When a business, State or local government agency, or other covered entity restripes a parking lot, it must provide accessible parking spaces as required by the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Failure to do so would violate the ADA.

In addition, businesses or privately owned facilities that provide goods or services to the public have a continuing ADA obligation to remove barriers to access in existing parking lots when it is readily achievable to do so. Because restriping is relatively inexpensive, it is readily achievable in most cases.

This ADA Design Guide provides key information about how to create accessible car and van spaces and how many spaces to provide when parking lots are restriped.

### Accessible Parking Spaces for Cars
Accessible parking spaces for cars have at least a 60-inch-wide access aisle located adjacent to the designated parking space. The access aisle is just wide enough to permit a person using a wheelchair to enter or exit the car. These parking spaces are identified with a sign and located on level ground.

### Van-Accessible Parking Spaces
Van-accessible parking spaces are the same as accessible parking spaces for cars except for three features needed for vans:

1. A wider access aisle (96”) to accommodate a wheelchair lift;
2. Vertical clearance to accommodate van height at the van parking space, the adjacent access aisle, and on the vehicular route to and from the van-accessible space, and
3. An additional sign that identifies the parking spaces as “van accessible.”

### Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces

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* one out of every 8 accessible spaces  ** 7 out of every 8 accessible parking spaces
Features of Accessible Parking Spaces for Cars

Sign with the international symbol of accessibility mounted high enough so it can be seen while a vehicle is parked in the space.

If the accessible route is located in front of the space, install wheelstops to keep vehicles from reducing width below 36 inches.

Access aisle of at least 60-inch width must be level (1:50 maximum slope in all directions), be the same length as the adjacent parking space(s) it serves and must connect to an accessible route to the building. Ramps must not extend into the access aisle.

Boundary of the access aisle must be marked. The end may be a squared or curved shape.

Two parking spaces may share an access aisle.

Three Additional Features for Van-Accessible Parking Spaces

Sign with “van accessible” and the international symbol of accessibility mounted high enough so the sign can be seen when a vehicle is parked in the space.

96” min width access aisle, level (max. slope 1:50 in all directions), located beside the van parking space.

Min. 98-inch-high clearance at van parking space, access aisle, and on vehicular route to and from van space.

Free Technical Assistance

Answers to technical and general questions about restriping parking lots or other ADA requirements are available by telephone on weekdays. You may also order the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and other ADA publications, including regulations for private businesses or State and local governments, at any time day or night. Information about ADA-related IRS tax credits and deductions is also available from the ADA Information Line.

Department of Justice
ADA Information Line
800-514-0301 (voice)
800-514-0383 (tty)

Internet
You may also review or download information on the Department’s ADA Internet site at any time. The site provides access to ADA regulations, technical assistance materials, and general ADA information. It also provides links to other Federal agencies, and updates on new ADA requirements and enforcement efforts. Internet address:
www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

Reference:
ADA Standards for Accessible Design (28 CFR Part 36):
§ 4.1.6 Alterations;
§ 4.1.2 Accessible Sites and Exterior Facilities: New Construction, and
§ 4.1.6 Parking and Passenger Loading Zones.