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## SAEMA Technical Committee Guidance Note

The SAEMA Technical Committee has finalised a new guidance document '*Guidance on Load Testing Suspended Access Equipment*'.

Permanently installed suspended access equipment is designed and installed to provide a suspended platform that gives safe access to areas of a building or other permanent structure and to serve only that structure. Such installations are customarily used for window cleaning and light building maintenance.

The requirements for permanently installed access equipment should be considered at an early stage in the building design process.

The guidance gives recommendations for the ongoing testing of permanently installed suspended access equipment and not the initial handover/commissioning tests covered in BS EN1808.

SAEMA Chairman Martin Parfett comments:

*'SAEMA always advocates consideration of permanent and temporary access equipment at an early stage in the building design process. This ensures that any potential problems can be ironed out at this stage not when it is too late at the finishing stages. It could potentially save the building owner/end user a lot of money and grief by giving consideration to the continual usage, maintenance and testing of the equipment. This document helps to give guidance on annual load testing which is an integral part of maintaining the overall integrity of the equipment.'*

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## Notes to Editors

The Specialist Access Engineering and Maintenance Association (SAEMA) is the national organisation for the permanent and temporary access industry and its members operate throughout the UK and in many cases worldwide.

SAEMA Technical Committee meets 7-8 times annually to discuss technical issues in the industry and works closely with BSI committees.

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