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Americans With Disabilities Act *Technical Bulletin*

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became effective January 26, 1992. The ADA was updated May 2012. The intent of this legislation is to ensure that people with disabilities have access to employment, public accommodations, government services, transportation, telecommunications, and commercial facilities.

The placement of carpet in the affected public areas of commercial facilities places certain obligations on the specifier, building owner and others. Compliance requirements should be thoroughly understood by the specifier; therefore, the following has been excerpted from the ADA requirements:

4.5 Ground and Floor Surfaces

4.5.1 * General. 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 4.5.

4.5.2 Changes in Level. Changes in level up to ¼ in (6 mm) may be vertical and without edge treatment (see Fig. 7(c)). Changes in level between ¼ in and ½ in (6

mm and 13 mm) shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2 (see Fig. 7(d)). Changes in level greater than ½ in (13 mm) shall be accomplished by means of a ramp that complies with 4.7 or 4.8.

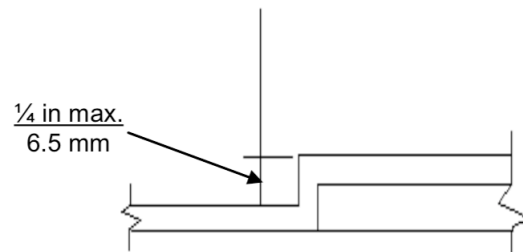
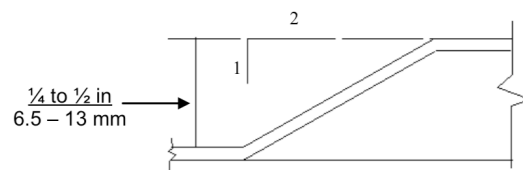


Fig. 7(c)
Changes in level



Changes in level Fig. 7(d)
Accessible Route

