

What is ADA Compliance vs. Universal Design?

ADA compliant cabinets are designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities per the Americans with Disabilities Act. Builders Mark Cabinets offers a reduced height product that may be used in your ADA or UD design. Although product choice does need to be considered, designing for ADA and UD is not just about product, it's mainly about design principles and building codes. For more information about ADA regulations, please visit www.ADA.gov.

ADA compliance is based on the overall height of the workspace, clear floor space, knee clearance and toe clearance combined. All of these elements must be applied together and accurately for your design to be considered ADA compliant. Codes will vary and it is important for you to understand your local codes before starting your design.

Universal Design, also known as Aging in Place Design, is a much broader concept. The goal is to create an environment that is usable, to the greatest extent possible, by people of any age or ability without the need for a special design or adaptation. In order to be considered UD, your design must consider the space needed for approach, reach, manipulation and overall use regardless of the user's body size, posture or mobility.

Universal Design Builders Mark cabinets are 32½" in height and have a 5½" toe kick.

All other product specifications are the same as our standard cabinet.

