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Self-Service Car Washes **4.6.3 and 4.27**

Scoping and Application **4.1**

Self-service car washes are subject to the Texas Architectural Barriers Act as a Public Accommodation. A minimum of 5% of the car wash bays (but never less than one) must be accessible and must comply with TAS 4.6.3 and 4.27. (Note: controls and operating mechanisms may include such items as the bay control box, coin slot, change machines, spray wand, and floor mat clips).

At least one bay must be designed to allow for used by a van. This bay must include the minimum width required for a "Van-Accessible" parking space (16'-0"), plus an additional 36" of width on the opposite side from the access aisle for an accessible route, for a total clear width of 19'0". This allows the user adequate space to exit their vehicle and get around all sides of the vehicle. The surface slope of the 8' wide access aisle and 3' wide accessible route in the accessible bay may not exceed 2.0% in any direction.

An accessible route must be provided from the bay to the change machine(s) and other product dispensers, which must comply with TAS 4.27. If other amenities, such as vacuuming stations and drying areas are provided, at least 5% of these must comply with TAS.