
**Safety of amusement rides and
amusement devices —**

Part 2:
Operation and use

*Sécurité des manèges et des dispositifs de divertissement —
Partie 2: Fonctionnement et utilisation*

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Foreword

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- references to ISO/TS 17929 have been removed;
- the list of terms in [Clause 3](#) has been updated;
- [4.2](#), Standard documentation has been updated;
- [4.3.3.3.1](#), General has been added;
- [4.3.4.1](#), General has been added;
- [4.3.4.4.3](#), Operating control equipment has been updated;
- [4.3.4.4.4](#), Control equipment operated by passengers has been updated;
- [4.3.5.2](#), Daily check and trial run has been updated;
- [4.3.6.1](#), During operating cycle has been updated;
- [4.3.8.3](#), Repairs has been updated;
- [4.3.8.4](#), Modification has been updated;
- [4.6.1.2](#), Inspection process and [4.6.2](#), Reports have been added;
- Table A.1 was updated;

- [Annex B](#) has been added;
- Bibliography was updated.

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Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices —

Part 2: Operation and use

1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements necessary to ensure the safe maintenance, operation, inspection and testing of amusement rides and amusement devices which are intended to be installed both repeatedly without degradation or loss of integrity, and temporarily or permanently in fairgrounds and amusement parks or any other locations, and is concerned with the installing, assembly and disassembly, operating, handling, maintaining, repairing, modifying and inspecting of amusement devices, and is addressed to controllers, operators, attendants and inspection bodies.

The following are not covered by this document (this list is not exhaustive):

- grandstands;
- construction site installations;
- scaffolding;
- removable agricultural structures;
- simple coin-operated children's amusement devices;
- carrying up to three children, and recreational devices like waterslides or summer toboggan runs;
- playground equipment;
- rope courses;
- climbing walls;
- inflatable trampolines and swimming pool equipment.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 2307, *Fibre ropes — Determination of certain physical and mechanical properties*

ISO 9554, *Fibre ropes — General specifications*

ISO 7165, *Fire fighting — Portable fire extinguishers — Performance and construction*

ISO 13857, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

ISO/IEC 17020, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*

ISO 17842-1, *Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices — Design and manufacture*

ISO 17842-3, *Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices — Requirements for inspection during design, manufacture, operation and use*

IEC 60947-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

EN 12385, *Steel wire ropes — Safety*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 17020, ISO 17842-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 amusement device
arrangement of equipment that produces the desired effect of amusement or entertainment when the passenger moves through it or on it primarily by his or her own action, or any other system that is not covered by the term *amusement ride* (3.3)

3.2 amusement device log
book and/or electronic data file containing all the necessary information about the use and history of any *amusement device* (3.1)

3.3 amusement ride
device to entertain *passengers* (3.21) during motion, creating biomechanical effects on passengers

Note 1 to entry: In this document, the term “amusement device” is used to refer to an *amusement device* (3.1) or amusement ride.

3.4 attendant
trained person appointed to work under the supervision of an *operator* (3.20), to assist in the operation of an *amusement device* (3.1) available for use by the public.

3.5 barrier
device intended to prevent the user from falling and from passing beneath

3.6 competent person
person who can demonstrate that they have acquired through training, qualifications or experience, or a combination of these, the knowledge and skills enabling them to perform a specified task

3.7 component
component which forms part of an assembly in which at least one component moves

Note 1 to entry: Excluding vibration and deformation.

**3.8
controller
ride controller**

person or organisation having overall control of an *amusement device* (3.1).

Note 1 to entry: This can be either an individual or corporate body owning an *amusement device* (3.1) or the concessionaire or lessee who has been granted control of the amusement device, by the owner, for a specified period.

**3.9
designer
engineer**

person or body responsible for the design of a device (or modifications thereof)

Note 1 to entry: The duties of designer include, but are not limited to, establishing and describing the configuration of the amusement ride or device, conducting appropriate risk assessment(s), establishing strength (including fatigue strength), designing and specifying electrical/electronic control systems, defining the acceptable quality level for production, defining inspection criteria and including the provision of the necessary documentation

**3.10
design review**

document detailing the review of all the applicable design documents, to determine the suitability for use of a device

**3.11
design risk assessment
DRA**

document produced by the *designer* (3.9) as a tool for a safe design within the agreed scope of supply

**3.12
fence**

structure designed to restrict or prevent movement across a boundary without changing elevation

**3.13
gate**

section of *fence* (3.12) or *barrier* (3.5) that can be opened to provide access or egress

**3.14
guest**

person who interacts with an amusement device

**3.15
initial approval**

design and calculation review, verification, examinations and tests executed by the inspecting body before a device is first made available for public use

**3.16
inspection body**

organization capable of carrying out examination, tests and approval of amusement devices

**3.17
manufacturer**

individual or commercial entity who is responsible for manufacturing a product with the view to placing it on the market under their own name

Note 1 to entry: Any commercial operator that either places a product on the market under their own name or trademark or modifies a product in such a way that compliance with applicable requirements can be affected should be considered the manufacturer and should assume the obligations of the manufacturer.

