

1994 Texas Accessibility Standards  
*Technical Memorandum*

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Architectural Barriers

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**Doors – Clear width**  
**4.13.5**

**Scoping and Application**  
**4.1.3(7)**

TAS 4.13.5 and Figure 24 note that the minimum clear opening width is to be determined with the door open 90 degrees and measured from the face of the door to the opposite stop. No mention is made of potential impact on passage as a result of panic devices or other hardware.

We are frequently asked whether hardware can protrude into the required clear width. Therefore, we have developed the following position, the wording of which is derived from Recommendations for a New ADAAG (dated September 30, 1996), Section 404.2.3.

**There shall be no projections into the required clear opening width lower than 34 inches above the floor or ground. Projections into the clear opening width between 34 inches and 80 inches above the floor shall not exceed 4 inches.**

**Applicable to 1994 TAS Only**