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Technical Memorandum

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Architectural Barriers

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Curb Ramps – Surface Texture/Contrast Administrative Rule 68.102(b)(2) and TAS 4.7.4

The ONLY surface texture TDLR is currently aware of that meets the intent of both the Texas Accessibility Standards and the currently enforceable federal Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines are detectable warnings (aka truncated domes) meeting the technical specifications of TAS 4.29.2.

With the intention of harmonizing both state and federal requirements, the Department issues the following technical clarifications regarding surface texture requirements for curb ramps.

Curb Ramps in the Public Right-of-Way

All curb ramps constructed, renovated, modified, or altered within the public right-of-way must comply with Architectural Barriers Administrative Rule 68.102(b)(2).

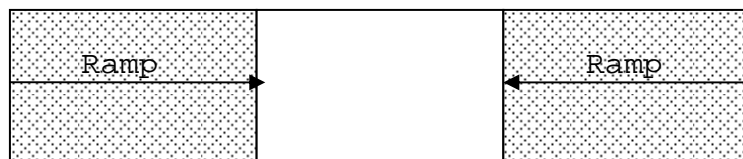
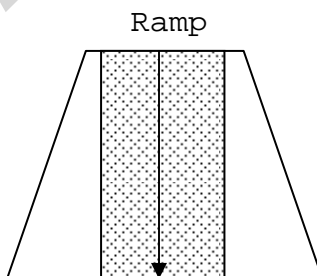
Curb Ramps NOT in the Public Right-of-Way

All curb ramps that are constructed, renovated, modified, or altered, but are NOT within the public right-of-way must comply with TAS 4.7.

The surface texture and contrast must extend the full width and depth of the curb ramp based on TAS 4.7.4. Parallel curb ramps shall be allowed to have the surface texture and contrast on the two ramped surfaces unless the landing connects to a public street or public right-of-way.

The Department strongly encourages the use of detectable warnings complying with TAS 4.29.2 as the surface texture and contrast in lieu of the surface textures listed under TAS 4.7.4(1) as a means to satisfy both the state and federal requirements.

This technical memorandum supersedes TM 99-15 issued in July 1999 which is no longer effective. TM 99-02 remains in effect for curb ramps that are NOT in the public right-of-way.



Parallel Curb Ramps

Note: If the landing of the parallel curb ramp connects to a public street or public right-of-way, detectable warnings must be provided on the landing. See Rule 68.102(b)(2)(B).