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# New Zealand Building Code Clause D2 Mechanical Installations for Access

The mandatory provisions for building work are contained in the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC), which comprises the First Schedule to the Building Regulations 1992. The relevant NZBC clause for Mechanical Installations for Access is D2.

<b>FIRST SCHEDULE—continued</b>	
<b>Clause D2—MECHANICAL INSTALLATIONS FOR ACCESS</b>	
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Limits on application</b>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE</b>  <b>D2.1</b> The objective of this provision is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Safeguard people from injury and loss of amenity while using mechanical installations for movement into, within and out of <i>buildings</i>,</li> <li>(b) Safeguard maintenance personnel from injury while servicing mechanical installations for access, and</li> <li>(c) Ensure that <i>people with disabilities</i> are able to carry out normal activities and processes within <i>buildings</i>.</li> </ul> <p><b>FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENT</b>  <b>D2.2</b> Mechanical installations for access into, within and out of <i>buildings</i> shall provide for the safe and easy movement of people, and for the safety of maintenance personnel.</p> <p><b>PERFORMANCE</b>  <b>D2.3.1</b> Mechanical installations for access shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Move people safely, and stop and hold as required for the normal use of the installation, for all loads up to and including 25% in excess of the rated load,</li> <li>(b) Not produce excessive acceleration or deceleration,</li> <li>(c) Be constructed to avoid the likelihood of people falling, tripping, becoming caught, being able to touch or be struck by moving parts, sharp edges or projections, under both normal and reasonably foreseeable abnormal conditions of use,</li> </ul>	<p>Objective D2.1(c) shall apply only to those <i>buildings</i> to which section 47A of the Act applies.</p>

See Note

**NOTE:**

Section 47A is in the Building Act 1991. The equivalent section in the Building Act 2004 is section 118.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

## Provisions

- (d) Be constructed to prevent collision between components, or between components and the *building*,
- (e) Have a control system that ensures safe abnormal operation in the event of overloading or failure of any single component, and
- (f) Be capable of being isolated for inspection, testing and maintenance.

**D2.3.2** Mechanical installations for access shall be provided with:

- (a) *Adequate* control over normal use, to ensure people's safety throughout any operation involving starting, stopping or changing the direction of travel,
- (b) Notification of position, where people are fully enclosed and the installation serves more than two levels,
- (c) *Adequate* lighting and ventilation for both normal and emergency use, and
- (d) Signs as required by Clause F8 "Signs",

**D2.3.3** Mechanical installations for access shall, for emergency purposes, be provided with a means of:

- (a) Calling outside help,
- (b) Releasing people safely,
- (c) Safeguarding people from exposure to *hazardous* situations, and
- (d) Allowing authorised personnel to override the normal running procedure and take exclusive control of the installation.

**D2.3.4** Potentially dangerous equipment shall be located in spaces which:

## Limits on application

Performance D2.3.3(d) shall not apply to installations travelling less than 15 m vertically.

**FIRST SCHEDULE—continued**

**Provisions**

- (a) Are secure from unauthorised entry and contain only equipment associated with the installation,
- (b) Are appropriately sized and suitably guarded to provide *adequate* safe working areas for maintenance personnel,
- (c) Are provided with *adequate* power and lighting for maintenance, and
- (d) Have an environment that ensures the safe operation of the equipment under all likely conditions of use.

**D2.3.5** Mechanical installations on *accessible routes* shall:

- (a) Where the passenger conveyor is manually controlled, provide:
  - (i) controls which are easily identifiable and easy to use,
  - (ii) *adequate* notification that the passenger conveyor has registered a summoning call, and
  - (iii) *adequate* notification that the passenger conveyor has arrived, and of its future direction of travel,
- (b) Where the passenger conveyor is fully enclosed and serves more than two levels, provide an *adequate* means of informing occupants of their location,
- (c) Where appropriate, have doors which:
  - (i) are power operated,
  - (ii) are readily distinguishable from their surroundings, and
  - (iii) where automatic, remain open sufficiently long to enable *people with disabilities* to pass through, and
- (d) Have *handrails* within the passenger conveyor.

**Limits on application**





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# References

For the purposes of New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) compliance, the Standards and documents referenced in these Verification Methods and Acceptable Solutions (primary reference documents) must be the editions, along with their specific amendments, listed below. Where these primary reference documents refer to other Standards or documents (secondary reference documents), which in turn may also refer to other Standards or documents, and so on (lower-order reference documents), then the version in effect at the date of publication of these Verification Methods and Acceptable Solutions must be used.

