**BOOTH CONFIGURATIONS**

Revised by Exhibits Round Table Executive Board at the 2001 Spring Board Meeting.

**Linear/Standard Booth**  
**DEFINITION:** Exhibit consisting of one or more standard units in a straight line.

**HEIGHT**

Exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs will be permitted to a maximum height of 8’3” (2.5m).

**DEPTH**

All display fixtures over 4’0” (1.22m) in height and placed within 10 lineal feet (3.05m) of an adjoining exhibit, must be confined to that area of the exhibitor’s space which is at least 5’0” (1.52m) from the aisle line for those exhibits with 14’0” (4.27m) depth or more.

**IMPORTANT**

Space dimensions shown on floor plan are from center line of booth equipment, such as side rails and/or back drape. Exhibit structures must be constructed to allow sufficient tolerance on each side for this equipment and for utility service at rear of booth.
**Perimeter Booth**  
**DEFINITION:** Standard booth located on the outer perimeter aisle of the exhibit floor.

**HEIGHT**

Exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs will be permitted to a maximum height of 12’ (3.66m) in perimeter wall booths.

**DEPTH**

All display fixtures over 4’ (1.22m) in height and placed within 10 lineal feet (3.05m) of an adjoining exhibit, must be confined to that area of the exhibitor’s space which is at least 5’0” (1.52m) from the aisle line for those exhibits with 14’0” (4.27m) depth or more.

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**Small Press/Product Table Display**  
**DEFINITION:** Exhibit consisting of a table-top display of products.

**HEIGHT/DEPTH**

Table exhibitors may place a sign or vertical exhibit(s) on their table as long as they fit the 6’0” x 2’0” (1.83m x .61m) table area and do not exceed 3’0” (.91m) from the table top.

Table exhibitors may hang signage or banners from the back drape support to promote company identity or products. This area is limited to a space 6’0” wide x 4’0” high (1.83m x 1.22m), extending down from the top of the back drape line.

Table exhibitors are not permitted to order additional tables.

No exhibit or sign may interfere with, obscure, or block the view of another exhibit. No table exhibitor may construct a back wall or any equipment or display materials other than on the table provided. No product or display materials may be placed on the floor.
**Peninsula Booth**  **DEFINITION:** Exhibit which occupies both corners at the end of a row of standard booths with an aisle on three sides. A Peninsula Booth is a minimum 20’ x 20’ in size.

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**HEIGHT**

Exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs will be permitted to a maximum height of 16’0” (4.88m).

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**DEPTH**

All display fixtures over 4’0” (1.22m) in height and placed within 10 lineal feet (3.05m) of a neighboring exhibit, must be confined to that area of the booth that is at least 5’0” (1.52m) from the aisle line to avoid blocking the sight line from the aisle to the adjoining booth.

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**STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY**

All multi-story exhibits, regardless of whether people will occupy the upper area or not, and all exhibit fixtures and components exceeding 12’0” (3.66m) in height must have drawings available for inspection by exposition management, the installation and dismantling contractor, the exhibitor and governmental authority during the time the exhibit is being erected, exhibited and dismantled at the show site that include a signature or stamp of a reviewing structural engineer indicating that the structure design is properly engineered for its proposed use, and a signature of an authorized official of the exhibit building company indicating that the structure is built in compliance with the details and specifications set forth on the drawings. Signs must also be posted indicating the maximum number of people the structure will accommodate.

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**IMPORTANT**

Peninsula booths are “faced” towards the cross aisle. Any portion of the exhibit bordering another exhibitor’s booth must have the back side of that portion finished and must not carry identification signs or other copy that would detract from the adjoining exhibit.

Exhibitors are cautioned when installing a display with a ceiling or second level to check with the local fire department to ensure that their display meets with the necessary fire safety precautions involving smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, etc.
**Island Booth**  **DEFINITION:** Exhibit with aisles on all four sides. An Island Booth is a minimum 20’ x 20’ in size.

**HEIGHT**

The entire cubic content of the space may be used up to a maximum allowable height as determined by the exhibit facility structure.

**DEPTH**

Because an island booth is automatically separated by the width of an aisle from all neighboring exhibits, full use of the floor plan is permitted.

