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FOREWORD

This Standard provides for the safe design of powered platforms for building maintenance, where window cleaning and related services are accomplished by means of suspended equipment at heights in excess of 35 ft (11 m) above a safe surface, e.g., grade, street, floor, or roof level.

The provisions of the Standard are intended to apply to all known systems used to support suspended maintenance equipment as well as the suspended equipment itself (either permanently installed or transportable equipment). Guidelines are also included for a building's structural support areas as well as the building surfaces that actually interface with the equipment.

The Standard does not apply to other suspended powered platforms used for remedial renovations or modifications to buildings. The safe use of these types of scaffolds is addressed by American National Standard ANSI A10.8. The A120.1 Standard also does not relate to any service performed by persons supported by equipment covered by any of the ANSI A92 Standards.

The purpose of this Standard is to ensure the protection of all powered-platform users as well as persons potentially exposed to use of the equipment. In developing this Standard, safety has been held as the primary consideration. The Standard requires that permanently installed or transportable equipment be properly designed by a qualified professional engineer, taking into account specific building features rather than attempting to accommodate the system to a building's structure and façade features that may not be suitable for its safe operation. In addition, care has been taken so as not to exclude or render obsolete any existing product or equipment.

Operation and maintenance instructions in this safety standard are intended for general applications. The equipment manufacturer and/or installer shall be consulted for specific operating or maintenance instructions.

This Standard reflects the evolution of a project begun in 1962 by the American National Standards Committee on Window Cleaning Safety, A39. At that time, the Committee recognized that a new method was being developed for cleaning fixed sash windows by means of a special scaffolding. In order to deal expertly with this new development, a new project was established, separate from that handled by the A39 Committee. Following a general conference, the American National Standards Committee on Powered Platforms, ANSI A120, was formed, with the National Safety Council acknowledged as sponsor. In 1965, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) was approved as co-sponsor. In 1984, the Building Owners and Managers Association International was approved as secretariat.

A previous edition of the Standard, A120.1-1970, was administratively withdrawn in 1989. This Standard had established safety requirements for the design, construction, installation, inspection, and use of power-operated platforms for exterior building maintenance. The Standard did not apply to temporary equipment used for construction work or to devices raised and lowered manually.

A120.1-1992 was the result of joint action by participating organizations under the auspices of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). That Standard was approved through two votes of the ANSI A120 Committee, at a meeting in New York City (October 17, 1991) and by letter ballot (dated December 30, 1991).

In 1995, ASME again assumed sponsorship of the Standard. ASME A120.1-1996 was approved by ANSI on April 17, 1996. ASME A120.1-2001 was approved by ANSI on July 3, 2001. ASME A120.1-2006 was approved by ANSI on September 20, 2006. ASME A120.1-2008 was approved by ANSI on July 16, 2008. ASME A120.1-2014 was approved by ANSI on March 4, 2014.

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Subject:	Cite the applicable paragraph number(s) and the topic of the inquiry in one or two words.
Edition:	Cite the applicable edition of the Standard for which the interpretation is being requested.
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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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1	1.3.1	Last sentence added
2	1.5	Added and subsequent paragraphs redesignated
2	1.6	Updated
3	1.7	(1) Definitions of <i>automatic equipment</i> , <i>boom (jib)</i> , <i>building maintenance unit (BMU)</i> , <i>continuous means of engagement</i> , <i>intermittent stabilization anchor (ISA)</i> , <i>jib</i> , <i>luffing</i> , <i>mast</i> , <i>obstacle</i> , <i>slewing</i> , <i>spreader bar</i> , <i>unmanned platform</i> , and <i>unmanned suspended equipment</i> added
		(2) Definitions of <i>failure</i> and <i>transportable equipment</i> revised
6	2.2	2.2.1 designation and para. 2.2.2 added
6	2.3	Paragraphs 2.3.1 through 2.3.3.3 revised in their entirety
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10	3.1.4	Revised in its entirety
12	3.2.4	Last sentence in subpara. (a) revised
13	3.2.9	Added
13	Table 3.2.9-1	Added
15	3.5	Revised in its entirety
16	Figure 3.5.1-1	Added
20	3.7.4.10	Revised
22	3.7.5.10	Added
24	3.10.1.4	Revised
24	3.10.1.5	Revised
25	3.10.4.2	Subparagraph (b) revised
26	3.11.2.9	Added and subsequent paragraph redesignated
27	Table 4.3.2-1	Former Table 4.3.2 redesignated
28	5.1.1	Last paragraph added
28	5.1.2	Subparagraph (i) revised
29	5.1.3	Revised in its entirety
30	5.2.2	Revised
34	Mandatory Appendix II	Added
36	Nonmandatory Appendix A	Added

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWERED PLATFORMS AND TRAVELING LADDERS AND GANTRIES FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE

1 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 Scope

This Standard establishes safety requirements for powered platforms (scaffolds) for buildings where window cleaning and related services are accomplished by means of suspended equipment at heights in excess of 35 ft (11 m) above a safe surface (e.g., grade, street, floor, or roof level). Additionally, this Standard establishes safety requirements for permanent traveling ladders and gantries (TLG).

It pertains to either permanently installed or transportable equipment meeting the requirements of this Standard.

Powered platforms and TLGs may be used or operated by one or more persons engaged in services such as normal building maintenance. The equipment may also be used for tasks such as caulking, metal polishing, reglazing, or other building repairs.

This Standard does not apply to other suspended powered platforms used for remedial renovations or modifications to buildings. The safe use of these scaffolds is included in ANSI A10.8-2001, Safety Requirements for Scaffolding.

This Standard does not relate to any service performed by persons supported by equipment covered by any of the ANSI A92 standards.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to ensure the protection of powered-platform users and traveling ladder and gantry users, and persons exposed to equipment used with the previously described maintenance of buildings.

It is also intended for use by architects, engineers, designers, manufacturers, inspectors, purchasers, building owners, and others associated with the installation of powered platforms and traveling ladders and gantries.

Additionally, it is recommended for use by enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over the installation of powered platforms and traveling ladders and gantries to ensure that the platforms meet the safety provisions of this Standard.

1.3 Application of This Standard

1.3.1 Applications. This Standard applies to the installation of all powered platforms and traveling ladders and gantries. Permanent powered platforms shall be provided on all buildings with vertical platform travel exceeding 300 ft (91 m). (21)

1.3.2 Deviations. Deviations from the requirements of this Standard may be granted by the enforcing authority if it is determined that a specific requirement creates practical difficulty or excessive hardship, or where the specific requirement prevents the use of a novel design, only when equivalent safety is provided.

1.3.3 Alterations

(a) Any existing building being serviced may continue to be serviced until the building is altered, requiring a modification of the installation. Alteration of the building and equipment modification shall then be made to comply with the applicable parts of this Standard.

(b) If the authority having jurisdiction believes that hazards exist to warrant a change in an existing installation, the authority may require compliance with any part of this Standard. If a qualified person deems that a hazard exists, the hazard shall be corrected, and the correction shall be in compliance with this Standard.

(c) Once a building permit is issued or modified, the current version of the Standard shall apply.

1.4 Applicable Units

This edition of the Standard uses U.S. Customary units with acceptable metric (SI) units shown in parentheses.

NOTE: The metric values stated may not be exact equivalents to the U.S. Customary units.

Information on the usage of SI units and their conversion from U.S. Customary units is contained in the IEEE/ASTM SI 10-1997, Standard for the Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System; or ASME Guide SI-1, Orientation and Guide for Use of SI (Metric) Units.

(21) **1.5 Translation of Technical and Safety-Related Information**

1.5.1 All documentation, including but not limited to the following, shall be in English:

- (a) tagging and labeling
- (b) operating, maintenance, and other instructions
- (c) design and engineering data
- (d) records of use and inspection
- (e) installation logs
- (f) certifications

1.5.2 All pictograms included in the documentation shall comply with ISO 7000, ISO 7296, or another recognized source.

1.5.3 If the original manufacturer's documentation is in a language other than English and is translated to English to comply with [para. 1.5.1](#), the translation shall meet professional translation industry standards, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) The translation shall
 - (1) ensure grammatical accuracy
 - (2) preserve the source document content without omitting or expanding the text
 - (3) translate the terminology accurately
 - (4) reflect the level of sophistication of the original document
- (b) The finished translation shall be verified for compliance with [\(a\)](#) by a qualified person proficient in the technical content of the subject matter.

1.5.4 If the manufacturer, engineer, or inspection personnel no longer exist, and if a translation of their documentation is necessary, the translation shall comply with [paras. 1.5.1](#) through [1.5.3](#).

1.5.5 If the documentation listed in [para. 1.5.1](#) is translated from its original English into another language, the translation shall comply with [paras. 1.5.2](#) and [1.5.3](#).

(21) **1.6 References**

When a nationally recognized standard, other than that specifically referred to in [para. 1.1](#), is referred to and is superseded by a revision, the edition current at the time of acceptance of this Standard shall apply.

Aluminum Construction Manual
Specifications for Aluminum Structures
Aluminum Standards and Data
Publisher: Aluminum Association, Inc. (AA), 1400 Crystal Drive, Suite 430, Arlington, VA 22202
(www.aluminum.org)

ANSI A10.8-2001, Safety Requirements for Scaffolding
Publisher: American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036
(www.ansi.org)

ANSI/ASSE A10.32-2004, Fall Protection Systems for Construction and Demolitions Operations

*ANSI/ASSE Z359.1-2007, Safety Requirements for Personal Fall Arrest Systems Subsystems and Components

Publisher: The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068 (www.assp.org)

ASTM A1023/A1023M-09, Standard Specification for Stranded Carbon Steel Wire Ropes for General Purposes
Publisher: ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959
(www.astm.org)

National Electrical Code
Publisher: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), One Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471
(www.nfpa.org)

UL 1322, Standard for Safety: Fabricated Scaffold Planks and Stages

UL 1323, Standard for Safety: Scaffold Hoists
Publisher: Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL), 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096; Order Address: Comm 2000, 151 Eastern Avenue, Bensenville, IL 60106 (www.ul.com)

NOTE: When a referenced Standard is designated with an asterisk (*), the entire Standard is not accepted. Only the sections that address the item(s) referenced in the A120 Standard are to be considered.

1.6.1 Listed below are additional nationally recognized standards-promulgating organizations.

American Concrete Institute (ACI), 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 (www.concrete.org)
American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA), 1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-1581 (www.agma.org)

American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), 130 East Randolph Street, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60601-2001
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(www.asce.org)

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Two Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990
(www.asme.org)

American Welding Society (AWS), 8669 NW 36 Street, No. 130, Miami, FL 33166 (www.aws.org)

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22209
(www.nema.org)

(21) **1.7 Terms and Definitions**

accepted: accepted by the enforcing agency having jurisdiction.

allowable stresses: the working stress limitations imposed by a nationally recognized standards-promulgating organization.

anchor: a point of attachment that transfers load to the building.

anchor, adhesive: a metal element post-installed into a hardened concrete building-structure member and used to transfer applied loads into the concrete by means of chemical bonding compounds.

anchor, strain relief: a building point of attachment near the power outlet, used for attaching power cable strain-relief connectors.

anchor, tie-back: a building structure point of attachment used for securing any required tie-back ropes of transported and/or portable support equipment.

anchor, tie-down: a building-structure point of attachment used for resisting roof car or outrigger overturning moment loads.

anchor, tie-in (ISA): a building-façade point of attachment used in intermittent stabilization for transferring external platform loads into the building structure.

anchor, track or rail: a building-structure point of attachment used for holding carriage-supporting rails and tracks.

anchorage: a secure point of attachment for personal fall arrest lifelines, lanyards, or deceleration devices, and that is independent of the means of supporting or suspending the user.

angulated roping: a means of stabilization where the upper point of suspension is inboard from the attachments on the suspended unit, causing the suspended unit to bear against the face of the building.

automatic equipment: see *unmanned suspended equipment*.

base: see *socket*.

bird cage: the appearance of a wire rope where the outer strands displace, forming a cage appearing as an increase in the overall rope diameter.

boom (jib): a structural component that provides horizontal reach.

brake, primary: a brake designed to be automatically applied whenever power to the prime mover is interrupted or discontinued.

brake, secondary: a brake designed to prevent the descent of the suspended or supported equipment in the event of an overspeed condition.

brake types:

disc: a brake in which the holding effect is obtained by frictional resistance between faces of rotating discs or shoes.

self-energizing band: a unidirectional brake in which the braking action is obtained by frictional resistance between a stationary flexible brake band and a rotating drum, whereby the friction force increases the holding force or pressure on the friction surfaces.

shoe brake: a brake in which the holding effect is obtained by applying pressure on two or more stationary segmental friction elements against a rotating cylindrical wheel or drum.

wire rope engaging: a brake that grips onto a wire rope, without damage to the rope, to prevent the descent of a suspended unit.

building: a structure wherein people may live, work, or otherwise make use of the facilities offered within the structure.

building face roller: a guide roller designed to ride on the face of the building wall to prevent the suspended or supported equipment from abrading the face of the building.

building maintenance: exterior or interior operations such as window cleaning, caulking, metal polishing, reglazing, and general light maintenance or repairs on building surfaces.

building maintenance unit (BMU): permanently installed equipment designed for a building or structure whose function is to provide access to the façade and/or specific parts of the building. The equipment may be fixed in place or traverse on tracks or a runway. The equipment has one or more powered components in addition to the hoisting machine from which a permanently dedicated remote powered platform is suspended.

cable: a conductor, or group of conductors, enclosed in a weatherproof sheath, which may be used to supply electrical power or control currents for equipment and to provide voice communication circuits.

carriage: a wheeled vehicle used normally for the horizontal movements and support of equipment.

catalog strength: the rated strength of any product or material as designated by its manufacturer or vendor, based on standard testing procedures or acceptable engineering design practices.

certified: accepted by design, evaluation, or inspection by a registered professional engineer.

combination cable: ropes having both steel structural members for support of the equipment and copper or other electrical conductors insulated from each other and the structural members by nonconductive barriers.

continuous means of engagement: a continuous mechanical connection between the work platform or supported equipment and the building façade using either

(a) building tie-in-guides (e.g., tracks) and tie-in-devices (e.g., guide shoes) or

(b) building anchors and platform tracks

Also called continuous stabilization.

continuous pressure: the requirement for a constant manual actuation of an operating control or device.

control: a mechanism used to regulate or guide the operation of the equipment.

core: the axial member of a wire rope about which the strands are laid.

davit: a device for suspending a powered platform. Unlike outriggers, a davit reacts its operating moment load into a single pedestal, socket, carriage attachment, or other connection.

dropline: see *lifecycle*.

dynamic load: loading induced by masses undergoing changes in velocity and loads varying with time. In application, a simulated static load surcharge may be assumed to be equivalent to dynamic effects.

electrical ground: a conducting connection between an electrical circuit of the equipment and the earth, or a conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

equipment tie-in: a positive-type connection provided to secure a working platform or suspension rope to the building.

failure: a deficiency of a component that makes it unable to continue the function for which it was originally designed.

fairlead: the uppermost guide for the suspension wire rope.

fairlead roller: a roller provided to allow a minor change in the direction of travel of a suspension rope.

four-rope suspended platform: a platform suspended by four load carrying wire ropes arranged such that the failure of any one support rope or its fastenings will not cause the platform to upset (substantially alter the normal position). (Also known as four rope, four line, and multi-rope. See *two-rope suspended platform*.)