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## Standards New Zealand

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NZS 4223:-	Glazing in buildings
Part 3: 1999	Human impact safety requirements
NZS 4332: 1997	Non-domestic passenger and goods lifts
NZS 4334: 2012	Platform lifts and low-speed lifts

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EN 81:-	Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts
Part 1: 1998	Electric lifts
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# Definitions

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This is an abbreviated list of definitions for words or terms particularly relevant to these Verification Methods and Acceptable Solutions. The definitions for any other italicised words may be found in the New Zealand Building Code Handbook.

**Accessible** Having features to permit use by *people with disabilities*.

**Accessible route** An *access route* usable by *people with disabilities*. It shall be a continuous route that can be negotiated unaided by a wheelchair user. The route shall extend from street boundary or car parking area to those spaces within the *building* required to be *accessible* to enable *people with disabilities* to carry out normal activities and processes within the *building*.

**Adequate** *Adequate* to achieve the objectives of the *Building Code*.

**Amenity** An attribute of a *building* which contributes to the health, physical independence, and well being of the *building's* users but which is not associated with disease or a specific illness.

**Building** has the meaning given to it by sections 8 and 9 of the Building Act 2004.

**Building consent authority (BCA)** means a person whose name is entered in the register referred to in section 273(1)(a) of the Building Act 2004.

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**Building element** Any structural and non-structural component or assembly incorporated into or associated with a *building*. Included are *fixtures*, services, *drains*, permanent mechanical installations for access, glazing, partitions, ceilings and temporary supports.

**Compliance schedule** means a compliance schedule required under section 100 of the Building Act 2004.

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**Handrail** A rail to provide support to, or assist with the movement of a *person*.

**Hazardous** Creating an unreasonable risk to people of bodily injury or deterioration of health.

**Owner**, in relation to land and any *buildings* on the land,—

(a) means the *person* who—

- (i) is entitled to the rack rent from the land; or
- (ii) would be so entitled if the land were let to a tenant at a rack rent; and

(b) includes—

- (i) the *owner* of the fee simple of the land; and
- (ii) any *person* who has agreed in writing, whether conditionally or unconditionally, to purchase the land or any leasehold estate or interest in the land or to take a lease of the land and who is bound by the agreement because the agreement is still in force.

**Person includes—**

- (a) the Crown; and
- (b) a corporation sole; and
- (c) a body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate)

**Person with a disability** means any *person* who has an impairment or combination of impairments that limits the extent to which the person can engage in the processes of everyday life, including, without limitation, any of the following:

- a) a physical, sensory or neurological impairment;
- b) a mental illness.

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# Verification Method D2/VM1

## Passenger Carrying Lifts

No specific test methods have been adopted for verifying compliance with the Performance of NZBC D2.





# Acceptable Solution D2/AS1

## Passenger Carrying Lifts

### 2.0 Reference Document NZS 4332

**2.0.1** NZS 4332 is an acceptable solution subject to the the following modifications:

- a) Where this Standard has provisions that are in non-specific or unquantified terms (such as where provisions are required to be appropriate, adequate, suitable, equivalent, satisfactory, acceptable, applicable or the like), then these do not form part of the acceptable solution and must be treated as an alternative solution.
- b) Where this Standard requires approval, verification or the like, then this must be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*.
- c) The structural design of the *building*, its elements and the fixings supporting the lift installation, shall comply with Clause B1 "Structure" and is outside the scope of this Standard as an acceptable solution. Structural design of parts of the lift installation where described in this Standard shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified designer and shall be to the approval of the *territorial authority*.
- d) In Clause 70.2 replace the words "1400 mm deep x 1350 mm wide" with "1400 mm x 1400 mm".

### 2.0 Reference Document EN 81 Parts 1 and 2

**2.0.1** EN 81: Part 1 (EN 81-1) is an acceptable solution for electric lifts subject to the amendments given in Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 below.

**2.0.2** EN 81: Part 2 (EN 81-2) is an acceptable solution for hydraulic lifts subject to the amendments given in Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.3 below.

### 2.1 Amendments to both EN 81-1 and EN 81-2

The amendments comprise additions (given in Paragraph 2.1.1 below) and modifications (given in Paragraph 2.1.2 below).

