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0 Introduction

The term “device” used in this International Standard is intended to mean “aircraft unit load device”.

It is intended that this International Standard should apply to equipment manufactured or installed after publication of this International Standard.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies requirements for those portions of the aircraft unit load device ground and terminal handling equipment that will have a direct bearing on the life of the device for the purpose of preventing undue wear on the device. (Experience has shown that inadequate design and maintenance of ground equipment increase the cost of unit load devices.)

This International Standard covers requirements for conveyor systems, guides, stops and restraint hardware that are used on trucks, transporters, dollies, storage provisions, pallet build-up hoists, or other device-handling equipment, and it should be noted that

- a) these requirements reflect current criteria applied to known successfully operated hardware. Any design deviations shall be required to demonstrate equivalency to the criteria specified in this International Standard;

- b) these devices usually form an integral part of the aircraft and, as such, are subject to the requirements of regulatory agencies, to ensure structural integrity.

The devices (aircraft unit load devices) to which this International Standard is applicable can be containers, galley modules and pallets for aircraft galley and cargo systems. Size, shape and load capacities of devices are not included in this International Standard.¹⁾

2 Equipment requirements

NOTE — The metric units given in this International Standard are exact converted equivalents except in the cases where equivalent manufacturing standards are established in metric units for the relevant component.

2.1 Conveyor systems for transport of devices

2.1.1 Uni-directional conveyor system (rollers)

Characteristic	Requirement
a) Roller diameter	50 mm (2 in) min.
b) Roller length	100 mm (4 in) min. effective bearing length

The cumulative length of any number of rollers on a common axis shall support at least 50 % of the corresponding device dimension. A staggered pattern of rollers shall provide equivalent support.

1) Specification details for these features can be obtained from other International Standards or from International Air Transport Association (IATA) specifications, the airline operator and the device manufacturer.