

Specification for

Manually operated positioning devices and associated anchorage lines for use with industrial safety belts and harnesses

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Personal Safety Equipment Standards Committee.

At the time of publication of this British Standard, no corresponding International Standard exists.

This standard specifies requirements for manually operated positioning devices. These devices are intended to be used with industrial safety belts and harnesses to give maximum freedom of movement in circumstances where the positioning device prevents a vertical fall, for example, on a sloping roof.

Attention is drawn to the limitations of these devices. Where there is a need to protect against a vertical fall, self-locking safety anchorages complying with BS 5062-1 should be used in conjunction with industrial safety harnesses or belts complying with BS 1397.

Although they are not intended as fall arrestor devices, a performance test has been included in Appendix B to verify the strength of positioning devices should they be incorrectly used and be called upon to arrest a vertical fall.

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