**3.18
modification**

safety-related alteration to the hardware or software of a device, including the introduction of a new safety-related component or the substitution of a safety-related component, which results in a deviation from the design specification

**3.19
operation and use risk assessment
OURA**

document, produced by the controller, that details all of the considered risks inherent during all modes of amusement device operation and the means taken to mitigate against them

Note 1 to entry: See 5.1.2.2.

**3.20
operator**

trained person appointed by the *controller* (3.8) to be in charge of the operation of an amusement device when it is available for the public

**3.21
passenger
patron**

person using an amusement device

**3.22
passenger containment**

components (e.g. seating, foot wells, handrails, passenger restraints) designed to prevent passengers from moving outside a predetermined area on a ride either as a result of biomechanical effects, the ride forces or the reasonably foreseeable behaviour of the passenger

**3.23
passenger unit
PU**

part or parts of an amusement ride in or on which the *passengers* (3.21) are intended to ride

**3.24
permit**

authorization to operate an amusement device in a particular member state granted by the legally authorised body after successful approval and/or examination

**3.25
platform**

horizontal or inclined surface raised above the level of an adjacent area

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 17842-1:2015, 5.1.3.2 for maximum slope of platform.

**3.26
repair**

restoration of components or assemblies to a technically acceptable condition

Note 1 to entry: See also ISO 17842-3:2019, 4.3.8.3.

**3.27
restraint**

system, device, or characteristic that is intended to inhibit or restrict the body movement and/or keep the body position to tolerate accelerations of the passenger(s) while on the amusement ride or amusement device

Note 1 to entry: Position in which the restraint is intended to remain during the operation of the device in order to restrain the *passenger* (3.21) is called closed restraint.

3.28**safety envelope**

theoretical or actual physical space that can be encroached upon by any part of a *passenger* (3.22) of an amusement ride during the ride cycle

3.29**safety-related component**

component of an *amusement device* (3.1) on which the safety of the *passengers* (3.21) is dependent as identified in the *design risk assessment* (3.11) and/or the *operation and use risk assessment* (3.19)

3.30**service**

replacement or replenishment and check of conditions of components, including fluids which are designated to be replaced or replenished or checked at specified intervals

3.31**spectator**

person in the vicinity of an amusement device

Note 1 to entry: Typically defined as a person watching the operation of the amusement device or waiting to gain access to the use the amusement device.

3.32**thorough examination**

procedures and investigations necessary for the *inspection body* (3.16) to decide whether the *amusement device* (3.1) can continue to be operated safely, or whether it requires defects to be remedied immediately or within a specified time

3.33**trial run**

proving run of an *amusement device* (3.1) during which no *passengers* (3.21) are carried

4 Operation, maintenance and use of amusement rides and amusement devices

4.1 General

This document is concerned with the installing, assembly and disassembly, operating, handling, maintaining, repairing, modifying and inspecting of amusement devices, and is addressed to controllers, operators, attendants and inspection bodies.

Recommendations for training, qualification and experience for competent people performing the design, maintenance, repair and testing of amusement rides are given in [Annex A](#).

Information on the provisions that are recommended prior to use of attractions and recommendations on procedures to be followed are given in [Annex B](#).

4.2 Standard documentation

The following documents shall be prepared for all amusement devices:

- operating manual (see ISO 17842-1:2015, 5.5.1.3) to include at least the following:
 - maintenance instructions;
 - NDT schedule;
 - operating instruction;
 - inspection instruction;

- inspection instruction;
- amusement device log (see ISO 17842-1:2015, Annex D), and
- official technical dossier or safety justification (see ISO 17841-1:2015, 5.8) including DRA and OURA results for safe operation.

4.3 Responsibilities of the controller

4.3.1 General

The controller or nominated delegate(s) shall:

- ensure that the required documentation accompanies the amusement device when being bought, sold or otherwise transferred or supplied;
- select and train operators and attendants;
- assemble, and disassemble safely;
- ensure safe operation in full conformance with manuals, taking into consideration current legislative statutes which are effective in the country of installation of amusement ride or device;
- service, maintain, repair and modify safely;
- where required, ensure that only amusement rides or devices which have a valid operational permit and are examined and tested by appropriate independent inspection bodies, are operated;
- maintain, keep available and update as required the operating manual and amusement ride or amusement device log, as well as creating necessary reports;
- where operators do not have a clear view of all loading or unloading points, ensure that a clear system of signals for checking with attendants that it is safe to start is devised. Ensure that every person using the system is instructed on how to use it and that a copy of the signal code is displayed in appropriate positions;
- ensure that emergency procedures are established, well-documented and regularly practiced; and
- provide full instructions on the control or communications system.

The ride controller can delegate any part of their duties, but remains responsible in law.

4.3.2 Selection and training of staff

Obtaining suitable and competent staff involves selection, training, testing of knowledge and understanding, monitoring, auditing and keeping records. The controller shall select people able to put the safety of the public first, likely to follow procedures conscientiously and having the maturity and authority to give confidence to the public.

Adequate training shall be provided to all employees and training records kept. Training shall be appropriate to the risks and given in a way that those being trained can understand.

The operator and attendants of amusement devices shall demonstrate competency in the operation of amusement devices according to the manual(s).

