

ACCESS ALERT

Tolerances for Surface Slope and Smoothness

The Federal Access Board is sponsoring a project to develop guidance on construction tolerances, particularly those pertaining to the slope, flatness, and smoothness of ground and floor surfaces. A recent workshop identified strategies and considerations for developing guidance on this issue. Papers presented at the workshop addressed design issues, construction considerations, and findings from a study of the physical effects of wheelchair travel over uneven surfaces.

You can read them by following the links below:

- Initiative on Dimensional Tolerances in Construction Surface Compliance Design Issues (<http://www.access-board.gov/research/tolerances/design.htm>)
- Constructability Considerations in Walking/ Rolling Surfaces (<http://www.access-board.gov/research/tolerances/construction.htm>)
- Longitudinal Assessment of Vibrations During Manual and Electric Powered Wheelchair Driving Over Selected Sidewalk Surfaces (<http://www.access-board.gov/research/tolerances/vibration-research.htm>)

While currently focused on exterior routes (including ramps), this project will also explore tolerances for other types of construction. Additional information on this project is posted on the Board's website (<http://www.access-board.gov/news/tolerances-workshop.htm>).

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