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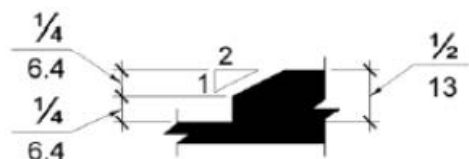
Check the entrance to the play area.  
Use ramps as an option or maintain surface up to concrete edge.

Abrupt changes in level must be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " max, changes in level larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " must be ramped.

Manufactured ramps or natural ramps are a good remedy to this guideline, or keep it maintained with loose fill wood fiber.



*Ramp for above ground installations*



## Other Examples of Ramps:



*Zeager ramp assembly for in-ground installations.*



*Natural ramp - opening in border*



*Note: If no ramp is installed, make sure surface is even with entrance. No drop offs less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".*

# How to measure fall height



*Measure from platform to surface.*



*Measure from highest rung on the ladder*



*Measure from the pivot where it connects to cross pole*



## FALL HEIGHT

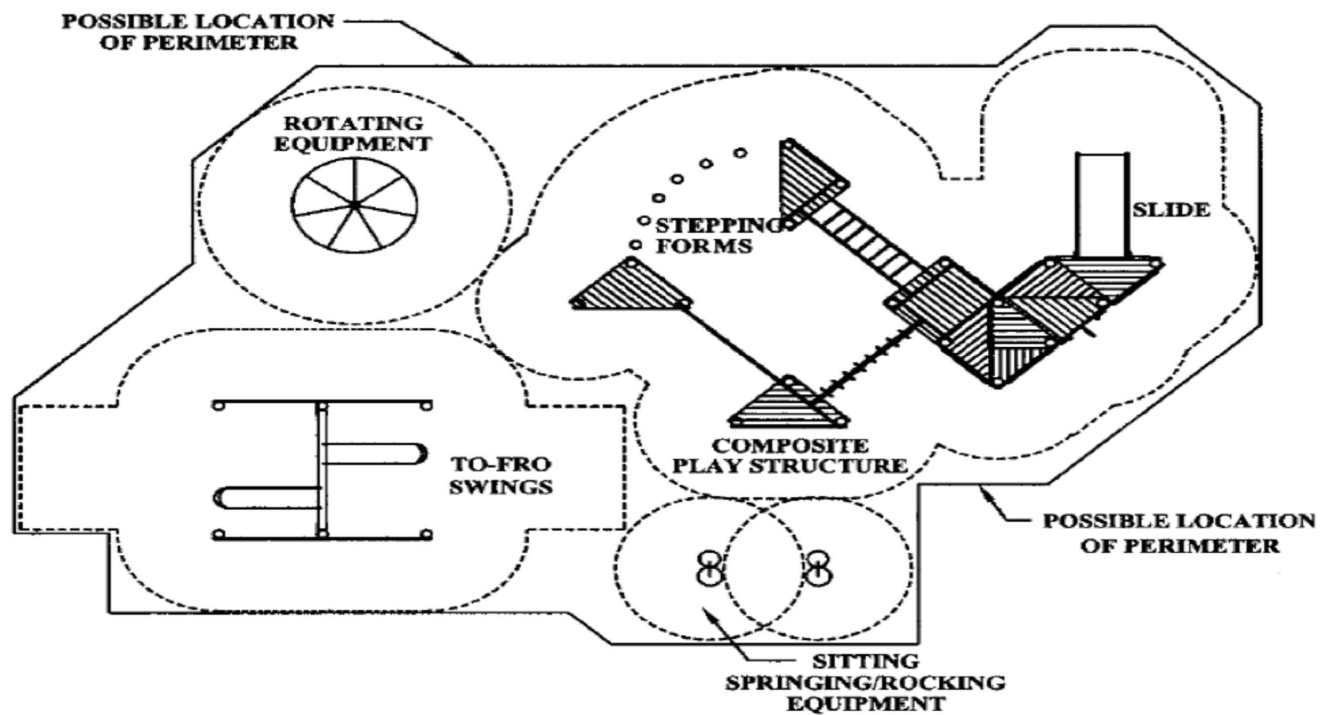
The vertical distance between the highest accessible play surface of the equipment and the protective surfacing beneath it.

