

The New Distance Learning Course

## Objectives

The Objectives of this slide show are :-

1. To explain how the course works
2. To give guidance for successful study
3. To give some hints on how to avoid pitfalls

## Structure of the Study Programme



## Structure of the Study Programme (Half Units)





# Sample Timetable 

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## The Learning Materials

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Introduction to Lift Technology
Learning Package 9


After studying this package you should be able to :
Sketch, describe and compare the various constructions of ropes used in the lift industry State the materials used and reasons for using a core.

ATTEMPT Self Assessment Question (SAQ)


Next Package: LP 10 Suspension and ancillary ropes for lifts

## Here's the title page for a typical Learning Package

It provides important information for your learning, as we'll see

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## Introduction to Lift Technology

## Learning Package 9



Next Package: LP10 Suspension and ancillary ropes for lifts.

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## Introduction to Lift Technology

## Learning Package 9

Learning Package : LP9
General Objective : Construction, uses, limitations and handling methods of suspension and ancillary ropes for lift installations.


Next Package: LP10 Suspension and ancillary ropes for lifts.

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## Introduction to Lift Technology

## Learning Package 9



It tells you not simply what you
Next Package: LP10 Suspension and ancillary ropes for lifts. should learn from the LP, but what you should be able to do after you've studied it.

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## Introduction to Lift Technology

## Learning Package 9

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Next Package：LP10 Suspension and ancillary ropes for lifts． each learning package，you＇ll get a first rate command of the learning outcomes of the unit．

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Previous Package: LP8 Principles of sheave construction and
grooving
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Next Package: LP10 Suspension and ancillary ropes for lifts.

Finally, this box tells you what the next LP is about, so you can see whether you're coming to a new topic.
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thus prevent damage being caused to adjacent wires or persons handling the rope.
Now read Course Reference Book. Section 3.5.8.3.
Note particularly the so-called 'dual-tensile' construction, i.e. inner layers of high tensile strength wires and outer layers of the lower tensile strength wires making up the rope strand

## Materials used and reasons for using a core

All lifting ropes have a core which is referred to as a fibre core. The materials used may be natural fibre or man-made fibre, and typical examples in common use are:

## SISAL

A natural fibre obtained from kinds of plant called agave. The fibre is white, strong and durable.

## POLYPROPYLENE

A man-made fibre which is strong, resistant to chemicals and solvents, and can be bent repeatedly without cracking.
In either case, the fibre core is impregnated with a special lubricant and acts as a reservoir to lubricate the wires of the rope from within. This lubrication from the fibre core reduces friction between wires, helps maintain rope flexibility, and preserves the rope and core from the deteriorative effects of dampness.

## Ropes - Factor of Safety

In the interests of safety and the achievement of satisfactory rope life, British Standards specify safety factors to restrict not only the loads carried by suspension ropes, but also to take into account their duty (i.e. the type of conditions under which they are used). Now read of Course Reference Book Section 3.5.8.2.

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(a) 12 in the case of traction drive with 3 ropes or more;
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This means that if the safety factor calculated according to Annex N is below these values, then the minimum value will apply. If the calculated safety factor is greater than these values, then this is the one that must be used.
The actual safety factor for a suspension rope is the ratio of the minimum breaking load (in Newtons) of one rope and the maximum tension (in Newtons) in this rope when the lift car is stationary at the lowest level, with its full rated load.

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\text { Factor of Safety }=\frac{\text { minimum breaking load of one rope (Newtons) }}{\text { maximum tension in the rope (Newtons) }}
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The minimum breaking load of the rope is usually determined in practice by the rope manufacturer, who 'pulls' the rope until it breaks, and records the load at which it broke. This value, along with other data about the rope is reported to the lift maker or installer on a rope test certificate supplied with the rope.

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in clean conditions, the effect of the bending results $h$ of abrasion and wear of the rope strands.
When we consider actual operating conditions, with a level of dirt dust, and the effect of passing over a traction sheave with undercut vee grooves, the level of crushing, abrasion and wear is considerably increased.

