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The main changes are as follows:

— ~~in~~ the Scope~~, additional clauses were added~~ was updated to clarify the purpose of the document and ~~the fact that the document is~~its applicability to ~~be used for~~ both new MEWPs on the market ~~as well as~~and those currently in service;

— in Clause 3~~Clause 3,~~ additional terms were added to support the clarifications on MEWP groups and types throughout the document;

— in Clause 4~~Clause 4, modifications~~, changes were made ~~relating~~ to the modification requirements (manufacturer modifications versus owner modifications);

— in Clause 6~~Clause 6,~~ requirements were broadened for operator training to include topics such as authorization, supervisor training and operator retraining;

— ~~new~~the original Annex ~~A~~ containing examples of misuse was deleted, and a new Annex A was added to show examples of each group and type MEWP~~;~~

— ~~the Annex with examples of misuse has been deleted~~.

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# Introduction

This document ~~is one of a series of standards for Mobile Elevating Work Platforms~~, as other documents on mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs~~) as~~), is part of a 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~~MEWPs used to raise (elevate) and position personnel (and related work tools and materials).

MEWPs are machines/devices which provide protection from falling when working at height.

The entities with responsibilities related to safe use of a MEWP are established by law in some countries. This document provides guidance in the identification of those responsible entities.

The responsibility for safe operation of a MEWP lies with employers, managers, supervisors, operators, and others using these machines/devices. This document provides requirements so that appropriate MEWPs are selected for use and positioned, used, maintained~~,~~ and examined for safe use.

The use of competent authorized persons and trained operators (see ISO 18878) is critical to the safe operation of a MEWP.

# Mobile elevating work platforms — Safety principles, inspection, maintenance and operation

## 1 Scope

This document applies to all mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) intended for moving a person(s) along with their necessary tools and materials at an elevated work location.

~~The purpose of this~~This document ~~is to specify~~specifies the requirements for selection, inspection, training, maintenance, repair~~,~~ and safe operation of MEWPs to achieve the following objectives:

a) eliminate or reduce accidents, personal injuries and property damage;

b) establish criteria for selection, inspection, training, maintenance, repair~~,~~ and safe operation;

c) help manufacturers, dealers, owners, users, operators, occupants and qualified persons to understand their ~~respective~~ responsibilities;

d) establish a process for reviews to verify compliance with this document;

e) provide a guide for governmental authorities desiring to formulate safety rules and regulations.

In this document, MEWP classifications ~~are comprised of~~comprise a MEWP group (platform location in reference to tipping line) with an associated MEWP type (reference to travelling).

~~All provisions of the~~This document ~~apply~~is applicable to both new MEWPs put on the market and those MEWPs currently in service.



## 2 Normative references



The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

~~ISO/FDIS 16368:2024, *Mobile elevating work platforms — Design, calculations, safety requirements, and test methods*~~

ISO 18878, *Mobile elevating work platforms — Operator (driver) training*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ~~—~~ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— ~~—~~IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

— ~~.~~

**3.1**
**anchorage**
designated point of attachment utilized with a personal fall protection system

**3.2**
**authorized person**
person approved or assigned to perform a specific type of duty or duties at a specific location or locations at a work site

**3.3**
**configuration**
all positions in which a *MEWP* (3.13(3.13),), chassis, *extending structure* (3.5(3.5),), or work platform can be placed within intended operating limits, including creating variable rated loads

**3.4**
**delivery**
transfer of custody, care, and control of a *MEWP* (3.13(3.13)) from a person or entity to another person or entity

**3.5**
**extending structure**
a structure that is connected to the chassis and supports the work platform and allows movement of the work platform to its required position

[SOURCE: ISO /FDIS 16368:2024,[1)], 3.8]

**3.6**
**fall arrest system**
personal fall protection system designed to arrest the fall of an *operator* (3.17(3.17)) or *occupant(s)* (3.15(3.15))

[SOURCE: ISO /FDIS 16368:2024, 3.9]

**3.7**
**fall restraint system**
personal fall protection system that restrains or prevents an *operator* (3.17(3.17)) or *occupant(s)* (3.15(3.15)) from reaching a fall hazard

[SOURCE: ISO /FDIS 16368:2024, 3.10]

**3.8**
**familiarization**
provision of the necessary information to a *qualified person* (3.20(3.20)) or trained *operator* (3.17(3.17)) regarding the features, functions, devices, limitations, and operating characteristics, as defined by the *manufacturer* (3.12(3.12),), in order to properly use a specific model of *MEWP* (3.13(3.13))

**3.9**
**hazardous atmosphere**
location that contains, or has the potential to contain, an explosive or flammable atmosphere

**3.10**
**load-sensing system**
system of monitoring the vertical load and vertical forces on the work platform

[SOURCE: ISO /FDIS 16368:2024, 3.19]

[1)] Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/FDIS 16368:2024.

