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## Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Lifting and Hoisting Systems under the direction of the General Engineering and Safety Standards Committee.

This standard replaces SS 120 : 1975 which was only applicable to electric overhead travelling cranes. SS 120 was reviewed in 2002 to keep up with the technological developments in modern overhead travelling cranes (OTC). The new standard is aligned with current industrial practices on the safe use, maintenance and testing of OTC. The salient points are as follows:

- (a) The responsibilities of the relevant parties who are involved in the design, use, maintenance, testing and inspection of OTC are delineated.
- (b) The requirements under each clause are elaborated to provide a common understanding amongst the various interested parties.
- (c) The in-service wind speeds in Table 10 are based on the data obtained from the Singapore Meteorological Service for the period between 1983 and 1994.
- (d) Section Two covers the basic design considerations for the crane. Where the design and calculations are based on an overseas / established crane standard, there shall be no mix-and-match of the data quoted in this Singapore Standard and the aforesaid crane standard (e.g. the load factors, coefficients, etc).
- (e) The minimum drum-to-rope and sheave-to-rope ratios to be used on the crane depend on classification of the crane mechanism.
- (f) Anti-collision devices have been introduced as part of the crane mechanism when two or more cranes / trolleys operate on a common runway / bridge structure.
- (g) It is now compulsory to install an emergency stop button.
- (h) When tested with the SWL, the maximum deflection at the centre of the bridge shall not exceed 1/750 of the span.

In preparing this standard, reference was made to the following standards:

- (a) AS 1418                      Cranes (including hoists and winches)  
    Part 1 : 1994    General requirements  
    Part 3 : 1997    Bridge, gantry and portal cranes (including container cranes)
- (b) BS 2573                      Rules for the design of cranes  
    Part 1 : 1983    Classification, stress calculations and design criteria for structures  
    Part 2 : 1980    Classification, stress calculations and design criteria of mechanisms
- (c) DIN 10518                    Cranes – Steel structures  
    Part 1 : 1994    Verification and analyses

- (d) IEC 60204 Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines  
Part 32 : 1998 Requirements for hoisting machines
- (e) ISO 2408 : 1985 Steel wire ropes for general purposes - Characteristics
- (f) ISO 4301 Cranes – Classification  
Part 1 : 1986 – General  
Part 5 : 1991 – Overhead travelling and portal bridge cranes
- (g) ISO 4308 Cranes and lifting appliances – Selection of wire ropes  
Part 1 : 1986 – General
- (h) ISO 4310 : 1981 Cranes – Test code and procedures
- (i) ISO 8686 Cranes – Design principles for loads and load combinations  
Part 1 : 1989 General  
Part 5 : 1992 Overhead travelling and portal bridge cranes
- (j) ISO 9927 Cranes – Inspections  
Part 1 : 1994 General
- (k) ISO 10245 Cranes – Limiting and indicating devices  
Part 1 : 1994 General  
Part 5 : 1995 Overhead travelling and portal bridge cranes
- (l) ISO 10972 Cranes – Requirements for mechanisms  
Part 1 : 1998 General
- (m) ISO 11660 Cranes – Access, guards and restraints  
Part 5 : 2001 Bridge and gantry cranes

Acknowledgement is made for the use of information from the above standards.

**NOTE**

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# Specification for design, safe use and maintenance of overhead travelling cranes

## Section One – General

### 1 Scope

This standard applies to all types of overhead travelling cranes as defined in 2.18. It specifies the basic requirements of overhead travelling cranes (hereinafter called 'cranes') and lays down the responsibilities of the various parties involved.

This standard does not apply to jib cranes, gantry cranes and monorail hoists.

NOTE 1 – The titles of the publications referred to in this standard are listed at the end of the standard.

NOTE 2 – Annex D is informative and could be used as a reference when ordering an overhead travelling crane.

### 2 Definitions

For the purpose of this Singapore Standard, the definitions used in ISO 4306-1 : 1990 and those listed below shall apply:

#### 2.1 Altered

It means either the modification of the structure, intended usage, electrical circuitry or the instrumentation of the crane.

#### 2.2 Approved person

A person who is appointed by the Chief Inspector of Factories to conduct inspection and testing of overhead travelling cranes.

#### 2.3 Bridge

The structural member(s) on which the crab(s) is / are supported.

#### 2.4 Certified

It means certified according to relevant industrial or national standards that are recognised by the relevant authority.

#### 2.5 Compatible

As recognised and accepted by the relevant authority.

#### 2.6 Competent person

A person, who by way of his vocational background and experience, has good knowledge in overhead travelling cranes.