Surfacing depth is proportionate to fall height. Ask Zeager representative for test data. Ex: 12" depth is good for 12 feet of fall height.

If you are unsure what the fall height is of a particular piece of equipment, call the manufacturer and ask for the recommended fall height.

*Note: once you have the proper thickness of surfacing, mark the equipment poles so you know when the surface needs topped off.*





## Defining a Use Zone

Use zones are generally 6 ft from poles and edges of equipment except in swing areas where the use zone is twice the distance of the height of the swing at the swing pivots. Ex: 8ft high swing, 16 ft use zone front and back. Some slide exits need to have more use zone depending on height of platform. See diagram above:

A good source for more information about use zones is to purchase the ASTM Standard F1487 which discusses use zones, clearance zones and specifics about playground equipment safety.

## Mat Placement

Maintain clear floor space areas at ground level components, entrance and exits of equipment, ramps, transfer platforms, etc..

- 30" x 48 in. min.
- Within 2% level
- Discretionary placement
- Applies to ground-level & elevated components accessed by ramp.

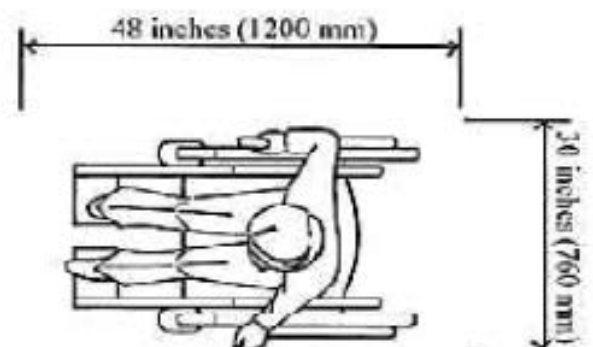


*Maintain the transition from the surface to the mat. Nothing over a ½"!*

*EX: 30"x60" Zeager Wear mat installed to maintain clear ground space at ground component.*



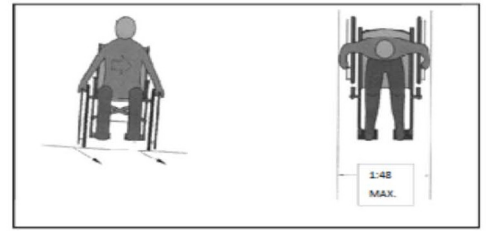
*Zeager Zero Fill Tuff Mats are 11" thick and always stay in place while providing proper clearance between equipment and surface.*





## Maintaining accessible routes

Route requirement: Maximum 1:20 (5%) running slope / 2% cross slope on ground level accessible routes. Cross slope is the slope of the surface perpendicular to the direction of travel. Running slope is the direction of travel.