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Cross-Aisle Booths: Headers & Carpet  

**DEFINITION:** Cross-aisle headers and carpet span the aisle between exhibit booths to display a graphic identity.

### HEIGHT/DEPTH

Exhibitors utilizing a minimum of 30 linear feet (9.14 meters) of space, which could be in-line, peninsula or island, facing 30' (9.14m) of exhibit space across the aisle can install a cross-aisle header with a maximum height of 12'0" (3.66m), and a minimum height of 8'0" (2.44m). The maximum width of the header from front to back is not to exceed 2'0" (.61m).

Headers and supporting structures must be located within the display so as not to interfere with any aisle traffic and must be placed a minimum of 2'0" (.61m) from the front line. They must be a minimum of 10'0" (3.05m) from any adjoining exhibit. For the purpose of safety or installation, headers may be suspended from the ceiling structure of the facility.

Overhead cross-aisle headers are for the purpose of displaying the corporate name, identification or logo only. Graphics are permitted on the two sides of the sign (front/back) facing the main aisle. No graphics are allowed on any other portion of the header structure.

Cross-aisle headers, whether supported on structures or hung, may not be located as to block aisle designation signage. Show Management may request a relocation or removal of any cross-aisle headers that, in management’s opinion, do not comply with all requirements of this section.

### CARPET

Carpet may be installed to replace the official show aisle carpet to connect cross-aisle booths. This carpet must be of solid color and cannot contain any copy, graphics, or logos. This carpet may not be padded in any way to create obstructions or to restrict ADA accessibility.

### IMPORTANT

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**Hanging Signs**  

**DEFINITION:** An exhibit component suspended above or displayed on an exhibit for the purpose of displaying graphics or identification.

### HEIGHT

Peninsula, Island and Cross-Aisle Booth Configurations are the only booths that are permitted to display a hanging sign. Hanging identification signs and graphics will be permitted to a maximum height of corresponding booth configuration regulations, provided written approval is received from exposition management.

### STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

All hanging signs must have drawings available for inspection by exposition management, the installation and dismantling contractor, the exhibitor and governmental authority during the time the component is being hung, suspended and removed at the show site that include a signature or stamp of a reviewing structural engineer indicating that the stress points for hanging the sign have been properly engineered, and a signature of an authorized official of the exhibit building company indicating that the structure is built in compliance with the details and specifications set forth on the drawings. (Note: Exhibitors are encouraged to use lightweight materials in the construction of a hanging sign to eliminate excessive stress to the facility ceiling structure.)

### APPROVAL

All sign requests must be submitted with floor plans or diagrams in writing to Paul Graller, ALA Exposition Manager, Hall-Erickson, Inc., 98 E. Naperville Road, Suite 201, Westmont, IL 60559-1559. All sign requests must be received 60 days prior to event. Signs not approved in advance will not be hung.

IF YOU DESIRE TO HANG ANY SIGNS OR OTHER MATERIALS ABOVE YOUR EXHIBIT AND IT WILL UTILIZE ANY OF THE CEILING STRUCTURES IN THE CONVENTION CENTER, PLEASE REVIEW THE HANGING SIGN REQUIREMENTS IN THIS MANUAL.
**Canopies and Ceilings**  
**DEFINITION:** Exhibit component supported over an exhibitor’s space for decorative purposes.

**HEIGHT**

Canopies, false ceilings and umbrellas will be permitted to a height that corresponds to the height regulation for the appropriate exhibit configuration of which they are a part. For example, canopies will not exceed 8’3” (2.5m) in height in a standard booth configuration. Furthermore, the canopy or false ceiling will not exceed 1’0” (30cm) in depth and cannot be used for identification or display purposes.

**DEPTH**

Canopies may extend out to the aisle line and up to the booth line on either side of an exhibitor’s space providing that the support structure will not exceed 3” (7.62cm) in width when placed within 10 lineal feet (3.05m) of an adjoining exhibit and not confined to the area of the exhibitor’s space which is at least 5’0” (1.52m) from the aisle line. Furthermore, canopies, false ceilings or umbrellas will not be used for identification or display purposes except as would normally be allowed for any exhibit component within the regulations set forth for the exhibit configuration.

**IMPORTANT**

Exhibitors are cautioned when installing a display with a ceiling to check with the local fire department to ensure that their display meets with the necessary fire safety precautions involving smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, etc.