



THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

National Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Accessible Parking Spaces Requirements

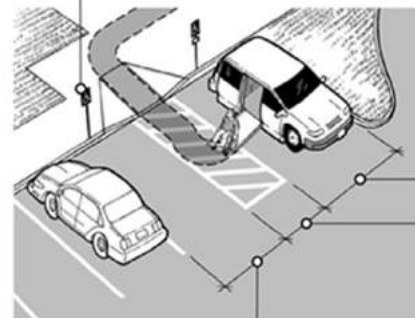


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PARKING SPACES

- Accessible parking spaces must be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an accessible entrance.
- Parking spaces and access aisles must be designed so that cars and vans, when parked, cannot obstruct the required clear width of adjacent accessible routes.
- In parking facilities where the accessible route must cross vehicular traffic lanes, marked crossings enhance pedestrian safety, particularly for people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids.
- Accessible route must not pass behind parked vehicles whenever possible.
- Curb ramps are not permitted to project into access aisles parking spaces.
- Wheel stops are an effective way to prevent vehicle overhangs from reducing the clear width of accessible routes.
- Parking spaces, access aisles and vehicular routes serving them must provide a vertical clearance of 98" minimum.
- Accessible signage must be provided at accessible parking spaces.
- Surface slope within accessible parking spaces: 2% (1:48) max. in any direction.

Signage: international symbol of accessibility placed in front of the parking space mounted at least five feet above the ground, measured to the bottom of the sign. Van accessible spaces include the designation "van accessible".



Space width for van: 11 feet (although it may be eight feet wide if its access aisle is eight feet wide)

Access aisle: Width: five feet (if aisle serves car and van spaces)

Length: full length of parking space

Space width for car: eight feet

NUMBER & LOCATION

- Where parking spaces are provided, accessible parking spaces must be provided.
- Number of accessible parking spaces must be determined by the Parking Spaces Table.
- Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site must be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.
- Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles must be made from the centerline of the markings.
- Hospital Outpatient Facilities: 10% of patient and visitor parking spaces provided to serve hospital outpatient facilities must be accessible.
- Rehabilitation facilities (specializing in treating conditions that affect mobility) and Outpatient Physical Therapy Facilities: 20% of patient and visitor parking spaces provided must be accessible.

| PARKING SPACES | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Number of Parking Spaces per Parking Lot/Facility | Minimum Number of Required Accessible Spaces |
| 1 to 25 | 1 |
| 26 to 50 | 2 |
| 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 1,000 | 2% of total |
| 1,001 and over | 20 plus 1 for each 100 or fraction thereof over 1,000 |

SINGLE PARKING SPACES

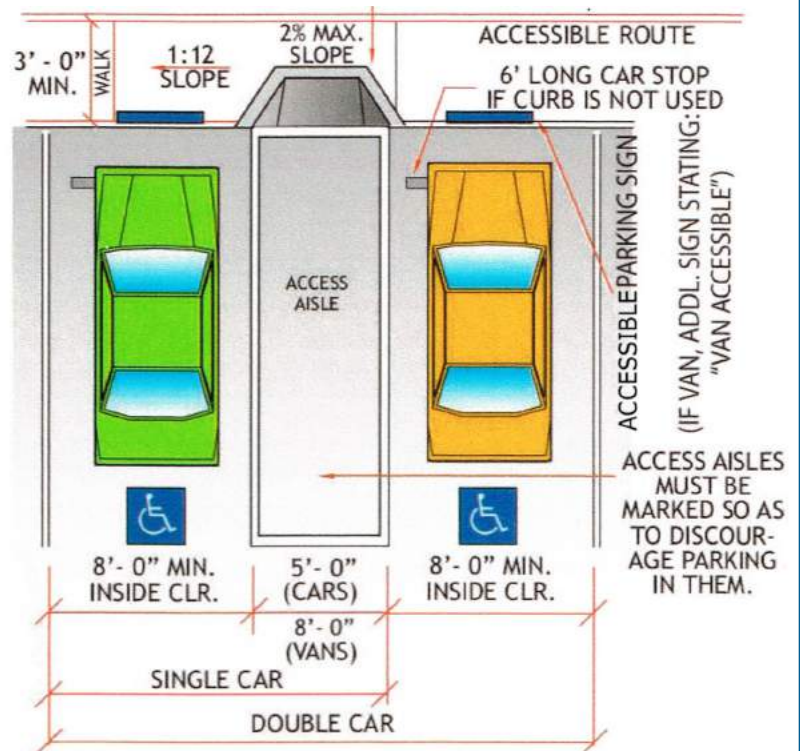
- Parking space width 8' minimum
- Parking space length 11' minimum
- Access aisle width 5' minimum

VAN PARKING SPACES

- Van Parking Space width: 11' minimum where access aisle is a minimum of 5' wide.
- Van parking spaces are to be permitted to be 8' wide minimum, wherever the access aisle is a minimum of 8' wide.
- Number of Van Accessible Spaces: For every 6 or fraction of 6 accessible spaces, at least one must be a van accessible parking space.

ACCESS AISLE

- Access aisle minimum dimensions: 5' wide x full length of parking space.
- Access aisles must be marked so as to discourage parking in them.
- Access aisles may be placed on either side of the parking spaces except for angled or van parking spaces which must have access aisles located on the passenger side of the parking spaces.
- Two parking spaces are permitted to share a common access aisle.
- Access aisles must not overlap the vehicular way.
- Access aisles must adjoin an accessible route.



B PARKING SIGNS

- Parking space identification signs must include the International Symbol of Accessibility: a profile view of a wheelchair with an occupant.
- Sign identifying van parking spaces must contain the designation "van accessible."
- The required "van accessible" designation is intended to be informative, not restrictive, in identifying those spaces that are better suited for van use.
- Signs must be 60" minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.



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