



Yes, this is accessibility.

A campaign which showcases accessibility inventions, designs, and tools that have become part of our day-to-day lives.

Curb Cuts

Spearheaded in 1945 by Jack H. Fischer, a disabled veteran and attorney.



Closed Captioning for TV

Emerson Romero, a Deaf actor and filmmaker, is credited with creating the first captioned film in 1947.



Home Hydrotherapy Pump or Whirlpool Bath

In 1948, Candido Jacuzzi developed a full body hydrotherapy pump to treat his son's, (Kenneth Jacuzzi) rheumatoid arthritis between hospital visits.



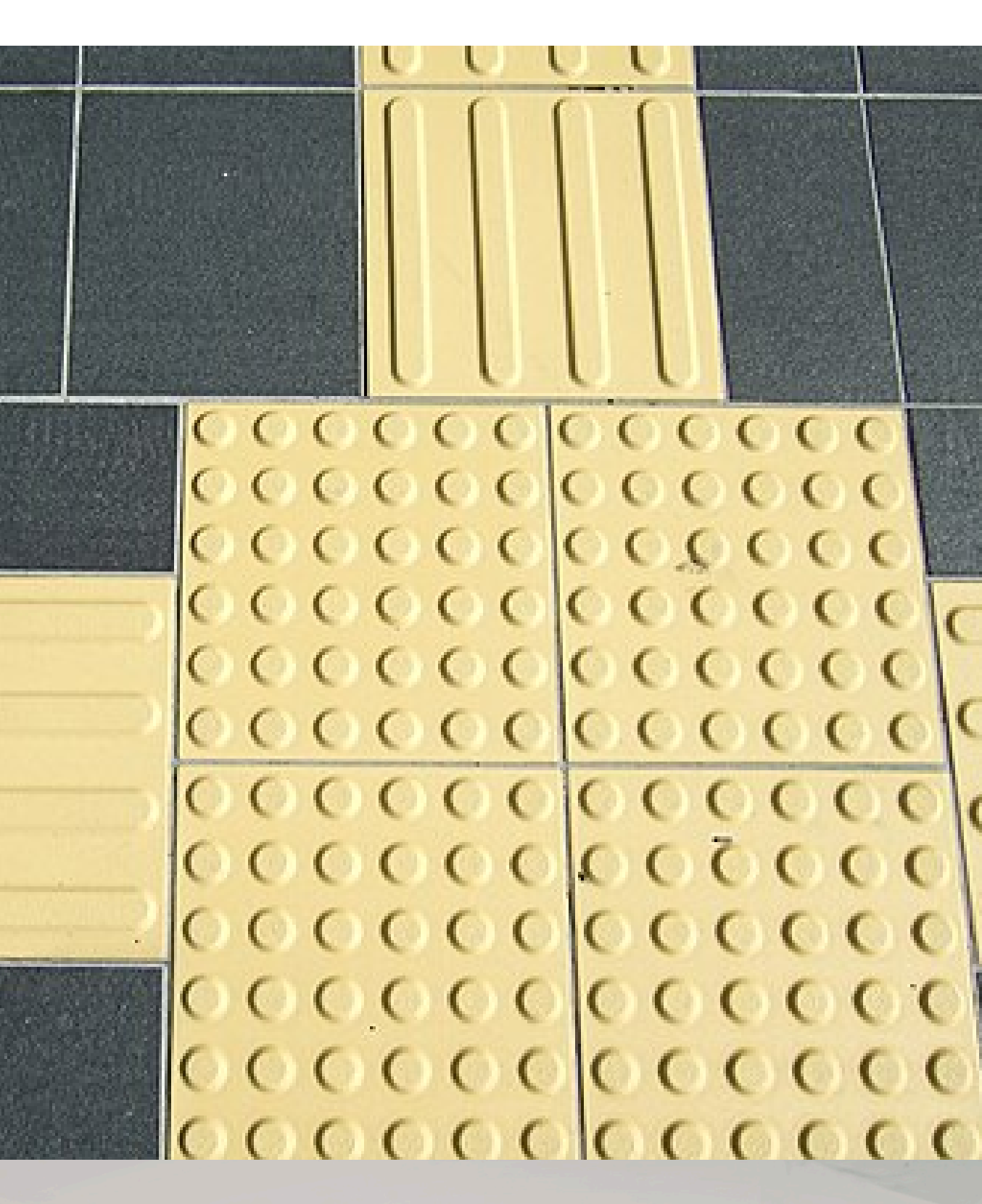
Accessible Pedestrian Signals

- 1920s - 1940s: First Acoustic Signals
- 1929: Push-Button Innovation
- 1950s - 1960s: International Adoption



Tactile Walking Surface Indicators

Post-World War 2, nearly 500,000 military veterans and civilians faced vision or limb loss. In 1965, Seiichi Miyake developed the world's first tactile paving system.



Visible Fire Alarm Strobes

John Wheelock, founder of Wheelock Signals, received the first fire alarm patent for horn and strobe combination products in 1978.



Low-floor Transit Buses

Low-floor buses were used by European airports in 1960. By 1984, they were introduced in North America. The first low-floor buses for public use started in early 1992.



“Talking Books” or Audiobooks

1877 - 1878: Thomas Edison recorded “Mary Had a Little Lamb” as the first spoken-word recording.

1932 - 1935: The American Foundation for the Blink created long-playing vinyl records.

1970 - 1996: The retail market for audiobooks grows with the adoption of cassette tapes.



Word Prediction Assistive Writing - “Predictive Text”

Word prediction as an assistive technology emerged in the early 1980s. It's purpose was to help people with disabilities to type.

