

Guidelines Changes for 2018

- 2.2: Consumer Documentation – Added, “Documentation can include photographs, client signature, or similar.”
- 15A: Mechanical Left Foot Accelerator – Added section title.
- 15A Note – Added, “For Electronic Left Foot Accelerator, see Section 15B.”
- 15B: Electronic Left Foot Accelerator – Added section title.
- 15B Note – Added, “For Mechanical Left Foot Accelerator – see Section 15A.”
- 15B.1 – Added, “A left foot accelerator shall only be installed in vehicles with an automatic transmission and only if prescribed by a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) or Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. If there is no CDRS available in the service area then training must be provided by a certified/licensed driver trainer unless the client is licensed or provides documented proof of training on the use of the left foot accelerator. Utilization of a driver rehabilitation specialist is strongly recommended, if available.”
- 15B.2 – Added, “The left foot accelerator assembly shall allow only one active accelerator pedal to be accessed at a time.”
- 15B.3 – Added, “The electronic left foot accelerator assembly may or may not require a pedal guard to be compliant with Section 15B.2, if so, the left foot pedal shall be able to be removed and re-installed without the use of tools, otherwise the OEM pedal shall be electronically disabled during the use of the left foot accelerator pedal. All left foot accelerator assemblies shall have a permanently mounted base.”
- 15B.4 – Added, “The vehicle OEM accelerator pedal shall be functional and useable by an ambulatory driver when the electronic left foot accelerator pedal device is deactivated, disabled, or removed and shall continue to meet F/CMVSS 124, Accelerator Control Systems requirements.”
- 15B.5 – Added, “The electronic left foot accelerator pedal shall be accompanied by installation instructions from the manufacturer stating that the device, as installed, will meet the performance requirements of F/CMVSS 124.”
- 15B.6 – Added, “The installed electronic left foot accelerator pedal shall be road tested by the mobility dealer to provide acceleration and performance equivalent to the OEM accelerator pedal.”
- 15B.7 – Added, “Installation of a left foot accelerator shall include a thorough inspection of the vehicle underside prior to drilling and/or fastening the device. The inspection shall ensure the device and its fasteners do not rub, chafe or otherwise compromise the vehicle brake lines, fuel lines and any under-vehicle wiring or hoses.”
- 15B.8 – Added, “All warning and instructional labels supplied by the device manufacturer shall be placed as instructed by the manufacturer.”
- 15B.9 – Added, “During installation of the left foot accelerator pedal the mobility equipment dealer and/or driver rehabilitation specialist, and client shall determine specific accelerator pedal adjustments required and whether the OEM power adjustable pedal should be disabled. The reasons for which the OEM power adjustable pedals would be disabled may include; drivability, relationship to gas and brake pedal, or mechanical constraints, to name a few.”
- 15B.10 – Added, “Both the client and the other known users of the vehicle shall be instructed and informed about the dangers of a non-trained individual attempting to drive with the adaptive controls.”
- 15B Warning – Added, “Some vehicles may not allow disconnection of the power adjustable pedal. It is strongly urged that this be evaluated prior to installation.”
- 25: Wheelchair and Scooter Hoists – Section title changed to “Unoccupied Lifts”
- 31.2: Electronic Vehicle Interface – Changed to read, “Installation requiring interface to the OEM electronic system will be installed by or supervised by a certified technician as required by the equipment manufacturer.”
- 31.3 – Changed to read, “Electronic vehicle interfacing shall be performed in accordance with NMEDA Guidelines, Section 6 – General Electrical Specifications.”
- 40A: Off-Site Installation and Servicing Policy Addendum – Required Tools and Equipment – Added, “If Trailer Tongue Scale is used, refer to QAP-110 [NMEDA Tongue Weight Scale Instructions] for instructions on how to use the scale. QAP-110 can be found on the Document Control section of the NMEDA website.”