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## European foreword

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- *Part 1: Terms, types, functional sizes* [the present document];
- *Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking*;
- *Part 3: A1 Marking and A1 user Instructions*;
- *Part 4: Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders*;
- *Part 6: Telescopic ladders*;
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## 1 Scope

This European Standard defines terms and specifies the general design characteristics of ladders.

☞ It applies to portable ladders designed for general professional and non-professional use.

This standard does not apply to portable ladders which by their design and instructions are intended and limited only for a specific professional use and as a result are not for general professional or non-professional use. ☞

NOTE 1 For multiple hinge joint ladders EN 131-4 applies.

NOTE 2 For telescopic ladders EN 131-6 applies.

NOTE 3 For mobile ladders with platforms EN 131-7 applies.

NOTE 4 This standard does not apply to step stools for which EN 14183 applies.

☞ NOTE 5 For ladders to work near high voltage installations, EN 61478 applies and for working near low voltage electric installations, EN 50528 applies. ☞

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 131-2, *Ladders — Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking*

EN 131-3, *Ladders — Part 3: User Instructions*

EN 131-4:2007, *Ladders — Part 4: Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 131-4:2007 for single or multiple hinge-joint ladders and the following apply.