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Nat. amdt 1	2008	Amended to change the designation from SABS to SANS, with no technical changes.

National foreword

This South African standard was approved by National Committee StanSA SC 5120.11A, *Personal protective equipment – Industrial safety belts, fall arrest systems and industrial rope access*, in accordance with procedures of Standards South Africa, in compliance with annex 3 of the WTO/TBT agreement.

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Équipement de protection individuelle contre les chutes de hauteur - Descenseurs

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Foreword

This Amendment EN 341:1992/prA1:1996 to the EN 341:1992 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 Amendment to the European Standard EN 341:1992 shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 1997, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 1997.

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Title page

The descriptor in the German version "Gebrauchsanweisung" should read "Gebrauchsanleitung".

Foreword

Delete "Austria"

1 Scope

The underlined words have been added.

"This standard specifies requirements, test methods, marking and instructions for use for descender devices as rescue equipment to be used in conjunction with personal protective equipment against falls from a height, e.g. full body harnesses (see EN 361) or a rescue equipment, e.g. rescue harnesses (see EN 1497)."

2 Normative references

The following standards shall be added.

"EN 361 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - Full body harnesses"

"EN 1497 Rescue equipment - Rescue harnesses"

"prEN 795 Protection against falls from a height - Anchor devices - Requirements and testing"

4.6 Descent velocity

The following addition is to be inserted after the 1st paragraph.

"The testing of the descent velocity refers to the measurement of mean values."

6 Marking and instructions for use

The specification

"- limitation of the scope of application" is changed as follows:

"- limitation of the scope of application, especially, that the connection of the descender device shall be so arranged that the descent is not impeded."

After this changed specification the following advice has to be given:

"- advice, that the anchor device of the descender device shall correspond to prEN 795."