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## European foreword

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For relationship with Regulation (EU) 2016/424, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

This document replaces:

- EN 12927-1:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 1: Selection criteria for ropes and their end fixings"
- EN 12927-2:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 2: Safety factors
- EN 12927-3:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 3: Long splicing of 6 strand hauling, carrying hauling and towing ropes
- EN 12927-4:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 4: End fixings
- EN 12927-5:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 5: Storage, transportation, installation and tensioning
- EN 12927-6:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 6: Discard criteria
- EN 12927-7:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 7: Inspection, repair and maintenance
- EN 12927-8:2004: Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons - Ropes - Part 8: Magnetic rope testing (MRT)

During the systematic review regarding the EN 12927 Part 1 to Part 8, it was decided to merge the 8 parts into one single document.

In comparison to EN 12927, parts 1:2004 to 8:2004, the following major changes have been applied:

- the former parts 1 to 8 have been merged to a single document in order to simplify orientation in working with the standard. Following this principle, the former paragraph-references had to be changed in total.

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Therefore, especially general chapters like “normative references”, “terms and definitions”, “safety principles” and so on, now have been compacted for a better overview;

- ambiguous or unclear details of the former versions have been generally rewritten and improved;
- technical developments since the last versions have been adopted to the actual state of the art, e.g. inclusion of optical inspection devices;
- requirements and descriptions in the scope of inspection methods have been improved and extended to details, especially for visual inspection;
- requirements and descriptions for storage, handling and transportation have been improved and extended to details.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the safety requirements applicable to:

- Selection criteria for ropes and their end fixings
- Safety factors (excluding brake ropes)
- Discard criteria
- Storage, handling, transportation and installation (including tensioning, connecting and/or splicing)
- Long splicing of 6 strand haulage, carrying-hauling rope and carrying-hauling rope (for ski-tow)
- End fixings
- Maintenance

and the minimum requirements applicable to:

- MRT, visual and radiographic equipment and procedures for the examination of steel wire ropes.

This document is not applicable to cableway installations for the transportation of goods nor to lifts.

This document includes requirements relating to the prevention of accidents and the protection of workers irrespective of the application of national regulations.

National regulations of a building or federal/state nature or which serve to protect particular groups of people remain unaffected.

## 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.

EN 1559-2, *Founding — Technical conditions of delivery — Part 2: Additional requirements for steel castings*

EN 1709, *Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons — Precommissioning inspection, maintenance, operational inspection and checks*

EN 1907:2017, *Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons — Terminology*

EN 1908, *Safety requirements of cableway installations designed to carry persons — Tensioning devices*

EN 1909, *Safety requirements for cableway installations designed to carry persons — Recovery and evacuation*

EN 10228-1, *Non-destructive testing of steel forgings — Part 1: Magnetic particle inspection*

EN 12385-2, *Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 2: Definitions, designation and classification*

EN 12385-4, *Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 4: Stranded ropes for general lifting applications*

EN 12385-8, *Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 8: Stranded hauling and carrying-hauling ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons*

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