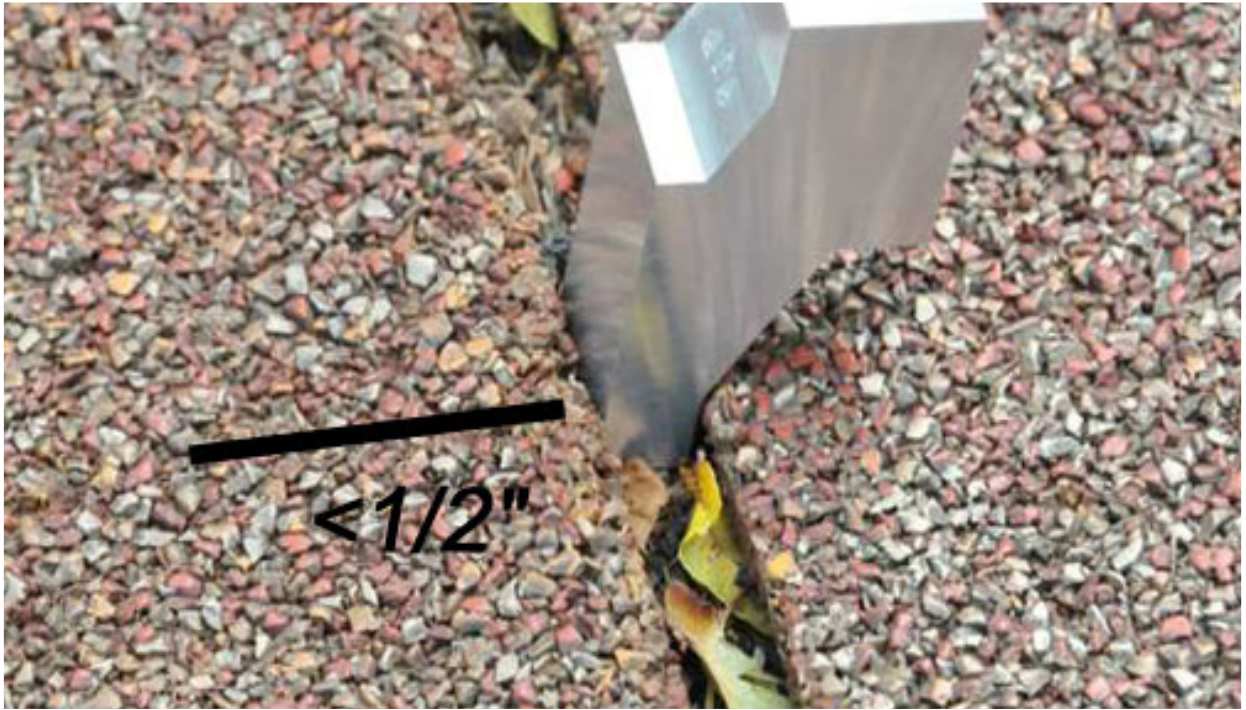
## Cross Slope 2%



*Wet & Compact routes with mechanical compactor on fresh new installs. Top off and maintain thereafter.*







## Gaps

No gaps bigger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. (this would come into play when using unitary surfaces like rubber tiles or PIP).

## Surface attenuation

For unitary surfaces; have the surface impact tested every 3 years. It may look fine on top but due to UV rays, weather and wear, the surface gets harder over time and becomes less resilient.



# Zeager Maintenance Recommendations

## Daily

1. Visually inspect the entire playground area. Remove all foreign material (i.e. trash, tree branches, etc.). (Reference ASTM F1 487, Sections 13.2.2)

## Weekly

1. Rake and tamp the WoodCarpet as necessary to keep the surface level and the depth sufficient throughout the play area especially between entrance and exits of equipment where more maintenance may be required. Installing wear mats in these areas will reduce maintenance. Zeager makes various sizes for most equipment needs. ADA requires a level firm surface where access is needed.
2. Look for abrupt changes in level at the accessible entrance to play area. For in ground installation simply add EWF as necessary to keep a smooth transition. For above ground, install a ramp into the play area and keep surfacing level sufficient for smooth transition. Also check areas such as the transition between wear mats and the surrounding surface. For Bonded pathways, keep ramped side edges covered with loose fill Woodcarpet to allow smooth transition from ramp to surrounding surface and vice versa.
3. Use a leaf blower, vacuum or broom to keep tiles, turf and poured rubber surfaces clean. If mud or stain is apparent, a water hose with a pressure spray tip or power washer can be used sparingly. Cleaning agents that do not contain bleach can be used moderately, dilute as recommended by the manufacturer and apply with mop or scrubbing device.