**2.1.1** Add the following new clauses to EN 81-1 and EN 81-2:

**Clause 1.5** to read:

"**1.5** The Standard does not cover the following:

#### 1.5.1 Structural Design (NZBC Clause B1)

The structural designs of the lift installation including its various components and of the building housing the installation are outside of the scope of this Standard.

NOTE Although this Standard provides some design criteria and information on the loads resulting from the operation and use of the lift installation, it does not fully account for all loadings that must be taken into consideration, e.g. earthquake. The overall structural design of the lift installation and of its components is therefore outside of the scope of this Standard. Designs need to be undertaken by a suitably qualified designer with proposals approved by the *territorial authority* as part of the *building consent* process.

The structural design of the *building* to withstand the loads imposed on it by the lift installation is also outside of the scope of this Standard. Design proposals here also need to be approved by the *territorial authority* as part of the *building consent* process.

#### 1.5.2 Durability (NZBC Clause B2)

The design of the lift installation with respect to durability is outside of the scope of this Standard.

NOTE This Standard does not specifically address the durability of all components of the lift installation. As part of the *building consent* process the *territorial authority* may require evidence that the various components of the lift installation will meet the *building code's* durability provisions.

### 1.5.3 Fire (NZBC Clauses C2, C3 and C4)

The design of the lift installation with respect to *fire* is outside of the scope of this Standard.

NOTE The Standard provides some limited information however any *fire* design cannot look at the lift installation in isolation and needs to consider the *building* as a whole before determining requirements.

This Acceptable Solution, by reference to Clause 25.6 of NZS 4332, aims to ensure lifts are not used during a firecall in the *building*. Lifts specifically designed to be used during a *fire* require special engineering consideration and are outside of the scope of this Acceptable Solution and NZS 4332."

**Clause 1.6** to read:

#### "1.6 Requirements from NZS 4332

The lift installation shall meet the requirements of the following clauses from NZS 4332. If there is conflict between these clauses and provisions in EN 81, these clauses shall take precedence:

**Clause 2.5** Maintenance and inspection

**Clause 7.9** Hatches in machine rooms

**Clause 7.15** Protection of machine rooms against weather

**Clause 7.17** Ventilation of machine rooms

**Clause 7.18** Machine room lifting beams

**Clause 11.3** Pit maintenance

**Clause 11.4** Guards between adjacent pits

**Clause 11.5.3** Access from bottom landing doors

**Clause 11.9** Dryness of pits

**Clause 22.20.2** Internal lighting

**Clause 23.6** Passenger protective device – horizontal doors (see Note)

**Clause 24.10** Lift circuit drawing in machine room

**Clause 25.6** Operation of lifts under fire or other emergency conditions (excluding earthquakes)

**Clause 25.7** Detection of fire in machine rooms (including sheave rooms and governor rooms containing electronic equipment) and liftwells

**Clause 25.8** Operation of lifts under earthquake conditions

**Clause 28.2.1** Emergency audible alarm

**Clause 70** Requirements for lifts on access routes for people with disabilities

NOTE See also Paragraph 2.1.2 below for amendments to Clauses 7.5.2.1.1.3 and 8.7.2.1.1.3."

**Clause 1.7** to read:

#### "1.7 Interpretation

Where this Standard has provisions that are in non-specific or unquantified terms (such as where provisions are required to be suitable, special, adequate, appropriate, equivalent, satisfactory, acceptable, applicable or the like) then proposals to meet those provisions must be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*.

Where the Standard requires that manufacturer's advice be followed, the adequacy of that advice shall be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*.

Where this Standard requires approval, verification or the like, then this must be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*.

Where *territorial authority* is mentioned in this Acceptable Solution, it shall be taken to include a *building certifier* acting within the scope of its approval.

The word "shall" identifies a mandatory requirement for compliance with this Standard. The word "should" refers to practices which are advised or recommended.

The word "normative" identifies a mandatory requirement for compliance with this Standard.

The words "NOTE" and "informative" identify commentary material. Such material is given for the purposes of general information and does not form part of the mandatory requirements of this Standard."

**2.1.2** Modify the following clauses in EN 81-1 and EN 81-2 as noted:

**Clause 0** Clause 0 shall be read as informative.

**Clause 1.4** Delete.

**Clause 2** Amend the words "Normative references" in both the heading and the text to read "References".

**Clause 5.2.1.1(c) and (d)** Delete.

**Clause 5.2.3** Delete.

**Clause 6.3.1.2** Replace the words "corrugated iron" with the words "chequer plate".

**Clause 6.3.5** Delete the words "Should the well be ventilated through the machine room, this has to be taken into account."

