
STANDATA interpretation19-EDI-003

Elevating Devices

Use of the National Building Code-Alberta Edition

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Purpose

Inform stakeholders to use the National Building Code-Alberta Edition (NBC(AE)) when the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.1/CSA B44 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators references the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC).

Code References

ASME A17.1/CSA B44

1.2.2.1 The specific requirements of this Code shall be permitted to be modified by the authority having jurisdiction based on technical documentation or physical performance verification to allow alternative arrangements that will assure safety equivalent to that which would be provided by conformance with the corresponding requirements of this Code.

ASME A17.1/CSA B44

1.2.2.2 This Code contains requirements that are also covered in the NBCC. Reference to the NBCC is recognition that said requirements are not within the scope of this Code in Canada. In jurisdictions not enforcing the NBCC, the use of the NBCC is not intended.

Unless stated otherwise, all Code references in this STANDATA are to ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44:19

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Application

This interpretation applies to all elevating devices regulated under ASME A17.1/CSA B44 safety code for elevators and escalators.

The Authority Having Jurisdiction has been permitted to modify ASME A17.1/CSA B44 for special requirements.

Interpretation

In Alberta, the NBC(AE) has been declared to be in force in place of the NBCC.

Therefore, in ASME A17.1/CSA B44 wherever the phrase “in jurisdictions enforcing the NBCC” is used in this Code, it must be read as if it were a reference to NBC(AE) and where the context allows, references to “NBCC” in this Code must be read as references to the NBC(AE).

This interpretation is applicable throughout the Province of Alberta.