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## Question:

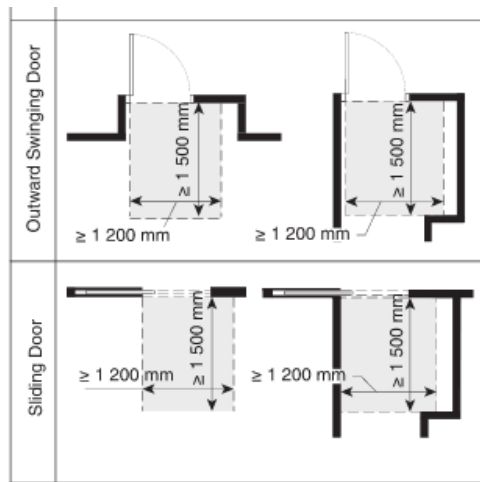
Can the accessible clearance requirement for the sliding door without power door operator be the same as the clearance for the swing door on the push side?

## Interpretation:

Yes.

Sentence 3.8.3.6.(15) satisfies accessible floor area requirements to reach the handle at the swing door that swings away. The same requirements are sufficient to operate the sliding door on each side.

Refer to Figure A-3.8.3.6.(14) to (16) which indicates identical clearances for the push side of a swing door and both sides of a sliding door.



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