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- A10.5 Material Hoists
- A10.6 Demolition Operations
- A10.7 Use, Storage, Handling and Site Movement 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
- 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 Pre-Planning, Installation, Inspection and Use of Fall Protection for Construction and Demolition (under development)
- A10.30 Installation of Anchors and Micropiles (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
- A10.35 Pressure Testing of Steel and Copper Piping Systems (under development)
- 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
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# AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD A10.31 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIGGER DERRICKS

## 1. Scope, Purpose, Requirements, Application and Exceptions

### 1.1 Scope

**1.1.1 Equipment Covered.** This standard applies to special multipurpose vehicle-mounted machines, commonly known as digger derricks. These machines are primarily designed to accommodate components that dig holes and/or set poles and position materials and apparatus.

*NOTE: Depending on their use, digger derricks may be defined as a crane by government regulations, and operator's certification may be required.*

**1.1.2 Equipment Excluded.** Excluded from this standard are general-purpose cranes, designed only for lifting service and machines primarily designed for digging holes.

**1.1.3 Uniform Specification Data.** This standard establishes uniform requirements for design, specifications and dimensions.

**1.1.4 Responsibilities.** This standard defines the respective responsibilities of the manufacturer, dealer, installer, owner, user, operator, lessor or lessee, and broker of the digger derrick.

### 1.2 Purpose

This standard applies to the establishment of criteria for design, manufacture, testing, inspection, installation, maintenance, use, training and operation of vehicle-mounted digger derricks to achieve the following objectives:

1. prevention of personal injuries and accidents
2. uniformity in ratings
3. understanding by manufacturers, dealers, installers, owners, users, operators, lessors or lessees, and brokers of their respective responsibilities

### 1.3 Requirements

The requirements of this standard shall be met or exceeded.

### 1.4 Application

The design and manufacturing requirements of this standard apply to all digger derricks manufactured on or after the effective date. All other provisions apply to new or existing units in use on or after the effective date of this standard, regardless of their date of manufacture.

## 2. Referenced and Related Standards

### 2.1 Referenced American National Standards

This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with the following standards.

ANSI/SAIA A92.2-2015, *Vehicle Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices*

ANSI/NEMA Z535.1-2017, *Safety Colors*

ANSI/NEMA Z535.3-2017, *Criteria for Safety Symbols*

ANSI/NEMA Z535.4-2017, *Product Safety Signs and Labels*