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prevention of falls from a height - Belts for work positioning and  
restraint and work positioning lanyards**

Équipement de protection individuelle de maintien au travail  
et de prévention des chutes de hauteur - Ceintures de  
maintien au travail et de retenue et longes de maintien au  
travail

Persönliche Schutzausrüstung für Haltefunktionen und zur  
Verhinderung von Abstürzen - Haltegurte und  
Verbindungsmittel für Haltegurte

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**Foreword**

This European Standard 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.

This European Standard supersedes EN 358:1992.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2000, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2000.

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## Introduction

When work undertaken at a height is of short duration, or for technical reasons the provision of a working platform, suitable barriers and other similar safeguards is impracticable, then the prevention from falling from a height whilst performing correctly the related work activity can be achieved by the use of personal protective equipment. Equipment when manufactured according to this standard is designed to either secure the user safely in position at the point of work (work positioning); or, prevent the user from reaching a position where a fall can occur (restraint). It is essential to note that such personal equipment by design does not meet the requirements necessary for the purposes of fall arrest, it may be necessary to supplement it with collective or personal means of protection against falls from a height, and its safe use, in practice, relies upon the effective training and instruction of the user.

## 1 Scope

This European standard applies to belts and lanyards intended for the purpose of work positioning or restraint. It specifies the requirements, testing, marking and information supplied by the manufacturer.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies .

EN 137 : 1993

Respiratory protective devices; self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus; requirements, testing, marking

EN 354

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Lanyards

EN 361

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Full body harnesses

EN 362

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Connectors

EN 363

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Fall arrest 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 and marking

EN 892

Mountaineering equipment - Dynamic mountaineering ropes - Safety requirements and test methods

EN 12277 : 1998

Mountaineering equipment - Harnesses - Safety requirements and test methods

ISO 9227

Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres - Salt spray test

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard the following definitions apply.

### 3.1 Attachment element

A load bearing element provided for the connection of other components.

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