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Manual braking devices, safety requirements and test
methods**

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Foreword

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- Part 1: Braking devices with assisted locking, safety requirements and test methods;
- Part 2: Manual braking devices, safety requirements and test methods.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies safety requirements and test methods for manual braking devices used in mountaineering, climbing and related activities for belaying and abseiling, with only manual control, to protect against falls from a height.

This European Standard applies to braking devices which are loaded with one person and which use mountaineering ropes according to EN 892. In case of abseiling and lowering down this standard also applies to braking devices, used with low stretch kernmantel ropes according to EN 1891.

2 Normative references

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

EN 892, *Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods*

EN 1891, *Personal protective equipment for the prevention of falls from a height — Low stretch kernmantel ropes*

EN 15151-1:2012, *Mountaineering equipment — Braking devices — Part 1: braking devices with manually assisted locking, safety requirements and test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

braking device

mechanical device which generates forces on the rope, to oppose movement of the rope through the device

3.2

manual braking device

device controlled by hand force applied to the free end of the rope, that produces a magnified force in the active rope in a continuous and reversible manner, such that when the force in the free end of the rope is reduced to zero, the braking effect becomes negligibly small

3.3

attachment point

any system which is required and intended for the attachment of a connector according to the information supplied by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: For information on connectors, see EN 12275 or EN 362.

3.4

function to adjust the friction

inherent characteristic of the device that allows the friction to be changed