

Failure of the body belt shall be indicated by any breakage, or slippage sufficient to permit the bag to fall free of the body belt.

**§ 1926.960 Definitions applicable to this subpart.**

(a) *Alive or live (energized)*. The term means electrically connected to a source of potential difference, or electrically charged so as to have a potential significantly different from that of the earth in the vicinity. The term "live" is sometimes used in place of the term "current-carrying," where the intent is clear, to avoid repetition of the longer term.

(b) *Automatic circuit recloser*. The term means a self-controlled device for automatically interrupting and reclosing an alternating current circuit with a predetermined sequence of opening and reclosing followed by resetting, hold closed, or lockout operation.

(c) *Barrier*. The term means a physical obstruction which is intended to prevent contact with energized lines or equipment.

(d) *Barricade*. The term means a physical obstruction such as tapes, screens, or cones intended to warn and limit access to a hazardous area.

(e) *Bond*. The term means an electrical connection from one conductive element to another for the purpose of minimizing potential differences or providing suitable conductivity for fault current or for mitigation of leakage current and electrolytic action.

(f) *Bushing*. The term means an insulating structure including a through conductor, or providing a passageway for such a conductor, with provision for mounting on a barrier, conducting or otherwise, for the purpose of insulating the conductor from the barrier and conducting current from one side of the barrier to the other.

(g) *Cable*. The term means a conductor with insulation, or a stranded conductor with or without insulation and other coverings (single-conductor cable) or a combination of conductors insulated from one another (multiple-conductor cable).

(h) *Cable sheath*. The term means a protective covering applied to cables.

NOTE: A cable sheath may consist of multiple layers of which one or more is conductive.

(i) *Circuit*. The term means a conductor or system of conductors through which an electric current is intended to flow.

(j) *Communication lines*. The term means the conductors and their supporting or containing structures which are used for public or private signal or communication service, and which operate at potentials not exceeding 400 volts to ground or 750 volts between any two points of the circuit, and the transmitted power of which does not exceed 150 watts. When operating at less than 150 volts no limit is placed on the capacity of the system.

NOTE: Telephone, telegraph, railroad signal, data, clock, fire, police-alarm, community television antenna, and other systems conforming with the above are included. Lines used for signaling purposes, but not included under the above definition, are considered as supply lines of the same voltage and are to be so run.

(k) *Conductor*. The term means a material, usually in the form of a wire, cable, or bus bar suitable for carrying an electric current.

(l) *Conductor shielding*. The term means an envelope which encloses the conductor of a cable and provides an equipotential surface in contact with the cable insulation.

(m) *Current-carrying part*. The term means a conducting part intended to be connected in an electric circuit to a source of voltage. Non-current-carrying parts are those not intended to be so connected.

(n) *Dead (deenergized)*. The term means free from any electrical connection to a source of potential difference and from electrical charges: Not having a potential difference from that of earth.

NOTE: The term is used only with reference to current-carrying parts which are sometimes alive (energized).

(o) *Designated employee*. The term means a qualified person delegated to perform specific duties under the conditions existing.

(p) *Effectively grounded*. The term means intentionally connected to earth through a ground connection or connections of sufficiently low impedance and having sufficient current-carrying

capacity to prevent the buildup of voltages which may result in undue hazard to connected equipment or to persons.

(q) *Electric line trucks.* The term means a truck used to transport men, tools, and material, and to serve as a traveling workshop for electric power line construction and maintenance work. It is sometimes equipped with a boom and auxiliary equipment for setting poles, digging holes, and elevating material or men.

(r) *Enclosed.* The term means surrounded by a case, cage, or fence, which will protect the contained equipment and prevent accidental contact of a person with live parts.

(s) *Equipment.* This is a general term which includes fittings, devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus, and the like, used as part of, or in connection with, an electrical power transmission and distribution system, or communication systems.

(t) *Exposed.* The term means not isolated or guarded.

(u) *Electric supply lines.* The term means those conductors used to transmit electric energy and their necessary supporting or containing structures. Signal lines of more than 400 volts to ground are always supply lines within the meaning of the rules, and those of less than 400 volts to ground may be considered as supply lines, if so run and operated throughout.

(v) *Guarded.* The term means protected by personnel, covered, fenced, or enclosed by means of suitable casings, barrier rails, screens, mats, platforms, or other suitable devices in accordance with standard barricading techniques designed to prevent dangerous approach or contact by persons or objects.

NOTE: Wires, which are insulated but not otherwise protected, are not considered as guarded.

(w) *Ground. (Reference).* The term means that conductive body, usually earth, to which an electric potential is referenced.

(x) *Ground (as a noun).* The term means a conductive connection whether intentional or accidental, by which an electric circuit or equipment is connected to reference ground.

(y) *Ground (as a verb).* The term means the connecting or establishment of a connection, whether by intention or accident of an electric circuit or equipment to reference ground.

