: ADA Home Page

www.ada.gov

United States Access Board

www.access-board.gov

Summary

We hope this information will be of assistance to you in designing future signage, and helping your customers make design decisions that will meet the needs of their project while complying with ADA Regulations.

While Best Sign Systems, Inc. cannot offer legally binding advise, we would be happy to discuss with you any ADA challenges you may be facing.