It is clear that the less onerous is the rope duty, the less will be the effect of wear and crushing, and the longer will be the useful rope life. It is but a small step to realise that a less onerous duty for the suspension ropes is directly associated with an increased factor of safety. Although the relationship is not simple, experience has shown that with the materials used traditionally in the design of ropes and sheaves/pulleys (e.g. steel wire and cast iron), a suitably chosen safety factor will, given regular maintenance and inspection, result in an adequate useful life for the suspension ropes.
gives both a calculation method and a graphical method for determining the required safety factor (subject to the minimum values of 12 and 16 noted above) based on the equivalent number of simple pulleys ( $\mathrm{N}_{\text {equiv }}$ ) together with the diameters of the traction sheave $\left(\mathrm{D}_{t}\right)$ nd suspension ropes ( $\mathrm{d}_{5}$ ).
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According to the dimensions of the car, one or two car-top multiplying pulleys may be required. They are normally placed so that the ropes are suspended on the line running between the guides, likewise for the pulley on top of the counterweight.
In the machine roomless configuration, where the lift machine is located in the well, usually at one side, $2: 1$ roping is employed both to reduce the suspended load on the lift machine and so that the suspension ropes can run down one side of the well and up the other.

This avoids the need for additional pulleys to lead the ropes to the centre of the well.

## Self Assessment Question

(a) Why and how is a steel wire suspension rope lubricated?
(b) Why does a rope have a safety factor, and what is the minimum value of safety factor to meet BS EN 81-1?

## Click here for our solution

Next Learning Package

Finally, at the end of the Learning Package, you'll find the Self Assessment Question.

When you're confident of what you've learned, have a go at the self assessment question, and also, check your ability to complete the learning outcomes listed on the title page of the LP

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When you're pretty sure that you've answered the SAQ, you can check if you got it right by clicking here and going to the solution we've prepared.

Of course, you could go straight to the solution without trying the question for yourself, but if you do, you're only kidding yourself that you've achieved the learning outcomes!

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Here's the SAQ solution for you to check against your learning.

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When you're satisfied with the comparison between your solution and ours, click here to go back to the Learning Package.

Introduction to Lift Technology

## Assignment 2

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It's time to undertake your second Computer Marked As http:/testing.exambuilder.com fill in your name and student

To help you prepare for the test, all the questions are presen the test is intended to help you check your own understandin packages to find the correct answers to the questions. Indeed Attempt ALL TEN questions
For each question, select the answer A, B, C or D appropriat When you have completed the on-line test, the test system your understanding of tee questions you have answered corr you didn't get right!).

1. Which of the following rope termination methods can be out on site without special equipment?
A. Swaged Termination
B. Metal or resin-filled conical sockets.
C. Self-tightening wedge type sockets
D. Ferrule secured eye terminations
2. Effective traction occurs in a lift system when :
A. The critical value of traction $T_{1} / T_{2}$ is exceeded.
B. The suspension ropes are over lubricated.
C. The lift car is excessively overloaded.
D. The critical traction ratio is not exceeded.

## Spread through the learning packages there are "Computer Marked Assignments" (CMA's)

The questions are shown in your pack of learning materials so that you can prepare your answers before you go "on-line" to attempt the CMA.

The CMA's are "open book", i.e. you can make full use of the Learning Materials as you do the CMA, and you can use your pre-prepared answers to complete the on-line test!

## Introduction to Lift Technology <br> Assignment 2 <br> Learning Packages 8 through 14

It's time to undertake your second Computer Marked Assignment. To do the assignment you will need to $\log$ on to the Internet at h htpp//testing.exambuilder.com fill in your name and student $\mathbb{D}$ and then complete the on-line multiple choice test.
To help you prepare for he test, all the questions are presented here so that you can prepare your answers before you sign on. Of course, since the test is intended to help w check your own understanding of the learning material, it is quite in order for you to research through the learming packages to find the correct a vers to the questions. Indeed, that is precisely what we intend that you should do.

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3. Which kind of ropes may be described in the following manner? "They are attached at either end, to the underside of the car and counterweight. Their function in the lift system is to avoid rope slip. They are particularly useful on long travel lifts."
A. Governor rope C Suspension rope. Safety rope. D Compensation rope

When you're ready with any 'crib sheets' you feel you need, click on this link and it will take you to the ExamBuilder website to do the test.

