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Origin and Development of NFPA 1931

In 1959, new material was added to NFPA 193, *Fire Department Ladders — Ground and Aerial*, covering requirements for the construction of ground ladders while continuing to cover their use, maintenance, and testing. These requirements recognized aluminum as a product for the construction of fire department ground ladders.

In May 1972, a complete revision of the 1959 edition of NFPA 193 was adopted.

In 1975, NFPA 193 was separated into two documents, NFPA 1931, *Standard on Fire Department Ground Ladders*, and NFPA 1904, *Recommended Practice for the Maintenance, Care, Testing and Use of Fire Department Aerial Ladders and Elevating Platforms*.

The 1979 edition incorporated extensive revisions, including editorial and style changes.

In 1984, the text of NFPA 1931 was again divided into two documents. NFPA 1931 contained the requirements for manufacturers on design and design verification testing for new ground ladders. A companion document, NFPA 1932, *Standard on Use, Maintenance, and Service Testing of Fire Department Ground Ladders*, covered requirements for the ground ladder user. The 1984 revision increased the requirements for the strength of the ladder as well as dimensional requirements.

The 1989 edition included additional requirements for labels, modified requirements for rung spacing, added requirements for securing halyards, and required staypoles to be stowable against the base section if they could not be properly deployed.

The 1994 edition added a table of ladder duty ratings, added additional requirements for wood ground ladders, and modified some of the labeling requirements. The 1999 edition basically editorially revised and updated the standard to keep it current.

The 2004 edition changed the title of the document to *Standard for Manufacturer's Design of Fire Department Ground Ladders* and revised the scope and purpose statements to emphasize that the document is for the ground ladder manufacturer, not the end user. The entire document was revised to comply with the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents* and updated to clarify vague or ambiguous language in the standard.

The 2010 edition of this standard included multipurpose ladders. NFPA 1901, *Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus*, recognized the installation of multipurpose ladders in lieu of folding ladders on apparatus. As such, a statement of construction specification was necessary to ensure a minimum duty rating ladder is employed.

The 2015 edition of NFPA 1931 had few changes from previous editions. The technical committee recognized its mature development and made only minor adjustments to mandatory language.

For the 2020 edition, the committee established a new chapter addressing ladder accessories. Definitions and references to American Ladder Institute standards were also updated.

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Information on referenced and extracted publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex B.

Chapter 1 Administration

1.1 Scope.

1.1.1* This standard specifies the requirements for the design of fire department ground ladders and for the design verification tests that are to be conducted by the ground ladder manufacturer.

1.1.2 The tests specified herein are the responsibility of the ladder manufacturer only and are not to be performed by fire departments.

1.2 Purpose.

1.2.1* This standard provides the manufacturer of fire department ground ladders with a set of performance requirements against which ladders are to be certified to ensure that the ground ladders are reliable and safe to use.

1.2.2 It is not the purpose of this standard to specify the details of construction.

1.2.3 The limitations imposed are for the purpose of providing reasonable safety requirements and establishing test methods.

1.3 Application.

1.3.1 This standard applies to the manufacture of all new ground ladders and multipurpose ladders intended for use by fire department personnel for rescue, fire-fighting operations, and training.

1.3.2* These ladders are not to be used for any other purpose.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

Δ **2.2 NFPA Publications.** National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 1932, *Standard on Use, Maintenance, and Service Testing of In-Service Fire Department Ground Ladders*, 2020 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

Δ **2.3.1 ALI Publications.** American Ladder Institute, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60611.

ANSI-ASC A14.1, *American National Standard for Ladders — Wood Safety Requirements*, 2007.

ANSI-ASC A14.2, *American National Standard for Ladders — Portable Metal — Safety Requirements*, 2017.

ANSI-ASC A14.5, *American National Standard for Ladders — Portable Reinforced Plastic — Safety Requirements*, 2017.

ANSI-ASC A14.8, *American National Standard for Ladders — Safety Requirements for Ladder Accessories*, 2013.

2.3.2 ASTM Publications. ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM B117, *Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus*, 2016.

2.3.3 Other Publications.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections. (Reserved)

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.4 Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

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3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Angle of Inclination. The angle incorporated between the beams and a level plane.

3.3.2 Attic Extension Ladder. An extension ladder that is specifically designed to be used to gain entry through a scuttle, hatch, or other similarly restricted opening.

3.3.3 Bark Pocket. See 3.3.45.1, Bark Pocket Wood Irregularity.

3.3.4 Base (Bed) Section. The lowest or widest section of an extension ladder.

3.3.5 Beam (Side Rail). The main structural side of the ground ladder.

3.3.6 Bedded Position. The position in which the fly section(s) of an extension ladder is fully retracted with the pawls engaged.

3.3.7* Butt. The end of the beam that is placed on the ground, or other lower support surface, when ground ladders are in the raised position.

3.3.8* Butt Spurs (Feet). That component of ground ladder support that is in contact with the lower support surface to reduce slippage.

3.3.9 Check. See 3.3.45.2, Check Wood Irregularity.

3.3.10 Collapsible Ladder. See 3.3.18, Folding Ladder.

3.3.11 Combination Ladder. A ground ladder that is capable of being used both as a stepladder and as a single or extension ladder.

3.3.12* Design Verification Tests. Tests of a ladder structure and components thereof that are performed by the ladder manufacturer to prove conformance to design requirements and which can potentially compromise the integrity of the tested ladder.

3.3.13 Designated Length. The length marked on the ladder.

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3.3.14 Duty Rating. The maximum load the ladder is designed to support when it is in use and properly positioned.

3.3.15 Extension Ladder. A non-self-supporting ground ladder that consists of two or more sections traveling in guides, brackets, or the equivalent arranged so as to allow length adjustment.

3.3.16 Fire Department Ground Ladder. Any portable ladder specifically designed for fire department use in rescue, fire-fighting operations, or training.

3.3.17 Fly Section(s). The upper section(s) of an extension ladder.

3.3.18 Folding Ladder. A single-section ladder with rungs that can be folded or moved to allow the beams to be brought into a position touching or nearly touching each other.

3.3.19 Halyard. Rope used on extension ladders for the purpose of raising a fly section(s).

3.3.20 Heat Sensor Label. A label that changes color at a preset temperature to indicate a specific heat exposure.

3.3.21 Knot. See 3.3.45.3, Knot Wood Irregularity.

3.3.22 Ladder. A device consisting of two beams (side rails) joined at regular intervals by cross pieces called rungs on which a person is supported during climbs for ascending or descending. *(See also 3.3.30, Pompier Ladder.)*

N **3.3.23 Ladder Accessory.** A device that — when installed or attached to a ladder — expands the ladder's function, utility, and safety, but is not essential for the ladder's intended function.

3.3.24 Ladder Nesting. The procedure whereby ladders of different sizes are positioned partially within one another to reduce the amount of space required for their storage on the apparatus.

3.3.25 Maximum Extended Length. The total length of the extension ladder when all fly sections are fully extended and all pawls are engaged.

3.3.26* Multipurpose Ladder. A ground ladder capable of being used as either a step ladder or a straight ladder and comprising two telescoping adjustable-length-section assemblies connected via a hinge assembly.

3.3.27 Pawls. Devices attached to a fly section(s) to engage ladder rungs near the beams of the section below for the purpose of anchoring the fly section(s); also referred to as "dogs."

3.3.28 Permanent Deformation. That deformation remaining in any part of a ladder or its components after all test loads have been removed from the ladder.

3.3.29 Pitch Pocket. See 3.3.45.4, Pitch Pocket Wood Irregularity.

3.3.30 Pompier Ladder (Scaling Ladder). A ladder having a single center beam only with rungs protruding on either side of the beam and with a large hook on top that is used for scaling.

N **3.3.31 Pulley.** A device attached to a ladder section, consisting of a wheel(s) over which a rope or cable runs for the purpose of changing direction while extending or lowering an extension ladder.

3.3.32 Roof Ladder. A single ladder equipped with hooks at the top end of the ladder.

3.3.32.1 ***Double-Ended Roof Ladder.*** Roof ladder with hooks at both ends and spurs on at least one end.

3.3.33 Rungs. The ladder cross pieces on which a person steps while ascending or descending.

3.3.34 Scaling Ladder. See 3.3.30, Pompier Ladder.

3.3.35 Side Rail. See 3.3.5, Beam.

3.3.36 Single Ladder. A non-self-supporting ground ladder, nonadjustable in length, consisting of only one section.

3.3.37 Slope of Grain. See 3.3.45.5, Slope of Grain Wood Irregularities.

3.3.38 Split. See 3.3.45.6, Split Wood Irregularity.

3.3.39 Staypoles (Tormentors). Poles attached to each beam of the base section of extension ladders and used to assist in raising the ladder and to help provide stability of the raised ladder.

3.3.40 Tip. The end of the ladder opposite the butt end.

3.3.41 Tormentors or Tormentor Poles. See 3.3.39, Staypoles.

3.3.42 Ultimate Failure. Collapse of a ground ladder structure or component thereof.

3.3.43 Visible Damage. A permanent change in condition that is clearly evident by visual inspection without recourse to optical measuring or observation devices.

3.3.44 Visual Inspection. Observation by eye unaided by optical devices, except prescription eyeglasses or lenses.

3.3.45 Wood Irregularities. Natural characteristics in or on the wood that can lower its durability, strength, or utility.

3.3.45.1* ***Bark Pocket Wood Irregularity.*** An opening between annual growth rings that contains bark.

3.3.45.2 ***Check Wood Irregularity.*** A separation of the wood along the fiber direction that usually extends across the rings of annual growth and commonly results from stresses set up in the wood during seasoning.

3.3.45.3* ***Knot Wood Irregularity.*** A portion of a branch or limb embedded in the tree and cut during the process of lumber manufacture.

3.3.45.4 ***Pitch Pocket Wood Irregularity.*** An opening extending parallel to the annual growth rings that contains, or that has contained, either solid or liquid pitch.

3.3.45.5* ***Slope of Grain Wood Irregularities.*** A deviation of the fiber direction from a line parallel to the sides of the piece.

3.3.45.6 ***Split Wood Irregularity.*** A separation of the wood parallel to the fiber direction due to tearing of the wood fibers.

Chapter 4 Ladder Design

4.1 Requirements for All Ground Ladders.

4.1.1 Duty Rating. Ground ladders shall have a duty rating as specified in Table 4.1.1 when raised at a 75½ degree angle of inclination.

Δ Table 4.1.1 Ground Ladder Duty Rating

Type	Maximum Load	
	kg	lb
Folding ladders	136	300
Multipurpose ladders	136	300
Pompier ladders	136	300
Combination ladders	340	750
Single and roof ladders	340	750
Extension ladders	340	750

4.1.2 Materials of Construction. Materials used in ground ladder construction shall meet the performance requirements of this standard.

4.1.2.1 All structural components of ground ladders shall be constructed of materials such that the ground ladder maintains at least 75 percent of the strength necessary to pass all test requirements in this standard at 149°C (300°F).

4.1.2.2 If varying types of metal are used in the construction of ground ladders, then the metals shall be chosen or finished to reduce electrolytic action.

