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TB-63 Concealed Towel Cabinet Facilitates Code Compliance

Bobrick Model B-318 paper towel dispenser provides a versatile element for the design professional. It permits construction or renovation of small spaces that still serve washroom users effectively and conform to height and reach requirements of universal access codes.

The towel cabinet itself is concealed behind a wall or mirror; only the towel opening is visible to users. Since the dispenser opening may be below eye level, C-fold paper towels are not recommended unless label or sign calls attention to the location of the paper towels. Minimum height clearance of 6" (152mm) is required between paper towel dispenser and any projection beneath it, permitting easy towel removal.

Bobrick's B-318 concealed paper towel dispenser is filled by pushing a stack of towels up through the unique hinged self-closing panels that form the towel tray. Custodians can replenish the supply quickly without doors to unlock. The towel tray permits the removal of only one paper towel at a time.

Side wall installation (figure 1) in a niche that is finished to match the surrounding wall brings towel dispensing down to a level permissible under handicapped access codes without interfering with mirror installation above lavatories. In one- or two-person washrooms, this placement gives individual towel service adjacent to each lavatory so that no water is dripped on the floor to create a hazard.

Furred mirror installation (figure 2) overhanging a bank of lavatories permits use of a full-depth vanity counter, a mirror brought conveniently close to the user, and towel dispensers above each bowl or between each pair. This arrangement also conforms to universal access codes which have height limitations that often prevent the conversational placement of both a mirror and recessed towel dispensers above the backsplash.