ground rigging: a method of suspending a self-powered working platform from a safe horizontal surface to an acceptable point of suspension above the safe surface.

guide roller: a rotating cylindrical member, operating separately or as a part of a guide assembly, that provides continuous engagement between the suspended or supported equipment and the building guides.

guide shoe: equivalent to guide rollers, except shoes provide a sliding contact between the building guides and the shoe.

hoisting machine: a device intended to raise and lower a suspended or supported unit.

installation: the total affected parts of a building and the equipment associated with the intended operation.

interlock: a device to ensure operations or motions in proper sequence.

intermittent stabilization: a means to stabilize a suspended unit by securing the suspension rope(s) to vertically spaced building anchors.

intermittent stabilization anchor (ISA): see *anchor*, *tie-in (ISA)*.

jib: see *boom (jib)*.

kink: a deformation of a wire rope caused by a loop of the rope being pulled down tight.

lanyard: a flexible line used to secure a wearer of a safety belt or harness to a dropline, lifeline, or fixed anchorage.

lay:

(a) the manner in which the wires in a strand or the strands of a rope are helically laid, or

(b) the length, parallel to the longitudinal axis, in which a wire makes one complete turn about the axis of a strand or a strand makes one complete turn about the axis of a rope.

lifeline: a vertical line from a fixed anchorage, independent of the work platform and its rigging, to which personal fall arrest equipment is affixed. Lifelines are also known as safety lines.

live load (static): the total static weight of personnel, tools, parts, and supplies that the equipment is designed to support.

luffing: upward or downward movement of a boom about a horizontal axis.

mast: a structural component that provides height above the base and/or carriage.

multiple wrap (layer) drum hoist: a type of hoisting machine that accumulates the suspension wire rope in more than one successive layer on the surface of the drum of the hoist.

nondestructive tests: those tests required to ensure the reliability or soundness of a product but which do not have a detrimental effect on the product.

obstacle: a situation or physical object that impedes or adversely affects safe operations or potentially exposes persons and/or equipment to a hazardous condition.

obstruction detector: a device that will stop the suspended or supported unit in the direction of travel if an obstruction is encountered and will allow the unit to move only in a direction away from the obstruction.

operating device: a device actuated manually to activate a control.

outrigger: a device for suspending a powered platform. Unlike a davit, an outrigger reacts its operating moment load into at least two opposing vertical components acting into two or more distinct reaction points and/or attachments.

pedestal (davit/outrigger): a component attached to the building that supports a socket.

powered boatswain's chair: a powered seat for one person suspended by a single line that is designed to be raised and lowered by the user.

powered platform: suspended or supported manned equipment that provides access to the face of a building for the purpose of maintenance.

prime mover: the source of mechanical power for a machine.

qualified person: a person with training and experience in the use, service, and repair of specific equipment. Training may be provided by the equipment manufacturer.

rated load: as assigned by the manufacturer, the total load permitted on a hoist. The load includes the static weight of the suspended or supported unit plus the weight of the live load imposed on the hoist.

registered professional engineer: a person who has been duly registered and licensed by an authority within the United States to practice the profession of engineering.

remedial work: restoration, renovation, or modifications employing crafts associated with the construction industry, such as masonry, glazing, caulking, and carpentry.

remote powered platform and equipment: a powered platform or suspended equipment where the means of raising and lowering the suspended unit is located at an elevation or location other than on the platform or suspended unit.

reverse bend: a reverse bend in a wire rope is one where a rope bends around one sheave followed by bending around a second sheave in the opposite direction.

rope lay length: the length, parallel to the longitudinal axis, in which a wire makes one complete turn about the axis of the strand or a strand about the axis of a rope. In this connection it is also referred to as lay length or *pitch*.

safe surface: a horizontal surface intended to be occupied by personnel, which is so protected that it can be reasonably assured that said occupants will be protected against injury or from falling.

self-powered platform: a powered platform where the hoist(s) is located on the platform.

shall: mandatory.

should: advisory.

shunt carriage: a secondary carriage to provide transport of a primary carriage from one point to another.

single wrap (layer) drum hoist: a type of winding drum hoist that accumulates the suspension wire rope in a single layer on the surface of the hoisting drum.

slewing: circular movement about an axis.

socket (davit/outrigger): a component that is either permanent (fixed) or portable that supports a davit or outrigger. A socket usually is capable of allowing a davit to be (tilted) raised or lowered.

speed reducer: a positive-type speed-reducing machine.

spreader bar: a structural component that establishes the distance between the suspension wire ropes to match the connection points on the suspended equipment. Also called crossbar, cross boom, or spreader.

stability factor: the ratio of the stabilizing moment to the overturning moment.

strain relief anchor: a positive device used for the mechanical anchorage of cable to prevent undue strain on the cable connectors.

strand: a symmetrically arranged and helically-wound assembly of wires.

supported equipment: any building maintenance equipment that is held or moved to its working position by means of attachment directly to the building or extensions of the building being maintained.

suspended equipment (suspended scaffold): any building maintenance equipment that is suspended or moved to its working position by means of ropes or combination cables attached to some anchorage above the equipment.

tail line: the nonsupporting end of a suspension wire rope.

tie-in-device: the portion of a suspended unit that positively engages the building tie-in-guides.

tie-in-guides: the portion of a building that provides continuous positive engagement between the building and a suspended unit during its vertical travel of the face of the building.

traction or sheave hoist: a type of hoisting machine that does not accumulate the suspension wire rope, but is designed to raise and lower a suspended load by the application of friction forces between the suspension wire rope and the hoist's drum.

transfer drum: a drum incorporated within a hoist to transfer wire rope from one traction drum groove to an adjacent groove.

transportable equipment: powered platforms or supported equipment brought to a building site for the purpose of maintenance, as covered by this Standard.

transportable outriggers and davits: outriggers and davits designed to be moved from one work location to another.

traveling cable: a cable intended to contain electrical power, control, or communication conductors from the power or communication source to a suspended or supported unit or between the source and a carriage.

traveling ladders and gantries (TLG): site-specific permanently installed traveling ladders or gantries used to service surfaces of a building such as an atrium roof, skylight, or building façade.

trolley system: a track-mounted carriage suspended from an overhead structure.

trolleyline/dogline: a horizontal lifeline secured to the guardrail and structural portions of a platform (see [para. 3.7.4.10](#)).

two-rope suspended platform:

(a) a platform suspended by two load-carrying wire ropes

(b) a platform suspended by two load-carrying wire ropes and with two secondary wire ropes such that the failure of any one support rope or its fastenings will not cause the platform to upset (substantially alter the normal position). Also known as *two rope, two line*, and *dial-rope*. See *four-rope suspended platform*.)

unmanned platform: see *unmanned suspended equipment*.

unmanned suspended equipment: a suspended or supported piece of equipment that is either remotely operated or automatically operated.

weatherproof: equipment or component protection constructed so that exposure to adverse weather conditions will not affect or interfere with the proper use or functions of the equipment or component.

winding-drum hoist: a type of hoisting machine that accumulates the suspension wire rope on the drum of the hoist.

working platform: a suspended or supported platform arranged to provide access to the building.

wrap: one complete turn of the suspension wire rope around the surface of a hoist drum.

2 BUILDING DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

2.1 General

All buildings with wall surfaces requiring cleaning or buildings not provided with operable windows shall be designed relative to the use of the equipment covered by this Standard.

All buildings shall be designed to safely accommodate powered platforms and traveling ladders and gantries to be used for remedial work.

The design shall incorporate all features needed to provide the degree of safety required for users of the equipment and those exposed to use of the equipment.

All equipment and anchorages designed in accordance with this Standard shall be used only as herein described. Variations in use or modifications of its designed anchorages shall be approved, prior to use, by a registered professional engineer experienced in the design and installation of such equipment.

All loads and structural attachments to the building shall be approved by a registered architect or a registered professional engineer.

2.1.1 Installation Owner. When the equipment is to be continuously used at a specific location, the registered professional engineer for the building shall provide to the owner of each installation the following materials constituting the installation design record:

(a) architectural and structural drawings of those portions of the building contacted by the equipment or supporting the equipment

(b) engineering drawings of the equipment anchorages and their means of attachment or support

(c) calculations or test reports to verify compliance of the design with this Standard

(d) a certification by a registered professional engineer that the equipment has been initially installed in compliance with this Standard and that the equipment is compatible with the building

2.2 Design Requirements

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2.2.1 The design requirements for each installation shall be based on the limitations (stresses, deflections, etc.) established by nationally recognized standards promulgated by the agencies listed in [para. 1.6](#), or by equivalent standards found acceptable to the agency having jurisdiction. The design standards used shall be recorded in the installation design record.

2.2.2 Components of the building that support the equipment shall be designed to withstand the building maintenance equipment loads, including the equipment's safety factors and all required loading conditions imparted to the components.

2.3 Specific Building Design Requirements

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2.3.1 General Requirements

2.3.1.1 Affected Building Components. All buildings on which or in which equipment will be installed for window cleaning and related services shall be designed and constructed to sustain all the loads imposed on the building by the equipment, with stresses or deflections not to exceed those permitted by nationally recognized standards referred to in this Standard.

2.3.1.2 Lightning Rods. All lightning rods located in areas with equipment covered by this Standard shall be of the spring-loaded, tip-over variety. Lightning rod tips shall be secured to the lightning rod base or to the building with

a wire rope lanyard so the tip will be retained if it separates from its spring mounting.

2.3.2 Safety Requirements. All buildings shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to allow the installation to be used in a safe manner, free of obstacles, and to provide safe access to and egress from the equipment and areas used for maintenance of the equipment.

Buildings shall have identified anchorages when permanently installed or transportable equipment requires the use of independent vertical lifelines for fall protection.

2.3.3 Stabilization. The exteriors of all buildings shall be designed to provide stabilization for a platform during full vertical travel of the suspended or supported unit on the face of the building. Paragraphs 2.3.3.1 through 2.3.3.4 describe means of providing stabilization. Note that stabilization is not required on interior building maintenance equipment.

2.3.3.1 Tie-in-Guides

(a) Where the building exterior prohibits the installation of building tie-in-guides at the uppermost elevation of the building, they may be omitted for not more than 50 ft (15 m) of the uppermost elevation. When angulated roping is employed, the allowable unguided distance may be increased to 75 ft (23 m), provided a stabilizing force of at least 10 lb (44.5 N) is maintained under all conditions of loading.

(b) Guides shall provide a positive and continuous means of engagement between the suspended or supported portion of the equipment and the building during full vertical travel of the suspended or supported unit.

(c) A method shall be provided to separate the guide shoes from the platform without the use of tools, in case of an emergency.

(d) The continuous tie-in-guides shall be one of the following types:

(1) *Internal Track (Restricted Opening).* Split guide tracks are not permitted. Internal tie-in-guide tracks shall be a single-piece profile that meets the following criteria:

(-a) Alignment of the track shall be provided at all splice joints. The means of alignment shall be a bar, pin, or sleeve and shall not be in the internal cavity of the track. The inside of the track shall be clear of obstructions, such as sealant or fasteners.

(-b) At vertical façades, the minimum throat opening of the tie-in-guides shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm), and the interior shall provide a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.4 mm) minimum clear width on each side of the opening and a minimum clear depth of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. (32 mm).

(-c) At sloping façades, the minimum throat opening of the tie-in-guides shall be $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. (29 mm), and the interior shall provide a $\frac{9}{16}$ in. (14.3 mm)

minimum clear width on each side of the opening and a minimum clear depth of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. (32 mm).

(2) *External Tracks.* These guides are installed external to the other building members and are fully or partially exposed. For this type of installation

(-a) square or rectangular guides shall have vertical openings and dimensions in accordance with (1)

(-b) flanged beam or angle shapes (H- or L-shapes) shall be large enough to allow free passage for at least one roller or guide shoe of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. (38 mm) diameter, and provide a clear contact surface width of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm)

(-c) round or oval-shaped guides shall have a minimum diameter of 2 in. (50 mm)

(3) *Platform-Mounted Tracks (Button Guide System).* This guide system, as opposed to those described in (1) and (2), has the external tracks attached to the platform. The tracks engage vertical rows of buttons (anchors) on the façade as the platform is raised or lowered. The building anchors shall be located such that as the platform is raised or lowered, each platform track will engage at least two building anchors maintaining the platform to the façade in a smooth uniform manner. Platform tracks shall not exceed 13 ft (396 cm) in length and shall comply with the minimum guide track dimensions in (1).

(e) *Horizontal Push-out Movement (While Suspended)*

(1) If the maximum building push-out is less than 8 ft (2.4 m), direct contact between the platform and the façade shall be maintained using face rollers or equivalent. A tether at each end of the platform must be secured to the façade at the level of the platform and used to prevent the platform from swinging out from the building.

(2) The maximum building push-out shall not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m) unless the requirements in either (-a) or (-b) are met.

(-a) A rope tether provided enabling the operator to secure the platform to the structure before moving the platform out from the façade. One such tether shall be used at each end of the platform. The tether shall be readily available to the operator as the platform returns to a given push-out, enabling the operator to stabilize the platform.

(-b) For any push-out, a safe surface and additional workers shall be provided to manually guide the platform to its next drop position.

NOTE: Joints in building tie-in-guides shall be mechanically aligned to prevent interference with the proper functioning of the equipment's guide assemblies. Joint openings should be limited to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm) maximum.

2.3.3.2 Intermittent Stabilization Systems. Intermittent stabilization systems shall conform to the following standards:

(a) The system shall keep the equipment in continuous contact with the building façade and shall prevent sudden horizontal movement of the platform. The system may be

used together with continuous positive building guide systems using tie-in-guides on the same building, provided the requirements for each system are met.

(b) The maximum vertical interval between building anchors shall be three floors or 50 ft (15.3 m), whichever is less.

(c) The anchors shall be positioned horizontally on the building face so as to be symmetrical about the platform suspension ropes, either inboard of the suspension ropes or outboard.

(d) Building anchors shall be easily visible to workers and shall allow a stabilizer tie attachment for each of the platform suspension ropes at each vertical interval. If more than two suspension ropes are used on a platform, only the two building-side suspension ropes shall require a stabilizer attachment.

(e) Building anchors that extend beyond the face of the building shall be free of sharp edges or points.

(f) Building anchors shall be capable of sustaining without failure at least 4 times the maximum anticipated load to be applied or transmitted to the anchors. The ultimate design load for each anchor shall be a minimum of 600 lb (270 kg), which includes a safety factor of 4, applied laterally or perpendicularly but not simultaneously.

(g) Intermittent stabilization anchors and their fasteners shall be compatible with the material they are fastened to and must be installed by a qualified person in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions. Rivets shall not be used for fastening a stabilization anchor to a façade when another fastening method can be used. The proposed rivet-attached installation shall be reviewed in a model before installation.

(h) Intermittent stabilization anchors (ISAs) permanently attached to buildings shall not incorporate springs.

(i) The platform shall be provided with a limit-sensor switch that when activated by an installed stabilizer tie will stop the platform in the direction of travel. The limit-sensor switch shall allow the platform to move only in a direction away from the installed stabilizer tie.

NOTE: See [Nonmandatory Appendix A, Figure A-1](#) for a typical intermittent stabilization system.

2.3.3.3 Angulated Roping. The equipment installation can use angulated roping with a stabilizing force of at least 10 lb (4.5 kg) maintained under all conditions of loading where the rise of the suspending portion of the equipment does not exceed 130 ft (40 m).

