

Pervious Concrete and ADA

People often ask if Pervious Concrete is ADA approved. The answer is, ***it depends.***

Contrary to popular belief, there is no such thing as an ADA certification or an ADA-approved pavement material. Pavement materials, however, can be installed in such a way that they comply with ADA standards, or they can be installed in a manner that does not comply. This is true for regular concrete, asphalt, tile, wood, or any hard surface*. This is why many municipalities have ADA inspectors who inspect the pavement to confirm it complies with all applicable ADA standards. Pervious concrete is no different, if it's installed within the parameters dictated for ADA i.e.: stable, firm, slip resistant, with proper slopes, widths, transitions, gaps, etc., then it is ADA compliant. Pervious concrete can, and regularly is, used in ADA compliant environments such as the sidewalk bus stop shown below.



* Loose and/or soft surfaces such as gravel or thick carpet do not qualify as ADA compliant. You can find additional information here: <https://www.access-board.gov/ada/guides/chapter-3-floor-and-ground-surfaces/>