4.1.2.3 Fiberglass materials shall meet the performance requirements of Chapter 7 of ANSI-ASC A14.5, *American National Standard for Ladders— Portable Reinforced Plastic — Safety Requirements.*

Δ 4.1.2.4 Wood components shall meet the requirements of Chapter 5 of ANSI-ASC A14.1, *American National Standard for Ladders — Wood Safety Requirements.*

Δ 4.1.2.5 Wood irregularities shall not exceed the following requirements:

(1) The general slope of the grain shall not be steeper than 1 in 15.
(2) Knots shall not appear, except that pin knots in rungs shall be permitted.

Pitch and bark pockets shall be permitted, provided that there is not more than one that is 1 mm (1/32 in.) in width, 51 mm (2 in.) in length, and 3 mm (⅛ in.) in depth.

Checks shall not be more than 51 mm (2 in.) in length or 3 mm (⅛ in.) in depth.

(3) Splits shall not be more than 51 mm (2 in.) in length or 3 mm (⅛ in.) in depth.
(4) Cracks shall not be permitted.
(5) Compression wood shall not be permitted.
(6) Cross grain shall not be permitted.
(7) Chambers associated with black streaks shall not be permitted.

4.1.3 Ladder Construction.

4.1.3.1 Ground ladders shall be constructed in a manner to ensure that structural and workmanship defects do not exist that result in the structural strength being reduced below the requirements of this standard.

4.1.3.2 Ground ladders shall be constructed in a manner to ensure that sharp edges, burrs in excess of 0.4 mm (1/64 in.), or other defects that cut or tear clothing or skin do not exist.

4.1.3.3 The beams at the tip of each section of an extension ladder or a roof ladder shall be rounded to allow the ladder to slide on irregular surfaces without catching or snagging during placement or operations, except a single ladder, which can have butt spurs on both ends.

4.1.3.4 Butt spurs shall be provided on the butt end of each beam of single ladders and on the butt end of each beam of the base section of extension ladders.

4.1.3.5 Rungs shall not be less than 32 mm (1¼ in.) in diameter except as allowed by 4.1.3.5.1 and 4.1.3.5.2.

4.1.3.5.1 Folding, multipurpose, and pompier ladder rungs shall be excluded from this requirement.

4.1.3.5.2 Swell center rungs on wood ladders shall be permitted to taper to 28.6 mm (1⅛ in.).

4.1.3.6* Rungs shall be uniformly spaced ±3 mm (±⅛ in.) on centers that are between 305 mm and 356 mm (12 in. and 14 in.).

4.1.3.7* The surfaces of rungs that are designed for use while ascending, descending, working, or standing shall be corrugated, serrated, knurled, dimpled, or coated with a skid-resistant material across their entire width.

4.1.4 Ladder Marking.

4.1.4.1 The designated length of the ground ladder shall be marked within 305 mm (12 in.) of the butt of each beam of single ladders and on each beam of the base section of extension ladders.

4.1.4.2 An alphanumeric code and the month and year of manufacture shall be branded or metal-stamped on each ground ladder or stamped on a metal plate that is permanently attached to each ground ladder.

4.1.4.3 All metal ground ladders shall bear the electrical hazard warning label that is shown in Figure 4.1.4.3 on the outside of each beam between 1.37 m and 1.83 m (4½ ft and 6 ft) from the butt.

4.1.4.4 All fiberglass and wood ground ladders shall bear the electrical hazard warning label that is shown in Figure 4.1.4.4 on the outside of each beam between 1.37 m and 1.83 m (4½ ft and 6 ft) from the butt.

FIGURE 4.1.4.3 Electrical Hazard Warning Label for Metal Ground Ladders.

4.1.4.5 All ground ladders shall bear the ladder positioning label that is shown in Figure 4.1.4.5 between 1.37 m and 1.83 m (4½ ft and 6 ft) from the butt on the outside of both beams. Single ladders that are designed to be asymmetrical shall be permitted to have the label without the word "out" and the directional arrow.

FIGURE 4.1.4.4 Electrical Hazard Warning Label for Fiberglass and Wood Ground Ladders.

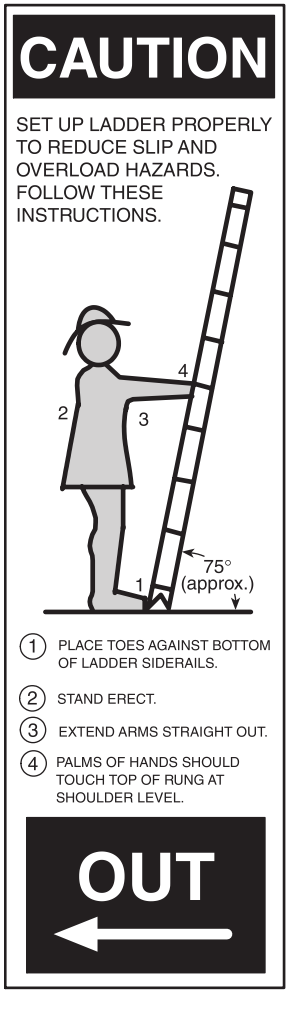


FIGURE 4.1.4.5 Ladder Positioning Label.

4.1.5 Heat Sensor Labels.

4.1.5.1 All metal and fiberglass ground ladders shall bear heat sensors that are preset for 149°C (300°F) ± 5 percent.

4.1.5.2 Each heat sensor label shall bear an expiration year and wording that indicates that the expiration date is at the end of that year.

4.1.5.3 Heat sensor labels shall be located on the inside of each beam of each section of the ladder immediately below the second rung from the tip of each section and immediately below the center rung of that section.

4.2 Additional Requirements for Single Ladders Only. The design requirements of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements specified in Section 4.1.

4.2.1* Length.

4.2.1.1 The measured length of a single ladder shall be the length of one beam, excluding any butt spur.

4.2.1.2 The actual measured length shall be permitted to be 150 mm (6 in.) shorter than the designated length.

4.2.2 Width. The minimum inside width between beams for single ladders shall be 406 mm (16 in.).

4.3 Additional Requirements for Roof Ladders Only. The design requirements of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements specified in Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

4.3.1 Ladders with double-tapered beams shall not be used in roof operations.

4.3.2 Folding Roof Hook Assemblies.

4.3.2.1* Folding roof hooks shall be provided on all roof ladders.

4.3.2.2 The roof hooks shall be directionally spring-locked and shall have tapered points to reduce slippage.

4.3.2.3 The roof hooks shall meet the design verification tests of Section 6.3 and have a minimum opening of not less than 150 mm (6 in.), measured perpendicular from the outside of the beam to the point.

4.3.3 Length.

4.3.3.1 The measured length of a roof ladder shall be the length of one beam, excluding any butt spur.

4.3.3.2 The measured length shall be permitted to be up to 150 mm (6 in.) shorter than the designated length.

4.4 Additional Requirements for Extension Ladders Only. The design requirements of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements specified in Section 4.1.

4.4.1 Construction.

4.4.1.1 Extension ladders shall be constructed with a permanently affixed stop that is installed by the manufacturer.

4.4.1.1.1 The stop shall prevent ladders from overextending.

4.4.1.1.2 The manufacturer shall determine the location of this permanently affixed stop to ensure that the test requirements of this standard are met when the ladder is extended to maximum extended length.

4.4.1.2 Extension ladders shall not be constructed in a manner or method that necessitates the elimination of a rung on any section. One of the lower two rungs of the fly section shall be permitted to be replaced by the steel cross bar of a halyard-actuated rung lock system.

4.4.1.3 Extension ladders shall be constructed in a manner such that the rungs of each section align with the rungs of other sections when the ladder is extended and pawls are engaged.

4.4.2* Length.

4.4.2.1 The measured length of an extension ladder shall be the maximum extended length along the beams on one side excluding any butt spur. The measured length shall be permitted to be up to 150 mm (6 in.) shorter than the designated length.

4.4.2.2 Attic extension ladders shall not exceed 4.9 m (16 ft) in length.

4.4.3 Width.

4.4.3.1 Extension ladders shall have a minimum inside width between beams on any section of at least 406 mm (16 in.).

4.4.3.2 Attic extension ladders shall be permitted to have a minimum inside width between beams on any section of not less than 190 mm (7½ in.).

4.4.4 Hardware.

4.4.4.1 Hardware shall meet the minimum strength requirements of the ground ladder's component parts.

4.4.4.2 Hardware shall be corrosion resistant or protected against corrosion.

4.4.5 Halyard and Pulley.

4.4.5.1 Extension ladders more than 4.9 m (16 ft) in designated length shall be equipped with a halyard and pulley system.

4.4.5.2 The pulley shall be attached to the ladder in a manner that allows the rung to meet the test requirement of 6.2.3.

4.4.5.3 The pulley shall not be less than 32 mm (1¼ in.) in diameter, measured at the base of the sleeve.

4.4.5.4 The halyard shall not be less than 9.5 mm (⅜ in.) in diameter and shall have a minimum breaking strength of 374 kg (825 lb). Splices shall not be permitted.

4.4.5.5 On three- and four-section extension ladders, all fly sections beyond the first fly section shall be permitted to be extended by wire rope.

4.4.5.5.1 Such wire rope shall have a 5 to 1 safety factor while supporting 2 times the dead load weight of the fly section(s) that the cable is intended to raise.

4.4.5.5.2 If wire rope is used, a means for adjusting the length of wire rope shall be provided.

4.4.5.5.3 Splices shall not be permitted.

4.4.5.6* If a continuous halyard is used, a secondary means to secure the halyard from the ground prior to climbing shall be provided that is capable of supporting the pull on the halyard in case the pawl disengages while persons are on the ladder.

4.4.6 Pawls.

4.4.6.1 Pawls shall be of a positive, mechanical-action type and shall engage a rung of the supporting section.

4.4.6.2 Pawls shall be fastened or secured to beams in a manner such that vibration and use will not cause bolts and nuts to loosen.

4.4.6.3 Pawls shall be constructed to engage without cutting the rung.

4.4.6.4 The hooks on pawls shall be finished without sharp edges or points.

4.4.6.5 Pawls shall be designed and attached so that they rest on the rungs as near to the beams as possible.

4.4.7 Staypoles.

4.4.7.1 Staypoles shall be furnished on all extension ladders of more than 12.2 m (40 ft) designated length.

4.4.7.2 All staypoles shall be permanently attached to the ground ladder and shall not be removed for ladder nesting.

4.4.7.3 Staypole spikes shall not project beyond the butt of the base section when the extension ladder is in the bedded position.

4.4.7.4 A means shall be provided to hold the staypoles in a secure position against the base section when the staypoles are not in use.

4.4.7.5 A label shall be provided on each staypole.

4.4.7.5.1 The label shall be positioned between 1.37 m and 1.83 m (4½ ft and 6 ft) from the butt of the pole.

4.4.7.5.2 The label shall read as follows:

Place staypoles only when both poles can be placed properly.

4.5 Additional Requirements for Combination Ladders Only. The design requirements of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements specified in Section 4.1.

4.5.1 Length.

4.5.1.1 The measured length of combination ladders shall be determined in the single or extension configuration and shall be the maximum length along the beams on one side, excluding any butt spur.

