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# Preface

This is the third edition of CSA B167, *Overhead travelling cranes — Design, inspection, testing, maintenance, and safe operation*. This edition supersedes the second edition, entitled *Safety Standard for Maintenance and Inspection of Overhead Cranes, Gantry Cranes, Monorails, Hoists, and Trolleys*, published in 1996, and the first edition, entitled *General Purpose Electric Overhead Travelling Cranes*, published in 1964.

In addition to the inspection and maintenance requirements covered in the second edition, this new edition has an expanded scope, which includes the design, testing, and operation of overhead travelling cranes and hoists. This edition also references several new international standards.

This Standard incorporates selected material from ISO 4301-1 and ISO 4301-5 and outlines the requirements that are applicable to Canadian industry.

This Standard also incorporates excerpts from ASME B30.2 and ASME B30.9, which are reprinted by permission of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers. All rights reserved.

This Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Overhead Travelling Cranes, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Occupational Health and Safety, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee. It will be submitted to the Standards Council of Canada for approval as a National Standard of Canada.

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## **Overhead travelling cranes — Design, inspection, testing, maintenance, and safe operation**

### **1 Scope**

#### **1.1**

This Standard specifies minimum requirements for the design, inspection, testing, maintenance (modifications and repairs), and safe operation of overhead cranes, monorails, hoists, trolleys, jib cranes, gantry and wall cranes, and other equipment having similar characteristics.

#### **1.2**

The following are not covered in this Standard:

- (a) mobile cranes and tower cranes (they are covered in CAN/CSA-Z150 and CAN/CSA-Z248, respectively);
- (b) personnel hoisting and elevating devices (they are covered in ASME A17.1/CSA B44 and CAN/CSA-Z185);
- (c) supporting building structures (see provincial building codes and CAN/CSA-S16); and
- (d) below-the-hook lifting devices, e.g., slings and rigging hardware (they are covered in other ISO and ASME Standards).

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*Safety code for elevators and escalators*

C22.1-06

*Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*