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- A10.3 Powder-Actuated Fastening Systems
- A10.4 Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators
- A10.5 Material Hoists
- A10.6 Demolition Operations
- A10.7 Transportation, Storage, Handling and Use of Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents
- A10.8 Scaffolding
- A10.9 Concrete and Masonry Construction
- A10.10 Temporary and Portable Space Heating Devices
- A10.11 Personnel Nets
- A10.12 Excavation
- A10.13 Steel Erection
- A10.15 Dredging
- A10.16 Tunnels, Shafts and Caissons
- A10.17 Safe Operating Practices for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Construction
- A10.18 Temporary Roof and Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways and Other Unprotected Edges
- A10.19 Pile Installation and Extraction Operations
- A10.20 Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo, and Marble Work
- A10.21 Safe Construction and Demolition of Wind Generation/Turbine Facilities (under development)
- A10.22 Rope-Guided and Non-Guided Workers' Hoists
- A10.23 Safety Requirements for the Installation of Drilled Shafts
- A10.24 Roofing Safety Requirements for Low-Sloped Roofs
- A10.25 Sanitation in Construction
- A10.26 Emergency Procedures for Construction Sites
- A10.27 Hot Mix Asphalt Facilities
- A10.28 Work Platforms Suspended from Cranes or Derricks
- A10.29 Aerial Platforms in Construction (under development)
- A10.31 Digger-Derricks
- A10.32 Personal Fall Protection Used in Construction and Demolition Operations
- A10.33 Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects
- A10.34 Public Protection
- A10.37 Debris Nets
- A10.38 Basic Elements of a Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment
- A10.39 Construction Safety and Health Audit Program
- A10.40 Reduction of Musculoskeletal Problems in Construction
- A10.42 Rigging Qualifications and Responsibilities in the Construction Industry
- A10.43 Confined Spaces in Construction and Demolition Operations
- A10.44 Lockout/Tagout in Construction
- A10.46 Hearing Loss Prevention
- A10.47 Highway Construction Safety
- A10.48 Communication Structures
- A10.49 Control of Health Hazards

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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD A10.11 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL NETS

1. GENERAL

- **1.1 Scope.** This standard establishes safety requirements for the selection, installation and use of personnel nets during construction, repair and demolition operations.
- **1.2 Purpose.** The purpose of this standard is to provide minimum design, testing and use requirements for personnel nets.
- 1.3 Exceptions. In cases of practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or new developments, the enforcing authority may grant exceptions to literal requirements of this standard. These exceptions may permit use of other devices or methods, but only when it is clearly indicated that equivalent safety and permanent installation are thereby secured.

2. REFERENCED AND RELATED STANDARDS

2.1 Referenced Standard.

This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with ASTM B117-02, Standard Method of Salt-Spray (Fog) Testing.

2.2 Related American National Standards.

ANSI/ASSE A10.4, Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators

ANSI/ASSE A10.5, Material Hoists

ANSI/ASSE A10.6, Demolition Operations

ANSI/ASSE A10.8, Scaffolding

ANSI/ASSE A10.9, Concrete and Masonry Construction

ANSI/ASSE A10.32, Fall Protection Systems for Construction and Demolition Operations

ANSI/ASSE A10.37, Debris Net Systems Used During Construction and Demolition Operations

ANSI/ASME A39.1, Safety Requirements for Window Cleaning (including supplements ANSI/ASME A39.1a and A39.1b)

ANSI/SIA A92.2, Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices

ANSI/ASSE Z490.1, Accepted Practices for Safety, Health and Environmental Training

3. **DEFINITIONS**

- **3.1 Competent Person.** One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions that are hazardous or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- **3.2 Construction Project.** Any activity involving the construction, alteration, maintenance or demolition of a structure.
- **3.3 Debris Net.** A net that is designed to catch only debris. It must be used in conjunction with a personnel net if there is any possibility for personnel to fall. For more information on debris nets please see the ANSI/ASSE A10.37 standard.
- **3.4 Natural Fiber.** A fiber produced by nature, such as manila, sisal or hemp.
- 3.5 Perimeter Net System. A system of personnel and debris nets and their supports arranged to hold nets on the edge of a floor, work surface or structure so that when the net is fully impact-loaded, the test