4.5.1.2 The measured length shall be permitted to be up to 150 mm (6 in.) shorter than the designated length.

4.5.1.3 The designated length of combination ladders shall not exceed 4.9 m (16 ft).

4.5.2 Width. The minimum inside width between beams for combination ladders shall be 305 mm (12 in.).

4.6 Additional Requirements for Folding Ladders Only. The design requirements of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements specified in Section 4.1.

4.6.1 Construction.

4.6.1.1 Folding ladders shall be equipped with foot pads that have a nonskid or skid-reducing material on the bottom side of the foot pad.

4.6.1.2 Folding ladders shall have a positive locking device to hold the ladder in the open position.

4.6.2 Length. The measured length of a folding ladder shall be the maximum length along the beam on one side, excluding any foot pad. The designated length of folding ladders shall not exceed 4.3 m (14 ft).

4.6.3 Width. The minimum inside width between beams for folding ladders in the open position shall be 190 mm (7½ in.).

4.7 Additional Requirements for Pompier Ladders Only. The design requirements of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements specified in Section 4.1.

4.7.1 Construction.

4.7.1.1 Pompier ladders shall be equipped with a serrated steel hook that is permanently fastened to the center beam of the ladder.

4.7.1.2 Pompier ladders shall be equipped with a minimum of two stand-off brackets, each capable of maintaining a minimum distance of 178 mm (7 in.) between the centerline of the rung and the portion of the bracket that contacts the wall.

4.7.2 Length.

4.7.2.1 The measured length of a pompier ladder shall be the distance measured along the beam from the bottom of the beam to the underside of the horizontal portion of the hook.

4.7.2.2 The measured length shall be permitted to be up to 150 mm (6 in.) shorter than the designated length. The designated length of pompier ladders shall not exceed 4.9 m (16 ft).

4.7.3 Width. The minimum overall width of the ladder shall be 305 mm (12 in.).

4.8 Additional Requirement for Multipurpose Ladders Only. The design requirement of this section shall apply in addition to the design requirements of Section 4.1.

4.8.1 ANSI Certification. Multipurpose ladders shall be certified as complaint with either ANSI-ASC A14.2, *American National Standard for Ladders — Portable Metal — Safety Requirements*, or ANSI-ASC A14.5, *American National Standard for Ladders — Portable Reinforced Plastic — Safety Requirements*, with duty ratings of Type 1A or 1AA.

4.9 Manufacturer Certification.

4.9.1 Ground ladders that meet all of the requirements of this standard shall be so certified by the ladder manufacturer.

4.9.2 A label stating that the ground ladder meets the requirements of this standard shall be affixed to the ladder.

N Chapter 5 Ladder Accessories

***N* 5.1 General Requirements.**

***N* 5.1.1** Ladder accessories shall not interfere with operation of the ladder or inhibit the function of any component parts.

***N* 5.1.2** Ladder accessories shall not obstruct existing ladder markings required by 4.1.4.

***N* 5.1.3** Installed accessories shall not increase the overall dimensions of ladders.

N 5.1.4 Ladder accessories shall not cause the ladder to be unbalanced.

N 5.1.5 Accessories shall meet all of the requirements in this chapter and be certified by the manufacturer of the accessory.

N 5.1.6 Manufacturers of ladder accessories shall list all ladders for which their accessories have been approved for use by the accessory manufacturer.

N 5.1.7 The use of ladder accessories other than those on the ladder accessory manufacturer's approved list shall not be permitted.

N 5.1.8 Ladder accessory manufacturers shall provide service and use instructions for their products, including recommended preventive maintenance checks and schedules and installation and removal instructions.

N 5.1.9 Ladder accessories shall conform to the appropriate sections of ANSI-ASC A14.8, *American National Standard for Ladders — Safety Requirements for Ladder Accessories.*

N 5.1.10 Construction of ladder accessories shall meet the requirements of 4.1.3.1 and 4.1.3.2.

N 5.1.11 Ladder accessories shall not use metals that cause electrolytic action.

N 5.1.12 Ladder accessories shall not compromise duty rating *(see Table 4.1.1).*

N 5.1.13 Ladder accessories shall display markings for applicable tests.

N 5.1.14 Ladder accessories shall not interfere with, obstruct, or compromise any tests required by this standard and NFPA 1932.

N 5.1.15 A ladder accessory found to be defective or damaged shall be removed from service until repaired or replaced in accordance with the accessory manufacturer's instructions.

N 5.1.16 A ladder compromised by accessory damage shall be tagged as out of service (OSS) until inspected and found in compliance with Chapter 6 of NFPA 1932.

N 5.1.17 Temporary repairs of compromised ladders shall not be permitted *(see 6.2.2 of NFPA 1932).*

N 5.1.18 If a ladder accessory(ies) is installed on an existing NFPA-approved ladder, service testing in accordance with Chapter 7 of NFPA 1932 shall be permitted to be performed without removing the installed ladder accessory(ies) or compromising the ladder's performance.

N 5.1.19 Ladder accessories and their component parts shall meet the requirements of 4.1.2.

Chapter 6 Design Verification Tests

6.1 Requirements for All Design Verification Tests.

6.1.1 Design verification tests shall be conducted on a representative sample of the longest length of a specific product design during the initial evaluation and shall be repeated thereafter whenever there is a change in the design, method of manufacturing, or material.

6.1.1.1 The design verification tests shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer and shall be performed only on new, unused ladders.

6.1.1.2 Ladders subjected to design verification tests shall be destroyed after testing is completed.

6.1.2 Design verification tests shall not be conducted on ladders that have been in use or have been subjected to prior damage, misuse, or abuse.

6.1.3 Test loads shall remain in place for a minimum of 5 minutes unless otherwise specified in this standard.

6.1.4 Conformance to the design verification test requirements shall be determined 1 minute after removal of the test load.

6.2 Single, Extension, and Combination Ladder Design Verification Tests.

6.2.1 Horizontal Bending Tests.

6.2.1.1 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.1.1.

6.2.1.1.1 The ladder shall be placed in a flat, horizontal position and supported 150 mm (6 in.) from each end of the ladder.

6.2.1.1.2 When extension and combination ladders are tested, the ladder shall be extended to the maximum extended length with pawls engaged.

6.2.1.2 Auxiliary means shall be permitted to be used to ensure that the ladder pawls remain engaged during the test to prevent movement of the fly section relative to the base section during the test.

6.2.1.3 A test load of 340 kg (750 lb) shall be applied equally across the beams of the ladder and 406 mm (16 in.) each side of lengthwise center inclusive.

6.2.1.4 The ladder shall sustain the test load without ultimate failure.

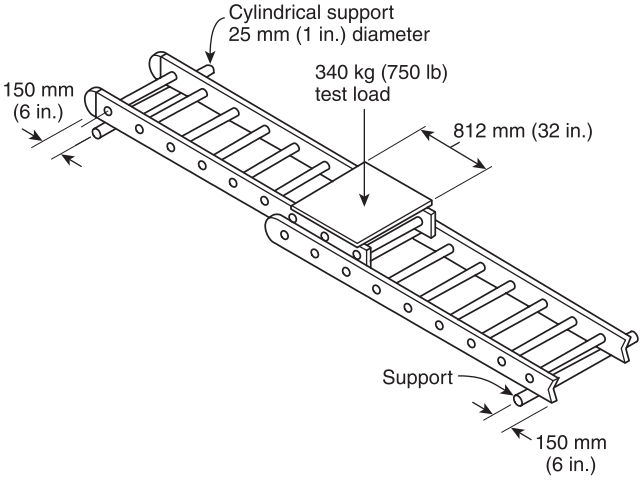


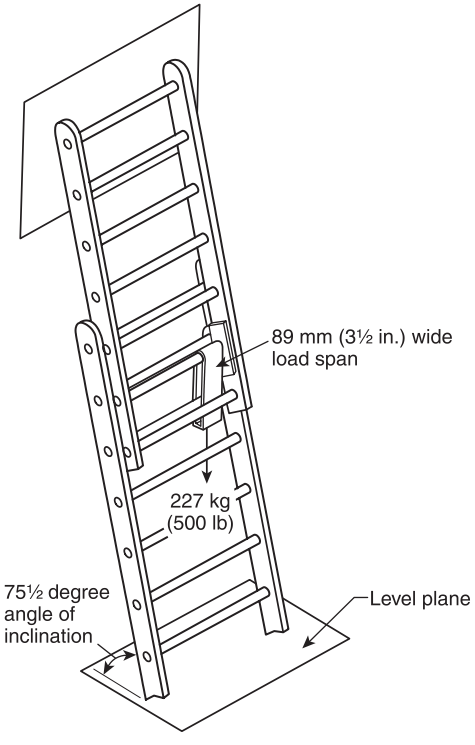
FIGURE 6.2.1.1 Position of Ladder During Design Verification Horizontal Bending Test.

6.2.2 Deflection Test.

6.2.2.1 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.2.1.

6.2.2.2 The ladder shall be extended to the maximum extended length and set to an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees.

6.2.2.3 A test load of 227 kg (500 lb) shall be applied to the rung at the vertical center of the ladder adjacent to one of the beams over a span of 89 mm (3½ in.).



Δ FIGURE 6.2.2.1 Position of Ladder During Design Verification Deflection Test.

6.2.2.4 The butt spur on the beam that is opposite the test load shall remain in contact with the ground or other supporting surface.

6.2.2.5 The test load then shall be reapplied to an area of the rung adjacent to the opposite beam, and the test shall be repeated.

6.2.3 Rung-Bending Strength Test.

6.2.3.1 The rung-bending strength test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of either a single section of the ladder or on a three-rung test sample taken from the maximum width portion of a like ladder section with a like rung.

6.2.3.1.1 The test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.3.1.1.

6.2.3.1.2 The test unit shall be supported and the test load shall be applied using a standard loading block that is located in the center of the rung.