2.3.3.4 Standing (Static) Line. Standing (static) line scaffold stabilization systems shall be prohibited. A *standing (static) line* is a vertical rope used to stabilize the platform during its travel and/or positioning.

2.3.4 Perimeter Guarding of Elevated Areas. Elevated working areas over 4 ft (1 219 mm) above an adjacent working area on all buildings or structures shall be

provided with perimeter protection consisting of a parapet or guardrail system, or a combination of both.

Where building parapet heights exceed 6 ft (1.8 m), special provisions shall be employed to provide a safe means of access to the façade for rigging purposes if such access is necessary for performance of the work. Rolling scaffolds or ladders shall not be used unless they are compatible with and dedicated to the roof and exterior maintenance systems they are to service.

The top of the perimeter protection shall be at least 42 in. (1 067 mm) above the working area on which equipment is installed or which provides access to or egress from the equipment. Where workers approach the face of the building, the inboard edge protection of the elevated working area shall not be more than 18 in. (457 mm) inboard from the building or structure's façade.

Special architectural features such as building cornices, eyebrows, and sunscreens shall be reviewed on an individual basis.

2.3.4.1 Rigging, Accessing, and Servicing Platforms.

Rolling scaffolds or ladders shall not be used for accessing, rigging, or servicing powered platforms unless they are dedicated to the roof and the platform system they are designed to service. Accessing and servicing platforms shall comply with the requirements of the standards that pertain to them.

2.3.5 Equipment Structural Support. When welding is employed for making structural connections for the equipment installation, the welding shall be done by welders qualified under American Welding Society standards. All welds shall be visually inspected, and welds specified by the registered professional engineer shall undergo non-destructive testing. A report of inspection, together with any test reports, shall be made part of the installation design record.

When used, embedded tie-down anchors shall be of noncorrosive metal. The anchor installation shall be inspected for compliance with design requirements by a registered professional engineer. The report of inspection shall be included in the installation design record. Anchors should be tested at the discretion of the inspecting engineer.

When load testing is performed, it shall be in compliance with [para. 5.1.1](#).

2.3.6 Tie-back Anchors and Anchorages

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2.3.6.1 Tie-back anchors and anchorages shall be

- (a) designed by or under the direct supervision of a registered professional engineer
- (b) permanently attached to the building
- (c) removed and replaced if permanently deformed
- (d) free of sharp edges

2.3.6.2 For each worker attached to a tie-back anchor or anchorage, the anchor or anchorage shall be capable of sustaining a minimum of 5,000 lb (2 268 kg) in any direction that a load may be applied without fracture or failure.

All structural components of a tie-back anchor or anchorage exposed to weather or other conditions that may result in corrosion shall be fabricated of corrosion-resistant metal or finished with the corrosion protection properties equivalent to that of hot-dip galvanizing.

2.3.7 Electrical Requirements. The electrical design shall be in accordance with the following:

(a) General design shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements of the National Electrical Code edition in effect at the time of making the design, e.g., grounding, wire sizes, motors, controls and control wiring, and enclosures.

(b) When full load is applied to the circuit, building conductors shall be of such capacity that not more than a 3% voltage drop from nominal equipment requirements shall occur at each building outlet.

(c) Communications and power connections shall be weatherproof and provided with locking type connectors. They shall be protected from damage and abrasion.

(d) Each communication and power outlet shall be provided with an adjacent strain relief anchor to prevent force from being applied to the outlet or to the conduit leading to the outlet by movement of the equipment.

(e) The equipment power supply shall be from an independent electrical circuit that shall remain separate from all other equipment within or on the building, except hand tools used in conjunction with the equipment. If the building is provided with an emergency power system, the equipment circuit may be designed so it may be connected to the emergency circuit.

(f) The power circuit shall be provided with a cutoff switch that can be locked in the "OFF" position. To allow the equipment operators access to the switch, it shall be conveniently located relative to the primary operating area of the equipment.

(g) Power and communication outlets shall be located at the approximate elevation of the primary equipment operating area. The outlets should be located so that no more than 100 ft (30.38 m) of supply cable need be used for the horizontal area being traversed.

(h) The power circuit shall contain a separate equipment electrical grounding conductor.

(i) Carriage track systems shall be electrically connected to an earth ground.

(j) *Communication Facilities.* A two-way voice communication system shall be provided between the equipment operators and a manned station while the working platform is in use. The communication facility shall be operable and manned at all times when the equipment is being used.

2.3.8 Miscellaneous Requirements

(a) *Cable Stabilization, Other Than for Suspension Wire Ropes.* For equipment installations where the vertical travel of a manned platform exceeds approximately 200 ft (61 m), a means shall be provided to stabilize separate hanging lifelines, and all cables not in tension, to restrict their displacement by wind or any other force. Stabilization means shall be provided for each 200 ft (61 m) of vertical travel of the platforms. The means of stabilization may be independent of the building face being serviced.

For equipment installations where constant tension is maintained in the suspended cables, and the vertical travel of a suspended manned platform exceeds approximately 600 ft (183 m), means shall be provided to stabilize the cables at intervals of approximately 600 ft (183 m) or less.

(b) *Emergency Recovery Requirements.* Procedures shall be provided for the safe emergency recovery of persons working from suspended equipment, or other types of installations, in the event of power failure, equipment failure, or disability of any nature. Emergency procedures shall be included in the operating and maintenance instructions for the installation.

(c) *Building Requirements.* All repairs or major maintenance required on those portions of the building that provide primary support for the equipment shall be performed under the direction of a registered professional engineer. Upon completion of repairs or maintenance, the engineer shall provide the building owner with certification that the repair or maintenance has been properly accomplished and that the building has been restored to meet the requirements of this Standard.

3 EQUIPMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General

The design, construction, and installation of equipment under this Standard shall be governed by the requirements imposed for its use and by the environmental factors to which the equipment will be exposed.

3.1.1 General Design Requirements. The design of the equipment shall incorporate all features necessary to provide the degree of safety required by this Standard. In accordance with sound engineering and design practice, materials and components shall have essential properties needed to meet all requirements imposed by the purpose they are to fulfill. (21)

Domestically produced equipment shall be designed by or under the direction of a registered professional engineer. The design of foreign produced equipment, including materials, welds, and accessories, shall be verified and tested by or under the direction of a registered professional engineer.

The design requirements for each equipment installation, excluding wire ropes used for suspension, shall be based on the limitations (stresses, deflections, etc.) established by nationally recognized standards promulgated by the agencies listed in [para. 1.6](#), or by equivalent standards acceptable to the enforcing agency. The design standards used shall be recorded in the equipment design record. A copy of the record shall be provided to the installation owner.

Manufacturers of equipment used on multiple projects, such as davits, davit sockets, outriggers, monorail tracks and trolleys, and anchorages, shall construct a prototype of like equipment before finalizing production details. The prototype equipment shall be load tested in strict accordance with a written testing procedure, prescribed by the registered professional engineer. The registered professional engineer shall use the load testing results to verify all structural design considerations for that equipment.

(21) 3.1.2 Climatic Conditions

(a) For exterior installation in locations where freezing weather or other adverse climatic conditions exist, precautions shall be taken to minimize the hazards of such conditions that may affect the installation and the users.

(b) An anemometer shall be used with a permanent and transportable platform to provide information regarding on-site wind speeds before and during the use of the platform.

(c) During an excessive wind condition, primary power to the suspended unit shall not be interrupted for up or down travel.

For exterior installation in locations where freezing weather or other adverse climatic conditions exist, precautions shall be taken to minimize the hazards of such conditions that may affect the installation.

3.1.3 Material Requirements

(a) Structural and mechanical components shall be fabricated from structural materials that will withstand anticipated conditions including dynamic forces and climatic extremes.

(b) Unless filled with foam, the use of pneumatic tires to transport equipment is prohibited.

(21) 3.1.4 Construction Requirements

3.1.4.1 Bolted Connections

(a) Bolted connections shall be of a secured type, i.e., each bolt and/or nut shall be either self-locking or shall be secured by other means to prevent loosening by vibration.

(b) When the manufacturer requires a bolt to be tightened to a specific torque value or by "turn of the nut" procedure, the manufacturer shall specify this requirement in the installation instructions and these instructions

shall be included within the Operations and Maintenance Manual. If a torque value is required by the manufacturer, a torque wrench, calibrated in accordance with manufacturer recommendations, shall be used to tighten each subject bolt during installation.

3.1.4.2 Welded Connections and Weldments

(a) For domestically manufactured equipment, when welding is employed for structural connections, the welding shall be done in strict conformance with AWS standards.

(b) For foreign-manufactured equipment, when welding is employed for structural connections, the registered professional engineer shall ascertain that weld designs employ weld configurations, materials, sizes, and processes that are listed by the AWS. Foreign materials are acceptable for welding when subjected to criteria applying to ASTM-designated materials with equivalent properties for strength and welding. In addition, the registered professional engineer shall secure certified written proofs from the manufacturer that welders have been tested and found qualified and that quality control measures have been employed that satisfy the intent of AWS standards.

(c) All structural welds shall be visually inspected for compliance with design requirements and shall be subjected to nondestructive testing. Inspection and test records shall be maintained by the equipment manufacturer for domestically manufactured equipment and by the engineer, as noted in (b), for foreign manufactured equipment.

3.1.5 Installation Documentation. The owner of the equipment or installation shall initially be provided by the equipment supplier with the following documentation constituting the equipment design record:

(a) sufficient engineering data, consisting of dimensions, loading, and operation parameters, to generally delineate the equipment and its contact with the building

(b) operating instructions (see [Mandatory Appendix I](#) for the minimum requirements in an operating manual)

(c) maintenance instructions

(d) certification by the manufacturer that the equipment has been designed, manufactured, and tested in accordance with this Standard, and certification by a registered professional engineer that the equipment has been installed and tested in compliance with this Standard

All installation documentation shall be kept on file on site by the installation owner and shall be made available to users of the installation and regulatory agencies.

3.1.6 Identification Components. Components of the installation shall be permanently and visibly numbered or otherwise identified. All numbers or letter markings shall be not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (12.7 mm) in height. The application of the identification shall not compromise the corrosion resistance of the item. Specifically excluded

are intermittent stabilization anchors and guide tracks. Components include, where applicable

- (a) roof carriage
- (b) davit
- (c) socket
- (d) each module of a platform
- (e) pedestal/base
- (f) TLG
- (g) outrigger
- (h) trolley
- (i) roof tieback anchor

3.1.7 Adhesive Anchors. Adhesive anchors shall be designed in accordance with International Code Council ICC-AC 308, Acceptance Criteria for Post-Installed Adhesive Anchors in Concrete Elements, including the referenced sections of American Concrete Institute, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete 318-05, Appendix D, except as modified in this section.

3.1.7.1 General Use Requirements. Adhesive anchors may be used with the following conditions:

- (a) Adhesive anchors shall not be installed in an existing structural tension zone nor in cracked concrete.
- (b) Adhesive anchors shall only be used in lifeline and tieback and strain relief anchor assemblies (not to be confused with tie-down anchors). Stabilization anchors as noted in [paras. 2.3.3.2](#) and [2.3.3.3](#) are excluded from the requirements of this section.
- (c) The ability of the concrete supporting each anchor to repeatedly carry the required anchor load shall be verified by a registered professional engineer, and shall include, at minimum, a determination and review of concrete strength, the supporting member existing load, strength-reducing shape factors of the supporting member, a determination of the combined stresses from the immediate anchor load, the bending stresses from the moment caused by the anchor load, and any strength-reducing diaphragm effects caused by the anchor load.

3.1.7.2 General Design Requirements

- (a) Anchorages and tieback anchors using adhesive anchors shall be designed for an ultimate load of not less than 8,000 lb (3 630 kg) and designed to yield at not less than 6,000 lb (2 720 kg).
- (b) Anchorages using adhesive anchors shall use a minimum of two adhesive anchors per assembly. Failure of one anchor shall not affect the capacity and integrity of the remaining anchor(s).
- (c) Anchorages using adhesive anchors shall be designed for use by one person only.

3.1.7.3 Construction Requirements

- (a) Adhesive anchors shall be constructed in accordance with ICC-ES AC 308, Acceptance Criteria for Post-Installed Adhesive Anchors in Concrete Elements.

- (b) The manufacturer shall provide Evaluation Service Reports (ESRs) for each anchor to the building owner.

- (c) Metal used in adhesive anchors shall be austenitic stainless steel.

3.1.7.4 Installation Documentation. When adhesive anchors are used

- (a) a training record signed by the installers and by the trainer shall be provided to the building owner, and shall state that the installers were trained in accordance with manufacturer's published instructions for installation. A copy of the published instructions for installation shall be attached.

- (b) a certification record by an independent inspector stating that the adhesive anchors were installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published instructions for installation shall be provided to the owner. The inspector's credentials listing training and experience shall be attached.

3.1.7.5 Inspections, Tests, Operation, and Maintenance. The adhesive anchors shall be tested in general accordance with ASTM E488-03, Standard Test Method for Strength of Anchors in Concrete and Masonry, and at a proof load of not less than 55% of their rated ultimate capacity nor more than 65% of their rated ultimate capacity.

3.1.7.5.1 Initial Tests for Adhesive Anchors

- (a) All adhesive anchors shall be tested for the integrity of the installed anchor in the field prior to use.
- (b) The initial installation tests shall be performed by trained, experienced persons who are independent from the installer.
- (c) The testing procedure and the results of the test shall be certified by a registered professional engineer. The test shall be to ensure anchor integrity and shall not be tests for shock, energy, or other lifeline loads.

3.1.7.5.2 Maintenance Inspections and Tests

- (a) All adhesive anchor assemblies shall be tested in the field at intervals not to exceed 5 yr.
- (b) The test procedure and results of the test shall be certified by a registered professional engineer. The test shall be to ensure anchor integrity and shall not be tests for shock, energy, or other lifeline loads.

3.1.8 Load-Rating and Weight Identification

3.1.8.1 Each suspended unit of an equipment installation shall be provided with a conspicuously located load-rating plate, stating the weight of the unit and load rating of the suspended unit.

3.1.8.2 Davits, outriggers, TLGs, trolleys, and carriages shall have a conspicuously located load-rating plate, stating the equipment's load rating, and the weight of the unit.

3.1.8.3 Rigging sleeves and suspension anchors shall have a conspicuously located load-rating plate, stating the equipment's load rating.

3.1.8.4 The load-rating plate shall be of non-corrosive, permanent-type, compatible material and securely fastened to the unit. All letters and figures on the plate shall be made by printing, stamping, or etching, or shall be cast on the surface of the plate. The letters and figures shall be not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.35 mm), with the load indicated in $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (13-mm) high figures. The letters and figures shall be maintained in a legible condition.

3.1.9 Fall Protection Advertisement Labels. Warning labels shall be attached to all equipment where fall protection is required and shall be sized and placed in a conspicuous fashion. Labels shall be maintained in a legible condition.

3.2 Specific Design Requirements

3.2.1 Design Loads. Design loads shall include static and dynamic loads, the load of the suspended or supported portion of the equipment, wind forces defined in [paras. 3.2.4](#) and [3.2.5](#), and forces due to adverse conditions.

NOTE: Design load information shall be transmitted to the architect or engineer responsible for the design of the building and equipment supporting structures.

