



ADA Capable Windows Now Available Through WINCO Window

We've done our homework and worked with top-notch suppliers to add ADA accessible hardware to a wide selection of WINCO windows and doors commonly used in educational environments. We can customize window solutions to fit accessibility requirements that meet local requirements and the needs of people with all capabilities. Our ADA capable windows and doors are designed in accordance with AAMA 513-14 to provide single-hand operation using a force of five pounds or less to unlock, open, close, and lock without tight-grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.

What is Required

“Accessibility: As indicated on architectural drawings or project specifications, operable windows and doors as required in occupied spaces shall meet the operating force limits and motion restrictions of ICC/ANSI A117.1, section 309.4, when tested by an AAMA-accredited lab in accordance with AAMA 513-14.”

What Winco Offers

Safety

Our windows are precision engineered to meet regulations and provide a protective barrier for assets and occupants. Our windows are tested for performance, safety and durability.

Innovation

We were founded on innovation, and will continue to develop products that improve functionality, performance and efficiency.

Environment

We enrich communities by maximizing energy performance and being ecologically responsible with the materials we use and the way we operate.

Customization & Support

Because we understand that needs, concerns and resources vary, none of our offerings are standard. All windows are custom built to meet your design specifications, project requirements, timeline and budget, and our nationwide network of experienced sales reps and our Winco support team provide assistance throughout the process.



ADA Accessibility for Windows & Doors FAQs

Q What is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that protects people with disabilities from discrimination in many areas of public life, including jobs, schools, housing, transportation, and any location that is open to the public. The ADA is a law — not a building code, specification, or test method — and, therefore, it does not provide the necessary technical requirements for compliance testing.

Q Who oversees ADA compliance in public buildings and components of these buildings?

While ADA compliance is a law prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities, it is up to local government agencies, as well as architects, builders, and manufacturers to work out the details to ensure accessibility to people of all capabilities. It is the responsibility of manufacturers and contractors to comply with the intent of the ADA Act.

Q What is AAMA 513-14?

The American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) provides guidelines and definitions related to meeting the intent of the ADA Act. “Standard Laboratory Test Method for Determination of forces and Motions Required to Activate Operable Parts of CW and AW class Operable Windows, Sliding Glass Doors and Terrace Doors in Accessible Spaces”.

Q How do the ADA, ICC/ANSI A117.1 and AAMA 513-14 define the window accessibility?

It is an operable window assembly, including frame, infill, hardware, and all other appurtenances, required by project specifications and/or applicable codes, to be accessible to and usable by people of all capabilities.

Q How does WINCO manage ADA Compliant Configuration & Compliance Claims?

WINCO frequently sees requests to meet ADA compliance with various window or door configurations. We refer to the Design Manual published by the US Department of Justice on how to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), last updated / revised on September 15, 2010. The full design manual encompasses 279 pages, about 20 of which relate to door and window design. To address some ambiguities in the Design Manual, the Department of Justice (DOJ) published a “Guidance Document” for use alongside the manual.
