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European foreword

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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2026 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by February 2026.

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This European Standard is one of a series about ladders. The other standards of this series are listed in Clause 2 and in the Bibliography.

A2 Classification is determined in the strength test for all ladders and additionally in the durability test for standing ladders.

A test protocol is being considered for an alternative base slip test on behalf of an expert group of the GPSD committee. A2

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Introduction

Due to the unhomogeneity of the material wood, special requirements have been appropriated on this item.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the general design features, requirements and test methods for portable ladders.

It does not apply to step stools or ladders for specific professional use such as firebrigade ladders, roof ladders and mobile ladders.

It does not apply to ladders used for work on or near live electrical systems or installations. For this purpose EN 61478 applies.

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NOTE For insulating ladders for use on or near low voltage electrical installations EN 50528 applies. **A2**

This European Standard is intended to be used in conjunction with EN 131-1.

For single or multiple hinge joint ladders EN 131-4 applies.

A2 For telescopic ladders EN 131-6 applies.

For mobile ladders with a platform EN 131-7 applies. **A2**

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 59, *Glass reinforced plastics — Measurement of hardness by means of a Barcol impressor*

A2 EN 131-1:2015 **A2**, *Ladders — Part 1: Terms, types, functional sizes*

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

EN 204, *Classification of thermoplastic wood adhesives for non-structural applications*

EN 301, *Adhesives, phenolic and aminoplastic, for load-bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 385, *Finger jointed structural timber — Performance requirements and minimum production requirements*

EN 386:2001, *Glued laminated timber — Performance requirements and minimum production requirements*

EN 391:2001, *Glued laminated timber — Delamination test of glue lines*

EN 392, *Glued laminated timber — Shear test of glue lines*

EN 408, *Timber structures — Structural timber and glued laminated timber — Determination of some physical and mechanical properties*

A2 EN 572-2, *Glass in building — Basic soda lime silicate glass products — Part 2: Float glass* **A2**

EN 844-9:1997, *Round and sawn timber — Terminology — Part 9: Terms relating to features of sawn timber*