**3.11**
**maintenance**
act of upkeep such as inspection, lubrication, refuelling, cleaning, adjustment, and scheduled parts replacement

**3.12**
**manufacturer**
person or entity that makes, builds, or produces a *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~)

**3.13**
**mobile elevating work platform**
~~(~~**MEWP**~~)~~
machine/device intended for moving a person(s), along with their necessary tools~~,~~ and material, to an elevated work location, consisting of at least a work platform with controls, an *extending structure* (3.5~~,~~), and a chassis

[SOURCE: ISO ~~/FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.22]

**3.13.1**
**group A MEWP**
*MEWP* (3.13~~MEWPs~~) on which the vertical projection of the centre of the work platform area, in all work platform *configurations* (3.3~~(3.3)~~) at the maximum chassis inclination specified by the *manufacturer* (3.12~~,~~), is always inside the tipping lines

[SOURCE: ISO ~~FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.23]



**3.13.2**
**group B MEWP**
*MEWP* (3.13~~MEWPs~~) that ~~are~~is not in group A

[SOURCE: ISO ~~/FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.24]



**3.13.3**
**type 1 MEWP**
*MEWP* (3.13) for which travelling is only allowed when in the stowed position

[SOURCE: ISO ~~/FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.25]

**3.13.4**
**type 2 MEWP**
*MEWP* (3.13) for which travelling with the work platform in the elevated travel position is controlled from a point on the chassis

Note 1 to entry: Type 2 and type 3 MEWPs can be combined.

[SOURCE: ISO ~~/FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.26]

**3.13.5**
**type 3 MEWP**
*MEWP* (3.13) for which travelling with the work platform in the elevated travel position is controlled from a point on the work platform

Note 1 to entry: Type 2 and ~~Type~~ type 3 MEWPs can be combined.

[SOURCE: ISO ~~/FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.27]

**3.14**
**modification**
change~~(s)~~ or addition~~(s)~~ to a *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~) as originally manufactured which affects the *operation* (3.16~~(3.16),~~), stability, safety factors, rated load, or safety of the MEWP ~~(3.13)~~

**3.15**
**occupant~~(s)~~**
person~~(s)~~ in the *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~) work platform other than the *operator* (3.17~~(3.17)~~)

[SOURCE: ISO ~~/FDIS~~ 16368:2024, 3.35~~]~~, modified — "MEWP" was added before "work platform".]

**3.16**
**operation**
performance of functions of a *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~) within the scope of its specifications and in accordance with the *manufacturer's* (3.12~~(3.12)~~) instructions, work rules and applicable governmental regulations

**3.17**
**operator**
person who controls the *operation* (3.16~~(3.16)~~) of a *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~)

**3.18**
**operator's manual**
manual provided by the *manufacturer* (3.12) and intended to be a part of the *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~) which includes information to allow for safe *operation* (3.16) of the MEWP ~~(3.13)~~

**3.19**
**owner**
person or entity that has possession of a *MEWP* (3.13~~(3.13)~~) by virtue of proof of purchase or legal possession of the MEWP ~~(3.13)~~

**3.20**
**qualified person**
person who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate or professional standing, or by extensive knowledge, *training* (3.26) and experience, has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to solve or resolve problems related to the subject matter, the work or the project

**3.21**
**repair**
act of restoring to good condition that which has been broken, damaged or worn due to use, abuse or other reasons

**3.22**
**retraining**
required instruction based on the user's observations or evaluations to maintain a previously trained person's status as qualified for the task

**3.23**
**risk assessment**
process to identify potential hazards associated with a task and the work environment where the task is to be performed, and the development of methods to remove or control the risk to workers from identified hazards

**3.24**
**safety-related bulletin**
publication from the *manufacturer* (3.12~~(3.11)~~) of a *MEWP* (3.13) that needs attention to ensure safe *operation* (3.16~~(3.16)~~) of the MEWP