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The standard establishes safety requirements for the selection, installation, and use of personnel and debris nets during construction, repair, and demolition operations.

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- A10.7 Transportation, Storage, Handling and Use of Commercial Explosives and Agents in the Construction Industry
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- A10.9 Concrete and Masonry Work
- A10.10 Temporary and Portable Space Heating Devices and Equipment Used in the Construction Industry
- A10.11 Personnel and Debris Nets Used During Construction, Repair and Demolition Operations
- A10.12 Excavation (under development)
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- A10.19 Pile Driving (under development)
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- A10.24 Roofing (under development)
- A10.27 Asphalt Mixing Plants for Construction Projects (under development)
- A10.28 Suspended Work Platforms for Cranes and Derricks
- A10.30 Drilled Caissons (under development)
- A10.31 Digger Derricks
- A10.32 Fall Prevention Systems (under development)
- A10.33 Minimum Requirements of Safety and Health Programs (under development)
- A10.34 Public Protection (under development)
- A10.35 High Pressure Hydro Blasting (under development)
- A10.36 Dry Diamond Saws (under development)

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Demolition Operations –

Personnel and Debris Nets

1. General

1.1 Scope. This standard establishes safety requirements for the selection, installation, and use of personnel and debris nets during construction, repair, and demolition operations.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to provide minimum design, testing, and use requirements for personnel and debris nets.

1.3 Exceptions. The enforcing authority may grant exceptions to the literal requirements of this standard and permit alternative methods, but only when it is clearly evident that equivalent safeguards are being provided.

2. Referenced and Related Standards

2.1 Referenced Standard. This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with Standard Method of Salt-Spray (Fog) Testing, ASTM B 117-85.

2.2 Related American National Standards. The following standards are listed for information only, and are not essential for the completion of the requirements of this standard.

ANSI A10.4-1981, Safety Requirements for Personnel Hoists

ANSI A10.5-1981, Safety Requirements for Material Hoists

ANSI A10.6-1983, Demolition Operations – Safety Requirements

ANSI A10.8-1988, Construction and Demolition Operations – Scaffolding – Safety Requirements

ANSI A10.9-1983, Construction and Demolition Operations – Concrete and Masonry Work – Safety Requirements

ANSI A92.2-1979, Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices

ANSI/ASME A39.1-1987, Safety Requirements for Window Cleaning (including supplements ANSI/ASME A39.1a-1988 and A39.1b-1989)

3. Definitions

competent person. One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions that are hazardous or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

construction project. Any activity involving the construction, alteration, maintenance, or demolition of a structure.

debris net. A net that is designed to catch only debris. It must be used in conjunction with a personnel net if there is any possibility for personnel to fall.

natural fiber. A fiber produced by nature, such as manila, sisal, or hemp.

perimeter net system. A system of personnel and debris nets and their supports arranged to hold nets on the edge of a floor, work surface, or structure so that when the net is fully impact-loaded, the test weight will not contact any part of the supporting structure.

personnel net. A net that is designed, tested, and installed in accordance with this standard for personnel fall protection.

synthetic fiber. A fiber produced artificially by manufacturing processes, such as nylon, polypropylene, or polyester.