



**Section 1008.1.9 Change to read as shown: (E31-03/04; E33-03/04; E34-03/04)**

**1008.1.9 Panic and fire exit hardware.** Where panic and fire exit hardware is installed, it shall comply with the following:

1. The actuating portion of the releasing device shall extend at least one-half of the door leaf width.
2. The maximum unlatching force shall not exceed 15 pounds (67N).

Each door in a means of egress from a Group A or E occupancy having an occupant load of more than 50 and any Group H-1, H-2, H-3 or H-5 occupancy, shall not be provided with a latch or lock unless it is panic hardware or fire exit hardware.

**Exception:** A main exit of a Group A use in compliance with Section 1008.1.8.3, Item 2.

Electrical rooms with equipment rated 1200 amperes or more and over 6 feet (1.9m) wide that contain overcurrent devices, switching devices, or control devices, with exit access doors must be equipped with panic hardware and doors must swing in the direction of egress.

If balanced doors are used and panic hardware is required, the panic hardware shall be the push-pad type and the pad shall not extend more than one-half the width of the door measure from the latch side.