Modernisation – BS 5655-11





Codes and standards





Released in 2005 both standards needed to be updated:



Intended scope

DSi

Modification to an existing lift

Does not apply to a new lift definition follows earlier European guidance

- Lifts installed in new buildings;

- Lifts installed in existing buildings;

- Lifts installed in existing wells in replacement of existing lifts, including when the existing guide rails and their fixings or the fixings alone are retained.





Intended scope

"Change, alteration, upgrading, of a lift, or part of a lift"

The replacement or addition of one or more components e.g.

- machine brake
- door operator
- rupture valve
- buffers

Changes to the equipment characteristics

- no. of floors/length of travel
- rated load
- speed

Component replacement if not identical or not foreseen by manufacturer



Intended concept

Dsi

Principles to be applied include

- Upgrading and owner survey
- Documentation
- Risk Assessment
- Training and Competence
- General procedure
- Testing and verification

Specific recommendations for many modifications e.g. change of mass and new parts added/replaced





Site survey

Carried out with BS EN 81-80 Annex A to give:

- the owner clear guidance on the risks associated with their equipment;
- highlights the items of most concern;
- priority in which they should be addressed

BS EN 81-80 **cannot** address consequential changes



It is imperative that with **any modification** to **any lift** of **any age** the existing level of safety should be retained as a minimum

Under no circumstance should the lift be **'less safe'** after modifications have been made

For lifts placed on the market from July 1999 the lift must continue to conform to the level of safety defined in the Lift Regulations (EHSRs)



Risk Assessment must address all the potential hazards and hazardous situations that might be encountered when modifying lift e.g.:

- Compatibility of components
- Interfacing old technology with new
- Changes to characteristics (speed, load, travel)

Risk assessment and method statement are built using BS 7255 and internal working processes and procedures.



What would you consider as identical replacement?



 Part XYZ123 replaced by Part XYZ123 – Identical replacement Part XYZ123 replaced by Part XYZ999 –
OEM direct replacement



Part XYZ123 replaced
by Part XXYZ123B –
Non-identical
replacement

Association



CE-marked lifts?

Many improvements affect empty car and cwt masses –

Traction implications? Safety components?

Modification of non-traditional suspension means?

UCMP – changed controller?

EHSRs still being met?





Testing and verification

Use British Standards for reporting test of new lifts:

- new parts to current standards
- to manufacturer's instructions
- consequential changes (at least to standard to which installed)
- according to Risk Assessment what might have been affected?





Lifting Operations and Lift Equipment Regulations (LOLER)

Regulation 9(3)(a)(iv) and paragraph 307(b) of the ACoP are understood to require a thorough examination after modernisation.

A thorough examination is also required **following exceptional circumstances** - liable to jeopardise the safety of lifting equipment, which may include:

- damage or failure
- being out of use for long periods
- major changes, which are likely to affect the equipment's integrity (e.g., modifications, or replacement / repair of critical parts)





Consider overall carbon footprint

- Energy efficiency
- Re-cycle of equipment
- Production
- Maintenance/Lifecycle







Reduce Waste

Recycle

Conserve Energy





Use Sustainable Resources



Thank you for listening



