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1 Scope

This standard specifies safety requirements and test methods for ice-tools for use in mountaineering including climbing.

2 Normative references

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3 Definitions

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

3.1 ice-tool: Hand held tool intended for movement on snow and/or ice which can be used as an anchor point. It comprises at least a shaft and a pick (see figure 1).

3.2 technical ice-tool (type T): Ice-tool intended for use when climbing steep ice.