No operators or attendants of the amusement device shall be younger than required by national standards or law in the country of use.

Operators and attendants depending on their duties, shall be provided with suitable and sufficient information and training in the working of their amusement devices, covering the following:

- systems of work for safe operation, including speed limits and any other specific safety measures;

- procedures for reporting breakdown, defects or unusual occurrences;
- loading and unloading procedures;
- passenger restrictions such as height and weight limits, medical conditions and limited accessibility (guest behaviour);
- control of waiting and viewing areas;
- use and operation of passenger containment and passenger restraint systems including the checking of restraint closure;
- controlled/emergency stop procedures;
- emergency procedures, including passenger evacuation.

4.3.3 Assembly and disassembly

4.3.3.1 Siting of amusement devices

4.3.3.1.1 General

Amusement devices shall be sited and assembled in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, taking into account applicable national requirements.

4.3.3.1.2 Standard conditions for the siting of amusement rides and amusement devices

The ride controller or their representative shall ensure that an amusement device is only sited on ground which is suitable for this purpose in accordance with the manual(s). For example ensure that the ground

- can safely bear the load of the amusement device. For existing structures (e.g. buildings or piers) a detailed inspection and calculation shall be carried out in order to establish permissible loads;
- is sufficiently flat, even and stable for the attraction to be assembled and used on safely, in accordance with the amusement device log and manual;
- provides discharge or drainage of rain water.

The ground shall be checked at regular intervals after assembly, to confirm that there is no deterioration in its load bearing capacity, especially during adverse weather conditions.

The controller shall establish the position of underground services or overhead lines which can present hazards during the assembly or operation of the amusement device, taking advice as necessary from the appropriate authority. Where these could be a source of danger to persons employed or to members of the public, all reasonably practicable precautions shall be taken to prevent such danger, either by the provision of adequate and suitably placed barriers or otherwise.

Care shall be taken to ensure that underground services are not struck when poles or pegs are placed in the ground or when excavation is undertaken. Service location techniques shall be employed before any such work is commenced, unless it has been confirmed beforehand that there are no services present.

NOTE There can be local regulations that define the minimum distance between amusement devices and other structures, objects, services, etc.

When positioning amusement devices, controllers shall apply the following principles:

- a) The proximity to other fixed or mobile structures or services shall be in accordance with ISO 17842-1.

- b) There shall be sufficient clearance between adjacent amusement devices, buildings or other occupied areas to minimize the risk of fire spread.
- c) Consideration shall be given to any possibility of uplift caused by wind.
- d) Amusement devices shall be arranged so that the public have safe access to each amusement device entrance, and safe egress at exit points, so that there are no bottlenecks which could cause overcrowding in an emergency.
- e) Sufficient clearance shall be provided between and above amusement devices on main access routes, so as to provide access for emergency service vehicles, and provide access to fixed fire hydrants even when the public is being evacuated.
- f) Where rides cross over or pass through each other, as a minimum the clearance envelopes for each ride shall apply as stated in ISO 17842-1. The controllers shall ensure that safety envelopes for both passengers and spectators are not compromised. For coin-operated children's rides, spacing can vary providing the safety envelopes are not thereby compromised.
- g) The OURA needs to consider whether protection is required to prevent falling objects from hitting passengers or spectators.

NOTE National regulations can exist that define the minimum distance amusement rides and amusement devices from other structures, objects, services, etc.

4.3.3.2 Transportation, assembly and disassembly

When amusement devices are transported, assembled or disassembled on site the devices shall be under the direct supervision of the controller and/or competent delegate(s).

4.3.3.3 Ground packing, stability and anchors

4.3.3.3.1 General

All necessary measures shall be taken during assembly to ensure that the amusement device will be stable when in use.

No amusement device shall be assembled on sloping or uneven ground, unless suitable packing has been incorporated which allows the amusement device to be used safely.

The amusement device shall be level where necessary and have its load adequately distributed and firmly supported. Its stability shall be checked frequently.

The number of packing pieces used shall be kept to a minimum. The height of the packing material shall be kept to a minimum and the packing itself shall be stable.

All packing materials incorporated shall be sound and suitable for the purpose, chosen and located in accordance with the manual(s), so as to prevent slipping and sinking, or dislodgement.

Packing shall be placed directly beneath the support points of the amusement device. If this cannot be achieved a suitable supporting structure shall be formed which effectively transmits the load of the amusement device safely through the packing to the ground. Dynamic loads can lead to the loosening of packing and anchorage; consequently, repeated checks of the packing and anchors are essential.

If an attraction is equipped with props to support the structure, these props shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Hydraulic jacks shall not be used to support a ride during operation, unless they are designed and approved for the purpose.

4.3.3.3.2 Public safety

Members of the public shall not be admitted into areas where an amusement device is being assembled or disassembled.

The controller and/or competent delegate(s) shall, where necessary, provide means to prevent members of the public entering work areas e.g. with fences and/or warnings.

4.3.3.3.3 Working method

A safe system of work, which as a minimum takes into account the manufacturer's manual(s) shall be followed during these operations. Controllers shall be aware of the official requirements of local and national authorities.

Amusement devices shall be moved so as to minimize the risk of damage to safety-related components and all loads shall be properly secured during transit.