**Clause 6.3.7** Reword to read:

**"6.3.7 Handling of equipment**

Beams, or supports or hooks attached to them, provided for the purpose of lifting machine parts shall have a notice advising the maximum permissible load that can be carried."

**Clause 6.4.1.2** Replace the words "corrugated iron" with the words "chequer plate".

**Clause 7.2.3.6** Reword to read:

**"7.2.3.6** To avoid dragging of children's hands, automatic power operated horizontally sliding doors made of glass of dimensions greater than stated in 7.6.2 shall comprise opaque glass up to a height of 1.10 m."

**Clause 7.4.2.1** Add the words "Proposals for guide design shall be to the satisfaction of the territorial authority."

**Clause 7.5.2.1.1.3** Make the following changes:

- i) In the first paragraph delete the words "being struck, or".
- ii) Add a new paragraph at the end saying: "The protective device shall comply with:

Clause 23.6 of NZS 4332 except that Clauses 23.6.1 (c), 23.6.2 and 23.6.3 may be modified as follows:

- a) the kinetic energy limitation of 3.4 J may be increased to 4 J, and
- b) the requirement for an audible warning to be sounded may be ignored."

**Clause 8.6.7.5** Reword to read:

**"8.6.7.5** To avoid dragging of children's hands, automatic power operated horizontally sliding doors made of glass of dimensions greater than stated in 7.6.2 shall comprise opaque glass up to a height of 1.10 m."

**Clause 8.7.2.1.1.3** Make the following changes:

- i) Delete the words "being struck, or".
- ii) Add a new paragraph at the end saying: "The protective device shall comply with Clause 23.6 of NZS 4332 except that Clauses 23.6.1 (c), 23.6.2 and 23.6.3 may be modified as follows:
  - a) the kinetic energy limitation of 3.4 J may be increased to 4 J, and
  - b) the requirement for an audible warning to be sounded may be ignored."

**Clause 8.17.1** Reword to read:

**"8.17.1** Lift car lighting shall comply with Clauses 22.20.2.1 to 22.20.2.6 inclusive of NZS 4332."

**Clause 8.17.2** Delete.

**Clause 8.17.4** Reword to read:

"8.17.4 Lift cars shall be provided with emergency lighting complying with Clause 22.20.2.7 of NZS 4332.

Where batteries provide the emergency lighting source, the batteries shall be secured in such a manner that they cannot be displaced or the contents spilled by the operation of the safety gear or by earthquake."

**Clause 10.1.1** Delete the Note and add the words:

"Guide rails shall be designed in accordance with Annex G.

Annex G accounts for loading actions as a result of lift operation only. Other loadings, such as earthquake, also need to be checked but are outside the scope of EN 81. Refer to Clause 1.5.1."

**Clause 14.2.3.2** Delete the word "Note".

**Clause 16** Amend heading to read "Lift Particulars – Tests – Maintenance".

**Clause 16.1** Amend heading to read:

"16.1 Drawings and tests"

**Clause 16.1.1** Amend clause to read:

"16.1.1 Drawings and particulars of the lift installation shall be supplied in accordance with Annex C. The details submitted shall show that the constituent parts are correctly designed and the proposed installation is in conformity with this Standard."

**Clause 16.2** Delete.

**Clause 16.3.2** Amend to read:

"16.3.2 Maintenance and inspection

Maintenance and inspection shall comply with the requirements of Clause 2.5 of NZS 4332."

**Clause 16.3.3** Delete.

**Annex D**

**Clause D.1** Amend (a) to read:

"Comparison of the as-built installation with the drawings and particulars supplied under Clause 16.1.1. Variations from the plans and specifications on which the *building consent* was granted need to be approved by the *territorial authority*."

**Clause D.2 (c)** Replace the words "register or file [16.2.a)]" with the words "drawings and particulars of the lift installation [(16.1.1)]".

**Annex E** Delete.

**Annex G** In the heading replace the word "informative" with the word "normative".

**2.2 Amendments to EN 81-1**

Modify the following clauses of EN 81-1 as noted. These amendments must be made in addition to those required in Paragraph 2.1 (i.e. Paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2) above.

