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The Americans with Disabilities Act has several requirements that apply to lockers. Penco lockers that are best suited to meeting ADA requirements are:

Single tier 60" or 72" high with recessed handle and 3 point latch with the shelf placed no higher than 48" from the floor (we recommend FIELD DRILLING for required shelf location).

Double tier 36" with recessed handle and 2 point latch. Assign lower tier only to disabled.

In both cases, an additional shelf may be required at 15" (from the finished floor. (We recommend field drilling for required shelf location).

Though Classic III recessed handles are favored, a properly adjusted Defiant II, cremone style or box locker door pull handle can meet the literal criteria by taking less than 5lbs of force to actuate and not requiring pinching, twisting or tight grasping.

Other Requirements: The owner or architect may require a handicap sign to be placed on the door (handicap decal part # 8690). In addition, the architect should show the location of the handicap lockers on the drawings and provide the necessary clear open space in front of the selected lockers. It is important to note that standard 9-1/2 inch deep locker room benches do not meet the current accessibility requirements. In addition to a larger seating surface (20-24" deep) back support is also required, either by placing the bench at a wall, or attaching specifically sized backs.

For the most up to date information about barrier free requirements of all types, consult the Americans with Disabilities Act section of the U.S. Department of Justice web site. (www. ada.gov)

Locker Care

The following information is offered for your use in providing information on locker care and maintenance for your customers.

ANCHORING:

For safety, be certain that lockers are anchored to the wall and floor before putting them into use. This will prevent the lockers from tipping.

FINISH:

To preserve the finish of the lockers, they must be kept dry and free from contaminants. To clean the lockers, use a clean damp cloth (with a mild soap solution, if required). Wipe thoroughly dry immediately after cleaning. Avoid the use of harsh detergents, abrasive cleaners, germicidal cleaners and acids which can damage the finish and void the guarantee. Note that some cleaners come as concentrates and must be diluted before use!

VENTILATION:

The area where the lockers are installed must be well ventilated to reduce humidity, especially in rooms associated with swimming pools. Airborne corrosives such as chlorine fumes are extremely detrimental to the finish on lockers and steel bench pedestals.

INSPECTION:

Periodic inspection of all lockers should be made to determine if any lockers have inoperable locks, or broken, missing or loose parts. Anchoring must be reconfirmed to be certain that it remains firm.