6.2.3.1.3 The rung being tested shall not be braced.

6.2.3.2 A downward test load of 454 kg (1000 lb) shall be applied on the standard loading block.

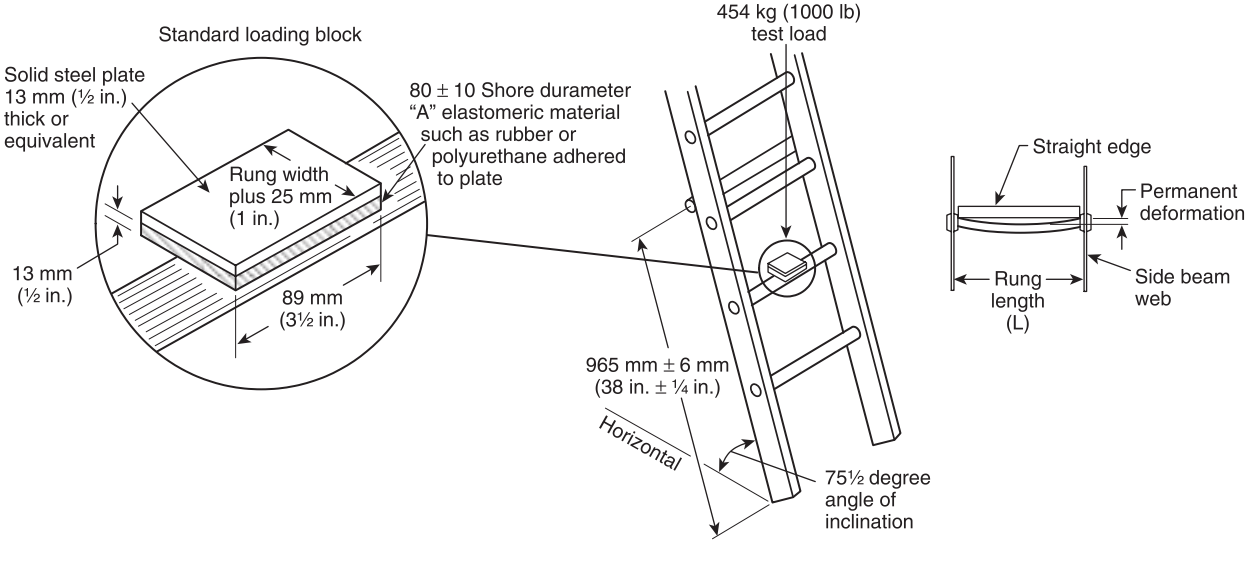
6.2.3.3 When the test load is removed, the permanent deformation shall be measured with a straight edge and a rule, as shown in Figure 6.2.3.1.1.

6.2.3.4 The permitted permanent deformation shall not exceed $L/50$ for rung length (L), measured between the beams.

6.2.3.5 There shall not be any permanent deformation that is greater than the permitted deformation specified in 6.2.3.4, and there shall not be any other visible damage.

6.2.4 Rung-to-Beam Shear Strength Test.

6.2.4.1 The rung-to-beam shear strength test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of either a single section of the ladder or on a three-rung test section taken from a like ladder having the same rung cross section and rung joint.



Δ FIGURE 6.2.3.1.1 Design Verification Rung-Bending Test.

6.2.4.1.1 The test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.4.1.1.

6.2.4.1.2 The test unit shall be set at an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees.

6.2.4.2 A downward test load of 454 kg (1000 lb) shall be applied on the widest like cross section, on both braced and unbraced test rungs, as near the beam as possible.

6.2.4.2.1 If a three-rung test section is used, the test shall be applied to the center rung.

6.2.4.2.2 If single sections of a ladder are tested, the test load shall be applied to the third or fourth rung from the butt.

6.2.4.3 When the test load is removed, the test unit shall show no permanent deformation or ultimate failure either in the fastening means attaching the rung or in the beam.

6.2.5 Rung Torque Test.

6.2.5.1 The rung torque test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of either a single section of the ladder or on a short test section that comprises at least one rung and two beams.

6.2.5.2 The test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.5.2.

6.2.5.3 A torque test load of 169.5 N·m (1500 in.-lb) shall be applied in a clockwise and then a counterclockwise direction, alternately, for 10 cycles.

6.2.5.4 The rung joint shall be secured to the beams so that the alternating torque load shall not cause relative motion between the rung and the beams in excess of 9 degrees, based on a 1.6 mm (1/16 in.) maximum movement for a 32 mm (1¼ in.) diameter round rung.

6.2.6 Side Sway Test.

6.2.6.1 The side sway test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of a single ladder, individual sections from an extension ladder, or individual sections from a combination ladder.

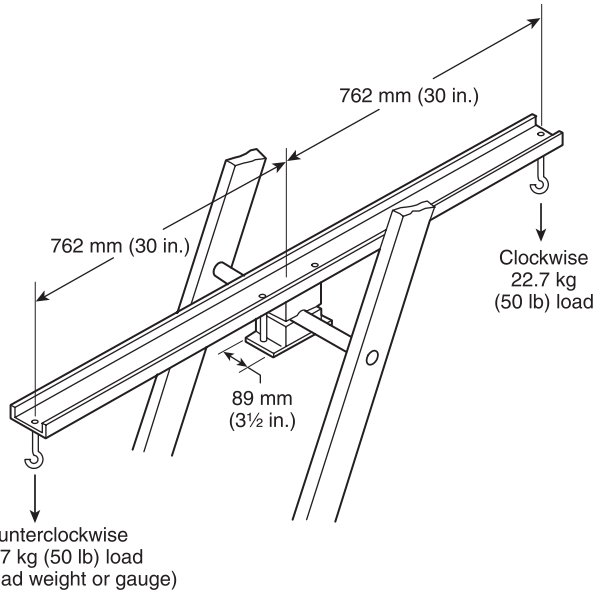


FIGURE 6.2.5.2 Design Verification Rung Torque Test.

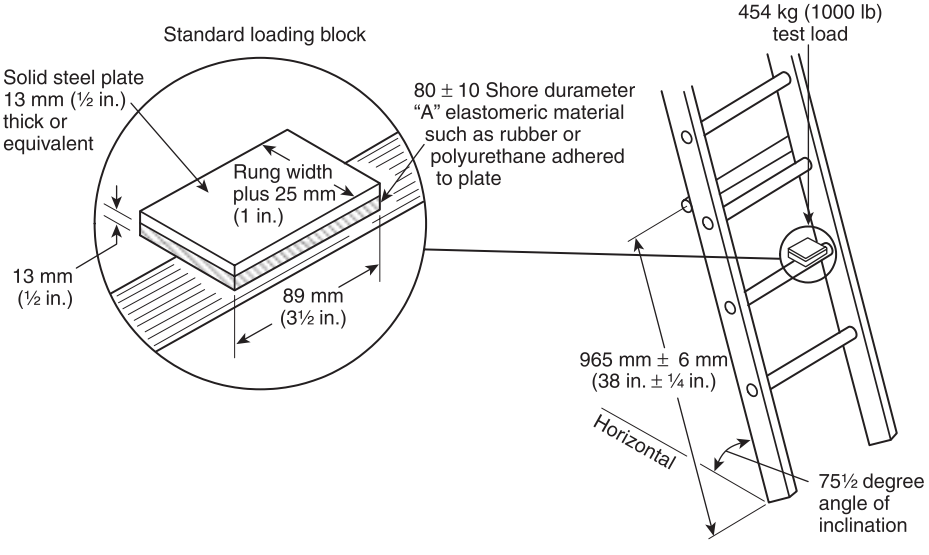
6.2.6.1.1 All sections of an extension ladder shall be individually tested.

6.2.6.1.2 Both sections of a combination ladder shall be individually tested.

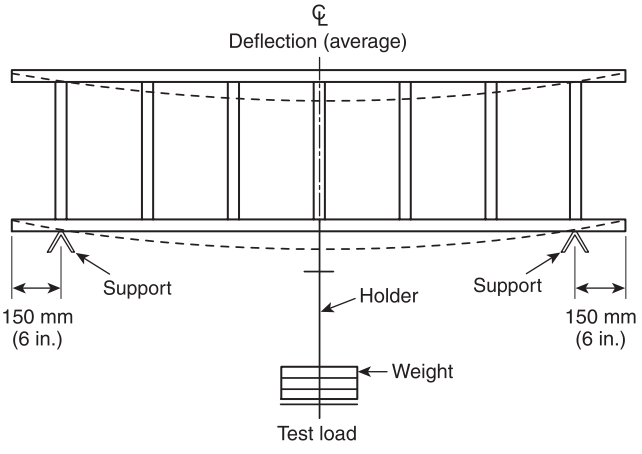
6.2.6.2 The test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.6.2.

6.2.6.2.1 The test unit shall be placed on edge, resting on level supports that are located 150 mm (6 in.) from each end of the ladder.

6.2.6.2.2 The beams shall be in a horizontal plane, and the rungs shall be in a vertical plane and perpendicular to the ground.



Δ FIGURE 6.2.4.1.1 Design Verification Rung-to-Beam Shear Strength Test.



Note: The deflection is the difference between the height of the lower edge of the ladder side when unloaded (solid line) and when loaded (dotted line).

FIGURE 6.2.6.2 Position of Ladder for Design Verification Side Sway Test.

6.2.6.3 A preload of 27.2 kg (60 lb) shall be applied at the center of the span over an 89 mm (3½ in.) length of the bottom beam. The preload shall be held for a period of 1 minute and then unloaded.

6.2.6.4 A test load of 63.5 kg (140 lb) shall then be applied to the center of the span over an 89 mm (3½ in.) length of the bottom beam.

6.2.6.4.1 The test load shall be applied by hanging weights from the bottom of the lower beam.

6.2.6.4.2 The test load shall be centered with respect to the width of the beam.

6.2.6.5 Each test unit shall withstand this test without any permanent deformation in excess of 1/1000 of the effective span of the beams.

6.2.7 Beam Cantilever Bending Tests.

6.2.7.1 The beam cantilever bending test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of either a single ladder section or the base section of an extension ladder.

6.2.7.1.1 Any butt spurs affixed to the section shall be removed before the test is conducted.

6.2.7.1.2 The test unit shall be placed on edge with the rungs in a vertical plane.

6.2.7.1.3 The lower beam shall be unsupported from the butt end to the midpoint of the lowest rung.

6.2.7.1.4 The remainder of the lower beam shall be supported and clamped to a surface that has sufficient strength and rigidity so as not to allow a deflection of more than 0.4 mm (1/64 in.) at the clamping points during the test.

6.2.7.2 For the cantilever-in bending test, the test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.7.2.

6.2.7.2.1 The test load shall consist of a weight of 385.5 kg (850 lb).

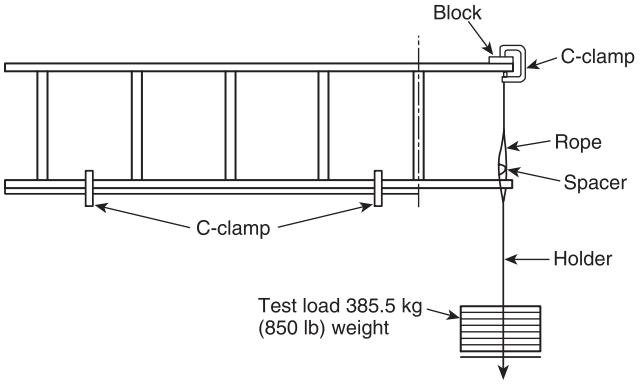


FIGURE 6.2.7.2 Position of Ladder for Design Verification Beam Cantilever-In Bending Test.

6.2.7.2.2 The test load shall be applied to a block that is 25 mm (1 in.) thick, 51 mm (2 in.) long measured along the beam, and of a width equal to the clear distance between flanges.

6.2.7.2.3 The block shall be positioned such that it rests on the full width of the upper beam at the extreme bottom end of the beam and shall be held in place by a clamp.

6.2.7.2.4 The test load shall be suspended from the clamp so that it is acting through the vertical neutral axis of the beam.

