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**NEW WHITE PAPER FROM GEBERIT CLARIFIES ADA TOILET RESTROOM CRITERIA**

**Des Plaines, IL:** Geberit has issued a new white paper that discusses the importance of understanding criteria for designing an ADA-compliant restroom: *Overcoming Accessibility Design Challenges in the Restroom with In-Wall Technology*. By carefully evaluating the accessible restroom criteria the toilet compartment can be responsive to a wide range of human needs and accommodate people with an equally wide range of abilities.

Although there are an almost infinite variety of “conditions” that define accessibility, this paper focuses on one aspect of the restroom that is, perhaps, the essence of the restroom: the single-occupant, accessible compartment area where the toilet and flush valve are located.

The white paper reviews the two primary sources for accessibility information: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and The Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (ICC/ANSI A117.1). Further emphasis is on wheelchair accessible sinks and counters focusing on the toilet criteria.

As outlined in the white paper, there are always difficulties designing a restroom space while complying with ADA regulations, especially in small, tight areas. The challenge is to find alternative solutions or innovative methods that do not conflict with standards. Regardless of which toilet compartment is designed, Geberit recommends wall-hung toilet bowls. For example, providing an ideal seat height in multi-use facilities is a design challenge as people have varying abilities and needs. The wall-hung toilet can easily accommodate the toilet seat height requirement of a 17 inches (430 mm) minimum to 19 inches (485 mm) maximum measured to the top of the seat.

Geberit in-wall systems with single or dual-flush actuators are easily concealed in standard 2x4 or 2x6 wood or metal frame walls. The virtually maintenance-free system allows easy access to all internal components including the fill and flush valves through a decorative actuator flush panel. No tools are needed for simple repairs. The carrier can be adjusted to varying seat heights ranging from 15” to 19” and can support up to 880 lbs. Geberit’s space-saving system makes it possible to position fixtures in any part of the restroom while concealing plumbing hardware, unlocking design opportunities like no other restroom products.

To help you navigate through your ADA Restroom faucet criteria, download a PDF of the Geberit *Overcoming Accessibility Design Challenges in the Restroom with In-Wall Technology* white paper at [http://www.geberitnorthamerica.com/media/local\\_media/\\_imported/brochures/GNA7204.pdf](http://www.geberitnorthamerica.com/media/local_media/_imported/brochures/GNA7204.pdf).



Geberit North America is part of the Geberit Group, a European market leader and global provider of sanitary technology. Located in Des Plaines, Illinois, Geberit North America provides concealed tank and carrier systems for wall-hung and floor-mounted toilets and fixtures. Geberit systems improve the look of any bathroom by hiding the unsightly toilet tank. Replacing a standard tank and toilet with the Geberit system results in more usable space, improved hygiene and better accessibility. The unique dual-flush valve saves water and is practically maintenance free. Geberit also offers cable-controlled bath waste and overflows in a variety of designer finishes. Critical working parts are outside the waterway, ensuring years of trouble-free operation. As European market leader, the Geberit Group is a global provider in the area of plumbing technology with sales of CHF 2.4 billion and about 6,300 employees in 41 countries worldwide.

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