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This standard was sponsored by the Monorail Manufacturers Association, Inc. in the interest of improved uniformity of patented track underhung crane and monorail performance and enhanced public safety. Since the intention of this standard is to encourage better communication between the manufacturer and the user, it should be regarded as a guide rather than a rigid specification.

This standard was first published as a Monorail Manufacturers Association, Inc. consensus standard in 1973. Since this original publication, the member companies of MMA have recognized the need to expand user awareness of this standard. As a result, it has been subjected to the American National Standards Institute's Canvass Review procedure and approved as an ANSI Standard June 8, 1981. That standard was revised and approved on December 27, 1996 as MH27.1-1996 replacing MH27.1-1981, then standard was revised and approved September 11, 2003 as MH27.1-2003. Now the standard has been reaffirmed following editorial changes to add clarification to existing requirements.

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# SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTED TRACK UNDERHUNG CRANES AND MONORAIL SYSTEMS

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### SECTION 1 – Scope

- 1.1 These specifications apply to underhung cranes whose end trucks operate on the lower flange of a patented-track runway section; and to carriers (trolleys) operating on single-track patented-track monorail systems, including all curves, switches, transfer devices, lift and drop sections, and associated equipment. Systems used for transporting personnel require special considerations and are not included in these specifications. These specifications do not apply to enclosed-track runway sections, enclosed-track monorail systems, structural-shape runway sections, or structural-shape monorail systems. Refer to MMA MH27.2, Specifications for Enclosed Track Underhung Cranes and Monorail Systems for enclosed-track runway sections and enclosed-track monorail systems.
- 1.2 Hoist(s) and/or carrier(s) may be supplied by the crane manufacturer, crane distributor, crane installer, or by the purchaser. In either case, the hoist(s) and carrier(s) shall comply with the applicable sections of ASME/ANSI B30.16, Safety Standard for Overhead Hoists (Underhung); ASME B30.11, Safety Standard for Monorails and Underhung Cranes and appropriate ASME HST Performance Standards. If the hoist(s) and/or carrier(s) are supplied by the purchaser, the crane builder shall be provided with certified dimensional drawings with all required data including wiring diagrams, carrier collector locations and weights.
- 1.3 This specification includes consideration for cranes and monorail equipment only. It does not include considerations or specifications for the design of the building, the design of supporting structure, electrical power supply, or erection.
- 1.4 This specification applies to normal ambient temperatures and atmospheric conditions; any other conditions require special consideration.

### SECTION 2 – Referenced Specifications and Standards

Reference is made to portions of other specifications within the text of these specifications. Referenced specifications and the publishers are as follows:

MMA MH27.2 *Specifications for Enclosed Track Underhung Cranes and Monorail Systems*

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