

ENB-15.25 - Minimum Width of Doors Used in Pairs- UBC/10/#2

MINIMUM WIDTH OF DOORS USED IN PAIRS

Administrative Rule

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TOPIC: Exiting - Means of Egress - UBC/10/#2

CODE: Structural Specialty Code - 1998 Edition

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REFERENCE: Section 1003 - Structural Specialty Code

SUBJECT: Minimum Width of Doors Used in Pairs

QUESTION: What is the minimum width of an individual door leaf of doors used in pairs?

RESPONSE: The Code requires that a doorway shall be of a size to allow the the installations of a door not less than 3 feet wide and 6 feet 8 inches high. It does not say that the door has to meet those dimensions. The code further requires that exit doors be installed to be capable of opening to provide a clear width of not less that 32 inches. The code also requires that same clear width for doors provided in an accessible route.

Therefore a 3 foot by 6 foot 8 inch door will satisfy the minimum requirement of the Code. Likewise, a pair of doors will satisfy the code provided there is a clear exitway of not less than 32 inches, and either both doors are unlatched by one operation (automatic flush bolts - one lever door unlatches both doors); or , in the case of B, F, M, and S Occupancies, both doors are free to swing without operation of any latching device, providing the latch is of the type readily distinguishable as being unlocked and a sign stating, "THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED DURING BUSINESS HOURS", is provided on or immediately adjacent to each door.

Notwithstanding the above, pairs of doors providing either access or egress for the disabled must have at least one door leaf which provides a clear opening not less than 32 inches, or both doors must be automatic opening.

HISTORY

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