6.2.7.2.5 The allowable permanent deformation of the upper beam shall not exceed 12.7 mm (½ in.).

6.2.7.3 For the cantilever-out bending test, the test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.7.3.

6.2.7.3.1 The test load shall consist of a weight of 385.5 kg (850 lb).

6.2.7.3.2 The test load shall be applied to a block that is 25 mm (1 in.) thick, 51 mm (2 in.) long measured along the beam, and of a width equal to the clear distance between flanges.

6.2.7.3.3 The block shall be positioned such that it rests on the full width of the lower beam at the extreme bottom end of the beam and shall be held in place by a clamp.

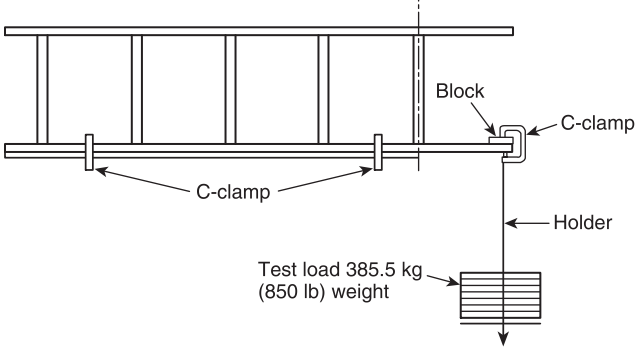


FIGURE 6.2.7.3 Position of Ladder for Design Verification Beam Cantilever-Out Bending Test.

6.2.7.3.4 The test load shall be suspended from the clamp so that it is acting through the vertical neutral axis of the beam.

6.2.7.3.5 The allowable permanent deformation of the lower beam shall not exceed 12.7 mm (½ in.).

6.2.8 Ladder Section Twist Test.

6.2.8.1 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.8.1.

6.2.8.1.1 The ladder section twist test shall be conducted on a ladder base section of at least 2.13 m (7 ft) in length, supported over a 2.13 m (7 ft) test span.

6.2.8.1.2 The ladder shall be placed in a flat horizontal position, and support for the ladder on one end shall be fixed.

6.2.8.1.3 The ladder shall be tightly clamped onto the test fixtures during this test.

6.2.8.1.4 The test torque shall be applied by either a torque wrench or test loads that are applied on the end of the arm.

6.2.8.2 A preload of 68 N·m (600 in.-lb) shall be used to establish a reference for angular deflection and shall be applied to the ladder in a clockwise direction for a minimum of 1 minute, after which the ladder shall be unloaded.

6.2.8.3 A test torque of 135 N·m (1200 in.-lb) then shall be applied in a clockwise direction for 5 minutes.

6.2.8.4 The angle of twist measured from the horizontal position in the clockwise direction shall not be greater than 14 degrees as measured while the load is applied.

6.2.8.5 A preload of 68 N·m (600 in.-lb) then shall be used to establish a reference for angular deflection and shall be applied to the ladder in a counterclockwise direction for a minimum period of 1 minute, after which the ladder shall be unloaded.

6.2.8.6 A test torque of 135 N·m (1200 in.-lb) then shall be applied in a counterclockwise direction.

6.2.8.7 The angle of twist measured from the horizontal position in the counterclockwise direction shall not be greater than 14 degrees as measured while the load is applied.

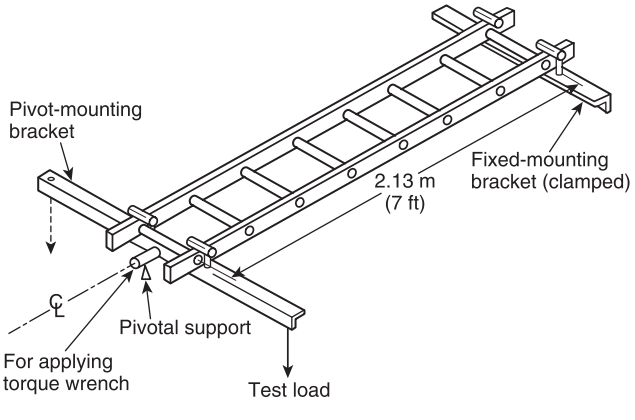


FIGURE 6.2.8.1 Position of Ladder for Design Verification Ladder Section Twist Test.

6.2.9 Butt Spur Slip Test.

6.2.9.1 All butt spurs for single and extension ladders shall be tested for skid resistance.

6.2.9.2 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.2.9.2.

6.2.9.2.1 The test unit shall consist of a 4.9 m (16 ft) extension ladder extended to the maximum extended length and set at an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees.

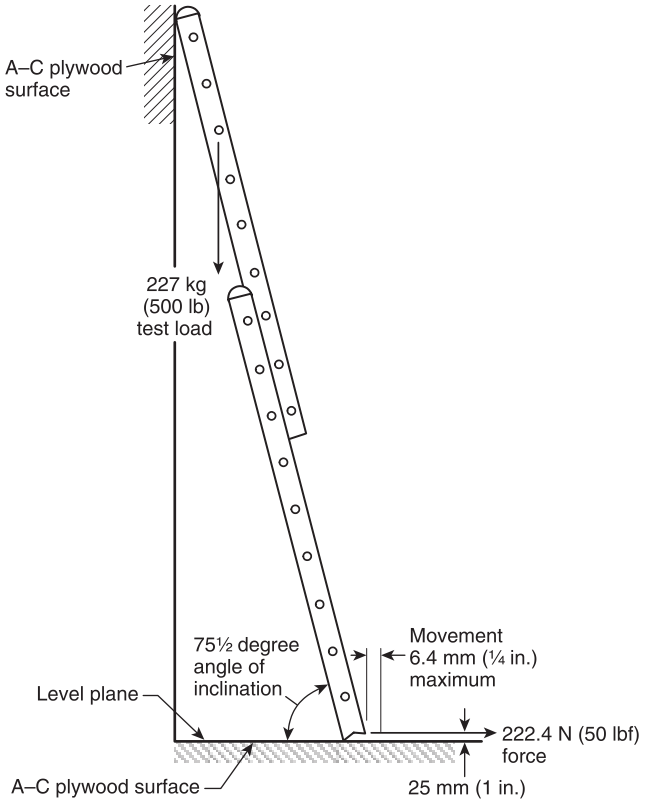
6.2.9.2.2 The test surfaces shall be A–C plywood, the "A" surface of which shall be presanded using No. 320 fine wet/dry sandpaper.

6.2.9.2.3 The butt of the test unit shall be placed in contact with the "A" surface of the plywood with the grain parallel to the test load.

6.2.9.2.4 The tip of the fly section shall rest against the "A" surface of the plywood with the grain run in a vertical direction.

6.2.9.3 A test load of 227 kg (500 lb) shall be attached to the third rung from the tip of the fly section.

6.2.9.4 A horizontal pulling force of 222.4 N (50 lbf) applied to the bottom of the test unit 25 mm (1 in.) above the test surface shall not cause movement in excess of 6.4 mm (¼ in.) across the test surface.



Δ **FIGURE 6.2.9.2 Design Verification Butt Spur Slip Test.**

6.3 Additional Design Verification Tests for Roof Ladders Only. The design verification tests of this section shall be performed in addition to the design verification tests specified in Section 6.2 and in accordance with the design verification testing requirements specified in Section 6.1.

6.3.1 The roof ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.3.1.

6.3.1.1 The ladder shall be hung solely by the roof hooks in a vertical position from a fixture that is capable of supporting the entire test load and weight of the ladder.

6.3.1.2 The roof hooks shall be supported only by the points of the hooks.

6.3.1.3 The ladder shall be secured in such a manner as to retain the ladder in the test position in order to prevent injury to test personnel if the hooks fail during the test.

6.3.2 A test load of 907 kg (2000 lb) shall be placed over as many rungs as needed, using weight increments consistent with safety and ease of handling.

6.3.3 The test load shall be applied for a minimum of 1 minute.

6.3.4 Ladder and roof hook assemblies shall sustain this test load with no damage to the structure.

6.3.5 Any deformation to the hooks shall not exceed 5 degrees.

6.4 Additional Design Verification Tests for Extension and Combination Ladders Only. The design verification tests of this section shall be performed in addition to the design verification tests specified in Section 6.2 and in accordance with the design verification testing requirements specified in Section 6.1.

6.4.1 Beam and Hardware Load Test.

6.4.1.1 The beam and hardware load test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of either the shortest full-size ladder manufactured or of a test section of sufficient length for test purposes.

6.4.1.1.1 If a full-size ladder is used, the fly section shall be extended a minimum of one rung beyond the bedded position.

6.4.1.1.2 Short test sections of extension ladders shall consist of portions of the base and fly sections with all the hardware or fittings attached.

6.4.1.2 The test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.4.1.2.

6.4.1.2.1 The test unit shall be placed at an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees with both pawls engaged.

6.4.1.2.2 A downward distributed test load of 907 kg (2000 lb) shall be applied to the top rung of the fly section.

6.4.1.3 The test unit shall sustain this test load with no permanent deformation or other visible damage of the beams and hardware.

6.4.2 Single Pawl Load Test.

6.4.2.1 The single pawl load test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of a single pawl attached in its normal configuration to a length of beam sufficient for test purposes, with the test unit set at an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees.

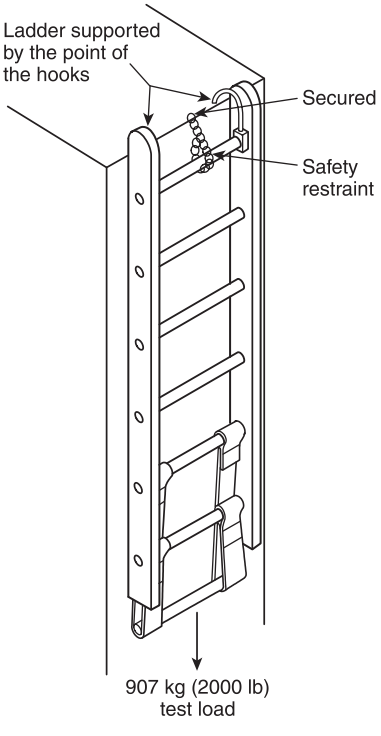
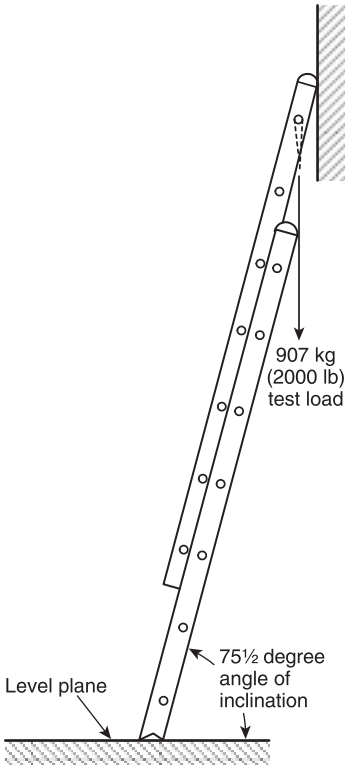


FIGURE 6.3.1 Design Verification Roof Hook Test.



Δ FIGURE 6.4.1.2 Design Verification Beam and Hardware Load Test.

6.4.2.2 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.4.2.2.

