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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The object of this International Standard is to define rules for safeguarding persons and objects against the risk of accidents associated with the operation of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs).

This International Standard does not repeat all the general technical rules applicable to every electrical, mechanical or structural component.

The safety requirements of this International Standard have been drawn up on the basis that MEWPs are periodically maintained according to manufacturers' instructions, working conditions, frequency of use and national regulations.

It is assumed the MEWPs are checked for function daily before start of work and are not put into operation unless all required control and safety devices are available and in working order.

If a MEWP is seldom used, the checks may be made before start of work.

Annex A explains the choice of Beaufort Scale 6 as maximum wind speed.

Where for clarity an example of a safety measure is given in the text, this is not intended as the only possible solution. Any other solution leading to the same risk reduction is permissible if an equivalent level of safety is achieved.

As no satisfactory explanation could be found for the dynamic factors used for stability calculations in previous national standards, the results of the tests carried out by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), former TC 98/WG1, to determine a suitable factor and stability calculation method for MEWPs have been adopted. The test method is described in Annex B as a guide for manufacturers wishing to use higher or lower operating speeds and to take advantage of developments in control systems.

Similarly, to avoid the unexplained inconsistencies in coefficients of utilization for wire ropes found in other standards for lifting devices, appropriate extracts of the widely accepted German standard DIN 15020 (all parts) have been included in 5.5.2 and Annex C, with a worked example in Annex D.



# Mobile elevating work platforms — Design calculations, safety requirements and test methods

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies technical safety requirements and measures for all types and sizes of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) intended to move persons to working positions.

This International Standard is applicable to the structural design calculations and stability criteria, construction, safety examinations and security tests before MEWPs are first put into service. It identifies the hazards arising from the use of MEWPs and describes methods for the elimination or reduction of these hazards.

It does not cover the hazards arising from

- operation by radio and other wireless controls,
- use in potentially explosive atmospheres,
- electromagnetic incompatibility,
- work on live electrical systems (see IEC 61057)
- use of compressed gases for load-bearing components.

This International Standard is not applicable to

- a) permanently installed personnel-lifting appliances serving defined levels (see EN 81-1 and EN 81-2);
- b) fire-fighting and fire rescue appliances (see EN 1777);
- c) unguided work cages suspended from lifting appliances (see EN 1808);
- d) elevating operator position on rail-dependent storage and retrieval equipment (EN 528);
- e) tail lifts (see EN 1756-1 and prEN 1756-2);
- f) mast-climbing work platforms (see ISO 16369);
- g) fairground equipment;
- h) lifting tables with a lifting height of less than 2 m (see EN 1570);
- i) builders' hoists for persons and materials (see EN 12159);
- j) aircraft ground-support equipment (see EN 1915-1 and EN 1915-2);
- k) digger derricks (see ANSI A10.31);
- l) elevating operator positions on industrial trucks (see EN 1726-2);

- m) under-bridge inspection and maintenance devices (see ANSI A92.8);
- n) stock-picking or order-picking type equipment.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2408:1985, *Steel wire ropes for general purposes — Characteristics*

ISO 3864 (all parts), *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs*

ISO 4302, *Cranes — Wind load assessment*

ISO 4305, *Mobile cranes — Determination of stability*

ISO 4309, *Cranes — Wire ropes — Care, maintenance (including installation), inspection<sup>1)</sup>*

ISO 12100-1, *Safety of machinery — Basic concepts, general principles for design — Part 1: Basic terminology, methodology*

ISO 12100-2, *Safety of machinery — Basic concepts, general principles for design — Part 2: Technical principles and specifications*

ISO 13850, *Safety of machinery — Emergency stop — Principles for design*

ISO 13854, *Safety of machinery — Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body*

ISO 18893, *Mobile elevating work platforms — Safety requirements, inspection, maintenance and operation<sup>1)</sup>*

ISO 20381 *Mobile elevating work platforms — Symbols for operator controls and other displays<sup>1)</sup>*

IEC 60204-1:2000, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

IEC 60707, *Flammability of solid non-metallic materials when exposed to flame sources — List of test methods*

IEC 60947-5-1:2000, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements — Electromechanical control circuit devices*

IEC 61057:1991, *Aerial devices with insulating boom used for live working*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18893 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### access position

normal position which provides access to and from the work platform

NOTE The access, stowed (3.30), lowered travel (3.12) and transport (3.32) positions can be identical.

1) To be published.

**3.2****chain-drive system**

system that comprises one or more chain(s) running on chain sprockets and on or over chain pulleys as well as any associated chain sprockets, chain pulleys and compensating pulleys

**3.3****chassis**

base of the MEWP

See Figure 1.

NOTE The chassis may be pulled, pushed, self-propelled, etc.

**3.4****critical component**

load-supporting element which supports or stabilizes the work platform or the extending structure

**3.5****elevated travel position**

configuration of the MEWP for travel on a work site outside of the lowered travel position

**3.6****extending structure**

structure which is connected to the chassis and supports the work platform and allows movement of the work platform to its required position

See Figure 1.

