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For relationship with EU Directive(s) / Regulation(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

The following significant changes, compared to the previous edition, have been made:

- the introduction of new terms and changed definitions for some existing terms;
- the introduction of Performance level as a concept for safety;
- support for cableless mobile control systems.

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## Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organizations, market surveillance, etc.).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or type-B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

While producing this document, it was assumed that:

- only trained persons operate the machine;
- components without specific requirements are:
  - designed in accordance with the usual engineering practice and calculation codes, including all failure modes;
  - of sound mechanical and electrical construction;
  - made of materials, with adequate strength and of suitable quality;
  - free of defects;
- harmful materials, such as asbestos are not used;
- components are kept in good repair and working order, so that the required dimensions remain fulfilled despite wear;
- by design of the load bearing elements, a safe operation of the machine is ensured for loading ranging from zero to 100 % of the rated possibilities and during the tests;

- with the exception of the items listed below, a mechanical device built according to good practice and the requirements in this document, will not deteriorate to a point of creating a hazard without the possibility of detection;
- the equipment is capable of operating correctly within a temperature range of  $-15\text{ °C}$  to  $+40\text{ °C}$ ;
- a negotiation takes place between the manufacturer of the tail lift and the installer for the characteristics of the supporting wheeled vehicle (see also Clause 6), the fitting of the tail lift on the vehicle and between the installer and the user relating to the specific conditions of the use, places of use of the machinery, also some of the characteristics of the vehicle, the appropriate language;
- the working area is adequately lit (if lighting is not provided with the tail lift);
- if the place of installation allows a vertical falling height of persons of more than 3 m notwithstanding the limited travel height indicated in the scope, means external to the machine are used to limit this falling height to 3 m.

Provision is made in this document to protect against falling hazards where the risk of falling exceeds 2 m. However, accidents statistics show that people fall from the raised tail lift during loading/unloading the vehicle also for lifting heights below 2 m. The present state of the art does not allow a proven, universal solution to the prevention of falling suitable for all tail lift applications, without the introduction of other hazards.

The European safety organisations and manufacturers are continuing to review and test such solutions. Meanwhile, methods of mitigating these risks are shown in informative Annex J. For lifts where the risk of falling exceeds 2 m, refer to the requirements of 5.2.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies safety requirements for design of tail lifts as defined in 3.1 for mounting on wheeled goods vehicles. It also specifies the verification of such tail lifts and the safety information that has to be provided for their use.

This document deals with the technical requirements to minimize the hazards listed in Clause 4 which can arise during the operation of tail lifts when carried out in accordance with the specifications as intended and under conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer or his authorized representative.

It applies to tail lifts:

- used for the purpose of loading and/or unloading such vehicles;
- intended to be fitted, temporarily or permanently, either inside or on the front, side or rear of the wheeled vehicle;
- driven either by hand or power operated;
- equipped with a platform to support loads which comprise goods, an operator, or a combination of the two;
- with a maximum lifting height not exceeding 3 m above ground when the platform is unloaded;
- rotary type with a maximum lifting height not exceeding 2 m;
- used as a link bridge when intended by the manufacturer.

**NOTE** A tail lift is not to be confused with a link bridge attached to a loading dock which is included within the definition of a dock leveller and is outside the scope of this document.

Loading and/or unloading operations include the use of a tail lift to lift and/or lower loads.

This document does not establish the additional requirements for:

- the risk of falling when operating under 2 m height;
- overloading at vehicle floor level;
- drive system with lead screw and nuts;
- operation in severe conditions (e.g. extreme environmental conditions such as freezer applications, high temperatures, corrosive environment, tropical environment, contaminating environments, strong magnetic fields);
- operations subject to special rules (e.g. potentially explosive atmospheres);
- supply by electrical networks and the electrical circuit;
- power take off part of the system;
- electromagnetic compatibility (emission-immunity);
- static electricity problems;
- handling of loads the nature of which could lead to dangerous situations (e.g. molten metal, acids/bases, radiating materials, especially brittle loads);

- hazards occurring during installation, transportation, decommissioning;
- hazards occurring when handling suspended loads which can swing freely;
- requirement related to the use on public roads;
- wind pressure in and out of use;
- direct contact with foodstuffs;
- earthquake;
- lightning.

This document is not applicable to tail lifts manufactured before the publication of this document.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1005-3:2002+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Human physical performance — Part 3: Recommended force limits for machinery operation*

EN 61310-1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Indication, marking and actuation — Part 1: Requirements for visual, acoustic and tactile signals (IEC 61310-1:2007)*

EN 61310-2:2008, *Safety of machinery — Indication, marking and actuation — Part 2: Requirements for marking (IEC 61310-2:2007)*

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EN ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction (ISO 12100:2010)*

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