6.4.2.2.1 The pawl shall be engaged over a fixed steel rod of the same diameter as a rung.

6.4.2.2.2 A downward test load of 907 kg (2000 lb) shall be exerted on the end of the beam.

6.4.2.2.3 The beam shall be permitted to be guided to prevent it from turning.

6.4.2.3 The test unit shall sustain this test load without disengagement of the pawl or disengagement of the pawl attachment to the beam.

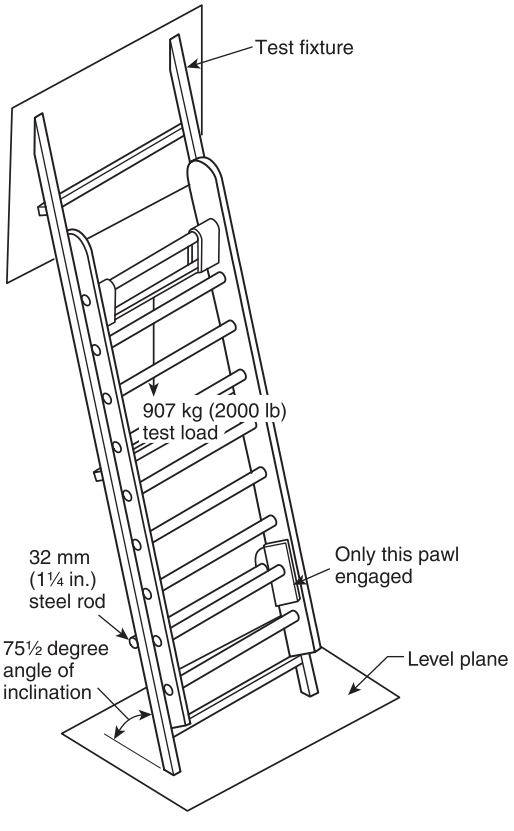
6.4.3 Pawl Tip Load Test.

6.4.3.1 The pawl tip load test shall be conducted on a test unit that consists of either the shortest full-size ladder manufactured or of a test section of a length sufficient for test purposes.

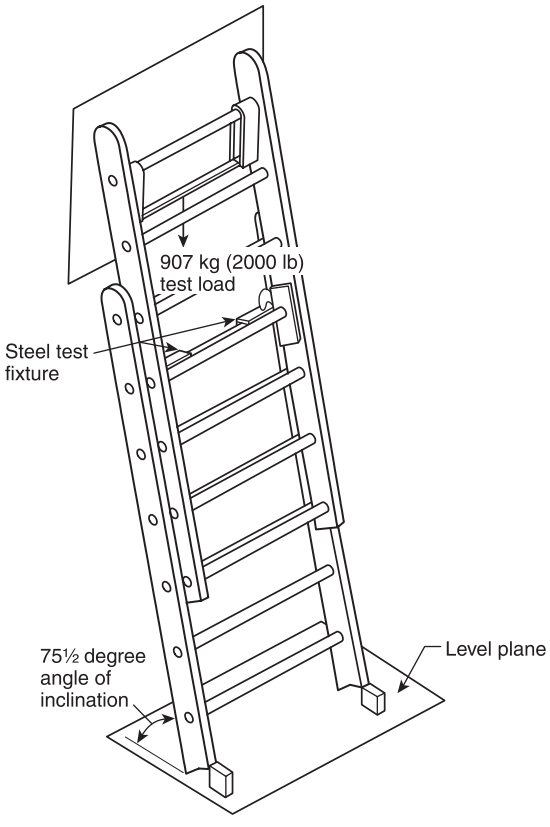
6.4.3.1.1 If a full-size ladder is used, the fly section shall be extended a minimum of one rung beyond the bedded position.

6.4.3.1.2 Short test sections shall consist of portions of the base and fly sections of the extension ladder with the pawls attached.

6.4.3.2 The test unit shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.4.3.2.



Δ FIGURE 6.4.2.2 Design Verification Single Pawl Load Test.



Δ FIGURE 6.4.3.2 Design Verification Pawl Tip Load Test.

6.4.3.2.1 The test unit shall be set at an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees with both pawls partially engaged.

6.4.3.2.2 The butt end of the test unit shall be prevented from slipping by a block or equivalent means.

6.4.3.2.3 The tip of each pawl shall bear on the center of a steel test fixture that is placed over the top of a rung.

6.4.3.2.4 During the test, each pawl shall be prevented from pivoting by a means located adjacent to the pivot point of the pawl, but that means of preventing pivoting shall not in any way affect that portion of the pawl under test.

6.4.3.2.5 A downward distributed test load of 907 kg (2000 lb) shall be applied.

6.4.3.3 The test unit and components shall sustain the test load without ultimate failure.

6.5 Additional Design Verification Tests for Extension Ladders Only. The design verification tests of this section shall be performed in addition to the design verification tests specified in Sections 6.2 and 6.4 and in accordance with the design verification testing requirements specified in Section 6.1.

6.5.1 Cyclic Rung–Pawl Test.

6.5.1.1 The cyclic rung–pawl test shall not apply to fixed-type or manually operated pawls used on extension ladders or combination ladders.

6.5.1.2 A machine equivalent to that shown in Figure 6.5.1.2(a) shall be used to operate the pawl through the following cycle, as shown in Figure 6.5.1.2(b):

(1) One 150 mm (6 in.) upstroke to allow the pawl to engage the rung
(2) A full 150 mm (6 in.) downstroke to allow the pawl onto the rung
(3) A full 305 mm (12 in.) upstroke to disengage the pawl
(4) A full 305 mm (12 in.) downstroke to return the pawl to the starting position

6.5.1.3 Pawls shall be tested with the ladder set at an angle of inclination of 75½ degrees.

6.5.1.4 The pawl shall be permitted to be manually lubricated prior to or during the test.

6.5.1.5 The stroke speed shall be between 178 mm and 356 mm (7 in. and 14 in.) per second.

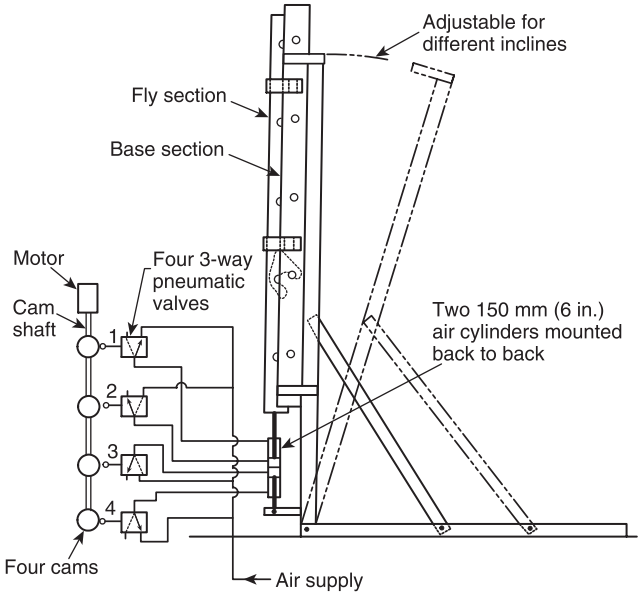


FIGURE 6.5.1.2(a) Design Verification Cyclic Rung–Pawl Test.

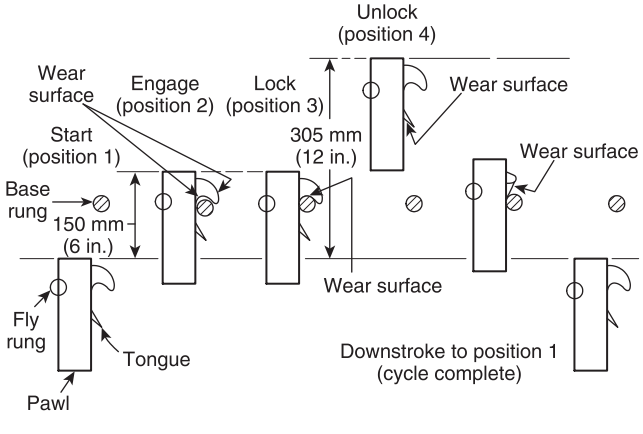


FIGURE 6.5.1.2(b) Design Verification Rung–Pawl Testing Cycle.

6.5.1.6 A minimum of 6000 cycles shall be imposed.

6.5.1.7 Any malfunction of the pawl or fracture of its components, including springs, shall be a failure of this test.

6.5.1.8 The presence of wear that does not affect the functioning of the pawl shall not constitute failure.

6.5.2 Multisection Extending Force Test.

6.5.2.1 The multisection extending force test shall be conducted on a complete extension ladder.

6.5.2.1.1 The ladder shall be set at a 90 degree vertical position in the bedded position.

6.5.2.1.2 The base section shall be permitted to be braced or otherwise held to maintain vertical alignment.

6.5.2.2 A measured downward test force shall be applied to the rope if the ladder has a halyard and a pulley system installed.

6.5.2.2.1 The test force shall be smoothly applied to cause vertical extension of the fly section of 610 mm (2 ft) or more, at a rate of between 150 mm and 305 mm (6 in. and 12 in.) per second.

6.5.2.2.2 For those ladders not equipped with a halyard and a pulley, the measured test force shall be applied vertically to the bottom rung of the fly section.

6.5.2.3 The maximum measured test force that occurs during each pull shall be recorded in kilograms (pounds) of pull.

6.5.2.4 Three test pulls shall be done for each ladder, and the maximum forces shall be averaged for the three pulls.

6.5.2.5 The average maximum kilograms (pounds) of pull shall not exceed two times the weight of one of the ladder fly sections.

6.6 Additional Design Verification Tests for Combination Ladders Only.

6.6.1 Testing Requirements. The compression test defined in 6.6.2 shall be performed in addition to the design verification tests specified in Sections 6.2 and 6.4 and in accordance with the design verification testing requirements specified in Section 6.1.

6.6.2 Compression Test.

6.6.2.1 The combination ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.6.2.1.

6.6.2.2 The ladder shall be tested in its A-frame position, with the test load of 907 kg (2000 lb) applied uniformly to the top rungs.

6.6.2.3 The ladder shall sustain the test load without ultimate failure.

6.7 Design Verification Tests for Folding Ladders Only.

6.7.1 Testing Requirements. The horizontal bending test defined in 6.7.2 shall be performed in accordance with the design verification testing requirements specified in Section 6.1.

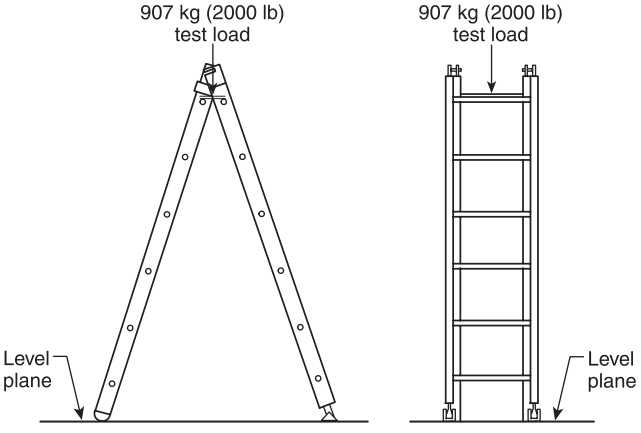


FIGURE 6.6.2.1 Design Verification Combination Ladder Compression Test.

