

**CHAPTER 10
MEANS OF EGRESS**

**SECTION 1024.10
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1024.10 Clear width of aisle accessways serving seating. Where seating rows have 14 or fewer seats, the minimum clear aisle accessway width shall not be less than 12 inches (305mm) measured as the clear horizontal distance from the back of the row ahead and the nearest projection of the row behind. Where chairs have automatic or self-rising seats, the measurement shall be made with seats in the raised position. Where any chair in the row does not have an automatic or self-rising seat, the measurements shall be made with the seat in the down position. For seats with folding tablet arms, row spacing shall be determined with the tablet arm down.



Q: With regards to seats with folding tablet arms, the provisions of Section 1024.10 of the *International Building Code* stipulates; "... For seats with folding tablet arms, row spacing shall be determined with the tablet arm down".

Does "tablet arm down" mean the tablet arm is located in the usable position?

A: Yes. When tablet arm chairs are provided for assembly seating, the minimum required width of the aisle accessway is to be determined with the tablet arm located in its intended usable position. Although the tablet arm may be retractable, the distance the tablet arm can project into the aisle must be considered in measuring the minimum aisle width.