Where there is a risk of temporary instability or overstress in the device during assembly or dismantling, the precautions specified by the designer, manufacturer, and/or supplier, shall be followed. This can require e.g. the use of temporary guys, stays, supports and fixings to prevent danger through collapse of any part of the amusement device.

Temporary provisions for access and working during assembly and disassembly operations shall be safe including sufficient and suitable lighting to allow work to be conducted in a safe and proper manner.

Unauthorized access shall be prevented through openings in platforms and through any gaps within the amusement device, which are only intended for access when the amusement device is not in motion or use. Such openings or gaps shall be provided with covers, be securely fixed in position or equipped with barriers and access doors, which are securely fastened.

Before reassembly, all components as specified in the manual(s) shall be cleaned, carefully examined for signs of wear, deformation or other damage, confirming fitness for purpose or otherwise repaired or replaced. They shall be properly lubricated in accordance with the manual(s). Replacements and repairs of safety related components shall be noted in the amusement device log.

Fastening and securing components shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and correctly adjusted, or replaced if necessary.

Upon completion of assembly, all components that are important to the safety of the amusement device, shall be checked to ensure that they have been properly installed in accordance with the manufacturer's manual(s).

All structural members needed to ensure the stability and safety of an amusement device shall be used and correctly fitted. Where it is a design requirement, the whole assembly shall be securely anchored to ensure that it is stable.

Where rail tracks form part of the amusement device, they shall be properly laid and aligned, according to the manual(s).

4.3.4 Care of equipment

4.3.4.1 General

All equipment shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's manual(s) and/or general engineering practices, including taking into consideration the requirements of national documents.

4.3.4.2 Mechanical equipment

At the intervals as stated in the manual(s), safety related components shall be checked to ensure that they are within the limits stated in the manual. Parts requiring replacement shall be consistent with the design specification.

Controllers shall have procedures to ensure that safety-related components are:

- individually identifiable according to design and quality;
- traceable as per the location(s) on the amusement device;
- not interchangeable such that parts cannot be used in incorrect positions – for example, two pins can look identical but have different material properties;
- stored so as to prevent deterioration and contamination;
- cleaned and lubricated as required by the manual before being incorporated into the amusement device;
- carefully assembled so that they are not damaged, in particular:
 - 1) assembled using fastenings and fixings correctly used and adjusted, in accordance with the manual(s);
 - 2) all pins shall be provided with their secondary retention system (such as safety locknuts and washers, split pins or castellated nuts with split pins, etc.) as defined in the manual(s). Split-pins shall be spread effectively;
 - 3) “R” clips shall be of the right size, in good condition, of the right material, and fitted correctly;
 - 4) self-locking nuts shall not be used more than the maximum number of times specified in the manual(s);
 - 5) close attention shall be paid to bolted joints by using tightening torques, dimensions and classes of bolt in accordance with the requirements of the manual(s); torque wrenches shall be used as required;
 - 6) components having a specified operational life shall be checked to verify their operational life is not expired, checked in accordance with manual(s) and replaced when necessary.

If there is repeated, unexpected or unusual damage to safety related components, the manufacturer or designer and the inspection body shall be informed and advice of these parties sought.

When lifting equipment is used for the assembly of components, the manufacturer's instructions shall be followed so as not to adopt unsuitable lifting methods which might cause damage and subsequent danger during operation.

Steel wire ropes for erection and dismantling shall be used in accordance with EN 12385

Synthetic fibre ropes for erection and dismantling shall be used in accordance with ISO 2307 and/or ISO 9554.

NOTE Lifting equipment, whether integral to the amusement device or not, and depending on their function, can be subject to specific local regulations, including inspection and testing.

4.3.4.3 Hydraulic and pneumatic equipment

The controller shall ensure that pressure systems are operating within the limits set in the manual(s) as supplied by the manufacturer.

The pressure system shall also be examined in accordance with the written scheme of inspection.

Leakage shall be kept to a minimum, contained where possible and not create risks. For further information, refer to ISO 4413 and ISO 4414.

Equipment subject to conformance to the Pressure Equipment Directive or taking into consideration other nationally applicable legislation should meet those requirements. Conformance with EN 13445 series can be used to demonstrate conformance with the Pressure Equipment Directive.

4.3.4.4 Electrical equipment

4.3.4.4.1 Isolation and access

All electrical cabinets or enclosures shall be properly locked to prevent unauthorized access.

Amusement devices shall be provided with means to disconnect (isolate) the supply to all live conductors and shall have a means permitting it to be locked in the off (isolated) position (e.g. by padlocks). Suitable means of disconnection are listed in IEC 60204-1.

When used for achieving isolation, the disconnecting device shall have a means permitting it to be locked in the off (isolated) position (e.g. by padlocks).

Devices used for isolation shall have a visible gap or a position indicator that conforms with IEC 60947-3.

4.3.4.4.2 Inspection

All electrical equipment shall be inspected and tested in accordance with ISO 17842-3.

4.3.4.4.3 Operating control equipment

All operating controls shall be:

- a) clearly visible to the operator,
- b) easily distinguishable from each other,
- c) readily accessible to the operator,
- d) easy to operate,
- e) clearly marked to show the function and mode of operation. All markings shall be permanent and readable.