6.7.2 Horizontal Bending Test.

6.7.2.1 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.7.2.1.

6.7.2.2 The folding ladder shall be placed in a flat, horizontal position and supported 150 mm (6 in.) from each end.

6.7.2.3 A test load of 136 kg (300 lb) shall be applied at the center of the ladder span and shall be equally distributed across both beams over an area 89 mm (3½ in.) wide.

6.7.2.4 The ladder shall withstand this test without ultimate failure.

6.8 Design Verification Tests for Pompier Ladders Only. The design verification tests of this section shall be performed in accordance with the design verification testing requirements specified in Section 6.1.

6.8.1 The ladder shall be positioned for testing and shall be tested as shown in Figure 6.8.1.

6.8.2 The ladder shall be tested in the vertical hanging position supported only by the hook.

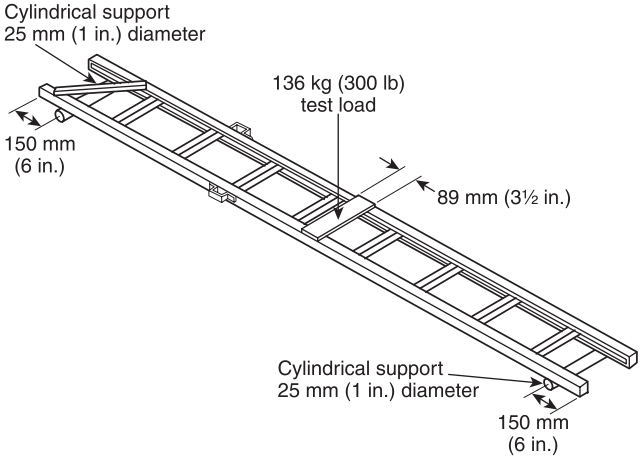


FIGURE 6.7.2.1 Design Verification Folding Ladder Horizontal Bending Test.

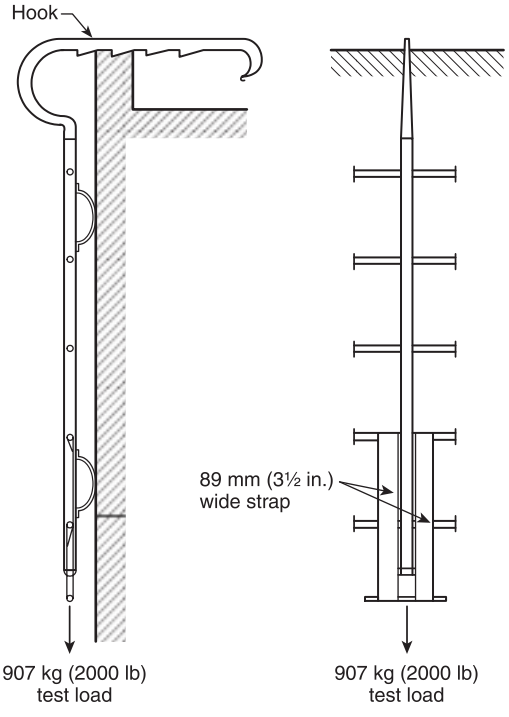


FIGURE 6.8.1 Design Verification Pompier Ladder Test.

6.8.3 A test load of 907 kg (2000 lb) shall be applied.

6.8.4 The ladder shall sustain this test load without ultimate failure.

Chapter 7 Label Tests

7.1 Labels to Be Tested. All labels required for ground ladders in 4.1.4.3, 4.1.4.4, 4.1.4.5, 4.1.5, 4.4.7.5, and 4.9.2 shall meet the requirements of this chapter.

7.2 Performance Requirements.

7.2.1 Legibility. When tested as specified in 7.3.2, the labels shall retain their original color, readability, and clarity without any darkening, fogging, or blistering.

7.2.2 Adhesion. When tested as specified in 7.3.3.1, the labels shall have an average adhesion of not less than 0.35 N per linear millimeter (2 lbf per linear inch) of label width, and not less than 50 percent of the average adhesion measured for 7.3.3.1 when tested as specified in 7.3.3.2.

7.3 Testing.

7.3.1 Preconditioning.

7.3.1.1 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute a test sample. The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours at 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and 50 ± 2 percent relative humidity.

7.3.1.2 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute a test sample.

7.3.1.2.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.2.2 The test sample shall then be exposed for 24 hours to a temperature of –40°C (–40°F).

7.3.1.3 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute the test sample.

7.3.1.3.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.3.2 The test sample shall then be exposed for 6 weeks to a temperature of 60°C ± 2°C (140°F ± 4°F) and a relative humidity of 97 ± 3 percent.

7.3.1.4 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute the test sample.

7.3.1.4.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.4.2 The test sample shall then be exposed for 90 days of aging at 87°C ± 1°C (190°F ± 2°F) in a mechanical convection air oven.

7.3.1.5 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute a test sample.

7.3.1.5.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.5.2 The test sample shall then be exposed for 720 hours to ultraviolet light and water.

7.3.1.5.2.1 The ultraviolet light shall be obtained from two stationary, enclosed carbon-arc lamps.

(A) The arc of each lamp shall be formed between two vertical carbon electrodes, 12.7 mm (½ in.) in diameter, located at the center of a revolvable, vertical metal cylinder, 787 mm (31 in.) in diameter and 450.9 mm (17¾ in.) in height.

Δ **(B)** Each arc shall be enclosed with a borosilicate glass globe.

(C) The samples shall be mounted vertically on the inside of the revolvable cylinder, facing the lamps, and the cylinder shall continuously revolve around the stationary lamps at 1 rpm.

7.3.1.5.2.2 A system of nozzles shall be provided so that each sample, in turn, is sprayed with water as the cylinder revolves.

7.3.1.5.2.3 During each 20-minute operating cycle, each sample shall be exposed to the light and water spray for 3 minutes and to the light only for 17 minutes.

7.3.1.5.2.4 The air temperature within the revolving cylinder of the apparatus during its operation shall be 63°C ± 5°C (145°F ± 9°F).

7.3.1.6 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute the test sample.

7.3.1.6.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.6.2 The test sample shall then be exposed for 240 hours in a salt spray test as specified by ASTM B117, *Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus*.

7.3.1.7 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute the test sample.

7.3.1.7.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.7.2 The test sample shall then be exposed for 48 hours of immersion in distilled water.

7.3.1.8 The sample labels shall be applied to a surface material of the same type to which the label will be affixed, and this shall constitute the test sample.

7.3.1.8.1 The test sample shall be exposed for 72 hours to a temperature of 23°C ± 1°C (73°F ± 2°F) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 percent.

7.3.1.8.2 Following the exposure required in 7.3.1.8.1, the test sample shall be exposed for 10 days of aging at 180°C (356°F) in a mechanical convection air oven.

7.3.2 Legibility Test.

7.3.2.1 Test samples shall be prepared as required by and exposed to the preconditions specified in 7.3.1.1, after which the label shall be examined to determine color, readability, and clarity.

7.3.2.2 Test samples shall then be prepared as required by and exposed to each precondition as specified in 7.3.1.2 through 7.3.1.8.

7.3.2.3 After exposure to each precondition, the label shall be compared to the label that was preconditioned as specified in 7.3.1.1 to determine its compliance with 7.2.1.

7.3.3 Adhesion Test.

7.3.3.1 Two test samples shall be prepared as required by and exposed to the preconditions as specified in 7.3.1.1, after which the samples shall be tested as specified in 7.3.3.3 to determine the average adhesion.

7.3.3.2 Test samples then shall be prepared as required by and exposed to each precondition as specified in 7.3.1.2 through 7.3.1.8 and tested as specified in 7.3.3.3.

7.3.3.3 Labels shall be pulled from the surface material at an angle of 90 degrees to the surface, at a constant speed of 25.4 mm (1.0 in.) per minute.

7.3.3.3.1 The force to remove the label shall be recorded automatically on a chart, and the average force calculated in N per linear millimeter (lbf per linear inch) of label width.

7.3.3.3.2 Test results shall be obtained from two test samples to comprise an average for each precondition.

7.3.3.3.3 Test results obtained from samples specified in 7.3.3.2 shall be compared to the test results obtained from samples specified in 7.3.3.1 to determine compliance with 7.2.2.

Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

A.1.1.1 Ground ladders used in the fire service must be constructed to rigid standards to ensure that the ladders are of the highest quality. These ladders often provide the only means of fire fighter entry into a building or portions of a building and could be the only means of egress for victims trapped by a fire within a building. Fire department ground ladders serve as a path for fire fighters to transport people, equipment, and extinguishing agents from one level to a higher or lower level. Because the lives of fire fighters and fire victims often rely on the performance, without failure, of these valuable pieces of fire department equipment, these standards of performance are critical.

A.1.2.1 It is recognized that specific details on ladder construction materials have been established by other organizations such as the American National Standards Institute, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Products Laboratory, and the Aluminum Association. This standard should never be interpreted as establishing lower materials strength criteria than the criteria set forth in such recognized standards.

Fire department ground ladders constructed to meet and certified as meeting the requirements of this standard will provide reasonable safety for fire fighters and victims during use, provided that fire departments that purchase or use ground ladders meeting the requirements of this standard comply with the requirements of NFPA 1932.

A.1.3.2 Ladders used by fire department personnel for purposes other than rescue, fire fighting, and training and that are not transported on fire department apparatus should meet the requirements of applicable ANSI and OSHA standards.

A.3.2.1 Approved. The National Fire Protection Association does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials; nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, the authority having jurisdiction may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. In the absence of such standards, said authority may require evidence of proper installation, procedure, or use. The authority having jurisdiction may also refer to the listings or labeling practices of an organization that is concerned with product evaluations and is thus in a position to determine compliance with appropriate standards for the current production of listed items.

A.3.2.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The phrase "authority having jurisdiction," or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

A.3.3.7 Butt. A butt can be the lower end of beams or can be added devices.

A.3.3.8 Butt Spurs (Feet). Butt spurs can be the lower end of beams or can be added devices.

A.3.3.12 Design Verification Tests. NFPA 1931 provides the design requirements and the design verification tests for fire department ground ladders. Design verification tests are the responsibility of the manufacturer and are to be performed only on new, unused ladders. Because of the severity of the tests, the integrity of the ladder can be compromised, which is why the tested ladders are destroyed after completion of the tests. These tests are not intended to be performed on any ladders that are in service or intended to be placed in service.

A.3.3.26 Multipurpose Ladder. Multipurpose ladders are typically manufactured in accordance with commercial standards. Because these ladders have a typical duty rating of only 136 kg to 170 kg (300 lb to 375 lb), which is far less than that of a ladder manufactured in accordance with NFPA 1931, it is highly recommended that multipurpose ladders be loaded with only a single person and not used for the rescue of victims where both the victim and the fire fighter are required to be on the ladder simultaneously.

A.3.3.45.1 Bark Pocket Wood Irregularity. Bark pockets appear as dark streaks on radial surfaces and as rounded areas on tangential surfaces.

