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- A10.5 Material Hoists
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- 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
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- A10.19 Pile Installation and Extraction Operations
- A10.20 Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo and Marble Work
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- 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
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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD A10.8 SCAFFOLDING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. General

1.1 Scope

This standard establishes safety requirements for the construction, operation, maintenance and use of scaffolds used in the construction, alteration, demolition and maintenance of buildings and structures. This standard does not cover permanently installed suspended scaffold systems or aerial platforms.

1.2 Purpose

This standard is designed to provide minimum guidelines for the safe erection, use and dismantling of scaffolding.

1.3 Exceptions

In cases of practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or new developments, exceptions to the literal requirements may permit the use of other devices or methods, but only when it is clearly indicated and documented by a qualified person that the equivalent protection is thereby secured.

1.4 Mandatory and Advisory Rules

Mandatory rules of this standard are characterized by the word “shall”. If a rule is of an advisory nature, it is indicated by the word “should” or is stated as a recommendation.

1.5 Equivalent

The word “equivalent” in this standard shall mean alternative materials, designs or features that will provide an equal degree of strength and safety.

2. Reference Publications

This standard is intended for use in conjunction with the following publications.

2.1 Referenced American National Standards

When the referenced standards are superseded by a revision approved by the American National Standards Institute, the revision shall apply.

ANSI/ASSP A10.32, *Fall Protection Systems for Construction and Demolitions*

ANSI/ALI A14.1, *Ladders – Portable Wood, Safety Requirements*

ANSI/ALI A14.2, *Ladders – Portable Metal, Safety Requirements*

ANSI/ALI A14.5, *Ladders – Portable Reinforced Plastic, Safety Requirements*

ANSI/NEMA ICS/1, *General Standards for Industrial Controls and Systems*

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ANSI/NFPA 70B, *Electrical Equipment Maintenance*

ANSI/NFPA 70E, *Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces*

ANSI/NFPA 241, *Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations*

ANSI/SSFI SC100, *Standards for Testing and Rating Scaffold Assemblies and Components*