Written markings shall be in a suitable language(s).

The operator's working position shall

- be safe (and have safe access),
- be designed with ergonomic considerations,
- have adequate lighting,
- give, where possible, an unobstructed view of all areas of operation. If it is not the case, other means of surveillance shall be implemented (e.g. mirrors, surveillance cameras),
- take into account environmental aspects e.g. temperature, vibration and noise.

The design shall take account of any need for the operator and operators to communicate, between themselves and where necessary with the public, e.g.:

- visibly,
- by phone/intercom,

- public address,
- through the ride control system (such as 2-button operating systems).

4.3.4.4.4 Control equipment operated by passengers

Control equipment intended to be operated by passengers shall:

- be clearly marked, in a language agreed with the controller, to show their functions;
- be accessible to all passengers within the designated size limits;
- not present a risk to passengers through their positioning or use;
- not be foreseeably capable of causing injury to passengers either directly (e.g. by trapping hands or fingers, electric shock, etc.) or by causing any controlled device to malfunction or operate inappropriately;
- only be operable by passengers when it is safe for them to do so;
- never override an operator selected control input where it would be unsafe to do so; and
- be able to be muted or over-ridden by the operator if necessary.

Control equipment located in public areas and accessible to the general public should be tamper-proof where necessary to prevent misuse.

The OURA shall take into account the risks related to anticipated failure of control equipment or misuse as well as the possibility of operator error shall not cause significant risk from such events.

Where an amusement ride or amusement device has remote areas or areas obscured from the view of the operator, means of observing and communicating with passengers, as required by risk assessment, shall be provided at the control station.

NOTE Assisted views can be provided by means such as the use of closed-circuit television, mirrors or additional operators.

4.3.5 Trial operations and checks

4.3.5.1 Putting into use after assembly

After assembly, the controller shall ensure that the amusement device is checked by a competent person to ensure the assembly is in accordance with the manufacturer's manual(s).

A similar check routine shall be carried out where an amusement device has been idle for a long period, after it has been partially dismantled and re-erected.

The controller shall perform one or more trial runs without any member of the public according to the manufacturer's manual(s), simulating where possible emergency situations to verify particularly that control systems, emergency stops, safety equipment and emergency equipment work properly.

The controller shall retain a record of the checks carried out in the amusement device log.

Devices not open to the public shall be secured and/or immobilized and steps shall be taken to prevent public access.

The operating manual shall be available for the operator at the amusement device.

The controller shall ensure a safe system of work is in place and provide means for "locking-off" to ensure the element of the amusement device cannot move inadvertently before all members of staff are in a safe position.

4.3.5.2 Daily check and trial run

The controller shall ensure that each amusement device has a daily check before the public uses it. For an amusement device the results of the daily check shall be in writing and retained for at least 12 months.

The daily check shall:

- take account of any instructions from designers, manufacturers, importers, suppliers and inspection bodies;
- list all parts and other matters which need daily checking to ensure safety and describe how they are to be checked,
- include, where appropriate, details of the extent of acceptable variations, e.g. out-of-level, air pressures, torque settings, wear,
- check that safety controls, brakes and other safety devices, including communication systems, operate effectively (these should be done daily unless it can be shown that a longer periodic inspection is appropriate),
- include checks to make sure that barriers, guards, walkways etc. are in place and in good condition, and that all locking devices and securing pins are in place and in good condition,
- ensure that cabinets, boxes, enclosures etc. containing hazardous equipment and/or substances are suitably secured, and
- for an amusement device, where appropriate, require at least one complete operating cycle.

The controller shall ensure the person(s) completing the daily check are competent and records of any relevant training provided are retained.

Only if all checks and trial runs are satisfactory can the amusement device be made available to the public.

4.3.6 Operation

4.3.6.1 During operating cycle

Any amusement ride or amusement device, except one specifically designed for unattended use, shall be under supervision (whether by direct or indirect means) at all times when the ride is in use.

The operator shall be capable of working the amusement device competently in a safe manner with due regard for passenger, public and staff safety and shall be in control throughout the operating cycle. The number of attendants required to operate it safely shall be on duty. An operator shall not be in charge of more than one amusement ride or amusement device in operation at any one time unless the OURA determines it is safe to do so (e.g. for some simple amusement devices).

The amusement device shall only be used within the limitations (including weather conditions) specified in the manual(s) and registered in the amusement device log (such as specified in an independent inspection body's report). If the wind loads have been integrated in accordance with ISO 17842-1:2022 4.3.3.4.2¹⁾, the amusement device shall be taken out of operation if the 10 min average speed is greater than 15 m/s or the gust speed (3 s gust) is greater than 21 m/s, measured at a height of 10 m, unless more specific values have been provided by a designer.

Particular attention shall be given to the extreme conditions which can be caused by gusting winds and the increased wind forces that can be created by the funnelling effect of adjacent structures. If required, appropriate wind measuring devices shall be used.

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The operator shall also apply any further protective procedures against exceptional winds as defined by the designer.

Where fares need to be taken on amusement rides during operation, this shall be considered in the OURA.

