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European foreword

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Compared to EN 131-1:2007+A1:2011, the following modifications have been made in order to improve the stability of ladders in use:

- a) in figures stabilizers or wider base width for leaning ladders were introduced;
- b) further terms 3.48, 3.49 and 3.50 for stabilizers were added in Clause 3;
- c) requirements for minimum base width for leaning ladders were specified in 4.2.1, Table 2 and Table 6.

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- *Part 1: Terms, types, functional sizes* [the present document];
- *Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking*;
- *Part 3: User Instructions*;
- *Part 4: Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders*;
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EN 131-1:2015 (E)**1 Scope**

This European Standard defines terms and specifies the general design characteristics of ladders.

It applies to portable ladders.

It does not apply to ladders designed for specific professional use such as fire brigade ladders, roof ladders and mobile ladders.

NOTE 1 For multiple hinge joint ladders EN 131-4 applies.

NOTE 2 For telescopic ladders EN 131-6 applies.

NOTE 3 For mobile ladders with platforms EN 131-7 applies.

NOTE 4 This standard does not apply to step stools for which EN 14183 applies.

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 131-2, *Ladders — Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking*

EN 131-3, *Ladders — Part 3: User Instructions*

EN 131-4:2007, *Ladders — Part 4: Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 131-4:2007 for single or multiple hinge-joint ladders and the following apply.

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