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FOREWORD

Following the publication of the 1925 edition of the Safety Code for Elevators, Dumbwaiters, and Escalators, requests for a handbook or manual covering the inspection of elevators were received by the A17 Committee. This Committee appointed a subcommittee to prepare such a manual. Cities, states, insurance companies, elevator manufacturers and maintenance companies, and the federal government furnished the Committee with material based on their field experiences. A final draft was prepared and was unanimously approved by the A17 Committee, the Code Sponsors, and the American Standards Association [currently known as the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)], and the first edition of the Manual was published in 1937 simultaneously with the fourth edition of the Code.

A second edition of the Manual was prepared by the Committee to bring it in line with the fourth edition of the Code, including the 1942 Supplement. A new Part, covering the inspection of escalators, and new Appendices, covering descriptions of various types of safeties, methods for determining stopping distances of gradual-type safeties, guide rail data, types of speed governors, and the handling and socketing of wire rope, were added. The second edition of the Manual was approved by the American Standards Association and was published in 1945.

The third edition of the Manual was published in 1960 and included revisions to bring it in line with the 1960 edition of the Code.

The fourth edition of the Manual was published in 1973 to bring it in line with the 1971 editions of the Code, including the 1972 Supplement, and to update the inspection procedures. A new Part, covering the inspection of moving walks, was also added.

The Inspectors' Manual Subcommittee was reactivated in 1976 to review the Manual and coordinate it with a proposed new edition of the Code. The Subcommittee, during its review, felt that it was time for the Manual to take a new format. Thus, the fifth edition of the Manual, published in 1979, was reorganized into four major Parts: Electric Elevators, Hydraulic Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks. Each Part was further divided into three major Divisions: Routine Inspection, Periodic Inspection and Test, and Acceptance Inspection and Test. New Appendices were added to this edition, containing sample inspection checklists for electric elevators, hydraulic elevators, escalators, and moving walks. A considerable amount of new material was also added to the Manual to bring it in line with the 1978 edition of the Code.

In order to keep the Manual as current as possible, the Committee began the policy of publishing supplements on a regular basis. Supplements were issued in 1980 and 1981 to update the 1979 edition.

The sixth edition of the Manual contained the revisions included in the 1980 and 1981 Supplements, as well as many other revisions made to keep the Manual in line with new Code requirements and to add more comprehensive inspection and testing procedures. The title of this edition was also changed to ANSI/ASME A17.2, Inspectors' Manual for Elevators and Escalators. This change was made to reflect a reorganization of the A17 Committee structure, and to shorten the title for convenience.

The seventh edition of the Manual included the revisions in the 1983 and 1984 Supplements, as well as other new revisions. One of the major revisions was the Inspection Checklists in [Nonmandatory Appendix E](#), which were expanded to include routine and periodic inspections and tests in addition to acceptance inspections and tests.

The eighth edition included the revisions in the 1986 and 1987 Supplements, as well as other revisions that were detailed in the Summary of Changes section.

In 1989, the Inspectors' Manual Committee polled the inspection community to determine which portions of the Manual were most effective and the direction that should be taken to meet the needs of inspectors. In response to requests for equipment-specific inspection guidelines, techniques, and cautionary notes as well as field convenience, the concept of individual equipment inspection manuals was developed. The Committee decided to concentrate initially on three major segments. As a result, the Inspectors' Manual was published in three volumes: A17.2.1, Electric Elevators; A17.2.2, Hydraulic Elevators; and A17.2.3, Escalators and Moving Walks. Each volume addressed inspection procedures for ensuring compliance with the A17.1 Code since 1955 and the A17.3 Code. It was the Committee's plan to publish additional manuals to address inspection of other equipments, such as roped hydraulic elevators, dumbwaiters, sidewalk elevators, private residence elevators, hand elevators, material lifts and dumbwaiters with automatic transfer devices, special-purpose personnel elevators, rack-and-pinion elevators, inclined elevators, screw-column elevators, elevators used for construction, wheelchair and stairway chairlifts, shipboard elevators, and rooftop elevators.

In 1993, the Inspectors' Manual Committee was asked to review equipment installed prior to the 1955 edition of A17.1. ASME A17.2.3 included inspection and testing procedures for ensuring compliance with some requirements in pre-1955 editions of A17.1.