**Clause 5.7.3.2** Amend last sentence of last paragraph to read:

"This shall not project into the clear running space of the lift equipment and shall comply with Clause 11.5.3 of NZS 4332."

**Clause 8.3.2.2** Replace the words "0.90 m and 1.10 m" with the words "0.95 m and 1.05 m".

**Clause 9.3** Add the words "Demonstration of acceptable rope traction shall be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*."

**Clause 12.4.1.3** Add new clause which reads:

"12.4.1.3 Demonstration of an acceptable braking system, which meets the requirements of 12.4, shall be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*."

**Clause 12.8.6** Add new clause which reads:

"12.8.6 The demonstration of the acceptability of these devices to meet the requirements of 12.8 shall be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*."

**Clause 16.1.2** Delete Note.

**Clause 16.1.3** Delete.

**Annex C** Make the following changes:

- i) In the heading amend the words "Annex C (informative) Technical dossier" to read "Annex C (normative) Drawings and Particulars".
- ii) Amend Clause C.1 to read:
 

**"C.1 Introduction**

The drawings and particulars shall include all of the information and documents required by this Annex."
- iii) In the second paragraph of Clause C.3 replace the words "do not have to give details of construction but they should" with the word "shall".
- iv) Amend the first paragraph of Clause C.5 to read:
 

"Copies of type examination certificates for:

  - a) landing door locking devices (7.7.3.3);
  - b) safety gear (9.8.1.3);
  - c) overspeed governors (9.9.12);
  - d) energy dissipation type buffers, energy accumulation type buffers with buffered return movement and/or non-linear characteristics (10.3.6);
  - e) safety circuits containing electronic components (14.1.2.3.3); and
  - f) ascending car overspeed protection means (9.10.11)."
  - v) In the second paragraph of Clause C.5 replace the words "ropes, chains" with the words "ropes and chains and their terminations".

**2.3 Amendments to EN 81-2**

Modify the following clauses of EN 81-2 as noted. These amendments must be made in addition to those required in Paragraph 2.1 (i.e. Paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2) above.

**Clause 5.7.2.2** Amend last sentence of last paragraph to read:

"This shall not project into the clear running space of the lift equipment and shall comply with Clause 11.5.3 of NZS 4332."

**Clause 5.7.3** Add new Clause 5.7.3 to read:**"5.7.3 Devices to hold car above the lowest floor**

For direct-acting electrohydraulic lifts, suitable devices shall be provided to hold the car above the lowest floor. Such devices shall support the car as necessary during all testing and maintenance without impinging on the clearances required by this Standard.

If the device is not permanently fixed in place it shall remain on the site in an area exclusively for the use of the lift installation. If stored in the pit it shall not interfere with the lift installation nor with any clearance required by this Standard.

Proposals for the device, demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this Clause, shall be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*."

**Clause 8.3.2.1 Fourth paragraph** Replace the words "0.90 m and 1.10 m" with the words "0.95 m and 1.05 m".**Clause 9.1** Add the words:

"Demonstration of an acceptable means of suspension shall be to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*."

**Clause 9.10.5.1** Rephrase lead-in paragraph to read:

"Where tripping of the safety gear or clamping device is by rope the following shall apply:"

**Clause 9.10.5.2** Rephrase lead-in paragraph to read:

"Where tripping of the safety gear or clamping device is by lever the following shall apply:"

**Clause 12.3.3.4** Add the words:

"The acceptability of the bend to carry the required pressures shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the *territorial authority*."

**Clause 16.1.2** Delete the second paragraph and the Note.

**Annex C** Make the following changes:

- i) In the heading amend the words "Annex C (informative) Technical dossier" to read "Annex C (normative) Drawings and Particulars".
- ii) Amend Clause C.1 to read:

**"C.1 Introduction**

The drawings and particulars shall include all of the information and documents required by this Annex."

- iii) In the second paragraph of Clause C.3 replace the words "do not have to give details of construction but they should" with the word "shall".
- iv) Amend the first paragraph of Clause C.5 to read:  
"Copies of type examination certificates for:
  - a) landing door locking devices (7.7.3.3);
  - b) safety gear (9.8.9);
  - c) overspeed governors (9.10.2.11);
  - d) energy dissipation type buffers, energy accumulation type buffers with buffered return movement and/or non-linear characteristics (10.3.8);
  - e) safety circuits containing electronic components (14.1.2.3.2.6);
  - f) rupture valve (12.5.5.7); and
  - g) one-way restrictor with mechanical moving parts (12.5.6.6)."
- v) In the second paragraph of Clause C.5 replace the words "ropes, chains" with the words "ropes and chains and their terminations".

