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1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements, tests and marking of hinged combination ladders with one or several hinge joints.

This document is not applicable to hinge-joints of combination and standing ladders as defined by EN 131-1.

This part of the standard is intended to be used in conjunction with EN 131-1, EN 131-2 and EN 131-3.

2 Normative references

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EN 131-1:2015+A1:2019, *Ladders — Part 1: Terms, types, functional sizes*

EN 131-2:2010+A2:2017, *Ladders — Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking*

EN 131-3, *Ladders — Part 3: Marking and user instructions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 131-1 and the following apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

ladder hinged in the longitudinal direction

ladder with hinge-joints which enable folding (manual or automatic) in the longitudinal direction

Note 1 to entry: Excluding ladders covered in EN 131-1.

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ladder with one lockable hinge joint device

ladder including a hinge-joint device with at least one predetermined lockable position with or without extendable parts

Note 1 to entry: See Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4.

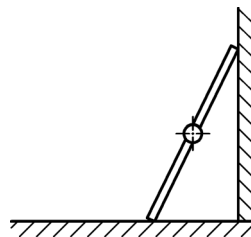


Figure 1 — Position as leaning ladder