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Wheelchair Ramp Study Shows SafePath Products are ADA Compliant While Most Others Are Not.

CHICO, Calif., March 16, 2017 – In a recent independent study of rubber wheelchair ramps, SafePath Products were verified as being ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, while most other ramps tested did not meet the ADA standards. The study, conducted by Sotter Engineering Corporation, tested seven rubber ramps from leading manufacturers against the standards established in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Tim Vander Heiden, CEO of SafePath, explained, "ADA has specific standards for wheelchair ramps regarding the front edge and slope of transition. However there has never been anyone monitoring compliancy. Sotter's study is significant because for the first time there are independent measurements to verify manufacturer's ADA compliancy."

Of the seven ramps studied, only two met the ADA requirement, which states, "Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12" (8.33%). Results of the study show that the SafePath Products ramp, with a slope of 7.0%, exceeded ADA standards and provided the most gradual slope. Other ramps had slopes as steep as 14.5%. Sotter's study also evaluated the side approach, which does not have an ADA standard, but which is a concern in many applications. SafePath Products, with a slope of 21.2%, provided the best side accessibility. Two of the ramps had no side approach, and the others ranged from 35.5% to 76.9%. Read the full report at: http://safepathproducts.com/press_releases/ramp_study_final_2017.pdf.

In discussing the report, Vander Heiden said, "Exceeding ADA standards is a cornerstone of our product development process, so we were not surprised to have the best results in Sotter's study. SafePath is committed to being a compliance leader in the architectural and building industry, eliminating structural barriers through innovative products."

About SafePath Products:

SafePath Products in Chico California is one of the largest suppliers of transition products, including ramps, landings, seismic surface transitions, flooring reducers and other industrial and residential products for ADA access code compliance. They were the first company to patent and produce recycled transition products and continue to be a leader in developing "green" products. They are the largest manufacturer's of recycled ADA and FHA transition products in the United States. All products are 100% made in the USA.

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