4.3.6.2 Supervision of public

Reasonable steps, including stopping the amusement device if necessary, shall be taken to prevent passengers intentionally misusing equipment provided for their safety, behaving recklessly, or disregarding clear and reasonable instructions.

The number of people allowed on access platforms and grandstands shall not exceed the number specified by the number in the manual(s) and registered in the amusement device log. In any case the number shall only be as many as will ensure safe operation.

Rescue paths shall be kept unobstructed. If necessary, the platforms shall be cleared before cars and gondolas are set in motion. If parts of a ride or passengers swing out less than 2,5 m above the ground, access to these areas shall be fenced off according to ISO 13857.

Areas on or near amusement devices where it is not safe for persons to stand, shall either be fenced off or clearly indicated and so far as is reasonably practicable, members of the public shall be prevented from access into these areas.

Where appropriate, safe areas shall be provided for the public to wait, controlled by such means as queuing rails, gates and/or additional supervision.

On dark rides, emergency exit routes shall be provided, be kept clear of obstructions and have good emergency lighting. Risks from tripping or falling shall be minimized, particularly where the emergency routes cross or run alongside rail tracks.

For rides with rail tracks, crossing places for the public shall be clearly marked and measures taken to prevent trips and falls.

4.3.6.3 Instruction to public

Legible signs, pictograms or notices in the appropriate language shall be prominently displayed at the amusement device, clearly and simply stating any instructions and limitations for the safe use of the amusement device as specified in the amusement device log or manufacturers' instructions and/or as determined by the OURA.

Attendants and operators shall be trained/ informed about what people should, and should not do, and ensure the instructions are followed.

This includes (but is not limited to) for example:

- not carrying loose personal possessions, e.g. handbags, umbrellas,
- not wearing clothing such as scarves where these might create a risk by being dropped, ejected or becoming trapped in moving parts,
- where to place hands, feet etc. particularly where passengers need to brace themselves against the forces they will experience,
- not riding if they have limited accessibility (ISO 17842-1:2022, Annex G) or for any reason why they cannot be securely contained.

Attendants and operators shall, in so far as they can reasonably do so, see that such exclusions are enforced.

Effective means by which the operator can communicate with the public shall be provided, maintained and tested daily before the amusement device is open to the public.

The standardized signs and graphical symbols shown in ISO 7001, ISO 7010, ISO 3864-1, ISO 3864-3, ISO 9186-1, ISO 22727 apply.

4.3.6.4 Out of operation

When out of operation, the manufacturer's instructions for safe isolation, access to controls and prevention of unauthorized use of the amusement device shall be followed.

4.3.7 Duties for the supervision of the operation

When the amusement device is operated the controller shall provide adequate systems and procedures to ensure that:

- the operators and attendants are adequately trained and all information for safe operation is available;
- the minimum number of operators and attendants needed for safe operation are on duty;
- the operators and attendants have suitable working patterns and conditions to minimize fatigue and other occupational health issues; and
- the operators and attendants are identifiable to members of the public.

Information for safe operation shall consider as a minimum:

- a) the operating procedures and conditions stated in the operations manual, or any other condition that has been set by the controller and/or by the inspection body;
- b) amusement device loading to accommodate all users safely, which can include:
 - taking all reasonable steps to ensure that the public are aware for whom the amusement device is suitable,
 - taking all reasonable steps to exclude those whose behaviour suggests they might not be able to use the amusement device safely, and
 - on a ride,
 - i) loading cars in a particular pattern, for example the largest/smallest – passengers in the correct position,
 - ii) correctly balancing the cars and the ride,
 - iii) not allowing passengers to use any part of the ride where the passenger--containment system is defective, and
 - iv) making sure that all passengers are safely contained and no spectators are in an unsuitable place before starting;
- c) procedures for foreseeable emergencies;
- d) stopping the amusement device or making it safe;
- e) the need for a clear view of all loading or unloading points;
- f) the need for an adequate communication method shall be used between operators and attendants.

4.3.8 Servicing (maintenance, repair and modification)

4.3.8.1 General

All maintenance work on an amusement device shall be carried out by, or under the direct supervision of, persons trained or experienced in the maintenance procedures appropriate to that amusement device. These procedures shall include preventive maintenance and component monitoring taking into account any instructions from, or consultation with, the manufacturer of the amusement device and the independent inspection body. All guards, fences, equipment enclosures and access doors, which are removed for servicing or maintenance purposes, shall be replaced and effectively secured in position before the amusement device is set in motion.

4.3.8.2 Servicing

The servicing intervals recommended by the manufacturer shall not be exceeded, unless any extension in the period has been agreed and approved either with the manufacturer in writing or with the approval of the independent inspection body.

The frequencies at which servicing is carried out shall be in conformance with manufacturer's recommendations. Servicing recommendations shall deal with all components that have to be checked, tested, lubricated, adjusted or replaced at specified intervals.

Where necessary, these recommendations shall take into account information from:

- diagrams of the mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, safety and security systems,
- instructions concerning the actions to be taken when checking, testing, lubricating, adjusting or replacing, and dismantling or assembling of components,
- specifications of the required condition of the parts in question, and permitted deviations,
- specifications of the component materials,
- specifications of lubricants to be used, and
- the intervals at which the various checks and servicing work shall be carried out.

