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Foreword

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This is a full revision of BS 2037 and BS 1129, and introduces the following principal changes:

- the deletion of requirements for portable ladders which are now specified in BS EN 131 (all parts); and
- new requirements and tests for trestles and stagings, including new requirements for side protection for stagings and the strength and stability of stagings and trestles when used together.

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1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for the materials, details of construction and performance for portable stagings and folding trestles.

NOTE Steel and splithead trestles are specified in BS 1139-4.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document.¹ For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 245, *Specification for mineral solvents (white spirit and related hydrocarbon solvents) for paints and other purposes*

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

BS EN 131-2, *Ladders – Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking*

BS EN 131-3:2018, *Ladders – Part 3: Marking and user instructions*

BS EN ISO 14713-1, *Zinc coatings – Guidelines and recommendations for the protection against corrosion of iron and steel in structures – Part 1: General principles of design and corrosion resistance*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 cross-bearer

horizontal member connecting the stiles of a staging or trestle

NOTE On a trestle, the cross-bearers might or might not be intended as a means of access.

3.2 folding trestle

arrangement of two frames joined together, designed for supporting a staging as a working platform

3.3 maximum total load

maximum weight that a staging or trestle is designed to support when set up in accordance with the user instructions

3.4 side protection

components forming a barrier to protect people from the risk of falling and to retain materials

3.5 spacing of cross-bearers

distance, measured along the longitudinal axis of the stiles, between the same relative positions of the cross-bearers

NOTE This is L_2 as shown in [Figure 2](#) (see [Clause 7](#)).

3.6 staging

working platform constructed to provide a flat, horizontal working surface

¹ Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.