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This standard includes safety requirements.

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This standard contains specifications giving detail to the essential requirements set out in Annex I of the “Machinery Directive”, Directive 2006/42/EC, and which apply to machines that are either first placed on the market or commissioned within the EEA. This standard serves to facilitate proof of compliance with the essential requirements of that directive.

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This standard differs from DIN EN 81-40:2009-04 as follows:

- a) support for screw and nut drives has been removed;
- b) verification tests have been added for static overload, chair levelling, edges and surfaces and self-sustaining system;
- c) requirements for the interface of the stairlift in the building have been added;
- d) a requirement for lightning protection has been added;
- e) all normative references to other standards have been dated;
- f) a new Annex ZA, including a detailed Table ZA.1, has been developed.

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European foreword

This document (EN 81-40:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 10 “Lifts, escalators and moving walks”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2021, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2022.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 81-40:2008.

EN 81-40:2020 constitutes a full revision of the standard. The main changes from the previous edition are:

- support for screw and nut drive has been removed;
- verification tests have been added for static overload, chair levelling, edges and surfaces and self-sustaining system;
- requirements for the interface of the stairlift in the building have been added;
- a requirement for lightning protection has been added;
- all normative references to other standards have been dated;
- a new Annex ZA, including a detailed Table ZA.1, has been developed.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

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

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Introduction

The population of Europe is ageing and the prevalence of disability, including disability associated with the ageing process, is increasing. Older people and people with disabilities at present are estimated to number some 80 million people – a large and growing proportion of the European Union population. The changing demography presents both opportunities and challenges for the Union. The economic, social and cultural potential of older people and people with disabilities is underexploited at present. However, there is a growing recognition that society needs to exploit this potential for the economic and social benefit of society generally.

This is one of the reasons that led to this document on vertical lifting platforms for people with impaired mobility being one means to provide accessibility to buildings.

This document is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

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.

Assumptions

With the aim of clarifying the intentions of the standard and avoiding doubts when reading it, the following assumptions were made when producing it:

- a) components without specific requirements are:
 - 1) designed in accordance with the usual engineering practice and calculation codes, including all failure modes;
 - 2) of sound mechanical and electrical construction;
- b) general electrical hazards are dealt with according to B level electrical safety standards;
- c) components are kept in good repair and working order, in accordance with the maintenance manual, so that the required characteristics remain despite wear;
- d) by design of the load bearing elements, a safe operation of the machine is ensured throughout the entire maximum working load range;
- e) a mechanical device built according to good practice and the requirements of the standard, will not deteriorate to a point of creating a hazard without the possibility of detection;
- f) the ambient temperature is between 0 °C and +40 °C, at the place of use of the machinery;
- g) Negotiation occurs between the manufacturer (the person applying the CE mark) and the user concerning the specificity of the use and places of use of the stairlift:
 - 1) suitability for user (see Annex D);
 - 2) the place of installation allows a safe use for the machine (see Annex C);
 - 3) any additional fire protection requirements.

1 Scope

1.1 This document deals with safety requirements for construction, manufacturing, installation, maintenance and dismantling of electrically operated stairlifts (chair, standing platform and wheelchair platform) affixed to a building structure, moving in an inclined plane and intended for use by persons with impaired mobility:

- travelling over a stair or an accessible inclined surface;
- intended for use by one person;
- whose carriage is directly retained and guided by a guide rail or rails;
- supported or sustained by rope (5.4.4), rack and pinion (5.4.5), chain (5.4.6), friction/traction drive (5.4.7), and guided rope and ball (5.4.8).

1.2 This document identifies hazards as listed in Clause 4 which arise during the various phases in the life of such equipment and describes methods for the elimination or reduction of these hazards when used as intended by the manufacturer.

1.3 This document does not specify the additional requirements for:

- operation in severe conditions (e.g. extreme climates, strong magnetic fields);
- operation subject to special rules (e.g. potentially explosive atmospheres);
- handling of materials, the nature of which could lead to dangerous situations;
- use of energy systems other than electricity;
- hazards occurring during manufacture;
- earthquakes, flooding, fire;
- evacuation during a fire;
- stairlifts for goods only;
- concrete, hardcore, timber or other foundation or building arrangement;
- design of anchorage bolts to the supporting structure.

NOTE For the actual type of machinery, noise is not considered a significant nor relevant hazard.

1.4 This document is not applicable to power operated stairlifts which are manufactured before the date of publication of this document by CEN.

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 81-20:2020, *Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts — Lifts for the transport of persons and goods — Part 20: Passenger and goods passenger lifts*

EN 81-50:2020, *Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts — Examinations and tests — Part 50: Design rules, calculations, examinations and tests of lift components*

EN 1021-2:2014, *Furniture — Assessment of the ignitability of upholstered furniture — Part 2: Ignition source match flame equivalent*

EN 12385-4:2002+A1:2008, *Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 4: Stranded ropes for general lifting applications*

EN 16005:2012/AC:2015, *Power operated pedestrian doorsets — Safety in use — Requirements and test methods*

EN 60204-1:2018, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60204-1:2016, modified)*

EN 60529:1991¹, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

EN 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems — Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests (IEC 60664-1:2007)*

EN 60695-11-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-10: Test flames — 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods (IEC 60695-11-10:2013)*

EN 60747-5 (all parts), *Discrete semiconductor devices and integrated circuits — Part 5: Optoelectronic devices (IEC 60747-5 all parts)*

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EN 60947-4-1:2010/A1:2012, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters — Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters (IEC 60947-4-1:2009/A1:2012)*

EN 60947-5-1:2017, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements — Electromechanical control circuit devices (IEC 60947-5-1:2016)*

EN 61249-2-1:2005, *Materials for printed boards and other interconnecting structures — Part 2-1: Reinforced base materials, clad and unclad — Phenolic cellulose paper reinforced laminated sheets, economic grade, copper-clad (IEC 61249-2-1:2005)*

¹ This document is impacted by the amendments EN 60529:1991/A1:2000 and EN 60529:1991/A2:2013 and the corrigendum EN 60529:1991/AC:2016-12.

² This document is impacted by the amendments EN 60947-1:2007/A1:2011 and EN 60947-1:2007/A2:2014.