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## FOREWORD

This Standard is one in a series that provides performance requirements for hoists and was originally issued in 1983. It was developed by the ASME HST Standards Committee, Hoists — Overhead. It is intended to serve as a guide to manufacturers of the equipment and to the purchasers and users of the equipment.

Standards in this series are as follows:

Designator	Title
HST-1	Performance Standard for Electric Chain Hoists
HST-2	Performance Standard for Hand Chain Manually Operated Chain Hoists
HST-3	Performance Standard for Lever Hoists
HST-4	Performance Standard for Overhead Electric Wire Rope Hoists
HST-5	Performance Standard for Air Chain Hoists
HST-6	Performance Standard for Air Wire Rope Hoists

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## Chapter 2-0

# Scope, Definitions, References, and Appendix

### SECTION 2-0.1: SCOPE

(a) This Standard establishes performance requirements for hand chain manually operated chain hoists for vertical lifting service involving material handling of freely suspended (unguided) loads, using welded link type hand chain as a lifting medium, with one of the following types of suspension:

- (1) hook or clevis
- (2) trolley

(b) This Standard is applicable to hoists manufactured after the date on which this Standard is issued. Differential pulley and self-locking worm drive type hoists are not covered in this Standard.

(c) This Standard is not applicable to

- (1) damaged or malfunctioning hoists
- (2) hoists that have been misused or abused
- (3) hoists that have been altered without authorization of the manufacturer or a qualified person
- (4) hoists used for lifting or supporting people
- (5) hoists used for the purpose of drawing both the load and the hoist up or down the hoist's own load chain
- (6) hoists used in applications where the load on the hand chain hoist is not freely suspended from the hand chain hoist

The requirements of this Standard shall be applied together with the requirements of ASME B30.16. Please also refer to ASME B30.16 for requirements pertaining to marking, construction, installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, and operation.

### SECTION 2-0.2: DEFINITIONS

*ambient temperature*: the temperature of the atmosphere surrounding the hoist.

*beam*: an overhead standard structural shape or specially fabricated shape on which a trolley operates.

*chain, hand*: the chain provided to control movement of a hand-chain-operated hoist or trolley (see [Figure 2-0.2-1](#)).

NOTE: Hand chain and load chain properties do not conform to those shown in ASME B30.9.

*chain, load*: the load-bearing chain on the hoist.

NOTE: Hand chain and load chain properties do not conform to those shown in ASME B30.9.

*conditions, abnormal operating*: environmental conditions that are unfavorable, harmful, or detrimental to or for the operation of a hoist, such as excessively high or low ambient temperatures, exposure to weather, corrosive fumes, dust-laden or moisture laden atmospheres, and hazardous locations.

*conditions, normal operating*: conditions during which a hoist is performing functions within the scope of the original design.

*hand chain drop*: the distance to the lowest point of the hand chain measured from the saddle of the load hook at its upper limit of travel (see [Figure 2-0.2-1](#)).

*hand chain overhaul*: the number of feet (meters) the hand chain must travel to raise the load hook 1 ft (1 m).

*hand chain pull*: the average force measured in pounds (kilonewtons) exerted by the operator on the hoist hand chain to lift the rated load.

*hand chain wheel*: a wheel with formed pockets on its periphery to allow torque to be transmitted when a force is applied to the hand chain.