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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 105, *Steel wire ropes*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4344:2004), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- added more rope grades commonly used in lifts and deleted rope grades rarely used in lifts;
- added more rope constructions commonly used in lifts;
- revised the requirement of lubricant content for rope cores;
- added the requirement of lubricant content for strands;
- revised diameter tolerances of steel core ropes;
- added the requirement of tensile strength for wires after rope making;
- added the information for rope selection, installation and maintenance;
- revised rope discard criteria.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document was developed in response to a worldwide demand for a specification giving minimum requirements for ropes for use on lifts.

It is desirable in such cases that the equipment designer, rope manufacturer or other competent person be consulted prior to ordering a rope.

This document does not limit itself to those classes and constructions covered by the tables.

Other stranded rope constructions may also conform to the minimum requirements, and in such cases the manufacturer would specify the minimum breaking force and rope grade.

# Steel wire ropes for lifts — Minimum requirements

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements for the manufacture and testing of stranded carbon steel wire ropes for lifts, made from bright and galvanized wire finish in various constructions from 6 mm to 38 mm diameter.

It is applicable to ropes used for suspension duty on traction drive and roped hydraulic lifts, and for compensation and governor duties on passenger lifts, freight lifts, service lifts, and man lifts moving between guides.

It is not applicable to ropes for

- builder's hoists,
- temporary hoists not running between permanent guides,
- cable-ways,
- mine hoists.

## 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 2232, *Round non-alloy steel wires for general purpose wire ropes, large diameter wire ropes and mine hoisting wire ropes — Specifications*

ISO 3108, *Steel wire ropes — Test method — Determination of measured breaking force*

ISO 4101, *Drawn steel wire for elevator ropes — Specifications*

ISO 4345:1988, *Steel wire ropes — Fibre main cores — Specification*

ISO 4346, *Steel wire ropes for general purposes — Lubricants — Basic requirements*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 17893, *Steel wire ropes — Vocabulary, designation and classification*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17893 and the following 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

#### **composite steel core**

#### **CSC**

wire rope core which is made of steel wires plus a fibre or polymer core