WHAT MAKES AN ADA SIGN
compliant?

A Tactile (raised text readable by touch) ADA Sign has basic requirements:

RAISED TEXT

Raised Characters
- Upper case
- Raised 1/32" min.
- Character Height: 5/8" - 2"
- Non-glare finish
- Contrast
  (light-on-dark or dark-on-light)
- San or "simple" serif

TEXT

Character Style
Examples of compliant styles

ARIAL

HELVETICA
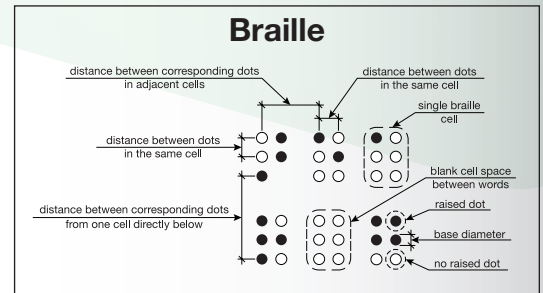
FUTURA

Character Style
New standards
specify "conventional form"
Prohibited:

Italic   *Oblique*   *script*

highly decorative

or other   *unusual forms*

BRAILLE

- Cosco has certification to use Raster Grade 2 Braille

- Braille shall have a rounded or domed shape

- Braille is required to be directly below the raised text it translates. 3/8" min. - 1/2" max. spacing between the braille and raised text

Braille
distance between corresponding dots in adjacent cells

distance between dots in the same cell

single braille cell

distance between dots in the same cell

blank cell space between words

distance between corresponding dots from one cell directly below

raised dot

base diameter

no raised dot

OFFICE

3/8" or 1/2"

HIGH COLOR CONTRAST

- Finish to be Non-Glare

Contrast
Light-on-Dark or Dark-on-Light
Contrast values not specified
(the higher the better)

Contrast

Contrast

Contrast
examples of poor contrast

Contrast

Contrast

PICTOGRAMS

- There is a minimum 6" field area when using pictograms
- A 6"x 6" ADA restroom sign would not be compliant

Pictograms

6 min

MEN

not in pictogram field

COSCO