3.2.1.1 Dynamic Load. A dynamic load, equal to at least one-half the static load, shall be considered as the impact load to be included in the resultant load of the suspended or supported equipment as required by [para. 3.2.1](#). In the event an installation could be subjected to a larger dynamic load, the larger value shall be considered.

3.2.1.2 Wind Loads (Exterior Installations). Wind forces, established in [para. 3.2.4](#), shall be used for consideration of stability and stresses during operation and storage of the equipment. Wind forces shall be applied in the least favorable direction in each calculation in which wind forces are considered.

3.2.1.3 Additive Loads. The resultant design load shall be the summation of the static and the dynamic loads or the static and the wind loads, whichever results in a larger value or produces the more adverse condition.

3.2.2 Live Load and Allowable Stresses. The minimum live load for each occupant of a suspended or supported platform shall be 250 lb (113.4 kg). Platforms may be designed and rated for a capacity larger than that required for the minimum number of occupants.

Allowable stresses in all structural components shall not exceed those permitted in [para. 3.1.1](#) under the worst possible combination of operating and wind loads. Stress increase shall be permitted only for out-of-service equipment exposed to storm winds.

Additionally, there shall be special consideration for installations in hurricane areas that may have supplementary wind and debris and/or seismic building code jurisdictional requirements.

3.2.3 Allowable Deflections. The deflections of all structural components and connections shall be limited so as not to adversely affect the safe operation of any portion of the equipment and shall not exceed those specified in the standards referred to in [para. 3.1.1](#).

The calculated deflection of any structure or component shall not induce stresses greater than permitted by this Standard.

3.2.4 Wind Loads. Suspended or supported units, (21) carriages, supporting structures, and operating mechanisms shall be designed and constructed to withstand the following wind loads applied in the least favorable direction:

(a) Those parts of the equipment and installation that remain in place, exposed to the wind when not in service, shall be designed for forces produced by storm winds. Wind velocity shall be taken as not less than 75 mph (33.6 m/s) at 30 ft (9.1 m) above grade and shall be adjusted for the height of the equipment and for local conditions including seismic and wind loads as determined by the local building code jurisdiction. There shall be special consideration for installations in hurricane areas that may have additional building code requirements.

Velocity pressures shall be corrected for member shape and shielding effects. In lieu of exact analysis, the equipment and installation may be designed for a wind pressure of 40 psf (1 915 Pa) for the first 200 ft (61 m) of elevation plus 3.5 psf (167.6 Pa) for each additional 100 ft (30.5 m) above 200 ft (61 m) applied to the projected area.

(b) All parts of the equipment and installation exposed to wind during operation shall be designed for wind forces produced by winds of 50 mph (22 m/s) for all elevations. Velocity pressures shall be corrected for member shape and shielding effects. In lieu of exact analysis, the equipment and installation may be designed for a wind pressure of 10 psf (480 Pa) applied to the projected area for all elevations.

(c) All values specified are minimum and shall be adjusted upward, when necessary, to meet local conditions.

3.2.5 Projected Exposed Area (Exterior Installations). The exposed area subjected to wind pressure shall be the total area of all portions of the equipment exposed to wind pressure. These areas shall be projected on a plane perpendicular to the direction of the wind. No shielding effect of one element by another shall be considered where the

Table 3.2.9-1**(21) Minimum Clearance for Operation of Equipment Near High-Voltage Power Lines**

Voltage, V (Phase to Phase)	Minimum Required Clearance, ft (m)
600 to 50,000	10 (3.05)
Over 50,000 to 200,000	15 (4.60)
Over 200,000 to 350,000	20 (6.10)
Over 350,000 to 500,000	25 (7.62)
Over 500,000 to 750,000	35 (10.67)
Over 750,000 to 1,000,000	45 (13.72)

GENERAL NOTE: This table is a direct reference to ASME B30.5-2011, Table 5-3.4.5.1-1.

distance between the elements exceeds 4 times the smaller projected dimension of the windward element.

3.2.6 Acceptable Means of Suspension. The following are the acceptable means to be used for the suspension of equipment:

- (a) carriage as specified in [para. 3.3](#)
- (b) outriggers as specified in [para. 3.4](#)
- (c) trolley system supported from a permanent overhead structure as specified in [para. 3.3.9](#)
- (d) davits as specified in [para. 3.5](#)
- (e) equivalent systems that meet the technical and safety requirements of this Standard

3.2.7 Height Restriction

3.2.7.1 Buildings with vertical platform travel exceeding 490 ft (150 m) shall employ powered equipment with the hoists located at the roof level.

3.2.7.2 Powered platforms shall not be ground rigged where the point of suspension exceeds 300 ft (92 m) above a safe surface.

3.2.8 Movement and Positioning. The manual effort required to move, assemble, or operate equipment shall not exceed 70 lb (33 kg) per person, except as otherwise stated in the Standard.

- (21) 3.2.9 Operation of Equipment Near High-Voltage Power Lines.** A minimum distance shall be provided in accordance with [Table 3.2.9-1](#) to ensure an installation does not subject the equipment or the users and their tools to electrical hazards during operation.

3.3 Carriage

Unless employing a suspension system listed in [para. 3.2.6\(b\)](#), [3.2.6\(c\)](#), or [3.2.6\(d\)](#), a carriage or equivalent shall be provided, regardless of the elevation of the point of suspension or support, whenever it is necessary to traverse the suspended or supported portion of the equipment horizontally to a working or storage location or

when access to or egress from the equipment is at approximately the elevation of the point of suspension.

3.3.1 Movement and Positioning

(a) The horizontal movement of a carriage shall be controlled to ensure safe movement and accurate positioning. When carriages are running on rails or tracks, provisions shall be made to prevent disengagement of wheels from their tracks.

(b) Manually propelled carriages shall only be used on level surfaces and be capable of movement with a positive force of less than 70 lb (33 kg) per person, with a maximum of 140 lb (66 kg). The carriage shall have a manually released and automatically applied braking system that can stop and hold the carriage at the intended stopping point.

3.3.2 Restriction of Movement

(a) Structural stops or curbs shall be provided to prevent the movement of the carriage beyond the designated limits of travel and to activate end of travel interlock switches on electric powered carriages. Such stops, and the building component(s) they are fastened to, shall be capable of withstanding/absorbing 140% of the dynamic forces from the moving mass of a propelled carriage.

(b) Any roof hoist or shunt carriage traversing an inclined surface shall have a primary movement or positioning system capable of stopping it within less than 2 in. (50.8 mm) of any stopping point and holding the carriage from unintentional movement. Additionally, there shall be a wire rope system with an overspeed rope grab capable of independently supporting and restraining the full carriage load, or a rail grab on each steel carriage track, to stop the carriage within 6 in. (150 mm) of actuation in case of failure of the primary and secondary brakes.

(c) Powered carriages shall not exceed a traversing speed of 50 ft/min (0.25 m/s) on a level surface. Powered carriages, or shunt carriages supporting powered carriages, shall not exceed a traversing speed of 25 ft/min (0.125 m/s) on a nonlevel surface.

(d) Braking systems shall have a primary braking system capable of stopping and holding, without creep, the combined weight of the unit plus a minimum of 200% of its suspended load at 125% of its normal operational speed.

(e) In addition to the primary stopping or braking method of their positioning system, powered carriages and shunt carriages used on inclined surfaces shall have a minimum of two secondary systems capable of stopping and holding the incline slope carriages if a failure of the primary system occurs.

(1) Traction hoist positioning systems shall incorporate a secondary support wire rope, with an overspeed rope grab, capable of independently supporting and restraining the full carriage load in case of failure of the traction hoist or the primary wire rope, and an

overspeed rail grab on each steel carriage track that will stop the carriage with 6 in. (150 mm) of actuation.

(2) Direct drive systems, such as rack and pinion, star wheel, or other mechanical inclined surface drive devices, shall incorporate a primary brake and a secondary over-speed braking system.

(3) Hydraulic drive systems shall comply with all JIC (Joint Industry Council) Codes and Standards. The system shall be designed to prevent motion in any portion of the carriage in the event of a hydraulic component or line failure. Components and hoses of the hydraulic system shall have a minimum bursting strength of 4 times the operating pressure(s) for which the system is designed. Filters are required in the hydraulic circuitry.

(f) Friction drive systems shall be prohibited for inclined systems.

3.3.3 Operating Controls for Powered Roof Carriage

(a) Traversing controls shall be of a continuous-pressure weatherproof type. Multiple controls when provided shall be arranged to permit operation from only one control station at a time.

(b) In the case of suspended equipment, the operating control(s) shall be so connected that traversing of a carriage is not possible until

(1) the suspended portion of the equipment is located at its uppermost designed position for traversing and is free of contact with the face of the building or building guides, except as noted in para. 3.8

(2) all protective devices and interlocks are in the proper position to allow traversing of the carriage

3.3.4 Stability. The stability factor of each system shall be calculated or proven by tests, considering the suspended or supported unit in its most outboard positions for traversing, operating, and storage attainable with positive mechanical or electrical interlocks.

The system's stability may be obtained by gravity, by an attachment to a structural support, or by a combination thereof.

(a) For horizontal traversing, considering a 10 psf (480 Pa) wind load applied to the traversing unit, the stability factor shall not be less than 2, including the effects of impact.

(b) For the operational mode, considering the wind load defined in para. 3.2.4(b), the stability factor shall be 4.

NOTES:

- (1) At no time shall the rated load be able to be placed in its most outboard position without a system stability factor of 4 against overturning.
- (2) When imbedded tie-down anchors are used to obtain the required system's stability, the anchors shall meet the requirements of para. 2.3.5.

(c) When the equipment is in a nonuse or stored position, it shall be capable of withstanding the highest wind velocities expected for the specific area, as noted in para. 3.2.4(a).

3.3.5 Required Features

(a) An automatically applied braking or locking system shall be provided to prevent unintentional traversing of power traversed carriages.

(b) A manual or automatic braking or locking system shall be provided to prevent unintentional traversing of manually propelled carriages.

(c) A means to lock out the power supply shall be provided on the carriage to prevent its unauthorized use.

(d) Enclosures or guards shall be provided to prevent accidental contact by personnel with moving parts or pinch points.

3.3.6 Access and Egress. Safe access to and egress from the carriage shall be provided from a safe-boarding area. If the carriage traverses an elevated exposed area, any operating areas on the carriage shall be protected by a guardrail system in compliance with para. 2.3.4. Any access gate provided shall be self-closing and self-latching or provided with an interlock.

3.3.7 Maintenance and Storage. A maintenance and storage area in compliance with para. 2.3.4 shall be provided.

3.3.8 Workstation Identification. Each carriage workstation position shall be identified by location markings or position indicators as required by the equipment design.

3.3.9 Trolley System. A track-mounted trolley system, supported from an overhead structure, may be used as a means of suspension, under the definition of a carriage, provided that the installation complies with the requirements of this Standard and with the following specific requirements:

(a) Each installation shall be provided with a means for safe egress of personnel in the event of a loss of power to the equipment.

(b) A maintenance area shall be provided to permit safe access to the trolley(s).

(c) Means shall be provided to prevent the equipment from unintentionally traversing in a horizontal direction.

(d) Manually propelled trolleys shall require a maximum of 40 lb (18.14 kg) of pull to move the trolley along its track.

3.4 Outriggers (Beam Type)

The installation shall be designed by, or under the direction of, a registered professional engineer and shall comply with the following safety requirements:

(a) Platforms shall be required to be disengaged from the outriggers after each day's use, or the platforms shall be secured and stored at grade with the power supply

disconnected. All suspension wire ropes shall be attached to their outriggers with forged double-locking snap hooks or equivalent devices.

(b) All outriggers shall be secured to a certified anchorage on the building during the entire period of use. The anchorages shall provide a stability factor of 4 against overturning or upsetting. Each outrigger, when installed on buildings erected prior to the effective date of this Standard, may be stabilized by rigid counterweights secured to its inboard ends. It shall also be tied back to a certified anchorage on the building with a minimum of $\frac{5}{16}$ in. (8.0 mm) wire rope. The counterweights shall provide a stability factor of 4 against overturning or upsetting of the outrigger. Each counterweight shall be permanently identified as to its weight.

(c) Access and egress shall be from a safe surface such as grade or a roof surface below the elevation of suspension. The installation shall be designed to prevent access to or egress from the platform at the elevation of suspension.

(d) Each outrigger shall be designed for lateral stability to prevent rollover.

(e) Each outrigger shall be designed to support an ultimate load of 4 times the rated capacity of the hoist to be used with the outrigger.

(f) Each outrigger shall be so located that the suspension wire ropes for two-point suspended platforms are hung parallel to each other.

(g) An outrigger or its components that weigh in excess of 80 lb (36 kg) shall be supplied with wheels or a cart if relocation is required. Outriggers shall not be hoisted or lowered from one level to another.

NOTE: Outrigger design and installation shall consider forces generated by platform displacement from the building face, to clear overhangs, canopies, and ledges, simultaneously with the hoist capacity load.

(21) 3.5 Davits and Rotatable Outriggers

The installation shall be designed by, or under the direction of, a registered professional engineer and shall comply with [paras. 3.5.1 through 3.5.5](#).

3.5.1 Davits

(a) Davits and their components shall not be hoisted between levels.

(b) Davits shall be inserted and secured into their sockets or bases and shall be rigged with suspension ropes before being raised into their vertical positions, unless other means are provided for safe rigging of the suspension points.

(c) Davits and their components shall have sockets or bases positioned either a minimum of 24 in. (609.6 mm) from the parapet or adjacent obstruction or allow the davit to be raised at a minimum angle of 7 deg with respect to the parapet or adjacent obstruction (see [Figure 3.5.1-1](#)).

(d) Davits or their components that weigh more than 80 lb (36 kg) shall not be lifted or carried manually and shall be provided with wheels or a cart to assist in their transport.

(1) Wheels, casters, or rolling carts provided for transporting davits and sockets shall have a minimum wheel diameter of 6 in. (152.4 mm) and shall be of a type appropriate to operate on the surfaces on which they will be used.

(2) Unless filled with foam, the use of pneumatic tires is prohibited.

(3) Wheels or casters on portable davits or sockets shall be located so that the center of gravity of the element being transported is not more than 36 in. (914 mm) above the safe surface.

(4) Transport of davits and sockets using wheels or casters shall require not more than 40 lb (19 kg) of force.

(5) A minimum of two casters or wheels shall be used, with the load shared between them.

3.5.2 Davits for Roof Launched Platforms. Where the platform suspended from a davit is raised above the building face being serviced and maneuvered inboard, the following requirements apply:

(a) The davits shall allow direct access to their rigging points and assembly from a safe surface.

(b) The davits shall allow the suspended platform to traverse over the parapet or railing without damaging or contacting the building or attachments.

(c) Rotatable davits shall be equipped with bearings and shall be provided with a means to rotate the laden davit arm or boom inboard/outboard by workers on the platform, requiring no more than 40 lb (19 kg) of force per davit.

(d) The davits shall allow access to and egress from the platform in a manner that does not require workers to climb over or under the building's perimeter guarding as required in [para. 2.3.4](#).

3.5.3 Design Considerations

(a) All structural components of a socket or base exposed to weather or other conditions that may result in corrosion shall be fabricated of corrosion-resistant materials or finished with a corrosion-resistant finish with the properties of galvanizing.

(b) Precautions shall be taken to protect against galvanic reactions.

