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with one working platform
with side protection for use
by one person with a
maximum working platform
height not greater than
2.5 m – Specification**

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Foreword

Publishing information

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Information about this document

This British Standard is based on PAS 250 and introduces the following principal changes.

- A new more consistently available surface has been introduced for the test for resistance to sliding given in Annex D.
- New dimensional requirements for side protection following the identification of potential safety issues have been included.

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It has been assumed in the preparation of this British Standard that the execution of its provisions will be entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people, for whose use it has been produced.

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The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its requirements are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is "shall".

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type and does not constitute a normative element.

Requirements in this standard are drafted in accordance with *Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards*, subclause J.1.1, which states, "Requirements should be expressed using wording such as: 'When tested as described in Annex A, the product shall ...'". This means that only those products that are capable of passing the specified test will be deemed to conform to this standard.

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Introduction

Low-level work platforms (LLWPs), commonly referred to as podiums or pulpits, became extensively used following the implementation of The Work at Height Regulations 2005 [1]. In particular this led to demand for an LLWP with one working platform with side protection for use by one person.

These LLWPs fall outside the scope of standards for similar products. For instance, they differ from:

- a) mobile access and working towers specified by BS EN 1004 because LLWPs have working platform heights of less than 2.5 m;
- b) mobile elevating work platforms specified in BS EN 280 because they are not powered;
- c) prefabricated tower scaffolds specified in BS 1139-6 because LLWPs have smaller working platforms and are only designed for use by one person; and
- d) standing ladders with platforms specified in BS EN 131 (all parts), BS 2037 and BS 1129 because LLWPs have side protection to the working platform.

Designs that emerged for LLWPs have been developed in the absence of a formal standard. Whilst the majority of LLWPs provide a safe solution to low-level access, there are aspects of some products that could be improved by adherence to relevant and specific design criteria.

1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for an LLWP with one working platform with side protection, for use by one person, with a maximum working platform height not greater than 2.5 m. The maximum working load of the LLWP is 150 kg.

In particular, this British Standard specifies requirements for materials, design loads, dimensions, strength and stability tests, marking and instruction manuals.

This British Standard does not cover:

- a) mobile access and working towers with a height from 2.5 m to 12.0 m (indoors) and from 2.5 m to 8.0 m (outdoors), in accordance with BS EN 1004;
- b) prefabricated tower scaffolds, in accordance with BS EN 1139-6;
- c) mobile elevating work platforms, in accordance with BS EN 280;
- d) standing step ladders with platforms and mobile ladders with platforms, conforming to BS EN 131 (all parts);
- e) aluminium standing step ladders with platforms, folding trestles and lightweight stagings, in accordance with BS 2037; and
- f) timber trestles and lightweight stagings, in accordance with BS 1129.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 7371 (all parts), *Coatings on metal fasteners*