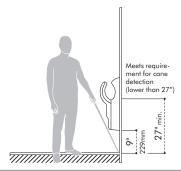
# **ADA** guidelines

## dyson airblade dB

#### Mobility access within washroom facilities

Because the Airblade dB hand dryer is primarily installed in a restroom setting, it must comply with at least two primary accessibility requirements. The first is that the unit be placed on an accessible route but not protrude into any required accessible clear area of other items, such as a door, sink, toilet, urinal or fixed waste receptacle. The second is the mounting height relating to reach range and space requirements to use the unit itself. State or local codes may require more stringent accessibility standards when facilities are newly constructed or altered. An accessible restroom is comprised of an accessible entrance, accessible turning space, and at least one type of accessible dispenser and fixture of each type. The Airblade dB hand dryer would be considered a wall mounted unit similar to a towel dispenser.



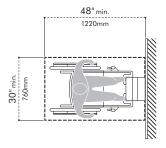
### Clearance for wall-mounted protruding objects:

Items such as the Airblade dB hand dryer that protrude beyond the 4" are allowed to be of an unlimited distance by ADAAG as long as they are mounted at 27" above finished floor (AFF) or lower so that they overlap the cane detection range. Objects mounted with their leading edges at or below 27" (685 mm) AFF may protrude any amount; however, protruding objects should not reduce the clear width of an accessible route or maneuvering space. Any retrofit installation must comply with the newest and most stringent code standards.



#### Forward reach:

Often accessibility code concepts are concerned with people in a seated position who use wheelchairs, which naturally limits the height and depth of their reach range. Because of the design of the Airblade dB hand dryer, the front approach is the only way the unit can be properly used, therefore the side approach standards should not apply.



#### Clear floor ground space:

A clear area in front of the unit should be a minimum of 30" wide by 48" of length. This area can overlap a circulation path but should not overlap other required accessible areas, for example, a lavatory sink in restrooms with access to more than one user at one time. Single use restrooms can overlap accessible areas due to the fact that they are used by only one person at a time.

| Dyson Airblade dB accessible installation matrix:                                       | Yes/No | Compliant |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Does the unit have the required front approach 30" x 48" clear floor clearance?         | Yes    | Yes       |
| Does the reach range exceed 40" maximum height above the finished floor surface?        | No     | Yes       |
| Is the hand dryer mounted at a height where it is considered a protruding object?       | No     | Yes       |
| Does the front edge project more than 4" into the path of travel when properly mounted? | No     | Yes       |
| Does the unit provide the proper 9" toe clearance?                                      | Yes    | Yes       |

#### Conclusion

Based on the review of the Airblade dB hand dryer, it appears that if properly installed per Dyson's recommendations for height, and the design professional allows the proper front approach clear area with no conflicting overlapping accessible areas, then the unit should comply with accessible requirements.

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