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## **Introduction**

This American National Standard is one of a series of standards produced by ANSI/SAIA A92 as part of its program of work regarding standardization of terminology, ratings, general principles (technical performance requirements and risk assessment), safety requirements, test methods, maintenance and operation for elevating work platforms used to raise (elevate) and position personnel (and related work tools and materials).

This Standard, ANSI/SAIA A92.22, along with companion Standards ANSI/SAIA A92.20 and ANSI/SAIA A92.24, have been developed to replace existing Standards ANSI/SAIA A92.3, ANSI/SAIA A92.5, ANSI/SAIA A92.6 and ANSI/SAIA A92.8. The reasoning that led to the development of these three new Standards was: to combine the requirements for MEWPs exhibiting similar configuration and application; to more closely harmonize with existing ISO Standards; and to more closely relate to a specific audience.

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# American National Standard for the Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

## 1. Scope and Purpose

### 1.1 Scope

#### 1.1.1 Equipment Covered

This Standard specifies requirements for application, inspection, training, maintenance, repair and safe operation of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (hereafter known as MEWPs).

It applies to all types and sizes of MEWPs as specified in ANSI/SAIA A92.20 (design, calculations, safety requirements and test methods) that are intended to position personnel along with their necessary tools and materials, at work locations

Any MEWP covered by this standard is prohibited from use when working on or near equipment or circuits which may be energized (see Section 6.8.12). The operation of any MEWP used for this work shall conform to the requirements of the ANSI/SAIA A92.2 Vehicle Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices standard.

#### 1.1.2 Effective Date

This standard will become effective August 15, 2021 for responsibilities for manufacturers, dealers, owners, users, supervisors, operators, occupants, lessors, lessees and brokers for both new and existing units delivered by sale, lease, rental or any form of beneficial use on or after that effective date.

#### 1.1.3 MEWP Classifications

MEWP classifications are made up of a MEWP group (platform location in reference to tipping line) with an associated MEWP type (reference to traveling).

Note: See definitions for Group and Type.

Training shall comply with ANSI/SAIA A92.24 Training Requirements for the Use, Operation, Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) and shall identify both the group and type of the equipment for which training is provided.

NOTE See Appendix A for typical examples of equipment covered by each classification.

#### 1.1.4 Applicability

This American National Standard is not applicable to:

- a) permanently installed personnel-lifting appliances serving defined levels,
- b) fire-fighting and fire rescue appliances,
- c) unguided work cages suspended from lifting appliances,
- d) elevating operator position on rail-dependent storage and retrieval equipment,
- e) tail lifts,
- f) mast-climbing work platforms (see ANSI/SAIA A92.9),
- g) fairground equipment,
- h) lifting tables with a lifting height of less than 2 m (6.56 ft.),
- i) builder's hoists for persons and materials,

- j) aircraft ground-support equipment (see ANSI/SAIA A92.7),
- k) digger derricks,
- l) industrial trucks with elevating operator positions,
- m) insulated aerial devices for use in live work on electrical installations, and
- n) vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating aerial devices (see ANSI/SAIA A92.2).

### 1.1.5 Compliance

This Standard and all local, state and federal regulations shall be complied with when using, inspecting, maintaining or operating MEWPs.

## 1.2 Purpose

The objective of this standard is to:

- prevent accidents, personal injuries, and property damage;
- establish requirements for application, inspection, training, maintenance, repair and safe operation;
- establish and provide an understanding of the respective responsibilities of manufacturers, dealers, owners, users, supervisors, operators, occupants, lessors, lessees and brokers; and
- promote safe use of MEWPs.

## 2. Referenced and Related American National Standards and Related Publications

### 2.1 Referenced American National Standards

This Standard is intended to be used in conjunction with the following American National Standards. When these referenced Standards are superseded by a revision approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the revision shall apply:

ANSI/SAIA A92.20, Design Calculations, Safety Requirements and Test Methods for Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

ANSI/SAIA A92.24, Training Requirements for the Use, Operation, Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

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

ANSI/SAIA A92.7:2014 Airline Ground Support Vehicle-Mounted Vertical Lift Devices

### 2.2 Other Referenced Documents

This Standard shall be used in conjunction with the following documents:

- Manufacturer's make and model operator's manual

## 3. Definitions

**Aerial device:** Any device, extensible, articulating or both, which is primarily designed and used to position personnel, designed to the ANSI/SAIA A92.20 standard.

Note: This device can also be used to handle material, if designed and equipped for that purpose.

**Anchorage(s):** A designated point of attachment utilized with a personal fall protection system.

**Authority having jurisdiction:** A federal, provincial, territory or municipal ministry, department, board, agency, or commission that has responsibility for regulating by statute the use of products, materials, or services within its jurisdiction.