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***The revised prEN81-41 and  
the new EN81-42:***  
**State of the approval process  
of the two standards**

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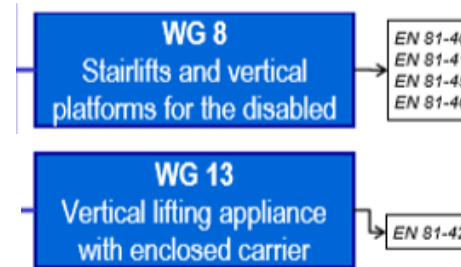
# prEN81-41 e prEN 81-42

Platforms with not completely enclosed carrier =  
= Platforms without doors in the carrier

Platforms with enclosed carrier =  
= Platforms with doors in the carrier

- Although the topic is very similar, **CEN/TC10** has assigned the two standards to two distinct **WGs**:

- WG8 (prEN81-41)
- WG13 (prEN81-42)



The result is that, despite the efforts made by the two WGs, some technical solutions will not be aligned.

It is better to specify that **with/without doors** is the real case of the more general concept **completely/not completely closed carrier**

## ***WG8 - Stairlifts and vertical platforms for people with impaired mobility***

**Convenor Mr. Paolo Tattoli (after 2022) - 1**

- **EN 81-41:2010 - Vertical lifting platforms intended for use by persons with impaired mobility**
- Revision 2021 received a positive formal vote in July 2021
- National Members approving: 16, disapproving: 2
- In delaying the publication, on February 2023 a negative assessment from HAS Consultant has been released

## ***WG8 - Stairlifts and vertical platforms for people with impaired mobility***

**Convenor Mr. Paolo Tattoli (after 2022) - 2**

- **EN 81-41:2010 - Vertical lifting platforms intended for use by persons with impaired mobility**
- ...
- WG8 asked for a meeting with HAS Consultant to share decisions on changes to be introduced to the draft
- Some problems for this because the HAS Consultant is UNKNOWN
- After a detailed request the meeting was agreed and organized: the changes introduced into the 2023 coming from the HAS Consultant comments are now shared with HAS Consultant

## ***WG8 - Stairlifts and vertical platforms for people with impaired mobility***

**Convenor Mr. Paolo Tattoli (after 2022) - 3**

- **EN 81-41:2010 - Vertical lifting platforms intended for use by persons with impaired mobility**
- ...
- Last WG8 decision (September 2023) is to introduce the technical changes to the EN 81-41 draft coming from comments from first formal vote (German and Austria comments); these comments led the negative assessment of France and Germany
- The concerns from Austria about EHSR 6.4.2 of machinery directive 2006/42/EC are closely monitored and hopefully solved (with agreement of HAS consultant)
- Currently, the draft is under revision to be submitted to a second Formal Vote

➤ **Let's see some technical content of the current draft**

# Revision of EN 81-41

- Alignment to EN 81-20 and EN 81-50
- Added toothed belts as suspension means (coated ropes and flat belts not included)
- Traction drive
- No changes for the remote alarm (except the deletion of the initial word «note»)

Platforms with not completely enclosed carrier

# Machinery Directive

Control device

- Annex I
- 6.4.2. Controls at landings
- Controls, other than those for emergency use, at landings shall not initiate movements of the carrier when:
  - a) the control devices in the carrier are being operated
  - b) the carrier is not at a landing

Platforms with not completely enclosed carrier

# Machinery Directive

Control device

- Due to the Austrian Federal Ministry reporting on possible non-compliance with the Machinery Directive, WG8 has changed the requirements to include a person detection device inside the load carrier
- The platform will operate from the landing with the push-button automatic control when no person is detected in the load carrier
- The landing controls are disabled when the carrier is occupied or in the event of a failure of the person detection device



# Revision of EN 81-41

## ACTUAL VERSION

- 5.5.15.2.1 Control devices located on the platform, which are used to control the movement of the platform shall be dependent upon hold-to-run.
- **5.5.15.2.2** Control devices located at landings, which are used to control the movement of the platform shall be not hold-to-run
- **5.5.15.2.3** A detection means ~~that is shall be provided~~ **able** to detect a person on the platform ~~shall be provided~~.
- **The detection means:**
  - a) shall be an electric safety device as per 5.5.11.1; and
  - b) when triggered, shall prevent a call from any landing control; and
  - c) shall be monitored to detect its failure; and
  - d) in case of its failure:
    - 1) when the carrier is at a landing, shall prevent a call from any landing control;
    - 2) the travelling carrier shall continue its travel till the destination landing;
    - 3) the carrier operation shall continue and remain available as per 5.5.15.2.1.

## **WG13 - Vertical lifting appliance with enclosed carrier**

### **Convenor Mr. Paolo Tattoli (after 2015) - 1**

- In 2011 CEN/TC10 decided to have **two separate dedicated standards for the lifting appliances**
  - With *not completely enclosed carrier*
  - With *enclosed carrier*
- **After consultancy among members:**
  - for the second one, the new WG13 has been appointed to develop the new **EN81-42 - Vertical lifting appliance with enclosed carrier intended for use by persons, including persons with disability**

## **WG13 - Vertical lifting appliance with enclosed carrier**

### **Convenor Mr. Paolo Tattoli (after 2015) - 2**

- Works on EN81-42 started in 2015
- Public enquiry in September 2022. National Members approving: 17, disapproving: 2
- Comments from HAS Consultant (negative assessment)
- FV scheduled by December 2023

#### **LATEST CHANGES, ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE TEXT**

- Updated Annex ZA
- New: PL (Performance Level)
- Re-introduced drive with guided chain

Drive System

• Guided Chain


# prEN 81-42

- EN 414 as base

- **Content:**

- 0. Introduction
- 1. Scope
- 2. Normative references
- 3. Terms and definitions
- “List of significant hazards” moved to Annex H
- 4. Safety requirements and/or protective/risk reduction measures
- 5. Verification of the safety requirements and/or protective/risk reduction measures
- 6. Information for use
- Annex

**For Chapter 4  
the reference is Chapter 5  
of 81-20**



# prEN 81-42 – Chapter 4

**It contains the same topics as Chapter 5 of UNI EN 81-20 except for shock absorbers**

- 4.1 General
- 4.2 Well and machinery spaces
- 4.3 Landing doors and carrier doors
- 4.4 Carrier, counterweight and balancing weight
- 4.5 Suspension means and related protection means
- 4.6 Precautions against free fall, excessive speed, unintended carrier movement and creeping of the carrier
- 4.7 Guide rails
- ~~Buffers (not provided)~~
- 4.8 Lift machinery and associated equipment
- 4.9 Electric installations and appliances
- 4.10 Protection against electric faults; failure analysis; electric safety devices
- 4.11 Controls - Final limit switches - Priorities

# prEN 81-42 – Annexes

- **Annex A** (informative) - Building interfaces
- **Annex B** (informative) - Guidance in selection of lifting appliances
- **Annex C** (informative) - Recommendations for the provisions and use of specially adapted control devices, switches and sensors
- **Annex D** (normative) - Additional requirements concerning accessibility and usability by persons with disability
- **Annex E** (informative) - In-use periodic examination, tests and servicing
- **Annex F** (normative) - Safety components – Tests procedures for verification of conformity
- **Annex G** (normative) - Alternative suspension means
- **Annex H** (informative) - List of significant hazards
- **Annex ZA** (informative) - Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of EU Directive 2006/42/EC aimed to be covered

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