



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ANSI- Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) A14 Committee Meeting – American Ladder Institute

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Not in the FY 24 Op Plan/Ladders

DATE OF MEETING: 3/7/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Hybrid, Schaumburg, IL

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Thomas Caton

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Thomas Caton (Virtually)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ANSI - ASC A14 Committee for attendee list

Background: Semi-annual meeting of the ANSI ASC A14 Committee.

Label Task Force

The label task force is continuing their studies for ANSI ladder standards per their evaluation of UL 969 Standard for Marking and Labeling, which is intended for products used indoors/outdoors or just indoors. A discussion about using graphical versus written labels is continuing to be studied. The task force is waiting for a ladder manufacturer's research information about illustrative warnings.

Subcommittee Updates

A14.1 Wood Ladders – The subcommittee is reviewing A14.2 and A14.5 plastic cap requirements and the need to develop labels for specific wood ladder issues. The next planned revision is Q2 2025, and the future revision date is either 2031 or to retire this standard due to minimal or no wood ladder manufacturers.

A14.2 Metal Ladders and A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders – The subcommittee discussed incorporation of UL 969 into standards. The group reviewed the standard draft to prepare for balloting. Orientation of users on platforms will be considered for the next review of the standard. The next planned revision is Q1 2025, and the future revision date is “2029”.

A14.3 Fixed Ladders - Revisions have been balloted “approved” and “approved with comment”. An A14.3 subcommittee meeting is scheduled to review the comments. The next planned revision is Q3



2024, and the future revision date is 2028.

A14.4 Job-Made Ladders - Revision is delayed due to an on-going ANSI appeal resolution process which will be followed by an ANSI audit. The next planned revision is Q3 2024, and the future revision date is 2027.

A14.7 Mobile Ladder Stands and Ladder Stand Platforms – The subcommittee continued to discuss negative comments from the ballot to resolve the incorporation of a slip test, adding tables for fall protection requirements, use, and care requirements, incorporation of UL 969 update per recommendations of the Labeling Task Force, and working through negative comments. The next planned revision is Q4 2024 (new release), and the future revision date is 2027.

A14.8 Accessories – The subcommittee added test requirements for accessories designed to hang from a ladder and reviewed the standard for editorial substantive updates before the 2025 revision is completed. The next planned revision is Q2 2026, and the future revision date is 2030.

A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways – The subcommittee is obtaining a scientific basis for determining loading on a handrail for stability or fall arrest. The next planned revision is Q4 2024, and the future revision date is 2028.

A14.11 Step Stools – The subcommittee is working on the standardization of Scope, Purpose, and General Requirements for A14.2, A14.5, and A14.11 to address the CPSC inquiry “what is a general requirement?”. The subcommittee is considering an accidental folding test, addressing instructions/warning as appropriate to directly address products that are shipped unassembled and require the end user to assemble the product. The next planned revision is Q3 2025, and the future revision date is 2030.

National Ladder Safety Month

The A14 Committee is planning for a successful National Ladder Safety Month during March 2024. This year’s promotion includes downloadable weekly banners, safety flyers, social media posts and promotional emails. Working on obtaining OSHA and NOISH participation. OSHA did not think that the promotion was big enough 4 years ago although company and consumer use of ladders can be similar, the A14 committee hopes to get OSHA on-board in the future.

Next Meeting The tentative date for the next semi-annual ANSI ASC A14 Committee meeting is October 16, 2024. The meeting will continue to be a choice of in-person or virtual.