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## **European foreword**

This document (EN 1496:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 160 “Protection against falls from height including working belts”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## EN 1496:2017 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements, test methods, marking and information supplied by the manufacturer for rescue lifting devices. Rescue lifting devices conforming to this European Standard are used as components of rescue systems.

Rescue lifting devices in accordance with this European Standard may be combined with other components, e.g. descender devices for rescue (EN 341) or retractable type fall arresters (EN 360).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 362:2004, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Connectors*

EN 363, *Personal fall protection equipment - Personal fall protection systems*

EN 364:1992, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Test methods*

EN 365, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - General requirements for instructions for use, maintenance, periodic examination, repair, marking and packaging*

EN 795, *Personal fall protection equipment - Anchor devices*

EN 1891:1998, *Personal protective equipment for the prevention of falls from a height - Low stretch kernmantel ropes*

EN ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres - Salt spray tests (ISO 9227)*

ISO 2232, *Round drawn wire for general purpose non-alloy steel wire ropes and for large diameter steel wire ropes — Specifications*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 363 and the following apply.

**3.1**  
**rescue lifting device class A**  
component of a rescue system by which a person is lifted by a rescuer or lifts himself from a lower to a higher place

**3.2**  
**rescue lifting device class B**  
rescue lifting device class A with an additional hand-operated lowering function intended for lowering a person over a distance limited to 2 m, e. g. to avoid an obstruction

**3.3**  
**maximum rated load**  
maximum mass of the person, including tools and equipment, for the rescue lifting device, as specified by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: Maximum rated load is expressed in kilograms.



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