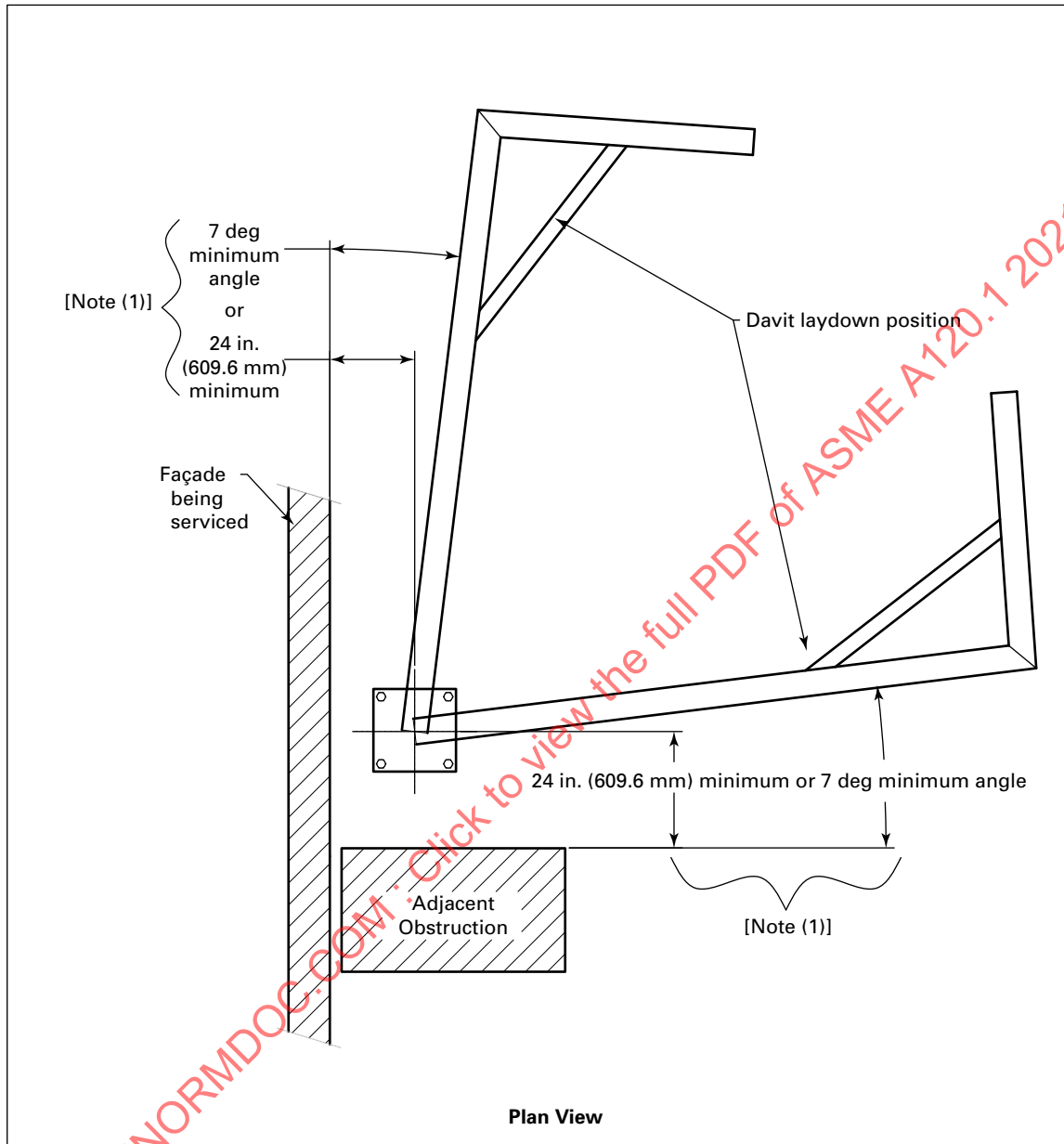
(c) All hardware shall be made from austenitic stainless steel or steel with minimum corrosion protection equivalent to that of hot-dip galvanized steel.

(d) Davits that are not permanently installed at one specific socket or base location shall have a maximum reach of 8 ft 6 in. (2 600 mm).

(e) Davits that are not permanently installed at one specific socket or base location shall have a maximum, fully assembled weight of 300 lb (135 kg).

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Figure 3.5.1-1
Guide for Davit Raising Clearances



NOTE: (1) Either 24 in. (609.6 mm) minimum clearance or 7 deg minimum angle shall be met.

(f) Davits or davit components that are raised or lowered for use and weigh in excess of 140 lb (64 kg) or have their pivot more than 15 in. (380 mm) above the safe surface shall be raised and lowered by mechanical means.

(1) The force required to operate manually powered mechanical means shall not exceed 80 lb (36 kg).

(2) The mechanical means shall have a minimum safety factor of 4 for its hoist, ratchet, screw-jack, or hydraulic cylinder.

(3) The mechanical means shall be equipped with brakes suitable for stopping and holding 125% of the load and have a braking or ratcheting device to prevent the load from dropping.

(4) If wire rope is used as a means to raise or lower the davit, the wire rope shall have a minimum safety factor of 5 as measured against the rated minimum breaking strength of the wire rope.

(5) The mechanical means shall have sufficient clearance to preclude pinch point hazards.

(6) Connections shall be the gated hook type or of a type to prevent accidental disengagement.

(7) The tip up-down mechanism shall be attached to a bracket or support structure that has a minimum safety factor of 4.

(g) Davits and their connections to supporting structure shall be designed with a minimum safety factor and stability factor of 4 times the rated load of the davit. The following shall be included in the design calculation of stability:

(1) the davit load rating at its maximum reach over 360 deg rotation

(2) wind loads as defined in paras. 3.2.4 and 3.2.5

(3) any additional vertical or horizontal loads due to tag lining or angulation of the suspension ropes

(4) the effects of the deflection of the davits and their supports

NOTE: Davit design and installation shall consider forces generated by platform displacement from the building face to clear overhangs, canopies, ledges, etc., simultaneously with the hoist capacity load.

(h) The minimum rated load shall not be less than 1,000 lb (455 kg).

(i) Davits whose boom length (reach) exceeds 12 ft 6 in. (3.81 m), including long boom davits mounted on a roof carriage, shall have (where applicable) the following features:

(1) mechanical/electrical means to rotate the boom on rotatable davits

(2) a manual or powered mechanism to move the suspension trolley to its desired position on davits that require their point of platform suspension to travel along the length of the boom (arm)

(j) Sockets and bases provided with lifeline anchorages shall be designed for 4 times the rated load and one of the following:

(1) 5,000 lbf (22.2 kN) for each lifeline anchorage

(2) designed, installed, and used under the supervision of a qualified person, as part of a complete personal fall protection system that maintains a safety factor of at least 2

(k) Davits shall not be used to support lifelines and suspended equipment simultaneously.

(l) Davit pedestals shall be installed plumb and level.

3.5.4 Operational Considerations

(a) Pins used to connect davits to a socket or base assembly shall have mating holes with minimum clearances to allow proper installation by hand. The use of tools to install pins is prohibited. Threaded bolts shall not be used for the field assembly of transportable davits, sockets, or bases.

(b) Davits equipped with adjustable suspension point positions (trolleys) shall be provided with a means to lock and hold the suspension point in position.

(c) Transportable davits shall be provided with a pivoting socket or with a base that will allow the insertion or removal of a davit at a position of not more than 35 deg above the horizontal, with the complete davit inboard of the building face being serviced, and shall not require a lifting force of more than 80 lb (36 kg) to position.

(d) Davits in their loaded and operating position shall have a minimum of 3 in. (76 mm) of clearance to any structure over the full range of required rotation under rated load. If clearance cannot be met, mechanical stops shall be provided to prevent contact with adjacent structure, or means to protect the structure shall be provided.

(e) Davits shall be secured to sockets or bases before being raised into position.

(f) When raising, lowering, or transporting davits, a minimum clearance of 12 in. (305 mm) to any obstruction shall be maintained at all times, except when going through doorways where minimum clearance is 6 in. (153 mm).

(g) Safe access and work space to raise and lower davits and rig platforms shall be provided with a minimum clearance of 12 in. (305 mm) from any obstructions at all times. The clearance shall be provided in all areas davits are used, including balconies, ledges, and planters.

(h) A clear path of travel shall be provided for the movement of a transportable davit or socket or base that provides a minimum clearance of 12 in. (305 mm) to any obstruction at any time during the transport of the equipment between storage or working positions. Concrete pavers or a suitable level rolling surface shall be provided to transport and maneuver portable davits. Ramps shall be provided if required to prevent lifting over any obstruction. The ramp slope shall not exceed 1:8, and the ramp shall be provided with means to prevent the davit from rolling off the sides. Ramps exceeding 4 ft (1.2 m) in height shall be provided guardrails.

(i) Davits shall not be used to support hoists that have a rated load exceeding the load rating of the davit.

3.5.5 Davit Testing. Each installed and fully assembled davit, each socket, and each pedestal shall be inspected and tested in accordance with [para. 5.1.2](#) before the initial commissioning of the equipment for use.

3.6 Hoisting Machines

A hoisting machine shall be provided for all installations where a suspended or supported portion of the equipment is required to be raised and lowered.

Each hoisting machine shall require the application of a motivating force to raise and lower its suspended or supported load and shall be designed and constructed to arrest any overspeed descent of the load.

To be acceptable, hoisting machines shall meet the specific design requirements described in [paras. 3.6.1 through 3.6.8](#).

Hoisting machines used to tip a davit up or down are excluded from these above requirements. Hoisting machines used to elevate a davit on a column shall comply with all provisions of [paras. 3.6.1 through 3.6.8](#).

3.6.1 Prime Mover. Each hoisting machine shall be provided with a source of power sufficient to raise and lower 125% of the hoist's rated load.

No hoisting machine shall be capable of exerting power sufficient to exceed three quarters of the system moment resisting overturning or one-third of the catalog strength of the support ropes.

(a) *Electric Motors.* Electric motors, used as the prime mover for a hoist, shall be protected with a current overload device or a circuit protected by a current overload device located on the hoist or on the carriage. Motors shall be of weatherproof design for exterior installations. Each motor shall be provided with the manufacturer's nameplate listing all pertinent characteristics.

(b) *Air, Liquid Propane, Diesel, and Hydraulic Motors, or Manual Force.* These power sources may be used as the motivating power for installations provided that the application complies with all requirements of this Standard.

(c) *Gasoline Motors.* Gasoline motors shall not be used as the prime mover for any hoist or placed on any platform.

3.6.2 Speed Reducers. Speed reducers shall be of a positive type. Friction-type speed reducers shall not be used with any hoist.

(a) Speed reducers shall be directly connected to the drum or elevating mechanism of the hoisting machine. They shall not be connected by means of chains, belts, clutches, shear pins, or friction-type devices.

(b) Speed reducers of the gear-reduction type shall conform to the standards established by the American Gear Manufacturers Association. Each shall have a service factor of not less than 1.2.

3.6.3 Gearing. The rating, strength, and surface durability characteristics of gearing shall be in conformance with good engineering practice and shall comply with applicable standards of the American Gear Manufacturers Association.

3.6.4 Lubrication Provisions. Each component of each hoisting machine shall be provided with an adequate means of lubrication to ensure that all moving parts are lubricated.

Self-sealed, self-lubricating, or dry bearings of a suitable design may be used.

All oil-lubricated gear boxes shall be provided with means for determining that the proper quantity of lubricant is contained in the gearbox.

3.6.5 Guards. All moving parts shall be so enclosed or guarded as to adequately reduce the likelihood of injury to persons who may accidentally contact the parts.

3.6.6 Shafts, Fillets, Keys, and Splines. Fillets shall be provided as points of change in the diameter of hoisting machinery shafts and sheave shafts to prevent excessive stress concentration in the shafts. Fitted keys, splines, bolts, or machine screws shall be used in all connections subject to torque. All threaded fasteners shall have an antiloosening device. Threaded areas of bolts and screws shall not be subjected to shear loads. Set screws shall not be used to transmit torque.

3.6.7 Drums and Sheaves. Hoisting drums and sheaves shall be designed for use with wire ropes of not less than $\frac{5}{16}$ in. (7.94 mm) diameter.

(a) *Winding Drums.* Each winding drum shall be provided with a positive means of attaching the wire rope to the drum. The drum portion of the attachment shall be capable of developing at least 4 times the rated capacity of the hoist. The wire rope portion of the attachment shall develop at least 80% of the wire rope catalog strength.

(1) Each drum shall be provided with a means to level wind the suspension wire rope.

(2) Each drum shall have a minimum of three complete turns of rope on the drum at all times when in use.

(3) On drums where the suspension wire rope is not maintained under tension at all times, a means shall be provided to prevent the rope from moving off the drum ends or causing a loose wrap on the drum. A loose wrap detector shall be provided which, if actuated, will shut off power to the hoist and actuate the hoist's primary brake. All hoists shall be provided with a means to maintain tension in the wire rope during reregging.

(4) Hoist drums shall have a pitch diameter at least 10 times the diameter of the suspension wire rope.

(b) *Traction Hoists.* Each traction drum or sheave hoist shall be constructed to depend on a continuous force from the suspension wire rope to ensure reliable friction contact between the rope and the drum or sheave under all conditions.

Tail line counterweights are not acceptable as a means of obtaining traction. Further, each traction hoist shall be designed and constructed so that the suspension wire rope cannot be unintentionally disengaged from the hoist.

(c) *Traction Drum Hoists*

(1) Each traction drum shall be provided with grooves, or equivalent means, to ensure that a wearing surface on the drum will not have a detrimental effect on the suspension wire rope.

(2) Each drum shall have a pitch diameter not less than 18 times the diameter of the wire rope used.

(3) Transfer drums, used to transfer the wire rope from one drum groove to an adjacent drum groove, shall have a pitch diameter not less than 10 times the diameter of the suspension wire rope used.

(d) *Traction Sheave Hoists.* Each traction sheave (single groove) shall have a pitch diameter not less than 22 times the diameter of the wire rope used.

(e) *Sheaves.* Sheaves that change the direction of the suspension rope shall have a pitch diameter not less than 10 times the diameter of the rope. Sheaves used with combination cables shall have a pitch diameter at least 22 times the rope diameter.

(f) *Fairlead Rollers.* Fairlead rollers that change the direction of the wire rope less than 10 deg shall be at least 3 times the nominal rope diameter.

3.6.8 Brakes. All hoisting machines shall be provided with at least two independent brakes, which shall comply with the following:

(a) *Primary Brake*

(1) All hoists shall be provided with a primary brake that automatically engages whenever power to its prime mover is interrupted.

(2) The primary brake shall be rated to stop and hold not less than 125% of the rated load of the hoist but in no case less than the maximum lifting capacity of the hoist.

(3) Each primary brake shall be directly connected to the drive train of the hoist and shall not be connected to the drive train by belts, shear pins, clutches, roller chains, or friction devices.

(b) *Secondary Brake*

(1) Each hoist shall be provided with an automatic secondary brake that will stop and hold at least 125% of the rated load under an accelerating or overspeed condition. When the secondary brake is actuated, it shall stop and hold the platform within a vertical distance of 24 in. (610 mm).

(2) The secondary brake shall act directly on the suspension wire rope on a traction hoist. On a winding drum type hoist, the secondary brake shall act either on the suspension wire rope or on the drum or drum

extension. Failure of the hoist drive train shall not prevent operation of the secondary brake. The actuating mechanism of a secondary brake may be separate from the brake.