In 1999, based on feedback from the user community, the A17 Main Committee approved the Inspectors' Manual Committee's recommendation to consolidate the three existing manuals: A17.2.1-1996, Inspectors' Manual for Electric Elevators (including A17.2.1a-1997 and A17.2.1b-1998 Addenda); A17.2.2-1997, Inspectors' Manual for Hydraulic Elevators (including A17.2.2a-1998 Addenda); and A17.2.3-1998, Inspectors' Manual for Escalators and Moving Walks (including A17.2.3a-2000 Addenda). The resulting A17.2-2001, Guide for Inspection of Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks, represented an editorial consolidation of the three manuals. The revised standard also included technical revisions that had been approved by the A17.1 Committee since the previous publications.

The second edition of the consolidated Guide was published in 2004. [Nonmandatory Appendix B](#) appeared for the first time in this edition.

The third edition of the Guide included revisions that were detailed in the Summary of Changes section.

The fourth edition of the Guide included revisions that were detailed in the Summary of Changes section.

The fifth edition of the Guide included revisions that were detailed in the Summary of Changes section. This edition also added an Inspection Guide for Private Residence Elevators.

The sixth edition of the Guide included revisions that were detailed in the Summary of Changes section. This edition also added an inspection guide for limited-use/limited-application (LU/LA) elevators.

The seventh edition of the Guide included revisions detailed in the Summary of Changes section. This edition also added the Acceptance Checklist for Occupant Evacuation Operation.

This eighth edition of the Guide includes revisions listed in the Summary of Changes section. This edition adds a guide for the inspection of dumbwaiters ([Parts 12 through 16](#)) and updates the ASME A17.2 subtitle accordingly. It also adds inspection guidance for door reopening devices and an emergency power acceptance checklist.

The following is a list of past editions and supplements and the dates on which they received final approval. The dates of issuance are also included for documents published since 1979.

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PREFACE

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FORM AND ARRANGEMENT

This Guide addresses how-to inspection guidelines, techniques, and cautionary notes in a logical sequence. It is understood that “routine inspection” refers to A17.1d-2000 and earlier editions and “periodic inspection” refers to A17.1-2000/B44-00 and later editions. Subsections are arranged to focus on routine inspection requirements, followed by periodic test (annual and 5 yr) and acceptance criteria. Appropriate references to the latest edition of the Code, in effect at the time of this Guide’s publication, are listed at the end of each subsection. The referenced numbers may not be the same in earlier editions. This Guide is organized as follows: [Parts 1](#) through [6](#) apply to electric and hydraulic elevators [including limited-use/limited-application (LU/LA) elevators where applicable], [Parts 7](#) and [8](#) apply to escalators, [Parts 9](#) and [10](#) apply to moving walks, [Part 11](#) applies to machine-room-less (MRL) elevators, and [Parts 12](#) through [16](#) apply to dumbwaiters. The Parts are arranged to show the location of the inspection:

Part 1	Elevator — Inside of Car
Part 2	Elevator — Machine Room
Part 3	Elevator — Top of Car
Part 4	Elevator — Outside Hoistway
Part 5	Elevator — Pit
Part 6	Elevator — Firefighters’ Service
Part 7	Escalator — External
Part 8	Escalator — Internal
Part 9	Moving Walk — External
Part 10	Moving Walk — Internal
Part 11	Elevator — Machine-Room-Less (MRL)
Part 12	Dumbwaiter — Inside of Car
Part 13	Dumbwaiter — Machine-Room
Part 14	Dumbwaiter — Top of Car
Part 15	Dumbwaiter — Outside of Hoistway
Part 16	Dumbwaiter — Pit

Each inspection location is further subdivided as follows:

X	Location of inspection
XX	Item to be inspected
XX.1	Periodic inspections (routine)
XX.1.1	Electric elevators (as applicable)

XX.1.2	Hydraulic elevators (as applicable)
XX.1.3	Electric LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.1.4	Hydraulic LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.2	Periodic test
XX.2.1	Electric elevators (as applicable)
XX.2.2	Hydraulic elevators (as applicable)
XX.2.3	Electric LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.2.4	Hydraulic LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.3	Acceptance
XX.3.1	Electric elevators (as applicable)
XX.3.2	Hydraulic elevators (as applicable)
XX.3.3	Electric LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.3.4	Hydraulic LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.4	Code references
XX.4.1	Electric elevators (as applicable)
XX.4.2	Hydraulic elevators (as applicable)
XX.4.3	Electric LU/LA elevators (as applicable)
XX.4.4	Hydraulic LU/LA elevators (as applicable)

