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Subject:	Location of push-button controls for power door operators
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Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.2.7.(1), 3.8.3.6.(6)(a)(iii), 3.8.3.8.(1)(a)(ii)

## Questions:

Can the push-button controls on the push side of a door that is equipped with a power door operator be located closer than 600 mm from the door swing?

## Interpretation:

Yes (with conditions).

Subclause 3.8.3.6.(6)(a)(iii) requires that push-button controls for power door operators be located clear of the door swing and not less than 600 mm and no more than 1500 mm from the door swing.

Figure A-3.8.3.6.(6) and (7) shows the location of the push-button controls on the pull side of the door, but not on the push side of the door.

Since the door does not swing toward the push side of the door, the 600 mm side clearance in Subclause 3.8.3.6.(6)(a)(iii) is not required if a person with mobility aids has clear maneuverability to reach the push-button on the push side of the door.

Subclause 3.8.3.8.(1)(a)(iii) requires controls be adjacent to and centered on either the length or width of a clear floor space of 1350 mm by 800 mm. If the floor area on the push side of the door has a wall that is perpendicular to the door which obstructs the maneuverability to reach the push-button, then the position of the push button must be adjusted to accommodate this obstruction. Refer to the sketches on Page 2.

The maximum 1500 mm side clearance for the push button does apply to the push side of the door.



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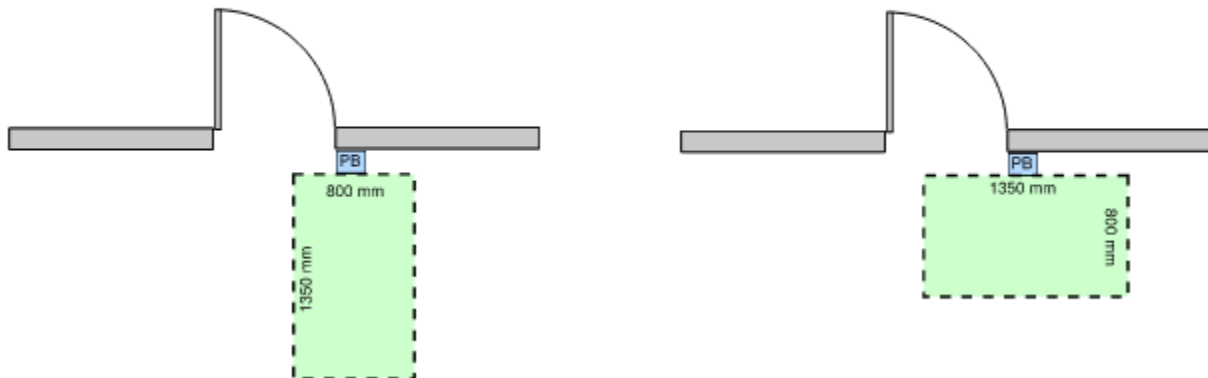
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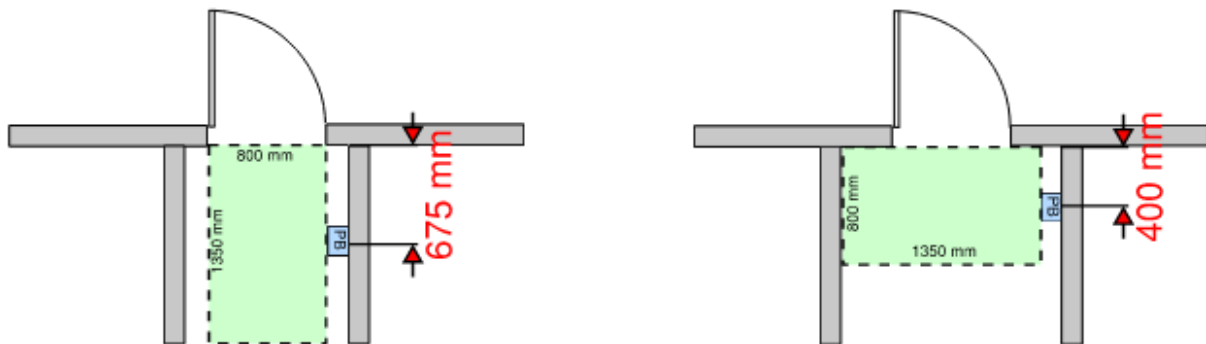
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**Push Buttons for Power Door Operators on the Push Side  
of the Door with no Obstructions**



Door with obstructions on the push side of the door:

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