(3) The secondary brake shall not be used to stop the hoist except under overspeed or abnormal conditions. It shall not be bypassed or prevented from operating by any other device (during overspeed conditions). In normal operation, the secondary brake shall not engage before the hoist is stopped by the primary brake.

(4) Every secondary brake shall be periodically tested according to the manufacturer's recommendations and in accordance with [para. 5.1.4](#).

(5) The design and installation of every secondary brake shall be such that the triggering mechanism is enclosed.

(c) *Overload Protection.* Overload protection shall be provided in the hoisting or suspension system to protect against the equipment operating in the up direction with a load in excess of the capacity of the hoist braking systems.

(d) *Braking Loads.* Dynamic loads induced by activation of primary or secondary braking systems shall be accounted for in the design and installation of the equipment.

(e) *Braking Actuation Results.* Actuation of the secondary brake shall not

(1) damage the suspension wire rope

(2) impose an overturning moment in excess of 75% of the system's stability

(3) impose stresses in structural members in excess of 75% of their yield strength

(f) *Secondary Brake Test.* Prior to use on an installation, a secondary brake shall be dynamically tested. (The test on a prototype unit will be deemed as compliance with this requirement.)

3.7 Suspended Equipment

3.7.1 General Requirements. The design shall comply with the provisions set forth in [para. 3.1.1](#).

3.7.2 Suspended Unit Stabilization Requirements. When the suspension points on a suspended unit are not at the unit ends, the unit shall be designed to be continuously stable with a factor of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 against upsetting under all conditions of use.

3.7.3 Building Contact Members

3.7.3.1 General. Guide rollers, guide shoes, or building face rollers shall be incorporated on the suspended unit of all installations. Guide rollers and guide shoes shall be designed to compensate for normal variations in building dimensions and to permit horizontal leveling of the suspended unit.

All rollers and shoes for vertical travel in guides shall be of the positive engaging type so as to minimize horizontal displacement of the suspended unit longitudinally or away from the building face being serviced.

All suspended units shall be provided with face rollers to prevent the unit from abrading the face of the building when there is a possibility of the unit contacting the face.

3.7.3.2 Entrance of Guide Rollers or Shoes Into or Onto Building Guides. When guide extensions or other mechanical means are used to align the suspended unit with the building guides prior to descent or ascent, the equipment shall be operated at its lowest descent or ascent speed for making the engagement with the building guides.

3.7.4 Manned Suspended Equipment (Working Platform)

3.7.4.1 Enclosures. All suspended working platforms shall be provided with a guardrail system on all sides, capable of sustaining a 200 lb (90.7 kg) point load applied horizontally at any point along the top guardrail. The system shall consist of a 42-in. (1 067-mm) high enclosure on the ends and outboard side. The inboard side shall not be less than 36 in. (914 mm) high. The enclosures shall consist of a top guardrail, a midrail, and a 4-in. (102-mm) high toeboard. The areas between the guardrail and toeboard on the ends and outboard side, and the area between the midrail and toeboard on the inboard sides, shall be closed with a material capable of withstanding a load of 100 lb (45.36 kg) applied horizontally over any area 12 in.² (305 mm²). The material shall contain no opening large enough to allow the passage of a ball 2 in. (51 mm) in diameter. All connections used in fabricating the guardrail system shall be of the positive type. Set screws and friction connections are unacceptable.

3.7.4.2 Platform Construction. The working platform shall be constructed of a structural grade material.

It shall not be less than 24 in. (610 mm) wide and shall be provided with a minimum of a 12-in. (305-mm) wide passage at or past any obstruction on the platform.

The flooring shall be of a slip-resistant type and shall contain no opening that would allow the passage of a 1-in. (25-mm) diameter ball. If larger openings are provided, they shall be protected by placing a screen under the opening. The screen shall have holes that will reject a 1-in. (25-mm) diameter ball.

The working platform shall be provided with a means of suspension that will restrict the platform's inboard to outboard roll about its longitudinal axis to a maximum of 15 deg from a horizontal plane when moving the live load from the inboard to the outboard side of the platform.

3.7.4.3 Cable Storage. Any power, control, or communication cable suspended from above the platform shall be provided with a means of storage to prevent accumulation of the cable on the floor of the platform.

3.7.4.4 Cable Stabilization. A means shall be provided for the stabilization of all suspended cables and lines, other than the suspension wire ropes, at intervals not to exceed 200 ft (61 m) for nontensioned cables and 600 ft (183 m) for cable under tension from an external load.

3.7.4.5 Controls for Vertical Movement

(a) All operating controls for the vertical travel of a platform shall be located on the platform and shall be of the constant-pressure type. Foot pedals or treadles, if used, shall have a protective guard in place to prevent inadvertent activation.

(b) Every manned platform shall be provided with an emergency means of interrupting the power supply at the operating stations on the platform.

(c) The maximum rated speed shall be compatible with the equipment provided and with the building guides, but in no case shall exceed 50 ft/min (0.254 m/s) with single speed hoists, or 75 ft/min (0.381 m/s) with multispeed hoists. In the latter case, the starting speed shall not exceed 50 ft/min (0.254 m/s).

3.7.4.6 Communications Requirements. A two-way radio or a two-way telephone system shall be provided for every manned platform. Communications shall be between the manned platform and a station that is manned at all times while the working platform is in use.

3.7.4.7 Provisions for Tools and Items. Tools, water tanks, and other items shall be secured to prevent their movement or accumulation on the floor of the platform.

3.7.4.8 Fire Protection. A manually operated approved Type B-C portable fire extinguisher shall be securely attached on all manned platforms. Each extinguisher shall be properly maintained and provided with a durable maintenance inspection tag.

3.7.4.9 Access and Egress. Suitable runways, ladders, stairs, or platforms shall be provided for safe access to and egress from all manned scaffold platforms except for those that land directly on a safe horizontal surface. Any such means of access or egress, at an elevation of 30 in. (762 mm) or more above a safe horizontal surface, shall be provided with a guardrail system or handrails.

3.7.4.10 Fall Protection. All persons shall be provided with and shall use a personal fall protection system. The following components of the system shall comply with the appropriate sections of *ANSI Z359.1-2007 or ANSI/ASSE A10.32-2004:

- lifelines
- harnesses

- lanyards
- rope grabs
- carabiners

Fall protection systems shall be engaged whenever a worker is exposed to the risk of a fall greater than 4 ft (1.2 m).

NOTE: When a referenced Standard is designated with an asterisk (*), the entire Standard is not accepted. Only the sections that address the item(s) referenced in the A120 Standard are to be considered.

An independent vertical lifeline is required for each worker on suspended equipment where a failure of any support wire or its fastenings allows the suspended equipment to upset. Lifelines shall be secured to anchorages that comply with [para. 2.3.6](#). Suspended equipment that does not upset as a result of failure of a support wire rope or its fastenings may incorporate a trolleyline complying with the following requirements:

- (a) Trolleylines shall be designed to provide fall protection for workers.
- (b) The trolleyline shall be not less than $\frac{5}{16}$ in. (8 mm) in diameter galvanized or stainless steel wire rope.
- (c) The trolleyline, the platform members it is attached to, and its fastenings shall be designed to maintain a minimum safety factor of 2.

Separate hanging lifelines shall not be used when a powered platform has an overhead structure that would restrict emergency egress of the occupants. In such cases, the suspended equipment shall be designed such that the failure of any support wire rope shall not allow the suspended equipment to upset or fall. The occupants in such cases shall be secured to the suspended equipment by fall protection system equipment.

3.7.4.11 Single Point Suspended Working Platform.

Single point suspended working platforms and powered boatswain's chairs shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Each single point suspended system shall be equipped with a secondary wire rope separate from the suspension rope, which will not permit the working platform or chair to fall should there be a failure of the primary means of support.
- (b) The operator(s) shall be secured to the work platform by a safety belt/harness and lanyard.
- (c) The platform shall be stable. The design shall limit the maximum tilt by the movement of the operator to 15 deg.
- (d) The platform shall be continuously engaged to a building guide(s), or intermittently secured as noted in [para. 2.3.3.1\(b\)\(1\)](#), during its total vertical travel on the face of the building.

3.7.4.12 Ground-Rigged Suspended Scaffold Platforms. Ground-rigged suspended scaffold platforms shall comply with all the requirements of [para. 3.2.6](#) and the height limitations of [paras. 3.4, 3.5, and 3.7.5](#).

Ground-rigged suspended platforms shall be secured at the end of each day's use by one of the following methods:

- (a) shall be disengaged from suspension points after each day's use
- (b) shall be secured and stored at grade and disconnected from the power supply from within the building being serviced to prevent use by unauthorized persons

3.7.4.13 Powered Boatswain's Chairs. Powered boatswain's chairs shall not be used on buildings for window cleaning at elevations higher than 75 ft (22.86 m) above grade or another safe surface unless they are continuously stabilized.

3.7.5 Unmanned Suspended Equipment (Automatic Equipment — Unmanned Platform)

3.7.5.1 Enclosures. All suspended unmanned units shall be provided with a screened or solid enclosure to prevent any loose object on the unit from falling during use of the equipment.

3.7.5.2 Construction. The structural portion of the suspended unit shall be constructed of structural grade materials compatible with the conditions and service to be rendered by the equipment.

3.7.5.3 Cable Stabilization. A means shall be provided for the stabilization of all suspended cable, other than suspension wire ropes, at intervals not to exceed 200 ft (61 m) for nontensioned cable and 600 ft (183 m) for cable under tension.

3.7.5.4 Controls for Vertical Movement

(a) *Operating Controls.* All operating controls for the vertical travel of the suspended unit shall be located on the structural or carriage assembly from which the unit is suspended.

(b) *Emergency Controls.* Each unmanned suspended unit shall be provided with an accessible overriding emergency control at each operating station on the structural or carriage assembly from which the unit is suspended. The activation of said control shall prevent any further powered ascent or descent of the suspended unit. The emergency control shall be red and shall be labeled "EMERGENCY STOP."

(c) *Obstruction Control.* When a building on which the subject equipment is installed presents a hazard in the form of outsets, offsets, or projections in the normal path of vertical travel of the suspended unit, the unit shall be provided with an obstruction detection system.

3.7.5.5 Maximum Rated Speed. The maximum rated speed of vertical travel of any unmanned suspended unit shall be compatible with the equipment provided and the positive building guide system installed on the building, but in no case faster than 120 ft/min (0.6096 m/s).

3.7.5.6 Communication Requirements. Two-way voice communication equipment shall be provided at the operating area from which the unmanned unit is suspended. The communication equipment shall provide communication between the operating area and a station within the building, which shall be manned at all times when the equipment is in use.

3.7.5.7 Fire Protection. A manually operated approved Type B-C portable fire extinguisher shall be provided on the carriage assembly from which the unmanned unit is suspended. Every extinguisher shall be properly maintained and provided with a durable maintenance inspection tag.

3.7.5.8 Access and Egress

(a) Suitable access to and egress from all unmanned suspended equipment shall be provided for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the equipment. This shall include runways, ladders, or platforms that may be a part of the building.

(b) Every building that is provided with unmanned suspended equipment shall have provisions for the installation of manned equipment to be used for maintenance not performed by the unmanned equipment.

3.7.5.9 Upper Travel Limit Switches. Upper travel limit switches and/or detectors shall be provided to prevent the travel of a suspended unit beyond the normal upper limit of travel.

(21) 3.7.5.10 Transportable Platforms

(a) Transportable platforms shall not be substituted for existing permanent powered platforms.

(b) Transportable platforms shall meet the requirements in [para. 3.7.1](#), UL 1322, and UL 1323 and the following additional requirements:

(1) The support points for the hoist lines and the platform spacing of the hoist lines shall be the same distance apart so there are no side loads on the supports. Lines shall be vertical and parallel. The hoists shall be suspended only directly below the support points. Nonvertical suspension lines shall be permitted only when a registered professional engineer approves such use.

(2) All transportable equipment used on buildings shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's requirements. For wire ropes, see [para. 5.1.5](#).

(3) For platform hoist spacing and cantilevers, follow the manufacturers' instructions.

(4) Platform face rollers shall be provided complying with [para. 3.7.3.1](#).

(5) Power cables shall be provided with strain relief at the uppermost level for a rooftop power source and at the platform for a ground power source. Platform hoists obtaining their power from a ground-level source shall

have a minimum of 20 ft (6.1 m) remaining on the ground to prevent pullout from the electrical outlet.

(6) Power cables and suspension wire ropes shall not accumulate on the platform floor.

(7) Communication requirements shall comply with [para. 3.7.5.6](#).

(8) Provisions for tools and items shall comply with [para. 3.7.4.7](#).

(9) Fire protection shall comply with [para. 3.7.4.8](#).

(10) All persons shall use fall protection as required in [para. 3.7.4.10](#).

(11) All transportable platforms shall be provided with a guardrail system on all sides, with a 42-in.-high (1 067-mm-high) enclosure on the ends and outboard side. The inboard side shall not be less than 36 in. (914 mm) high. The enclosure shall consist of a top guardrail, a midrail, and a 4-in. (102-mm) toeboard.

(12) All transportable platforms shall be provided with wheels for traversing horizontally to suspension locations.

(13) If the transportable platform is to be maneuvered inboard or outboard over the roof's perimeter guarding (parapet or railing), provide field verification that the overall height and length of the platform is compatible with the height of the platform's suspension equipment and spacing of the suspension equipment.

(14) The load rating of the hoists shall not exceed the load rating of the support equipment.

(15) Hoist lines shall comply with [para. 3.10.1.4](#) and shall have sufficient length plus a minimal additional 5 ft (1.5 m) to reach ground levels or a safe landing area. The free end of the tail line shall be provided with a fitting to ensure that the end of the tail line cannot pass through the hoisting machine after the hoist has been reeved.

(16) Transportable platforms shall be secured at the end of each day's use to prevent use by unauthorized persons and shall be secured to prevent a wind-related accident to the platform or its support equipment.

(17) Provisions shall be made to accumulate the tail line of the primary and secondary suspension lines to prevent them from hanging below the transportable platform for the following conditions:

(-a) all roof rigged suspensions

(-b) all suspensions over water

(-c) all suspensions in the vicinity of electrical lines such as power lines or bus and trolley lines

(-d) all suspensions directly over train or vehicular traffic

The primary and secondary tail lines may suspend below the transportable platform and shall be free to rotate. If weighted to prevent displacement by wind, the weight shall not exceed 150 lb (70 kg) during use.

(18) Transportable platforms shall not be used for suspensions over 300 ft (91 m).

(19) Stabilization for transportable platforms shall comply with [para. 2.3.3](#) except as follows:

(-a) When intermittent stabilization systems are used, it is acceptable to perform initial setup and removal of the platform without using the tie-in-devices.

(-b) When workstation stabilization or angulated roping is used.

(20) When wind speeds exceed 15 mph (24.1 km/h), transportable platforms shall be brought to a safe surface and secured, unless the stabilization complies with para. 2.3.3.

(21) When equipment is suspended over or erected near an area traversed by workers, the public, or vehicular traffic, warning signs shall be positioned below the suspended equipment and the ground area directly under and/or adjacent to the work zone shall be effectively blocked by means of barricades. A competent person shall determine if additional means of protection are necessary.