When a requirement within A17.1/B44 or A17.3 cross-references another requirement, the cross-reference is shown with the referring requirement in braces, { }. For A17.1-2000/B44-00 and later edition requirements, where no direct cross-reference is found within the A17.1-2000/B44-00 Cross-Reference Table, the prior code Rule (A17.1d-2000 and earlier editions) is shown in parentheses, (), with a preceding “NR” designation.

Subsection numbering of items may not be sequential when there are no inspection or test procedures indicated within this Guide.

NOTE: This Guide addresses the requirements of A17.1-1955 and later editions for elevators, escalators, and moving walks; the requirements of A17.1-1993 for dumbwaiters; and the latest edition of A17.3. Some requirements in earlier editions of A17.1 are also addressed. The inspector is referred to the particular edition of the A17.1 Code that applies for requirements prior to 1955 or 1993, as applicable.

This Guide includes the pertinent requirements from prior editions of A17.1/B44 that differ from the requirements in the latest edition. As the inspector becomes familiar with the prescribed order of inspection procedures, variations may be appropriate. The Foreword, Preface, and Nonmandatory Appendices that are included in this Guide have been approved by the A17 Committee but are not part of this American National Standard.

NOTE: See also [section 2](#), “Application,” in the Introduction of this Guide.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING INSTALLATIONS

Elevators and escalators in jurisdictions that have adopted A17.3, the Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators, and installations that have been altered in accordance with Part XII of the Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, A17.1d-1986 and later editions, must, as a minimum, conform to the requirements identified in this Guide as "A17.3." If an existing installation does not meet the requirements of the A17.3 Code, it must be upgraded. If an existing installation was required to meet more stringent requirements, it must continue to meet those requirements.

Alterations, if made, must conform to the requirements of A17.1/B44, Part XII, and the entire installation must conform to the requirements of A17.3. The alteration requirements in A17.1/B44, Part XII may be more stringent than the requirements of A17.3. The equipment must conform to the more stringent of the two.

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ASME A17.7/CSA B44.7, Performance-Based Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. This American National Standard performance-based safety code covers the design, construction, installation, operation, testing, maintenance, alteration, and repair of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, moving walks, and material lifts.

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Abbreviations Used in This Code

Abbreviation	Unit	Abbreviation	Unit
A	ampere	lb	pound (mass)
°C	degree Celsius	lbf	pound (force)
deg	degree (angle)	lx	lux
°F	degree Fahrenheit	m	meter
fc	footcandle	m/s	meter per second
ft	foot	m/s ²	meter per second per second
ft/min	foot per minute	m ²	square meter
ft/s	foot per second	m ³	cubic meter
ft ²	square foot	mA	milliampere
ft ³	cubic foot	mm	millimeter
ft/s ²	foot per second per second	mm ²	square millimeter
h	hour	mm ³	cubic millimeter
Hz	hertz	MPa	megapascal
in.	inch	N	newton
in. ²	square inch	psi	pound per square inch
in. ³	cubic inch	s	second
kg	kilogram	V	volt
kPa	kilopascal		

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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xxiii	Preface	(1) Form and Arrangement updated (2) Published Interpretations revised (3) Title of ASME A17.1/CSA B44 Handbook paragraph revised
1	Introduction, section 1	Revised
4	Item 1.1.1	(1) Item 1.1.1.1 designation and title added (2) Item 1.1.1.2 added
4	Item 1.1.4	(1) Requirements from A17.1-2019/B44-19 and later editions added (2) In 1.1.4.3 and 1.1.4.4, in A17.1-2000/B44-00 through A17.1-2016/B44-16, requirement 2.13.3.4 deleted
9	Item 1.7.1	Note revised
11	Item 1.10.2	(1) Subparagraph (a) revised (2) Last paragraph of subpara. (b) added
12	Figure 1.10.2	Revised
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28	Item 2.12.1.1	Subparagraph (a)(3)(-b) editorially revised
34	Item 2.13.3.2	Note editorially revised
36	Item 2.17.2.2	Title revised
56	Item 2.42.1.2	Revised
56	Item 2.42.3.2	Subparagraphs (c) and (d) added
56	Item 2.42.4	In Items 2.42.4.1 and 2.42.4.2, requirements for A17.1-2016/B44-16 and later editions added
58	Table 2.43.3.1	Revised
59	Item 2.45.4	Editorially revised
78	Item 3.23	Note revised
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285	Nonmandatory Appendix A, Checklist for Hydraulic Elevators	Item 5.9 added
436	Nonmandatory Appendix H	(1) Editorially reformatted (2) Example 1, member #4 corrected by errata
444	Nonmandatory Appendix J	Added

