

# ANATOMY OF A SIGN DIAGRAM AND TERMS

# People Signs®

## SIGN TERMS GLOSSARY

### FONT

The term “font” today refers to an alphabet of letter shapes of the same style. Historically, it included only one size set of letters, but since most typesetting is done on computers today, the size of a font is easily changeable, and the term has come to refer to the style, regardless of the size of the letters.

### SANS SERIF

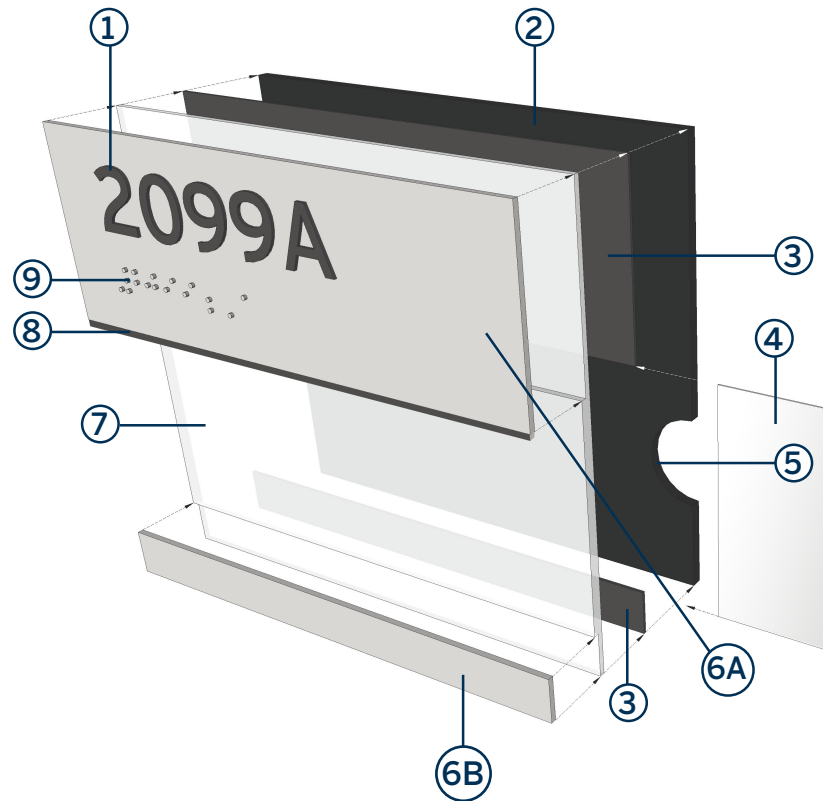
Serifs are decorative points or strokes on letters in some fonts. “Sans serif” simply means that a font’s design does not include serifs. Because a serif is an embellishment to a letter’s shape and not an integral part of the letter, it can be eliminated and leave the letter intact.

### GRADE II BRAILLE

Grade II braille consists of the 26 standard letters of the alphabet, punctuation and contractions. The contractions are employed to save space because a braille page cannot fit as much text as a standard printed page. Books, public signage, restaurant menus, and most other braille materials are written in Grade II braille.

### TACTILE LETTERING

Braille is the most efficient way of reading by touch. However, if someone becomes blind later in life, which is more common than being born without sight, that person may never learn braille. He or she would probably, however, already know the shapes of basic uppercase letters, and can distinguish them by touch.



- 1. Tactile, raised lettering** using a sans serif font in a color that has a minimum of 70% contrast from the ADA compliant, non-glare, modified acrylic header color
- 2. Backer** available in standard black plastic or in an ADA compliant, non-glare, modified acrylic color
- 3. Spacer** is a 1/32" piece used to accommodate paper insert
- 4. Paper insert** ensures ease of sign changability
- 5. Thumb hole** for easy access to the paper insert
- 6. Face** is the decorative front of the sign
  - A. Header** in ADA compliant non-glare modified acrylic
  - B. Footer** in ADA compliant non-glare modified acrylic
- 7. Clear lens** is non-glare protection for paper insert
- 8. Accent stripe** is a decorative accent to the sign face available in a non-glare, modified acrylic color or an aluminum bar
- 9. Grade II Braille** beads are available in standard clear, or in white, black, or stainless steel