3.8 Remote Traversing Units

When necessary because of building design, equipment may be used that is designed to permit remotely controlled traversing of the roof carriage from the platform, with the platform at elevations on the building other than its uppermost position. Each installation of this type shall incorporate at least the following safety features:

(a) The roof carriage must move by power and be guided by tracks attached to the roof structure.

(b) When the platform is suspended more than 130 ft (30 m), it must move horizontally by a powerized platform drive, which must have enough traction to resist wind forces parallel to the building wall.

(c) The control system for the horizontal travel shall incorporate devices that automatically ensure that the position of the platform is maintained in proper relationship with the roof carriage.

(d) Limits to horizontal travel shall be provided by electrical or mechanical limit stops so that movement at any working position be no farther than required to accomplish the specified maintenance cycle.

(e) The horizontal control circuit shall contain the same degree of protection and redundancy as is required of a vertical control circuit.

(f) The normal traversing control station at the roof carriage must automatically be inoperative when the platform is not in its uppermost position.

(g) All requirements for continuous tie-in or stabilization of the platform must be met as the roof car and platform are traversed.

(h) Provision must be made to ensure proper automatic handling of the power cable.

(i) If horizontal guide members are used, provision must be made to prevent vertical loads from being imposed on them.

3.9 Supported Equipment

3.9.1 General Requirements. All supported equipment shall be adequate to support its rated load under any condition or position of loading, and shall comply with the provisions set forth in para. 3.1.

3.9.2 Unit Load Rating Identification. Each supported unit of an equipment installation shall be provided with a load-rating plate, conspicuously located, stating the unit weight and live load rating of the supported equipment.

The load-rating plate shall be made of a noncorrosive, permanent-type, compatible material and securely fastened to the unit. All letters and figures on the plate shall be made by printing, stamping, or etching, or shall be cast on the surface of the plate. The letters and figures shall be not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.35 mm), with the load indicated in $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (13-mm) high figures.

The letters and figures shall be maintained in a legible condition.

3.9.3 Building Contact Members

3.9.3.1 General. Friction wheels, cog wheels, or other means shall be incorporated to provide climbing traction between the supported equipment and the building guides. Additional guide wheels or shoes shall be incorporated as may be required to ensure that the drive wheels are continuously held in positive engagement with the building guides.

3.9.3.2 Entrance of Guide Shoes or Wheels Into Building Guides. At the point where the machine's guides enter the building guides, they shall be properly aligned by means of launch guide mullions indexed to the building guides and retained in alignment with the building guides.

3.9.3.3 Manned Equipment

(a) All the provisions of para. 3.7.5 shall apply to manned platforms on supported equipment.

(b) Manned supported equipment shall not be dependent upon friction to maintain its vertical position relative to the face of the building.

3.9.3.4 Unmanned Equipment. All the provisions of para. 3.7.5 shall apply to unmanned equipment.

3.10 Suspension Wire Ropes and Rope Connections

The specifications for the suspension wire ropes and connections recommended by the hoisting machine manufacturer shall be used for each specific installation.

3.10.1 Wire Rope Classifications. Preformed or nonpreformed, consisting of the following typical, but not necessarily all inclusive, wire rope classifications: 6×19 , 7×19 , 6×37 , or 8×19 .

NOTE: The first number of the identity refers to the number of strands contained in the rope. The second number of the identity refers to the general category of the number of wires contained in each strand.

A 19-wire strand may have 15 through 26 wires per strand, but not more than 12 outer wires in each strand. A 37-wire strand may have 27 through 49 wires per strand, but not more than 18 outer wires in each strand.

The strength member of a combination cable may be one of the following configurations:

- (a) two or more layers of contrahelical galvanized armor wires
- (b) wire rope strands as described above
- (c) 12×19 combination cable

3.10.1.1 Grade of Wire Rope

(a) *Carbon Steel.* The minimum grade of wire rope permitted shall be improved plow steel.

Ropes shall be fabricated of either drawn galvanized or bright wire. Drawn galvanized wire rope shall be fabricated of individual wires on which the zinc coating has been applied to an intermediate size. The wire will then be drawn to finished size and to the same tolerances and with the same mechanical properties as uncoated wire of equal grade.

(b) *Stainless Steel.* Stainless steel of types 302/304, 316, or equivalent may be used as a means of suspension, but only when specified by the equipment manufacturer. The fatigue life of stainless steel may be less than carbon steel. Therefore, a more frequent routine inspection is required to determine the condition of any stainless steel rope used.

3.10.1.2 Rope Cores. Rope cores shall be fiber, independent wire rope, wire strand, or coated electrical conductors. Wire strand core shall be permitted in wire ropes $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (10 mm) in diameter and smaller, but shall not be used in eight strand ropes.

Coated electrical conductors may be used as cores when specified by the equipment manufacturer and found acceptable by the wire rope manufacturer.

3.10.1.3 Rope Lubrication. The wire rope and the fiber core shall be lubricated at the time of manufacture. The lubrication on traction hoisting ropes shall be suitable for such service.

- (21) **3.10.1.4 Safety Factor.** The minimum safety factor, F , shall be 10 and shall be calculated by the following equation:

$$F = SN/W$$

where

N = number of suspension ropes under load

S = manufacturer's catalog strength of one suspension rope

W = maximum static load at any point of travel

3.10.1.5 Minimum Diameter of Suspension Wire Ropes. Suspension ropes shall be sized to conform with the required minimum safety factor, but in no case shall the size be less than $\frac{5}{16}$ in. (8 mm) in diameter. (21)

3.10.2 Limitations

3.10.2.1 Reverse Bends. Only one reverse bend within a length of 7 times the wire rope lay is permitted.

3.10.2.2 Angular Displacement (Fleet Angle). The angular displacement (fleet angle) between any suspension wire rope and a hoist's drum shall not deviate more than 2 deg from perpendicular to the axis of the drum at the point of contact of the rope with the drum.

3.10.3 Rope Tag Data

3.10.3.1 Initial Rope Tag. When suspension wire rope is used at a specific location and will remain in that location, a corrosion-resistant data tag shall be securely attached to one of the wire rope fastenings or to a substantial component of the suspended unit, readily visible to interested persons. This data tag shall bear the following wire rope data:

- (a) length, ft (m)
- (b) diameter including units, in. (mm)
- (c) construction classification
- (d) whether nonpreformed or preformed
- (e) grade of material used
- (f) manufacturer's catalog strength
- (g) name of the manufacturer of the rope
- (h) month and year the ropes were installed
- (i) name of the person or firm who installed the ropes

3.10.3.2 Type of Tag. A corrosion-resistant data tag shall be used. The minimum height of the letters, stamped or etched, shall be $\frac{1}{16}$ in. (1.6 mm).

3.10.3.3 Rope Renewal Tag. A new tag shall be installed at each rope renewal. When ropes are resocketed, the original tag shall be retained and a supplemental tag showing the date of resocketing and the name of the person or firm who resocketed the ropes shall be provided.

3.10.4 Securing of Suspension Wire Ropes

3.10.4.1 Winding Drum Hoists

(a) *Drum Ends.* The drum ends of suspension wire ropes in winding drum machines shall be secured to the drum by specially designed clamps or one of the methods described in [para. 3.6.7](#).

(b) *Nondrum Ends.* The nondrum ends of suspension wire ropes shall be fastened in such a manner that all portions of the rope shall be readily visible, except that portion inside a rope socket when used. Such fastenings shall be of the nonswiveling or nonrotating type.

(21) 3.10.4.2 Traction Drum or Sheave Hoists

(a) *Suspension Point.* The wire ropes, at the point of suspension, shall be fastened in such a manner that all portions of the rope shall be readily visible, except that portion inside a rope socket when used. Such fastenings shall be of the nonswiveling or nonrotating type.

(b) *Tail Line*

(1) Provisions shall be made to accumulate tail line(s) to prevent it from hanging below the platform or gathering on the work surface of the platform. When the suspension wire rope is collected in a device such as a winder or reeler, the following requirements apply:

(-a) The wire rope collection system shall not create back pressure that causes the wire ropes to bind, kink, or fray.

(-b) The wire rope collection system shall not require interim maintenance procedures such as uncoiling of the suspension wire ropes.

(2) The free end of the tail line shall be provided with a fitting to ensure that the tail line cannot pass through the hoisting machine after the hoist has been reeved.

3.10.5 Types of Suspension Wire Rope Fastenings.

Fastenings shall be of the type and size specified by the hoisting machine manufacturer, shall be capable of developing not less than 80% of the rope manufacturer's rated catalog strength, and shall be one of the following types:

- (a) individual tapered babbitted sockets
- (b) zinc fastenings for wire rope $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (13 mm) diameter and larger
- (c) swaged fittings
- (d) other types of fastenings substantiated by tensile and fatigue tests conducted by a qualified laboratory
- (e) forged "J" type rope clips, installed by a qualified person

NOTES:

- (1) Types (a) through (d) shall be attached to the rope by the wire rope manufacturer, hoisting machine manufacturer, or another authorized representative.
- (2) U-type wire rope clips shall not be used for fastening at the point of suspension.

3.10.6 Minimum Number of Wraps or Length of Suspension Wire Ropes

(a) *Winding Drum Type Hoists.* Each drum shall contain at least three wraps of the suspension wire rope when the suspended unit has reached the lowest possible point of its vertical travel.

(b) *Traction Drum and Sheave Type Hoists.* Each such hoist shall be provided with a wire rope of sufficient length to reach the lowest point of vertical travel of the suspended unit with an excess length of at least 4 ft (1.21 m) more than that needed for the maximum vertical travel of the unit.

3.10.7 Lengthening or Repairing of Suspension Wire Ropes. The lengthening or repairing of suspension wire ropes by the joining of two or more lengths is prohibited.

3.10.8 Adjustable Shackle Rods (When Used). The nondrum ends of the suspension wire ropes, if required by the equipment design, shall be provided with individual shackle rods, or equivalent, that will permit individual adjustment of the lengths of the ropes.

3.11 Control, Power Circuits, and Components

Power and control circuits shall operate by hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, or other suitable means that provide at least the minimum safety requirements as set forth in this Standard.

3.11.1 Electrical Grounding. All exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts shall be grounded. The equipment grounding shall be done by means of a grounding conductor included in the power cable used for connecting the equipment to the supply. The grounding conductor shall be bonded to the equipment metal frame at one end and terminated in the grounding contact of an approved grounding-type attachment plug at the supply end. All exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of the equipment shall be considered grounded if secured to and in metal contact with the grounded equipment frame. Suspended equipment, if not directly connected to the supply, shall either be grounded by a grounding conductor in the cable used to carry control or power and communications between the suspended equipment and the carriage or may be grounded by the steel support ropes, provided that the steel ropes are properly bonded to both the suspended equipment and the grounded carriage to ensure a good grounding connection.

Any track system used in conjunction with traversing of equipment shall be electrically grounded.

3.11.2 Electrical Wiring and Components

3.11.2.1 General Requirements. Electrical wiring and components shall conform to the requirements of the standards adopted by the National Fire Protection Association (National Electrical Code) or the JIC Electrical Standards for General Purpose Machine Tools (EGP 1-67), except as modified by this Standard.

3.11.2.2 Circuit Protection. The building power supply for the equipment shall be an independent circuit provided with a disconnect switch.

3.11.2.3 Guarding of Electrical Parts. An uninsulated live part that is a shock hazard shall be located or enclosed so that protection will be provided during normal operation.

3.11.2.4 Circuit Potential Limitations

(a) Circuit potential installed on a roof or other exterior location for service to the equipment shall not exceed 600 V, except when located at street or grade elevations, in which case the potential shall be limited to 230 V.

(b) Circuit potential to electrical components on manned platforms shall not exceed a nominal voltage of 480 single or polyphase.

(c) Circuit potential permitted for operating devices, limit switches, and electrical interlocks shall not exceed a nominal voltage of 230 single phase.

(d) Circuit potential limitations for hand power tools used on a working platform shall not exceed a nominal voltage of 230 single phase, which may be included in the equipment's power circuit.

3.11.2.5 Equipment Electrical Service System

(a) *Receptacle and Cable System (Power).* Provisions for electrical grounding shall be included with the power supply system. All supply receptacles shall be of a weatherproof type and shall be installed in accordance with para. 2.3.6.

(b) *Runway Conductor System.* Electrical runway conductor systems shall be of a type designed for use in exterior locations and shall be located so they are not subject to contact with accumulated snow or water. The conductors, collectors, and disconnecting means shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements of the National Electrical Code, as stated in para. 2.3.6.

(c) *Power Supply for Maintenance Tools.* Electrical power may be provided to outlets on the carriage and on the suspended or supported unit for operation of maintenance tools.

3.11.2.6 Traveling Cable

(a) *Traveling Cable Provisions.* Conductors for control, power, communication, signal circuits, and grounding connection may be run in the same traveling cable, provided that all conductors are insulated for not less than 600 V and all live parts of the equipment are insulated from ground for this voltage.

(b) *Protection of Traveling Cable.* Means shall be provided so that the traveling cable is protected against damage from striking the building or structure, overtoning, or other causes (see paras. 2.3.6 and 3.7.5.3).

(c) *Storage of Traveling Cable*

(1) On manned platforms, cable shall be wound on drums designed for that purpose or placed in a container outside of the working area.

(2) On ground-rigged manned platforms, cable may be wound on drums at the boarding elevation or contained as described above.

3.11.2.7 Control Panels or Enclosures

(a) All electrical controls shall be housed in weather-proof enclosures.

(b) The control system for controlled units shall include devices to provide protection against electrical overloads and shall have a separate method for breaking the power circuit in case of an emergency, independent of the direction control circuit. Three-phase systems shall have protection against phase reversal and phase failure.

The control system shall require the operator to follow predetermined procedures in operating the suspended or supported unit, and shall permit the power to the equipment to be disconnected in the event of a malfunction.

(c) The control system for the equipment shall include all the necessary switches, relays, and controls to ensure that the equipment's operator(s) has full control of the equipment at all times.

(d) Independent of the direction control circuit, the control system for remote controlled units shall include devices to provide protection against phase reversal, phase failure, electrical overloads, and a separate method for breaking the power circuit in case of an emergency.

3.11.2.8 Electrical Protective Devices

(a) *Type of Devices.* Electrical protective devices and interlocks of weatherproof type shall be provided.

(b) *Electric Interlocks for Carriage Positioning Device.* Where the installation includes a manually moved trackless carriage, electric contact(s) shall be provided and so connected that the operating devices for the suspended platform shall be operative only when the carriage is located and mechanically retained by a tie-down at an established operating point.

3.11.2.9 Electrical Component Safety Warning. (21)

Control and disconnect panels, which are likely to require inspection, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized, shall have ready, safe access and clear workspace and shall be marked to warn of potential electric arc flash hazards. The marking shall be located so as to be clearly visible to personnel before inspection, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance of the equipment.

3.11.2.10 Radio-Controlled Installations. Radio-controlled installations shall

(a) protect against interfering radio frequencies that alter the operator's control and the unit's function.

(b) be protected from electromagnetic interference (EMI).