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## PROGRESS

2 of 10 questions answered

ACTIONS
Submit Exam

Review Questions
Exit Exam

## GT1F3 Introduction to Lift Technology - CMA2

## Question 3 of 10

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B
Safety Rope

Suspension Rope

D
Compensation rope


And here's question 3 from the CMA as it appears in ExamBuilder

# The Structure of the Study Programme 

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## Structure of the Study Programme

- The heart of the unit is the Course Reference Book (CRB)
- CRB has been prepared by a Senior Industry Expert in the relevant discipline (Engineering, Contracts etc.)
- Periodically updated by the Industry to reflect current practice and standards
- However, current and past practice continue to be included where relevant to existing product in the field



## Structure of the Study Programme



- A set of 40 Learning Packages (LP's) based on the CRB is then provided
- Learning packages break down the learning into manageable instalments
- You need to complete a learning package roughly every 5 days
- Each learning package has a "Self Assessment Question" (SAQ) to help you check that you've "got the drift" of that package
- If you can't follow an LP, take it to your Company Contact or Supervisor who will put you in touch with one the Company's engineers to help



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- If you can't follow an LP, take it to your Company Contact or Supervisor who will put you in touch with one the Company's engineers to help
- If they are unable to help, you may pass your query to LEIA; we will assist, but we do not have the resources of a university. Your query will have to be assigned to a committee member for response this may take a few days.
- Send your query to enquiries@leia.co.uk
- AND include your cohort - this will speed up the administration of your query.
- Your cohort is in the form 1309GT1F3, i.e. semester (year, month) and unit.



## Structure of the Study Programme



- The learning packages are, in the main, 3-5 pages long
- They cross reference to relevant parts of the CRB
- The CRB cross references are 'linked' from the LP
- Sit down and read through an LP and its cross references in a single evening
- Re-read it all carefully the next evening
- On the third evening, read through again and then try the Self Assessment Question


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- The CMA's are a kind of 'group' Self Assessment Question, but also let you build credit towards your final mark
- There's a total of six CMA's to complete for a full unit and three for a half unit
- The computer will give you one mark for each completely correct answer
- Your overall average mark for the CMA's will count for $20 \%$ of your final mark



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- I'm an experienced Lift Mechanic all that reading's going to take up too much "pub-time"
- I'll go straight to the CMA's and do them immediately, using the LP's and CRB to 'look up' the answers
- Many have tried this approach, and many have failed their Unit!
- Getting marks in the CMA's by this method does not guarantee success in the End of Unit Test



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## Structure of the End Test



The End Test will ask 30 questions taken from across the whole set of Learning Packages and the sections of the Course Reference Book which have been cross referenced from the Learning Packages

Bank of up to 160 questions

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## Types of End Test Question

Two basic types of question :

- Multiple choice
- Fill in the blank


## Multiple Choice Questions

- Multiple choice questions will have between 2 and 5 alternative answers to choose from
- You may be asked to choose the required answer from amongst the alternatives


## or

- You may be asked to choose more than one answer from amongst the alternatives
- In the end test, some credit is given for "part correct" answers (unlike the CMA's where only completely correct answers will score)


## "Fill in the Blank" Questions

- May ask you for a standard lift parameter relevant to your unit, e.g.
"The maximum permitted gap between car and landing sills is ............ mm"
- May ask you for the outcome of a calculation relevant to your unit, e.g.
"The rotational speed of the traction sheave is given by the expression

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\mathrm{n}_{2}=\frac{60 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{R}}}{\pi \mathrm{D}}
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where $D$ is the sheave diameter and $V_{R}$ is the rope speed. For rated speed $1.6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, 1:1 reeving and motor speed $920 \mathrm{rev} / \mathrm{min}$, if the speed reduction ratio is $55: 4$, then accurate to $\pm 1 \mathrm{~mm}$, the diameter of the traction sheave must be $\qquad$ mm"

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If you've followed through this slide show, and also read the Study Guide in your Learning Materials Pack, your Unit of Study shouldn't have too many surprises in store!

By undertaking this study, you are making an important contribution to raising, even further, the high standards of technical quality and excellence of your industry.

We hope that you'll find your Unit informative, interesting and enjoyable, and we wish you every success in your studies.

