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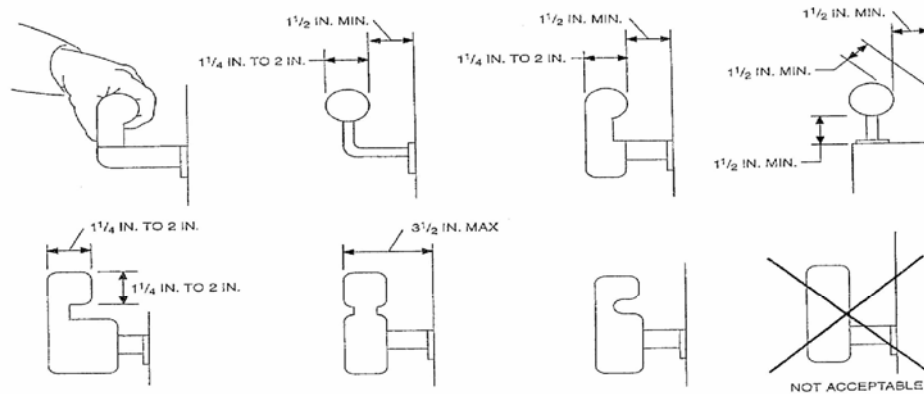


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Residential Stairs and Handrail Information

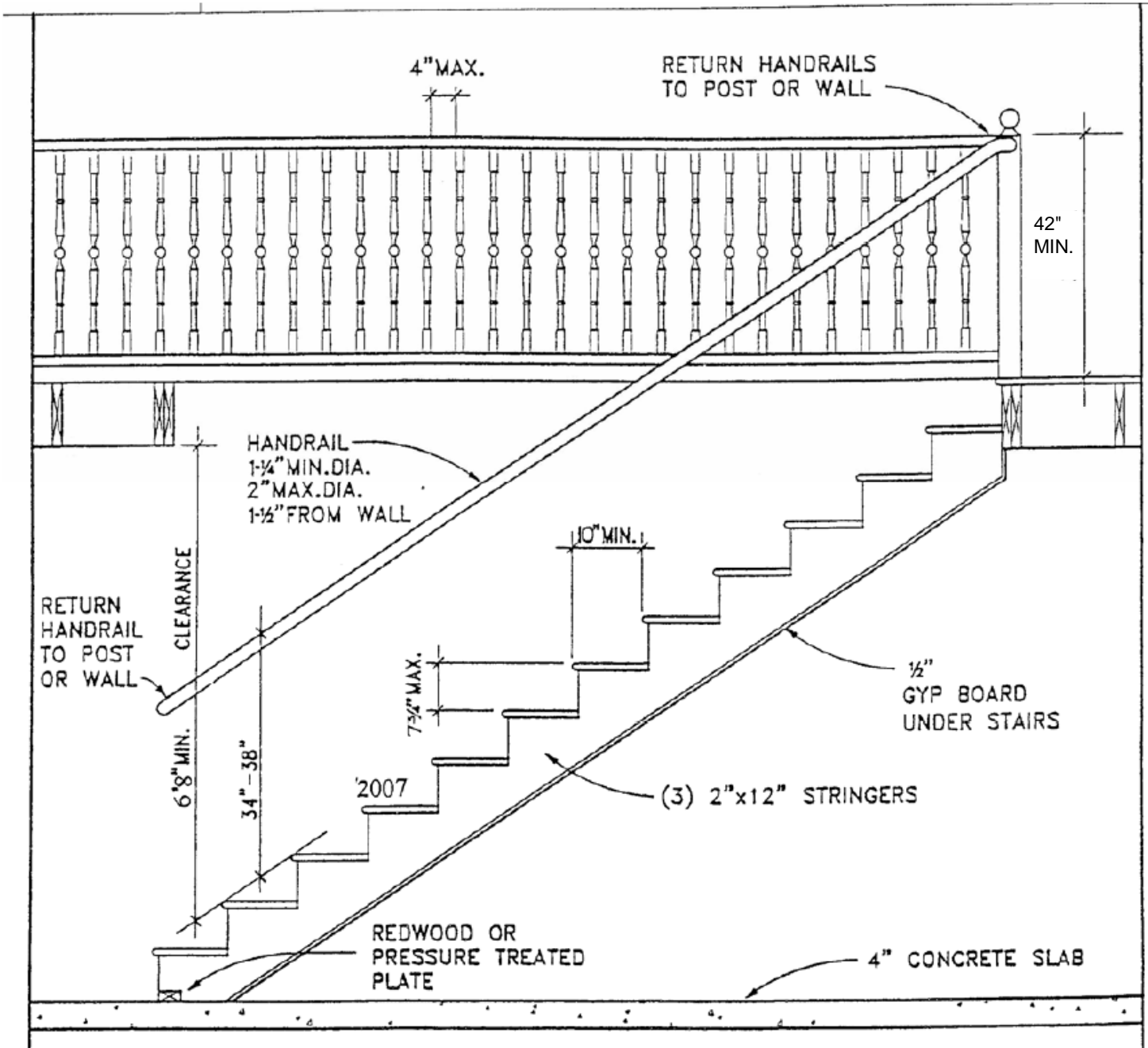
The following information is based on the 2007 California Building Code/2006 International Building Code. For complete residential stair and handrail information please refer to the above- mentioned Code Sections 1012. Note that all stairs regardless of the number of risers must be built to comply with the current Codes.

ACCEPTABLE SHAPES AND INSTALLATIONS



NOTE: Other shapes may be acceptable if they provide an equivalent gripping surface.
Section 10012.3

- Handrail ends shall be returned or shall terminate in newel posts or safety terminals.
- The mounting of handrails shall be such that the completed handrail and supporting structure are capable of withstanding a load of at least 200 pounds applied in any direction at any point on the rail.
- The rise and run of steps shall be uniform in size and shape and that the greatest variation cannot exceed 3/8 inch.
- Handrails shall be continuous the full length of the stairs.
- All stairs having four or more risers are required to have handrails and guardrails that comply with current code. See the 2007 California Building Code/ 2006 International Building Code Sections 1003.3 and 509.
- All landings, decks, and balconies that are more than 30 inches above grade required a Building Permit, and guardrails that comply with current code.



All stairs having four or more risers are required to have handrails and guardrails that comply with current code. See the 2007 California Building Code/2006 International Building Code Sections 1009.10.

The minimum width of all stairways shall not be less than 36 inches. The minimum dimension of all landings shall be 36 inches.

All landings, decks and balconies that are more than 30 inches above grade require a building permit and guardrails that comply with current code

TYPICAL STAIR AND HANDRAIL DETAIL