(c) not allow the equipment to move by radio signal unless the operator's radio control is actuated, and then the equipment shall move only in accordance

Table 4.3.2-1
Access

(21)

Angle From Horizontal, deg	Working Surface (Access Method)	Treads/Steps/Rungs, in. (mm)	Rise Spacing, in. (mm)
0 to 7.5	Platform ramps	Continuous surface	...
Over 7.5 to 55	Stairs	Steps: Sum of rise and run = 17.5 (445)	Minimum rise 6 (152) Sum of rise and run = 17.5 (445)
45 to 70	Inclined ladders	Treads: Minimum 4 (102)	Maximum 12 (305)
Over 70 to 90	Ladders	Rungs: Minimum 2 (51) flat working surface	Maximum 12 (305)

with the operator's input. Encoding shall be included to prevent nearby spurious, pirated, or other false signals from inadvertently operating the equipment.

4 TRAVELING LADDERS AND GANTRIES

4.1 General

(a) This section contains recommendations for the construction, use, and maintenance of permanently installed traveling ladders and gantries (TLG) required for building maintenance.

(b) TLG shall operate on a guide rail or rails, and/or bear on a structurally sound surface or be supported and/or suspended. The rail or bearing surface serves to guide and/or restrain and support the equipment and shall be a permanent feature of the building.

4.2 Use and Application

4.2.1 General Requirement. Users of TLG shall have adequate fresh airflow, light, and body clearance. Special awareness of trapped fumes, heat, and other hazards that may be encountered in the TLG working area shall be considered. Additional emergency provisions shall be made for the warning and safe evacuation of users who are in the area of smoke vents or sprinkler systems in the event they are activated.

4.2.2 Marking and Labeling. The TLG shall be clearly marked with the following:

- (a) name of the manufacturer
- (b) serial number and year of manufacture
- (c) safe working load (maximum number of users)

4.2.3 Instruction Manual. Instruction manuals shall be provided with all TLG.

4.3 Equipment Design

4.3.1 Fall Protection. Fall protection shall be provided and used on all TLGs.

4.3.2 Guardrails, Handrails, and Toeboards. Guardrails, handrails, and toeboards are mandatory on all TLG angled from 0 deg to 55 deg (see [Table 4.3.2-1](#)).

4.3.3 Stability. TLG shall resist a minimum of 4 times any overturning moment.

4.3.4 Safety Factor. TLG shall be designed with a minimum safety factor of 4 except for wire rope, which shall have a minimum safety factor of 10.

4.3.5 Corrosion. All structural components of TLG exposed to weather or other conditions that may result in corrosion shall be fabricated of noncorrosive materials or finished with a noncorrosive finish such as galvanizing. Those components not available in noncorrosive materials shall be accessible for periodic maintenance/replacement.

4.3.6 Galvanic Reactions. Precautions shall be taken to protect against deleterious galvanic reactions.

4.3.7 Support. All TLG shall be capable of supporting a minimum of 250 lb (113.4 kg) per user.

4.3.8 Arrangement of Steps. [Table 4.3.2-1](#) shall be used to determine the configuration of TLG working surfaces.

4.3.9 Tread Clearance. There shall be a minimum of 10 in. (254 mm) from the front of the tread to any obstruction behind the tread.

4.3.10 Clear Width. The clear width between the (ladder or stair) stringers shall not be less than 16 in. (406 mm).

4.3.11 Treads. All treads shall be secured so that they do not rotate. All treads shall have a slip resistant surface (see [Table 4.3.2-1](#)).

4.3.12 Top Surface. Except for continuous surfaces, the top surface of any tread shall be level.

4.3.13 Locking Devices. All TLG shall be provided with position and independent storm locking devices.

4.3.14 Thermal Expansion. The design of TLG shall consider

(a) differential thermal expansion of the equipment, building, or other supporting structure

(b) alignment of the track rails to which the TLG is fixed

4.3.15 Handrails. Handrails shall be provided on inclined ladders (see Table 4.3.2-1).

4.3.16 Operating Speeds. The horizontal movement of a TLG shall be controlled so as to ensure safe movement of the TLG and accurate positioning. The TLG shall not exceed a traversing speed of 25 ft/min (0.13 m/s). Manually propelled TLGs shall not require a horizontal force in excess of 40 lb (18.14 kg) per person to initiate a traversing movement.

4.3.17 Wheels Running on Rails or Tracks. Provisions shall be made to prevent disengagement of wheels from their tracks. TLGs requiring a track to prevent overturning of the unit shall incorporate a secondary means to grip it independent of cam followers or other gripping wheels.

4.4 Safety Requirements

4.4.1 End of Travel Limit. On all TLGs, a mechanical end of travel stop shall be provided of sufficient strength to arrest and sustain the TLG if contact is made at its maximum operating speed. On power operated traversing systems, a travel limit switch shall be provided to stop motion before the TLG contacts the mechanical stop. Stops shall be capable of resisting an impact force of 150% of a fully loaded (live and dead weight) unit traveling at 25 ft/min (0.13 m/s).

4.4.2 Emergency Access and Escape. System design shall provide for safe evacuation of the TLG in emergency conditions.

4.4.3 Public Areas. TLG over public areas shall be designed to protect the public from falling objects.

4.4.4 Access Gates. Access gates shall be self-closing and self-latching.

4.4.5 Braking System. TLG shall have a primary braking system capable of stopping and holding, without creep, the combined weight of the unit at 125% of its normal operational speed plus a minimum of 200% of its rated load.

4.4.6 Powered TLG. Powered TLGs shall have an over speed/secondary brake to arrest and halt its movement in case of a failure of the traversing system.

4.5 Fixed Ladders

Fixed ladders used for access to a TLG shall comply with ANSI A14.3.

4.6 Powered TLG

All movable parts shall be appropriately guarded. Powered TLG movement may only be accomplished using manual, electrical, hydraulic, or pneumatic equipment.

4.7 Hydraulic Equipment

4.7.1 General Requirement. Hydraulic equipment and fittings shall comply with all JIC (Joint Industry Council) Codes and Standards. The system shall be designed to prevent motion in any portion of the TLG in the event of a hydraulic component or line failure.

4.7.2 Components. Components and hoses of the hydraulic system shall have a minimum bursting strength of 4 times the operating pressure(s) for which the system is designed. Filters are required in the hydraulic circuitry.

5 INSPECTIONS, TESTS, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE

5.1 Inspections and Tests

5.1.1 Performance Tests. Before an installation is initially used, the equipment shall be successfully tested by its manufacturer/supplier with the rated load through the complete range of operation on all drops and be so certified in writing. The result of the demonstration shall be signed by the inspection personnel and filed with the building owner. (21)

NOTE: It is the intent of this clause that the complete installation be tested. If a platform or other component has not been provided, suitable temporary components shall be utilized for the test.

A performance test shall be conducted following any alteration to the installation and shall include, at a minimum, any components affected by an alteration.

5.1.2 Periodic Inspections and Testing (21)

(a) To determine that they are in safe operating condition, all parts of the equipment, including control systems, shall be inspected by a qualified person and, where necessary, tested by a qualified person, at intervals not exceeding 12 months.

(b) Parts subject to wear, such as wire ropes, bearings, gears, and governors, shall be inspected or tested to determine that they have not worn to such an extent as to affect the safe operation of the installation.

(c) When selected for post installation testing, suspension or supporting devices as specified in para. 3.2.6 shall be load tested at not more than twice their rated load $\pm 5\%$.

(d) Aluminum davits or outriggers shall be load tested to twice their rated load $\pm 5\%$ after 10 yr of service or more frequently if there is evidence of damage or corrosion.

(e) When selected for post installation testing, lifeline anchorages shall be load tested at 2,500 lb (1 134 kg) $\pm 5\%$.

(f) All load tests shall be performed under the direction of a registered professional engineer experienced in the design and use of such equipment.

(g) The professional engineer shall provide to the building owner a sealed written record of the test listing component identification, test parameters, loads, date of test, signature of the qualified person performing the tests, and the results of each test.

(h) Suspension or supporting devices shall be evaluated, tested, and certified at periods not to exceed 10 yr.

(i) Any component or device damaged as a result of the above testing shall not be returned to service, unless it has been evaluated, repaired, or replaced; retested if required; and certified by a registered professional engineer.

(21) 5.1.3 Maintenance Inspections and Tests

5.1.3.1 30-Day Inspections. Within 30 days prior to use, a maintenance inspection shall be performed by a qualified person or persons. Subsequent maintenance inspections shall be performed every 30 calendar days thereafter during use.

(a) The maintenance inspection shall include any regular maintenance or service required by the manufacturers and applicable items in [Mandatory Appendix II](#). The inspection shall also include a satisfactory functional and safety test of the equipment. The test shall be performed following the completion of maintenance, adjustments, and any required repairs to the equipment or affected parts of the installation. A maintenance inspection shall be performed by the appropriate number of persons to complete all required maintenance and tests, in accordance with all local codes and regulations.

(b) Maintenance protocols or programs, or both, shall be provided by the manufacturer or by a registered professional engineer experienced in the design and maintenance of the equipment, and these procedures shall meet or exceed the minimum maintenance requirements of [Mandatory Appendix II](#).

(c) The inspection shall include a review of the portions of the building that are required to allow the operation of and access to the equipment for any changes or conditions that may result in changes to the intended operation of or access to the equipment. Examples include the installation of communication equipment or other mechanical equipment in the path of the equipment, the removal of guardrails, and the installation of a new canopy that prevents intended ground rigging of the platform.

(d) The date of the maintenance inspection and test and the determined condition of the equipment shall be entered in the building's installation logbook and signed by the qualified person or persons who performed the maintenance inspection and test. A copy of the detailed inspection and test record, including of the results of these inspections and tests and a record that the equipment is safe to use, shall be kept on site and readily accessible for review.

5.1.3.2 Daily Inspections. In addition to the equipment maintenance inspection, trained personnel shall perform a daily inspection immediately before each use to look for any damage, deformation, or irregularities of the equipment. The daily inspection shall include all requirements of the manufacturer and applicable items below:

- (a) visual inspection of drive path and steering rail system (clear of all obstructions)
- (b) visual inspection of roof car
- (c) visual inspection of suspension support equipment and anchorages
- (d) visual inspection of power cord and plug
- (e) visual inspection of winding-drum assembly and wire ropes
- (f) visual inspection of platform
- (g) visual inspection of wire rope attachments in platform
- (h) test of all operational and safety controls
- (i) visual inspection of platform tilt mechanism and the obstruction bar
- (j) test of the secondary brake, governor, and actuation device before each day's use (When testing is not feasible, a visual inspection of the brake, governor, and actuation device shall be made to ensure that it operates freely.)
- (k) documentation of the daily inspection on a daily inspection report log

5.1.4 Special Inspection of Governors and Secondary Brakes

(a) Special inspections and tests of the governor and secondary braking system shall be made at intervals not exceeding 1 yr.

(b) The inspection and test shall include a verification that the initiating device for the secondary braking system operates at the proper overspeed.

(c) If adequate tests cannot be performed in the field, the initiating device may be removed from the equipment and sent to a shop equipped to make such tests.

(d) The inspection shall include a verification of the proper functioning of the secondary brake. If an adequate test cannot be performed in the field, the hoisting machine may be removed from the equipment and sent to a shop equipped to make such tests.

(e) If any hoisting machine or initiating device for the secondary brake system is removed from the equipment for testing, all reinstalled and directly related components shall be reinspected prior to returning the equipment installation to service.

5.1.5 Wire Rope Inspection Procedure. The need for replacement of suspension wire ropes shall be determined by regular inspection and shall be based on the condition of the wire rope inspected. Wire rope in active service should be visually inspected once every working day. A thorough inspection shall be made once a month, or before each use if the suspension wire ropes have

been inactive for 30 days or longer and are placed into service. Dated and signed monthly reports of that inspection must be kept, indicating the condition of the ropes.

Any of the following conditions, or combination of conditions, shall be considered as sufficient reason for the removal of the wire rope from service:

(a) four randomly distributed broken wires in three lays or two broken wires in one strand in three lays

(b) distortion of rope structure such as would result from crushing, kinking, or bird-caging

(c) evidence of heat damage

(d) reduction from original diameter by more than the following amounts:

(1) $\frac{1}{64}$ in. (0.397 mm) for $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. (8-mm) diameter rope

(2) $\frac{1}{32}$ in. (0.794 mm) for $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. (9.5-mm) to and including $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (13-mm) diameter ropes

(3) $\frac{3}{64}$ in. (1.19 mm) for $\frac{9}{16}$ -in. (14-mm) to and including $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. (19-mm) diameter ropes

(e) noticeable rusting, corrosion, or pitting, or more than two broken wires in the vicinity of end attachments

(f) evidence of core failure (a lengthening of rope lay and a reduction in rope diameter suggests core failure)

(g) more than one valley break (broken wire). A wire break in the valleys between strands indicates an abnormal condition, possibly fatigue and breakage of other wires that are not visible.

5.1.6 Hoist Test. Each day, before lowering personnel below the top elevation of the building, the hoist shall be tested in the lifting direction with the intended load to make certain it has sufficient capacity to raise the personnel back to the boarding level.

5.2 Operation

5.2.1 Qualified Operators. Powered equipment shall be used only by persons who have been instructed and trained in its use and control by a qualified person. The instructor shall certify in writing that the operator is qualified to operate the specific equipment he/she has been trained to operate.

(21) **5.2.2 Adverse Weather.** The operation of manned exterior maintenance equipment during adverse weather conditions that would expose the operator or general public to any increased hazard over and above normal operating conditions is prohibited.

An anemometer shall be used to provide information of on-site wind speeds before and during the use of the platform.

When wind speeds exceed 25 mph (40 km/h), manned equipment shall be brought to a safe surface and secured.

5.3 Maintenance

5.3.1 Required Maintenance

(a) All parts of the equipment affecting safe operation shall be maintained in proper working order so that they can perform the functions for which they are intended.

(b) Broken or worn parts, worn switch contacts, brushes, and short flexible conductors of electrical devices, which may interfere with safe operation, shall be replaced promptly when worn or damaged. All electrical connections shall be kept tight.

(c) Components of the electrical service system and traveling cable shall be replaced when damaged or significantly abraded.

(d) Gears, shafts, bearings, brakes, and hoisting drums shall be maintained in proper alignment. Gears shall be replaced promptly when there is evidence of appreciable wear.

5.3.2 Cleaning

(a) Control or power contactors and relays shall be kept clean and free from dirt.

(b) All other parts shall be kept clean if their proper functioning would be affected by the presence of dirt or other contaminants.

5.3.3 Lubrication. All parts of the machine and equipment shall be lubricated at intervals and with lubricants as recommended by the manufacturer. The excessive use of lubricants shall be avoided.

5.3.4 Periodic Resocketing of Babbitted Fastenings.

Hoisting ropes, utilizing babbitted fastenings, shall be resocketed at the nondrum ends at intervals not exceeding 24 months. In resocketing the ropes, a sufficient length shall be cut from the end of the rope to remove damaged or fatigued portions. Rope fastenings of resocketed ropes shall conform to the requirements of [para. 3.9](#). Limit switches shall be reset if necessary (see [para. 3.10.3](#) for the requirement for rope tags).

5.3.5 Making Safety Devices Inoperative. No person shall make a required safety device or electrical protective device inoperative, except as may be necessary for tests, inspections, and maintenance. Immediately upon completion of such tests, inspections, and maintenance, the devices shall be restored to their normal operating condition.

5.3.6 Track System. Roof track systems, tie-downs, or similar equipment, if provided, shall be maintained in proper working order so that they can perform the function for which they are intended.

5.3.7 Building Face Guiding Members. T-rails, indented mullions, or equivalent guides located in the face of the building, if provided, shall be maintained in proper working order so that they can perform the functions for which they are intended. Brackets for cable