340.2.1 Detectable Warnings

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Detectable warnings shall consist of raised truncated domes aligned in a square grid pattern in conformity to the ADAAG. Truncated domes shall have the following nominal dimensions: base diameter of 1.0 inches (0.9 inches minimum) top diameter of 50 percent of the base diameter minimum to 65 percent of the base diameter maximum, and height of 0.2 inches. Dome center-to-center spacing of 2.35 inches, measured between the most adjacent domes on the square grid. Dome center-to-center spacing for radial installations shall be 1.6 inches minimum and 2.4 inches maximum with a base-to-base spacing of 0.65 inches minimum. Detectable warning edges shall be sized and installed so that dome spacing is maintained across adjoining edges. Each dome shall have an minimum static friction of coefficient of 0.8 as tested per ASTM C1028.

340.2.1.1 Color and Contrast: Detectable warnings shall contrast visually with adjoining surfaces, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light. Specific colors to be used shall be approved by the local jurisdictional agency prior to installation. Detectable warnings shall have integral color throughout.

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340.2.1.3 Attachment System: Detectable warnings shall be either placed in freshly poured concrete (wet-set) or recessed into pre-formed concrete. Detectable warnings using wet-set placement shall have an anchoring method that assures constant contact of the detectable warning bottom surface with the concrete as it cures, thus rendering the ramp a single monolithic structure. The thicker and heavier detectable warnings lowered into pre-formed recesses in the concrete substrate must demonstrate a firm fitting into metal reinforced frames without gaps along the edges that can channel water, sand, or debris. They must also be able to resist movement (i.e. sliding, rocking, or lifting) once in service. All attachment systems shall be approved by the local jurisdictional agency.
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