The ride controller shall ensure that replacement parts fitted during servicing operations are of the correct specification. If it becomes necessary to use replacement parts which are different from those specified by the manufacturer the ride controller shall treat these changes as a modification and take action as detailed in [4.3.8.4](#).

4.3.8.3 Repairs

The repair of damaged parts shall be carried out with caution, as this could lead to a departure from the approved original design.

After a repair, an amusement device shall not be used until:

- every repaired part has been checked against the specification and/or procedure. If there are differences the repair shall be treated as a modification;
- details of the repair and any relevant tests and inspections are recorded in the amusement device log. For coin-operated amusement devices, the details can be recorded in any suitable way;
- Welding or other hot work can constitute a modification. If any welding is done, the correct materials and techniques shall have been verified so that the integrity of the amusement device is not adversely affected.

Defects in any safety related components shall not be repaired without first consulting the manufacturer/designer or an independent inspection body. The manufacturer/designer, where possible,

shall be informed so that causes can be investigated and remedied. The manufacturer/designer shall give the necessary recommendations regarding the repairs and/or safe operating conditions.

4.3.8.4 Modification

Before modifying any amusement device, the controller shall ensure that the proposed modification will be safe. A risk assessment, carried out by a competent person, can be necessary to determine whether the modification is safety related. If in doubt, the modification shall be treated as safety related.

A safety-related modification includes any change to the following:

- loading (e.g. changing seating arrangements, fitting heavier passenger units);
- speed or operating cycle;
- range (e.g. height of lift);
- safety envelope;
- structural and mechanical components;
- drive mechanisms;
- control mechanisms (e.g. brakes, shock absorbers, speed limiters, speed or position sensors);
- software;
- passenger containment (including fencing and barriers);
- passenger height restrictions;
- where the item(s) undergoing modification are determined to be safety related by means of a DRA.

A safety-related modification also includes

- use of an amusement device outside its specification or the normal environment for which it was designed, and
- re-installation of a fixed amusement device in a different location.

Where a modification is safety-related the advice of the original designer or a competent person shall be sought.

Even apparently insignificant modifications can lead to the accelerated failure of the components of an amusement device, and using an amusement device outside the manufacturer's specification or the normal environment for which it was designed, is a safety-related modification.

For example, the stiffening or strengthening of one component can produce higher stresses in adjacent components which in turn could fail. Welding shall follow the provisions of EN and/or ISO standards.

Any safety related modification will require a design review, an assessment of conformity and an initial test.

4.4 Duties of the amusement device operator

The operator shall be in direct control of an amusement device when it is in use, unless specifically designed to be unattended (i.e. operated without the presence or intervention of an operator or attendant).

4.4.1 General requirements

For an amusement device under their control, the operator shall:

- a) be competent,
- b) understand their responsibilities,
- c) understand the nature of the amusement device,
- d) understand the specific operating procedures,
- e) maintain proper supervision,
- f) ensure employees and others are safe in areas under their control. This shall include:
 - operating the amusement device safely;
 - following all instructions relating to safety;
 - reporting incidents and safety hazards immediately to the appropriate person;
 - not misusing anything provided for health and safety;
 - not modifying or circumventing anything provided for safety.

4.4.2 Safe operation

When the amusement device is operated, the operator shall be in control at all times and ensure that

- a) attendants are competent for the tasks that they are expected to undertake,
- b) all information to allow safe operation is available, including
 - 1) procedures for foreseeable emergencies,
 - 2) stopping the amusement device or making it safe,
 - 3) having a clear view of all loading or unloading points, and
 - 4) a clear and positive signalling system between operators and attendants,
- c) the minimum number of operators and attendants specified for safe operation are on duty,
- d) they and their attendants give their full attention to ensure safe operation,
- e) they and their attendants are identifiable to members of the public,
- f) the amusement device is not operated outside the operating conditions stated in the operations manual, or any other condition that has been set by the controller,
- g) the amusement device is loaded to accommodate all passengers-safely, which can include
 - taking all reasonable steps to exclude people for whom the amusement device can be unsuitable,
 - taking all reasonable steps to exclude those whose behaviour suggests they might not be able to use the amusement device safely, and
 - on a ride,
 - i) loading cars in a particular pattern, for example the largest/smallest passengers in the correct position,
 - ii) correctly balancing the cars and the ride,

- iii) not allowing passengers to use any part of the ride where the passenger-containment system is defective, and
- iv) making sure that all passengers are safely contained, and no spectators are – in an unsuitable place before starting.

The operator shall remain aware at all times of the factors which can affect the safety of the amusement device, in particular:

- a) bad weather conditions, for example
 - strong and gusting winds
 - heavy rain which can make the ground soft,
 - lightning,
 - fog reducing visibility,
 - snow and ice;
- b) changes in the way the amusement device is running, unusual noises or vibrations;
- c) deviations from operating procedures;
- d) unsafe behaviour including horseplay and the effects of taking drink or drugs;
- e) overloading or congestion of loading platforms or access points.

Operators shall be trained/informed about what people should, and should not do, and ensure the instructions are followed.