A.3.3.45.3 Knot Wood Irregularity. Knots are classified according to size, quality, and location in the cross section of a piece of lumber. The size of the knot is determined by its average diameter on the surface of the piece of lumber.

A.3.3.45.5 Slope of Grain Wood Irregularities. Cross grain can be diagonal, spiral, or both.

A.4.1.3.6 Rung spacing of 356 mm (14 in.) can facilitate easier leg locks when users are wearing protective clothing that is in accordance with NFPA 1500. Rung spacing of 305 mm (12 in.) can result in more climbing power.

A.4.1.3.7 Rubber rung covers are available.

A.4.2.1 Single ladders become unwieldy and difficult to handle when they exceed 9.1 m (30 ft) in length. However, it is recognized that certain local conditions can make longer single ladders desirable, and this recommendation should not exclude such special conditions.

A.4.3.2.1 The materials used in the construction of folding roof hook assemblies for roof ladders should be selected on the basis of their ability to withstand water, heat, chemicals, and loads imposed on hooks during fireground operations.

Fire departments that use roof ladders in areas where snow and ice accumulate on roofs might want to use an even larger hook to ensure the ladder holds over a ridge that is covered with snow and ice.

A.4.4.2 Fire department ground ladders should not exceed 15.2 m (50 ft) in designated length. Ground ladders greater than 15.2 m (50 ft) long are unwieldy and require increased personnel and specialized training.

A.4.4.5.6 Because a continuous halyard cannot be tied off, a secondary means to prevent retraction of the fly section must be provided in case there is inadvertent disengagement of the pawls.

Annex B Informational References

B.1 Referenced Publications. The documents or portions thereof listed in this annex are referenced within the informational sections of this standard and are not part of the requirements of this document unless also listed in Chapter 2 for other reasons.

B.1.1 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 1500™, *Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program*, 2020 edition.

NFPA 1932, *Standard on Use, Maintenance, and Service Testing of In-Service Fire Department Ground Ladders*, 2020 edition.

B.1.2 Other Publications. (Reserved)

B.2 Informational References. The following documents or portions thereof are listed here as informational resources only. They are not a part of the requirements of this document.

B.2.1 ALI Publications. American Ladder Institute, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60611.

ANSI-ASC A14.2, *American National Standard for Ladders — Portable Metal — Safety Requirements*, 2017.

B.3 References for Extracts in Informational Sections. (Reserved)

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- Technical Committee holds Second Draft Meeting (21 weeks); Technical Committee(s) with Correlating Committee (7 weeks)
- Technical Committee ballots on Second Draft (11 weeks); Technical Committee(s) with Correlating Committee (10 weeks)
- Correlating Committee Second Draft Meeting (9 weeks)
- Correlating Committee ballots on Second Draft (8 weeks)
- Second Draft Report posted on the document information page

Step 3 – NFPA Technical Meeting

- Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) accepted (5 weeks) following the posting of Second Draft Report
- NITMAMs are reviewed and valid motions are certified by the Motions Committee for presentation at the NFPA Technical Meeting
- NFPA membership meets each June at the NFPA Technical Meeting to act on Standards with "Certified Amending Motions" (certified NITMAMs)
- Committee(s) vote on any successful amendments to the Technical Committee Reports made by the NFPA membership at the NFPA Technical Meeting

Step 4 – Council Appeals and Issuance of Standard

- Notification of intent to file an appeal to the Standards Council on Technical Meeting action must be filed within 20 days of the NFPA Technical Meeting
- Standards Council decides, based on all evidence, whether to issue the standard or to take other action

Notes:

1. Time periods are approximate; refer to published schedules for actual dates.
2. Annual revision cycle documents with certified amending motions take approximately 101 weeks to complete.
3. Fall revision cycle documents receiving certified amending motions take approximately 141 weeks to complete.

Committee Membership Classifications[1,2,3,4]

The following classifications apply to Committee members and represent their principal interest in the activity of the Committee.

1. M *Manufacturer:* A representative of a maker or marketer of a product, assembly, or system, or portion thereof, that is affected by the standard.
2. U *User:* A representative of an entity that is subject to the provisions of the standard or that voluntarily uses the standard.
3. IM *Installer/Maintainer:* A representative of an entity that is in the business of installing or maintaining a product, assembly, or system affected by the standard.
4. L *Labor:* A labor representative or employee concerned with safety in the workplace.
5. RT *Applied Research/Testing Laboratory:* A representative of an independent testing laboratory or independent applied research organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.
6. E *Enforcing Authority:* A representative of an agency or an organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.
7. I *Insurance:* A representative of an insurance company, broker, agent, bureau, or inspection agency.
8. C *Consumer:* A person who is or represents the ultimate purchaser of a product, system, or service affected by the standard, but who is not included in (2).
9. SE *Special Expert:* A person not representing (1) through (8) and who has special expertise in the scope of the standard or portion thereof.

NOTE 1: "Standard" connotes code, standard, recommended practice, or guide.

NOTE 2: A representative includes an employee.

NOTE 3: While these classifications will be used by the Standards Council to achieve a balance for Technical Committees, the Standards Council may determine that new classifications of member or unique interests need representation in order to foster the best possible Committee deliberations on any project. In this connection, the Standards Council may make such appointments as it deems appropriate in the public interest, such as the classification of "Utilities" in the National Electrical Code Committee.

NOTE 4: Representatives of subsidiaries of any group are generally considered to have the same classification as the parent organization.

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Submit a Public Comment

Once the First Draft Report becomes available there is a Public Comment period. Any objections or further related changes to the content of the First Draft must be submitted at the Comment Stage. To submit a Public Comment follow the same steps as previously explained for the submission of Public Input.

Other Resources Available on the Document Information Pages

Header: View document title and scope, access to our codes and standards or NFCSS subscription, and sign up to receive email alerts.

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Information on the NFPA Standards Development Process

I. Applicable Regulations. The primary rules governing the processing of NFPA standards (codes, standards, recommended practices, and guides) are the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Regs)*. Other applicable rules include NFPA *Bylaws*, NFPA *Technical Meeting Convention Rules*, NFPA *Guide for the Conduct of Participants in the NFPA Standards Development Process*, and the NFPA *Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council*. Most of these rules and regulations are contained in the *NFPA Standards Directory*. For copies of the *Directory*, contact Codes and Standards Administration at NFPA headquarters; all these documents are also available on the NFPA website at "www.nfpa.org/regs."

The following is general information on the NFPA process. All participants, however, should refer to the actual rules and regulations for a full understanding of this process and for the criteria that govern participation.

II. Technical Committee Report. The Technical Committee Report is defined as "the Report of the responsible Committee(s), in accordance with the Regulations, in preparation of a new or revised NFPA Standard." The Technical Committee Report is in two parts and consists of the First Draft Report and the Second Draft Report. (See *Regs* at Section 1.4.)

III. Step 1: First Draft Report. The First Draft Report is defined as "Part one of the Technical Committee Report, which documents the Input Stage." The First Draft Report consists of the First Draft, Public Input, Committee Input, Committee and Correlating Committee Statements, Correlating Notes, and Ballot Statements. (See *Regs* at 4.2.5.2 and Section 4.3.) Any objection to an action in the First Draft Report must be raised through the filing of an appropriate Comment for consideration in the Second Draft Report or the objection will be considered resolved. [See *Regs* at 4.3.1(b).]

IV. Step 2: Second Draft Report. The Second Draft Report is defined as "Part two of the Technical Committee Report, which documents the Comment Stage." The Second Draft Report consists of the Second Draft, Public Comments with corresponding Committee Actions and Committee Statements, Correlating Notes and their respective Committee Statements, Committee Comments, Correlating Revisions, and Ballot Statements. (See *Regs* at 4.2.5.2 and Section 4.4.) The First Draft Report and the Second Draft Report together constitute the Technical Committee Report. Any outstanding objection following the Second Draft Report must be raised through an appropriate Amending Motion at the NFPA Technical Meeting or the objection will be considered resolved. [See *Regs* at 4.4.1(b).]

V. Step 3a: Action at NFPA Technical Meeting. Following the publication of the Second Draft Report, there is a period during which those wishing to make proper Amending Motions on the Technical Committee Reports must signal their intention by submitting a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM). (See *Regs* at 4.5.2.) Standards that receive notice of proper Amending Motions (Certified Amending Motions) will be presented for action at the annual June NFPA Technical Meeting. At the meeting, the NFPA membership can consider and act on these Certified Amending Motions as well as Follow-up Amending Motions, that is, motions that become necessary as a result of a previous successful Amending Motion. (See 4.5.3.2 through 4.5.3.6 and Table 1, Columns 1-3 of *Regs* for a summary of the available Amending Motions and who may make them.) Any outstanding objection following action at an NFPA Technical Meeting (and any further Technical Committee consideration following successful Amending Motions, see *Regs* at 4.5.3.7 through 4.6.5) must be raised through an appeal to the Standards Council or it will be considered to be resolved.

VI. Step 3b: Documents Forwarded Directly to the Council. Where no NITMAM is received and certified in accordance with the *Technical Meeting Convention Rules*, the standard is forwarded directly to the Standards Council for action on issuance. Objections are deemed to be resolved for these documents. (See *Regs* at 4.5.2.5.)

VII. Step 4a: Council Appeals. Anyone can appeal to the Standards Council concerning procedural or substantive matters related to the development, content, or issuance of any document of the NFPA or on matters within the purview of the authority of the Council, as established by the *Bylaws* and as determined by the Board of Directors. Such appeals must be in written form and filed with the Secretary of the Standards Council (see *Regs* at Section 1.6). Time constraints for filing an appeal must be in accordance with 1.6.2 of the *Regs*. Objections are deemed to be resolved if not pursued at this level.

VIII. Step 4b: Document Issuance. The Standards Council is the issuer of all documents (see Article 8 of *Bylaws*). The Council acts on the issuance of a document presented for action at an NFPA Technical Meeting within 75 days from the date of the recommendation from the NFPA Technical Meeting, unless this period is extended by the Council (see *Regs* at 4.7.2). For documents forwarded directly to the Standards Council, the Council acts on the issuance of the document at its next scheduled meeting, or at such other meeting as the Council may determine (see *Regs* at 4.5.2.5 and 4.7.4).

IX. Petitions to the Board of Directors. The Standards Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the codes and standards development process and the issuance of documents. However, where extraordinary circumstances requiring the intervention of the Board of Directors exist, the Board of Directors may take any action necessary to fulfill its obligations to preserve the integrity of the codes and standards development process and to protect the interests of the NFPA. The rules for petitioning the Board of Directors can be found in the *Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council* and in Section 1.7 of the *Regs*.

X. For More Information. The program for the NFPA Technical Meeting (as well as the NFPA website as information becomes available) should be consulted for the date on which each report scheduled for consideration at the meeting will be presented. To view the First Draft Report and Second Draft Report as well as information on NFPA rules and for up-to-date information on schedules and deadlines for processing NFPA documents, check the NFPA website (www.nfpa.org/docinfo) or contact NFPA Codes & Standards Administration at (617) 984-7246.

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