## Monthly

1. In the highest use areas, dig down to the subsurface or drain system and measure the depth of WoodCarpet and or Bonded Woodcarpet. Ensure that the depth is sufficient for the fall height of the structure. (Reference ASTM F14S7, Section 13.2.I and Zeager's product specifications) All equipment footers should be covered with at least 12" of WoodCarpet, including the Bonded WoodCarpet layer if used. All play areas installed over a hard surface (asphalt, concrete, etc.) must maintain a minimum of 12" of WoodCarpet, including the Bonded WoodCarpet layer if used, and must have a drain system and wear mats in all high traffic areas. The use of markings on the play structure supports or on the containment barriers is also recommended as a means to ensure sufficient depth. Top off with additional WoodCarpet or Bonded WoodCarpet as needed. Wetting and tamping the surface will speed up the compaction process & keep the surface firm and stable.
2. The WoodCarpet or Bonded WoodCarpet surface must be maintained at a specific distance below some components (i.e. slide exits, swing seats, merry go rounds, transfer stations, etc.). (Reference ASTM F1487).
3. Check and ensure sufficient depth of WoodCarpet under each WoodCarpet Mat. Top off as needed. To lop off, cut the plastic cable ties on three sides of the mat (this is not necessary if the mat was not anchored), turn the mat over and add WoodCarpet to the desired depth. Turn the mat back over, and dig a channel around the 3 edges of the mat, down to the base of the WoodCarpet. Use new plastic cable ties to reattach the mat to the anchors. Refill the channel and ensure mat edges are covered with Woodcarpet so as not to create a trip hazard.
4. Check for loose turf edges and seams, or exposed corners of WoodCarpet, Mats. Secure any loose edges, seams or mats and ensure that WoodCarpet Mat edges are sloped down and covered with WoodCarpet or Bonded WoodCarpet, so as not to create a trip hazard and to maintain accessibility. See Zeager's installation instructions for help on securing edges, gluing seams or installing mats. Some videos are available at [www.zeager.com](http://www.zeager.com).

## Monthly Continued

5. Visually inspect each WoodCarpet Mat for holes, tears, or vandalism. Tears could be a trip hazard. If the mat contains any hazards, remove the mat and replace with a new mat. Nylon ties at anchor points may break due to exposure. Replace as needed.
6. Check the playground surface for cracks, tears and general wear. Fix rips in turf using seam tape and adhesive; holes and gaps can be patched using a new piece of turf cut to fit the hole and then secured with seam tape and adhesive. Heavy Duty turf for high wear areas is available. For Bonded WoodCarpet, cut out any loose or cracked sections and fill in with fresh WoodCarpet and binder. Repair instructions are available. Zeager recommends applying a clear sealer to extend the life of the Bonded WoodCarpet layer to be installed within the first year of installation and every year thereafter. Check with Zeager representative for product info and application recommendations.
7. Check the performance of the drain system by ensuring that water is flowing from a drain system outflow pipe immediately after rain. Also, make sure there is no standing water on the playground surface. If using WoodCarpet, another option is to dig down to the base of the WoodCarpet to check for standing water. The water level should be below the base of the WoodCarpet within 30 minutes after the rain ceases. Poor drainage will decrease life expectancy and resiliency during colder temperatures.

## Notes

1. WoodCarpet appearance and longevity will be enhanced by the removal of weeds or periodic application of an approved, weed inhibitor. Application should be done by a certified pesticide applicator and be suitable for human contact. When mowing around the play area, mow so that grass and leaves are blown away from the playground.
2. During a dry season, it may be necessary to wet the surface of the WoodCarpet with water. When tested, fresh WoodCarpet was found to be fire resistant because it is made from fresh wood, which has sufficient moisture content to resist flammability. An alternative to periodically applying water would be to apply a fire retardant. Ensure that the retardant is designed to be used on fresh wood and that it is safe for human contact.
4. WoodCarpet contains fresh wood. Fresh wood contains tannins, which are a natural preservative found in living plants and trees that rain will eventually wash out of the WoodCarpet into the drain system. This dark brown residue is externally harmless to humans and should gradually diminish.
5. During freezing conditions, all of our playground surfaces will naturally be less resilient, particularly with poor drainage. Restrict use of the area accordingly.
6. These recommendations are based on average climate and playground use conditions. Unique climate conditions and high use sites may require more frequent maintenance.
7. Due to weather conditions, poor drainage, too much shade, or a combination thereof, bacteria may rapidly colonize, which may lead to fungus growth on the WoodCarpet. If fungus becomes visible, simply scoop out and dispose of the fungus. Apply a mixture of one part liquid laundry detergent to three parts water to the area with a pump sprayer, or spread lime on the surface and lightly rake into the area.
8. For more information, contact a Zeager representative.