# Verification Method D2/VM2

## Platform Lifts and Low-speed Lifts

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# Acceptable Solution D2/AS2

## Platform Lifts and Low-speed Lifts

### 1.0 Reference Document NZS 4334

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**1.0.1** NZS 4334 is an Acceptable Solution for platform lifts and low-speed lifts.

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# Verification Method D2/VM3 Escalators and Moving Walks

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for verifying compliance with the Performance  
of NZBC D2.



# Acceptable Solution D2/AS3

## Escalators and Moving Walks

### 1.0 Reference Document EN 115

**1.0.1** EN 115 is an Acceptable Solution subject to the following modifications:

- a) Where the Standard uses the word 'shall' this refers to requirements that are essential for compliance with the Standard; while the word 'should' refers to practices that are advised or recommended. A 'Normative' appendix is an integral part of the Standard and contains requirements; an 'Informative' appendix contains recommendations only.
- b) Where this Acceptable Solution does not nominate the specific details of what is required for an escalator or moving walk component or feature but instead describes the required performance or is otherwise non-specific (such as where provisions are required to be appropriate or suitable) the details of the component or feature, along with justification of its adequacy, shall be included on plans and specifications for consideration by the *building consent authority* as part of the normal *building consent* process.
- c) Where escalators or moving walks are provided an alternative *Building Code* compliant non-mechanical means of access, such as stairs or ramps, shall also be provided. Escalators and moving walks shall not comprise part of an *escape route*.
- d) Escalators shall not be used on *accessible routes*.
- e) Moving walks on *accessible routes* shall meet the following requirements:
  - i) the maximum slope shall be 1 in 10 (5.7 degrees)

#### Comment

A maximum slope of 1 in 14 (4.1 degrees) is recommended.

- ii) the width of the pallet or belt shall be no less than 900 mm and no greater than 1200 mm

- iii) the pallets or belt shall move horizontally for at least 1200 mm before entering the combs

- iv) the *handrails* shall extend 300 mm beyond the combs

- f) The structural adequacy of the escalator or moving walk, its supports and of the *building* supporting the escalator or moving walk, to withstand all likely loads including earthquake, shall be demonstrated by a suitably qualified structural designer. The person proposing to install the escalator or moving walk shall supply to the structural designer all necessary information to enable the design to be carried out, including weights of escalator or moving walk components and all working tolerances necessary for safe operation.

#### COMMENT

It is expected that evidence would be furnished to the *building consent authority (BCA)* with the *building consent* application showing that a competent structural designer, Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) or other, has designed or otherwise checked the proposed escalator or moving walk, and the *building* supporting it, and considers the proposals to be *adequate*. The evidence about the escalator or moving walk itself could, depending on circumstances, be either specific engineering calculation or it could be a consideration of a design carried out overseas by others. It is envisaged that most *BCAs* would accept the advice of a CPEng working within a known area of expertise.

- g) All glazing associated with the escalator or moving walk installation shall be Grade A safety glass complying with NZS 4223.3.
- h) The electrical requirements of the Standard are additional to the normal requirements for an electrical installation. All wiring shall comply with NZBC Clause G9 'Electricity'.
- i) Signs complying with F8/AS1 may be used instead of those required by the Standard.

Where moving walks are intended for transporting trolleys, safety signs describing safe and correct use shall be provided.

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- j) For *building consent* purposes the *person* proposing to install the escalator or moving walk shall supply the following information:
- i) drawings and specifications detailing the escalator or moving walk installation (including the circuit diagram) and its attachment to the *building*
  - ii) demonstration of structural adequacy – see f) above
  - iii) justification for components or features meeting performance or other unspecific requirements of the Standard – see b) above
  - iv) the specific data, test reports and certificates noted in Clause 6.2 of the Standard
  - v) details of inspections and tests to be performed on behalf of the *owner* during installation of the escalator or moving walk and on completion of the work
  - vi) requirements for inspection and routine maintenance for inclusion in the *building's compliance schedule*.

**Comment**

This information comprises 'plans and specifications' as defined in the Building Act. It is expected that the person proposing to install the escalator or moving walk will receive the above information from the escalator or moving walk manufacturer or supplier, the structural designer, and others.

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