(z) *Grounding electrode (ground electrode).* The term grounding electrode means a conductor embedded in the earth, used for maintaining ground potential on conductors connected to it, and for dissipating into the earth current conducted to it.

(aa) *Grounding electrode resistance.* The term means the resistance of the grounding electrode to earth.

(bb) *Grounding electrode conductor (grounding conductor).* The term means a conductor used to connect equipment or the grounded circuit of a wiring system to a grounding electrode.

(cc) *Grounded conductor.* The term means a system or circuit conductor which is intentionally grounded.

(dd) *Grounded system.* The term means a system of conductors in which at least one conductor or point (usually the middle wire, or neutral point of transformer or generator windings) is intentionally grounded, either solidly or through a current-limiting device (not a current-interrupting device).

(ee) *Hotline tools and ropes.* The term means those tools and ropes which are especially designed for work on energized high voltage lines and equipment. Insulated aerial equipment especially designed for work on energized high voltage lines and equipment shall be considered hot line.

(ff) *Insulated.* The term means separated from other conducting surfaces by a dielectric substance (including air space) offering a high resistance to the passage of current.

NOTE: When any object is said to be insulated, it is understood to be insulated in suitable manner for the conditions to which it is subjected. Otherwise, it is within the purpose of this subpart, uninsulated. Insulating covering of conductors is one means of making the conductor insulated.

(gg) *Insulation (as applied to cable).* The term means that which is relied upon to insulate the conductor from other conductors or conducting parts or from ground.

(hh) *Insulation shielding.* The term means an envelope which encloses the insulation of a cable and provides an

equipotential surface in contact with cable insulation.

(ii) *Isolated*. The term means an object that is not readily accessible to persons unless special means of access are used.

(jj) *Manhole*. The term means a sub-surface enclosure which personnel may enter and which is used for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining equipment and/or cable.

(kk) *Pulling tension*. The term means the longitudinal force exerted on a cable during installation.

(ll) *Qualified person*. The term means a person who by reason of experience or training is familiar with the operation to be performed and the hazards involved.

(mm) *Switch*. The term means a device for opening and closing or changing the connection of a circuit. In these rules, a switch is understood to be manually operable, unless otherwise stated.

(nn) *Tag*. The term means a system or method of identifying circuits, systems or equipment for the purpose of alerting persons that the circuit, system or equipment is being worked on.

(oo) *Unstable material*. The term means earth material, other than running, that because of its nature or the influence of related conditions, cannot be depended upon to remain in place without extra support, such as would be furnished by a system of shoring.

(pp) *Vault*. The term means an enclosure above or below ground which personnel may enter and is used for the purpose of installing, operating, and/or maintaining equipment and/or cable.

(qq) *Voltage*. The term means the effective (rms) potential difference between any two conductors or between a conductor and ground. Voltages are expressed in nominal values. The nominal voltage of a system or circuit is the value assigned to a system or circuit of a given voltage class for the purpose of convenient designation. The operating voltage of the system may vary above or below this value.

(rr) *Voltage of an effectively grounded circuit*. The term means the voltage between any conductor and ground unless otherwise indicated.

(ss) *Voltage of a circuit not effectively grounded*. The term means the voltage

between any two conductors. If one circuit is directly connected to and supplied from another circuit of higher voltage (as in the case of an autotransformer), both are considered as of the higher voltage, unless the circuit of lower voltage is effectively grounded, in which case its voltage is not determined by the circuit of higher voltage. Direct connection implies electric connection as distinguished from connection merely through electromagnetic or electrostatic induction.

### Subpart W—Rollover Protective Structures; Overhead Protection

AUTHORITY: Section 3704 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701); Sections 4, 6, and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657); and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 12-71 (36 FR 8754), 8-76 (41 FR 25059), 9-83 (48 FR 35736), 1-90 (55 FR 9033), 6-96 (62 FR 111), 3-2000 (65 FR 50017), or 5-2002 (67 FR 65008), as applicable.

#### § 1926.1000 Rollover protective structures (ROPS) for material handling equipment.

(a) *Coverage*. (1) This section applies to the following types of material handling equipment: To all rubber-tired, self-propelled scrapers, rubber-tired front-end loaders, rubber-tired dozers, wheel-type agricultural and industrial tractors, crawler tractors, crawler-type loaders, and motor graders, with or without attachments, that are used in construction work. This requirement does not apply to sideboom pipelaying tractors.

(2) The promulgation of specific standards for rollover protective structures for compactors and rubber-tired skid-steer equipment is reserved pending consideration of standards currently being developed.

(b) *Equipment manufactured on or after September 1, 1972*. Material handling machinery described in paragraph (a) of this section and manufactured on or after September 1, 1972, shall be equipped with rollover protective structures which meet the minimum performance standards prescribed in §§ 1926.1001 and 1926.1002, as applicable.

(c) *Equipment manufactured before September 1, 1972*. (1) All material handling equipment described in paragraph (a)