Where necessary, give instructions before starting the amusement device.

4.5 Duties of the attendant

The attendant shall

- a) follow the instructions given by the controller and/or operator,
- b) give full attention to the safety of the public, passengers and the other members of the staff,
- c) be able to communicate effectively with the operator at all times,
- d) ensure that passengers are safely contained with any restraint or other device correctly fitted and properly adjusted prior to signalling for the amusement device to start,
- e) observe the amusement device in operation and take appropriate action if any person appears to be at risk, and
- f) ensure people leave safely when the ride finishes.

The attendant shall not

- ride in an unsafe way or position, or
- jump on or off a ride if it poses a risk of injury or incident to any person.

Attendants shall be trained/informed about what people should, and should not do, and ensure the rules are followed.

4.6 Independent inspection

4.6.1 In-service inspection

4.6.1.1 General

National regulations will determine the specific requirements for in-service inspection.

The inspection shall be in accordance with ISO 17842-3.

4.6.1.2 Inspection process

See ISO 17842-3.

4.6.2 Reports

See ISO 17842-3.

4.7 Emergency situations

4.7.1 General

The controller shall identify all emergency situations (including those identified by the designer/manufacturer) which can arise during the operation and plan procedures to cover these situations. Such situations can include but are not limited to ride breakdown, severe weather conditions, explosion, fire, terrorist threat, loss of power etc. The OURA shall cover the potential risks associated with the amusement device in emergency situations.

Easy access for emergency vehicles and equipment shall be covered in the emergency plan.

4.7.2 Means of evacuation and escape

Exits and exit routes shall be clearly indicated by notices and directional signs, which are self-illuminating. In enclosed structures, the emergency lighting shall adequately illuminate exit routes, staircases, changes in level and signs. Where necessary, effective emergency lighting shall form part of the arrangements for safe evacuation of persons from amusement devices in the event of power failure.

While any person is within the structure, the doors of the structure and of any room within the structure which afford a means of exit shall not be locked or fastened in such a manner that they cannot be easily and immediately opened from the inside. All doors on an exit route shall open outwards so that people can escape in an emergency without impediment. Where exit doors have to be secured against outside intruders, they shall be fitted with panic-type bolts only.

Exits, which consist of wall flaps or similar materials, shall be boldly indicated at the edges. They shall be arranged, so as to be easily opened from the inside.

4.7.3 Fire

4.7.3.1 General

The provisions of this clause are basic requirements, which relate to fairgrounds and parks, without prejudice to any statutory fire regulations.

The fire precautions and procedures shall be determined by the controller carrying out a fire risk assessment.

4.7.3.2 Fire procedures

Operators and attendants shall receive instructions on fire procedures and be given a demonstration of the use of fire-fighting equipment by the fire service, where this is practicable.

Every enclosed structure shall have a sufficient number of persons in attendance to direct the public to safety in the event of emergency. One person shall be nominated to be in charge of the structure.

All persons connected with the operation shall be instructed in the action to be taken in case of fire. A responsible person shall be in charge of fire precautions and shall ensure that all employees are familiar with their duties.

Instructions in fire procedures shall include the use of fire-fighting equipment provided, the need to call emergency services immediately and the system to be used to call them.

Notices dealing with the fire procedures shall be exhibited at suitable positions.

4.7.3.3 Provisions in case of fire

Means shall be provided for giving a warning in case of fire and any such warning/alarm system shall be visual/audible throughout the facility and clearly distinguishable from other sounds.

The means of raising the alarm shall be made in such a way as to avoid creating panic in an audience, while giving instant warning to the appropriate members of staff.

Fairgrounds or amusement parks shall provide and keep in working order appropriate means for fire-fighting (for example portable fire-fighting extinguishers). They shall also be placed so as to be readily available for use.

The routes forming access to or egress from amusement devices shall be kept clear of obstruction at all times when members of the public are permitted to be present. The layout of amusement devices shall ensure that there is an easy and prompt access to a means of escape from the fairground.

Where natural lighting is deficient and during the hours of darkness, artificial/emergency lighting shall be provided. Particular attention shall be paid to exit routes, staircases and enclosed structures. Where lighting is derived from a number of portable generators with separate supply circuits, other generators nearby can be used to provide emergency lighting in the event of a failure.

Amusement devices shall be kept free of flammable materials and waste.

Access to fire appliances, fire hydrants and other supplies of water for fire-fighting shall not be obstructed, nor shall hydrant indicator plates be obscured.

Special arrangements could be necessary to minimize the risk of fire spread where large modular structures are erected.

4.7.3.4 Fire precautions

Flammable liquids such as petrol and diesel fuel shall be kept in suitable closed containers and shall be safely stored and secured against unauthorised interference. Containers shall be clearly marked to indicate their contents.

Such liquids shall not be stored in loose containers beneath lorries, trailers or caravans, near live cables or electrical equipment. Advice with regard to the storage of these liquids can be obtained from the Fire Service.

Particular care shall be taken when fuel tanks of vehicles and generator sets have been filled from cans or drums. Re-fuelling shall not take place while the engine or generator is running, and shall be carried out with adequate ventilation, preferably in the open air.