

Sec. 25.813

Emergency exit access.

(a) There must be a passageway between individual passenger areas, and leading from each aisle to each Type I and Type II emergency exit. These passageways must be unobstructed and at least 20 inches wide.

(b) For each passenger emergency exit covered by Sec. 25.809(f), there must be enough space next to the exit to allow a crewmember to assist in the evacuation of passengers without reducing the unobstructed width of the passageway below that required for the exit.

[(c) There must be access from each aisle to each Type III or Type IV exit, and--

(1) For airplanes that have a passenger seating configuration, excluding pilots seats, of 20 or more, the projected opening of the exit provided must not be obstructed by seats, berths, or other protrusions (including seatbacks in any position) for a distance from that exit not less than the width of the narrowest passenger seat installed on the airplane;

(2) For airplanes that have a passenger seating configuration, excluding pilots seats, of 19 or less, there may be minor obstructions in this region, if there are compensating factors to maintain the effectiveness of the exit.]

(d) If it is necessary to pass through a passageway between passenger compartments to reach any required emergency exit from any seat in the passenger cabin, the passageway must be unobstructed. However, curtains may be used if they allow free entry through the passageway.

(e) No door may be installed in any partition between passenger compartments.

(f) If it is necessary to pass through a doorway separating the passenger cabin from other areas to reach any required emergency exit from any passenger seat, the door must have a means to latch it in open position. The latching means must be able to withstand the loads imposed upon it when the door is subjected to the ultimate inertia forces, relative to the surrounding structure, listed in Sec. 25.561(b).

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