Introduction

(20) 1 SCOPE

This Guide covers recommended inspection and testing procedures for electric and hydraulic elevators, escalators, and moving walks required to conform to the Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, A17.1-1955 and later editions, and The Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators, A17.3. This Guide also addresses some requirements from editions of A17.1 prior to 1955.

This Guide also includes Canadian references and applicable exceptions for CSA B44-00 and later editions.

NOTES:

- (1) This Guide may not reflect the latest requirements in the current ASME A17.1/CSA B44 and ASME A17.3 Codes.
- (2) The inspection procedures in [Parts 1](#) through [6](#) apply for limited-use/limited-application (LU/LA) elevators, except as modified.

2 APPLICATION

This Guide is intended to assist qualified inspectors performing routine inspections and witnessing periodic and acceptance inspections and tests. It is not intended to serve as a basis for government regulations. This Guide does not contain information on handling discrepancies noted during an inspection and test. The authority having jurisdiction in their legislation adopting the Code is responsible for addressing this subject. The acceptance inspection and testing procedures apply only to the extent that they conform to the latest edition of the A17.1/B44 Code. The routine and periodic inspection and testing procedures apply only to the extent that they conform to the applicable Code requirements that were in effect at the time of installation or alteration. The inspection and testing procedures do not take into account local regulations that may differ.

It is recognized that inspectors will not be able to accomplish all the inspection procedures specified in this Guide during each inspection. Qualified inspectors have the knowledge and experience to recognize potential deficiencies and to focus the inspection in those areas.

This Guide uses the following format to describe the appropriate inspection and test:

(a) Periodic Inspections. The examination and operation of equipment at specified intervals by an inspector to check for compliance with the applicable Code requirements.

(b) Periodic Test. The testing and detailed examination and operation of equipment at specified intervals witnessed by an inspector to check for compliance with the applicable Code requirements.

(c) Acceptance. The initial inspection and test of new or altered equipment to check for compliance with the applicable Code requirements.

The procedures in this Guide are recommendations only and are intended to illustrate a method of complying with the requirements in A17.1d-2000 and earlier editions and A17.1-2000/B44-00 and later editions, Sections 8.10 and 8.11. The person performing the inspection and test may employ other methods to demonstrate compliance with the applicable Code requirement. Qualified inspectors have the knowledge and experience to recognize potential deficiencies and to focus the inspection where necessary.

Where, as an example, no inspection procedure is specified for periodic inspections or periodic tests, it indicates that the Code requirements need no explanation. This does not indicate that no inspection or test of the specified item is required. The item is to be inspected or tested for compliance with the applicable Code requirements.

If, as an example, the acceptance inspection has a test procedure that differs from the test procedure specified under periodic test, the acceptance test procedure should be followed in addition to the periodic test procedure.

This Guide contains inspection procedures for compliance with the applicable Code only. A17.1d-2000 and earlier editions, Rule 1000.2 and A17.1-2000/B44-00 and later editions, requirements 8.10.1.2 and 8.11.1.2 read in part “the inspection and test required by this Part are to determine that the equipment conforms to the applicable Code requirements at the time of installation and any alteration.” This Guide contains no recommendations that exceed the requirements of A17.1d-2000 and earlier editions, Rule 1000.2; A17.1-2000/B44-00 and later editions, requirements 8.10.1.2 and 8.11.1.2; and A17.3.

To facilitate making inspections and tests, sample checklists can be found in [Nonmandatory Appendix A](#) of this Guide. The checklist Item numbers correspond to the Item numbers in this Guide. The checklists also contain appropriate A17.1/B44 and A17.3 references for each Item.

NOTE: See also “Form and Arrangement” in the [Preface](#) of this Guide.