

WAC 296-96-24163 Suspension means. (1) When a chassis is suspended from a driving machine by a wire rope, a single method of suspension may be used. The suspension means shall be any one of the following:

(a) Steel elevator wire rope;
(b) Steel aircraft cable; or
(c) Roller chain conforming to ANSI transmission roller chains and sprocket teeth.

(2) Steel tapes shall not be used as a suspension method.

(3) The minimum diameter of hoist ropes or cables shall be 6.35 mm (0.25 in.) galvanized elevator wire rope and 4.7752 mm (0.188 in.) aircraft cable.

(4) Factor of safety:

(a) The minimum factor of safety for a suspension method shall be not less than 8 based upon the rope tension while elevating a car carrying its rated load.

(b) In no case, shall the rated breaking strength of the rope be less than 4,000 lbs.

(5) The contact arc of a wire rope on a traction sheave shall be sufficient to produce adequate traction under all load conditions.

(6) All wire ropes anchored to a winding drum shall have at least one full turn of rope on the drum when the car or counterweight reaches its over-travel limit.

(7) The winding drum ends of car and counterweight wire ropes shall be secured by:

(a) Clamps on the inside of the drum;

(b) Return loop;

(c) Properly made individual tapered babbitted sockets; or

(d) Properly attached fittings recommended by wire rope manufacturers.

U-bolt type clamps shall not be used.

(8) The ends of wire ropes shall be fastened to cars or counterweights by:

(a) Return loop; or

(b) Properly made individual tapered babbitted sockets that conform to ASME A17.1/CSA B44 requirements. (The diameter of the hole in the small end of the socket shall not exceed the nominal diameter of the rope by more than 2.3876 mm (0.094 in.)); or properly attached fittings recommended by wire rope manufacturers.

U-bolt type clamps shall not be used.

(9) Rope repair:

(a) Car and counterweight wire ropes shall not be lengthened or repaired by splicing.

(b) If a single wire rope in a set is worn or damaged and needs to be replaced, the entire set shall be replaced.

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