

Artificial climbing structures — Protection points, stability requirements and test methods

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1 Scope

This standard specifies the requirements and tests relating only to the protection points and the stability for artificial climbing structures (hereafter referred to as ACS). This standard does not apply to the surrounding area.

This standard is applicable when an ACS is in normal use and relates especially to the techniques and protection methods used during progress on the structure.

This standard is not applicable to playground equipment (see EN 1176-1 to EN 1176-7).

2 Normative references

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EN 1176-1, *Playground equipment — Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods.*

EN 1176-2, *Playground equipment — Part 2: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for swings.*

EN 1176-3, *Playground equipment — Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides.*

EN 1176-4, *Playground equipment — Part 4: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for runways.*

EN 1176-5, *Playground equipment — Part 5: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for carousels.*

EN 1176-6, *Playground equipment — Part 6: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment.*

EN 1176-7, *Playground equipment — Part 7: Guidance on installation, inspection, maintenance and operation.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1

artificial climbing structure (ACS)

sports equipment consisting of a purpose-built climbing structure, which displays different construction characteristics, and is designed for different use objectives and not reserved for a particular age group

3.2

protection point

attachment point on the ACS designed to protect the climber. This protection point can be used during progress on the ACS. It can be fixed or movable

3.3

individual protection point

protection point used to safeguard a climber in his/her progress on the ACS

3.4

individual top rope system

protection system which is fixed at the top of the climbing section and which is designed to take the rope for one climber

3.5

collective top rope system

protection system which is fixed at the top of the climbing sections and which is designed to take the ropes of several climbers at once

3.6

individual ground protection point

anchoring point which is fixed to the ground at the base of the ACS, and which is designed either to secure a belayer controlling the rope of a lead-climber or as a ground anchor for a self belaying system or as a fixing point for a protection system

3.7

collective ground protection system

protection system which is fixed to the ground at the base of the ACS, and which is designed to secure belayers controlling the ropes of lead-climbers, or as a ground anchor for self belaying systems

3.8

stance

position on the ACS constituted by either a single point or two points linked together where the climber can stop, protect him/herself and his/her fellow climber who can join him/her before continuing the climb from the stance

3.9

span

part of a collective top rope system measured between two consecutive supports or attachments (see Figure D.2)

3.10

climbing section

part of the surface of an ACS defined by two vertical planes (see Figure 1)

3.11

nominal load

maximum load that can be generated in normal use