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A10.41 Equipment Operator and Supervisor Qualifications and Responsibilities (under development)
A10.42 Rigging Qualifications and Responsibilities in the Construction Industry

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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR
POWDER-ACTUATED FASTENING SYSTEMS

1. GENERAL

1.1 Scope. This standard provides safety requirements for powder-actuated fastening tools that propel studs, pins, fasteners, or other objects for the purpose of affixing it, by penetration, to hard structural material (such as concrete, masonry, or steel).

This standard does not apply to devices designed for attaching object to soft construction materials (such as wood, plaster, tar, and dry wallboard) or very hard or brittle construction materials (such as cast iron, glazed tile, hardened steel, glass block, natural rock, hollow tile, and most brick).

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to provide reasonable safety for person and property by establishing requirements for design, construction, operation, service and storage of powder-actuated fastening tools, fasteners, and powder loads. Existing powder-actuated fastening tools and accessory equipment meeting the mechanical criteria of previous versions of this ANSI/ASSE A10.3 standard need not be modified to conform to this version unless such modification is required by the regulatory agency having jurisdiction.

1.3 Modifications and Exemptions. In cases of practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship, the regulating body having jurisdiction may make exceptions to the literal requirements of this standard, but only when it is clearly evident that equivalent protection is thereby assured.

2. RELATED AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS

The following American National Standards contain additional information that may be of interest to some users, but they are not essential for the completion of the requirements of this standard.

ANSI/ASSE A10.18, *Safety Requirements for Temporary Floors, Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways, and Other Unprotected Edges*

ANSI/ASSE A10.34, *Protection of the Public on or Adjacent to Construction Sites*

ANSI/ASSE A1264.1, *Safety Requirements for Workplace Floor and Wall Openings, Stairs and Railing Systems*

ANSI/ISEA Z87.1, *Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection*

ANSI/AIHA Z88.2, *Practices for Respiratory Protection*

ANSI/ISEA Z89.1, *Personal Protection – Protective Headwear for Industrial Workers*

ANSI/NEMA Z535.1 to .5, *Safety Color Code – Environmental Facility Safety Signs – Criteria for Safety Symbols – Product Safety Sign and Labels and Accident Prevention Tags*

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Angle Control. A safety feature designed to prevent a tool from operating when tilted beyond a predetermined angle.

3.2 Cased Powder Load. A powder load with the propellant contained in a closed case.