NOTE It may, for example, be a single or a telescoping or an articulating boom or ladder, or a scissor mechanism or any combination of them, and may or may not slew on the base.

**3.7****finite element analysis model****FEA model**

computerized method of idealizing a real model for the purposes of performing structural analysis

**3.8****indoor use**

use of a MEWP in areas shielded from wind so there is no wind force acting on the MEWP

**3.9****load cycle**

cycle starting from a position, carrying out work and returning to the same position

**3.10****load-sensing system**

system of monitoring the vertical load and vertical forces on the work platform

NOTE The system includes the measuring device(s), the method of mounting the measuring devices and the signal processing system.

**3.11****lowering, noun**

all operations, other than travelling, to move the work platform to a lower level

See Figure 1.

**3.12****lowered travel position**

configuration of the MEWP for travel on a work site where the work platform height is 3 m or less

NOTE The access (3.1), stowed (3.30), lowered travel and transport (3.32) positions can be identical.

3.13

**manufacturer**

person or entity with overall responsibility for the design, specification, procurement, fabrication, assembly and testing of a ready-for-use MEWP

3.14 MEWP group classification

3.14.1

**group A**

MEWPs whose vertical projection of the centre of gravity of the load is always inside the tipping lines

3.14.2

**group B**

MEWPs whose vertical projection of the centre of gravity of the load may be outside the tipping lines

3.15 MEWP types

3.15.1

**type 1 MEWP**

MEWP for which travelling is only allowed with the MEWP in its stowed position

3.15.2

**type 2 MEWP**

MEWP for which travelling with work platform in elevated travel position is controlled from a point on the chassis

3.15.3

**type 3 MEWP**

MEWP for which travelling with work platform in elevated travel position is controlled from a point on the work platform

NOTE Types 2 and 3 can be combined

3.16

**mobile elevating work platform  
MEWP**

machine (device) that is intended to displace persons, tools and material to working positions and consists of at least a work platform with controls, an extending structure and a chassis

3.17

**moment-sensing system**

system of monitoring the moment acting about the tipping line tending to overturn the MEWP

NOTE The system includes the measuring device(s), the method of mounting the measuring devices and the signal processing system.

3.18

**off-slab**

surface that is not necessarily levelled, paved, or of concrete or an equivalent material, but does not include uncompacted soil

3.19

**outdoor use**

use of a MEWP in an environment which may be exposed to wind

3.20

**paved slab surface**

substantially level surface of asphalt, concrete or equivalent

**3.21****pedestrian-controlled MEWP**

MEWP whose controls for powered travel can be operated by a person walking close to the MEWP

**3.22****rail-mounted MEWP**

MEWP whose travel is guided by rails

**3.23****raising, noun**

any operation, other than travelling, which moves the work platform to a higher level

See Figure 1.

**3.24****rated load**

load for which the MEWP has been designed for normal operation and is composed of persons, tools and material acting vertically on the work platform

NOTE A MEWP can have more than one rated load.

**3.25****rotation**

circular movement of the work platform about a vertical axis

See Figure 1.

**3.26****secondary work platform**

platform attached to the work platform (3.39) or the extending structure, and able to be moved separately

**3.27****self-propelled MEWP**

MEWP whose travelling controls are located on the work platform

**3.28****slewing, noun**

circular movement of the extending structure about a vertical axis

See Figure 1.

**3.29****stabilizer**

any device or system used to stabilize MEWPs by supporting and/or levelling the complete MEWP or the extending structure

See Figure 1.

EXAMPLES Outriggers, jacks, suspension-locking devices, extending axles.

**3.30****stowed position**

configuration of the MEWP as defined by the manufacturer, in which the extending structure is lowered and retracted and stabilizers are retracted

NOTE The access (3.1), stowed, lowered travel (3.12) and transport (3.30) positions can be identical.

**3.31  
totally manually operated**

MEWP whose movement is powered only by manual effort

**3.32  
transport position**

position of the work platform in which the MEWP is delivered to the work site

NOTE The access (3.1), stowed (3.30), lowered travel (3.12) and transport positions can be identical.

**3.33  
transporting**

delivery of the MEWP to or from the work site

**3.34  
travelling**

any movement of the chassis except transporting

See Figure 1.

**3.35  
type test**

test on a representative model of a new design or one incorporating significant changes to an existing design, carried out by or on behalf of the manufacturer or his authorized representative

**3.36  
vehicle-mounted MEWP**

MEWP whose travelling controls are located within the cab of the vehicle

**3.37  
wire rope drive system**

system that comprises one or more wire rope(s) running on rope drums and on or over rope pulleys, as well as any associated rope drums, rope pulleys and compensating pulleys

**3.38  
working envelope**

space in which the work platform is designed to work within the specified loads and forces, under normal operation conditions

NOTE MEWPS can have more than one working envelope.

**3.39  
work platform**

movable component of the MEWP, other than the chassis, intended for carrying personnel (with or without material)

EXAMPLES Cages, buckets and baskets.

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