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## Foreword

This document (EN 12312-8:2005+A1:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 274 "Aircraft ground support equipment", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2009, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2009.

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- Part 4: Passenger boarding bridges
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- Part 6: Deicers and deicing/antiicing equipment
- Part 7: Aircraft movement equipment
- Part 8: Maintenance stairs and platforms
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- Part 15: Baggage and equipment tractors
- Part 16: Air start equipment
- Part 17: Air conditioning equipment
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- Part 19: Aircraft jacks, axle jacks and hydraulic tail stanchions
- Part 20: Ground power equipment

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## Introduction

This European Standard specifies health and safety requirements, as well as some functional and performance requirements for maintenance stairs and platforms including a built-in source of power (see Clause 1, Scope) intended for maintenance purposes on all aircraft types commonly in service in civil air transport.

The minimum essential criteria are considered to be of primary importance in providing safe, serviceable, economical and practical maintenance stairs and platforms. Deviations from the recommended criteria should occur only after careful consideration, extensive testing, risk assessment and thorough service evaluation have shown alternative methods or conditions to be satisfactory.

This European Standard is a Type C standard as stated in  $\text{A1}$  EN ISO 12100  $\text{A1}$ .

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When provisions of this type C standard different from those which are stated in type A or B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards, for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type C standard.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the technical requirements to minimise the hazards listed in Clause 4 which can arise during the commissioning, operation and maintenance of maintenance stairs and platforms when carried out in accordance with the specifications given by the manufacturer or his authorised representative. It also takes into account some performance requirements recognised as essential by authorities, aircraft and ground support equipment (GSE) manufacturers as well as airlines and maintenance and handling agencies.

This European Standard applies to:

- self-propelled maintenance stairs and platforms;
- towable maintenance stairs and platforms equipped with powered means, e.g. for height adjustment, stabilizers,

designed for aircraft maintenance purposes including access to the aircraft (Examples see Annex A).

NOTE 1 Powered should be also understood as manual effort stored in springs or hydraulic accumulators, etc., the dangerous action of which can be produced or can continue after the manual effort has ceased or directly applied manual effort for lifting or lowering loads.

NOTE 2 Those clauses of this European Standard that can apply may also be used as a guideline for the design of towable maintenance stairs and platforms without powered means.

This European Standard does not apply to:

- maintenance docks either fixed to the ground or moveable only for docking procedure.

This European Standard does not establish requirements for noise and vibration.

Noise and vibration are dealt with respectively in EN 1915-4 and EN 1915-3.

This European Standard does not deal with hazards in respect to a standard automotive chassis and from other vehicles on the apron.

This Part of EN 12312 is not applicable to maintenance stairs and platforms which are manufactured before the date of publication of this standard by CEN.

**A1** This part of EN 12312 is intended to be used in conjunction with EN 1915-1, EN 1915-2, EN 1915-3 (for vehicles) and EN 1915-4. **A1**

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

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EN 1050:1996, *Safety of machinery — Principles for risk assessment*

EN 1175-1, *Safety of industrial trucks — Electrical requirements — Part 1: General requirements for battery powered trucks*

EN 1386, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Tread plate — Specifications*

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