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NOTE: This guide specification covers requirements for dock bumpers, truck-trailer restraining devices, and industrial, mechanical and electro-hydraulic dock levelers of the fixed hinged type.

Comments and suggestion on this specification are welcome and should be directed to the technical proponent of the specification. A listing of the technical proponents, including their organization designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

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Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

PART 1 GENERAL

NOTE: Use dock levelers (ramps) to span and compensate for space and height differentials between loading docks and freight carriers in order to facilitate safe and efficient freight transfer. The ramps are recessed into preformed pits in the loading docks.

NOTE: This section also covers resilient, laminated, rubberized-fabric, dock bumper pads. Verify that drawings include location and types of dock bumpers.

1.1 REFERENCES

NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a RID outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

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| ASTM A 123/A 123M | (2002) Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products |
| ASTM A 143/A 143M | (2003) Standard Practice for Safeguarding Against Embrittlement of Hot-Dip Galvanized Structural Steel Products and Procedure for Detecting Embrittlement |
| ASTM A 153/A 153M | (2005) Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware |
| ASTM D 2000 | (2005) Standard Classification System for Rubber Products in Automotive Applications |

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NEMA)

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| NEMA ICS 2 | (1996; R 2004) Standard for Industrial Control and Systems: Controllers, Contractors, and Overload Relays Rated Not More than 2000 Volts AC or 750 Volts DC: Part 8 - Disconnect Devices for Use in Industrial Control Equipment |
| NEMA ICS 6 | (2001) Standard for Industrial Controls and Systems Enclosures |

NEMA MG 1 (2003) Standard for Motors and Generators

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 70 (2005) National Electrical Code

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL 943 (2003e10) Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupters

1.2 DEFINITIONS

1.2.1 Industrial Dock Leveler

A manufactured structure designed to span and compensate space and height differentials between a loading dock and freight carrier to facilitate safe, efficient, freight transfer.

1.2.2 Adjustable Loading Ramp

Synonym for Fixed Type Industrial Dock Leveler.

1.2.3 Fixed Type Industrial Dock Leveler

A dock leveler that is permanently affixed to the dock structure, and usually incorporating [an electro-hydraulic] [a mechanical] [recessed into dock face further than 380 mm 15 inch] system to position the dock leveler with respect to the freight carrier at the lip end while being fixed at the opposite hinged end.

1.2.4 Velocity Fuse

A valve or similar device that goes into the hydraulic line. If the dock leveler becomes inadvertently or accidentally unsupported, this fuse will freeze the movement of dock leveler within 100 mm 4 inch of the dock leveler original position.

1.2.5 Carrier

A wheeled, enclosed trailer or container that, when attached to a heavy-duty truck or van, is used to carry bulk freight over long distances.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list to reflect only the submittals required for the project. Submittals should be kept to the minimum required for adequate quality control.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal requires Government approval. Some submittals are already marked with a "G". Only delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Detail Drawings[; G][; G, [____]]
Record Drawings[; G][; G, [____]]

Drawings depicting dimensions, tolerances, surface finishes, hardnesses, flush edge angles, method of mounting and materials used for anchoring, and control schematics and diagram.

SD-03 Product Data

NOTE: On small jobs, e.g. replacement of one dock leveler, not all submitted requirements are necessary and must be edited to fit each job.

Loading Dock Levelers[; G][; G, [____]]
Dock Bumpers[; G][; G, [____]]
Restraining Device[; G][; G, [____]]

Data including a complete list of equipment and materials, manufacturer's descriptive and technical literature, performance charts and curves, catalog cuts, and installation instructions.

SD-04 Samples

Contractor shall provide the following samples:

One each of Fastening Materials, Angles, Rods, and Fastening Hardware, individually tagged and identified for use and location.

One typical Loading Dock Bumpers completely assembled with

supporting rods, end angles, bolts, and nuts. (This may be the smallest size bumper required.)

One section of Dock Bumpers 203 millimeter 8 inches wide by full depth and height of bumper including one end angle with the opposite end exposed for inspection.

Sample of [Rubber] [Rubberized Fabric] for bumper.

SD-07 Certificates

Certificates shall be submitted for the following items showing conformance with the referenced standards contained in this section.

Fastening Materials
Rubberized Fabric
Steel Angles
Hardware Items

SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

Operating and Maintenance Instructions[; G][; G, [_____]]

[Six] [_____] copies of operation and [six] [_____] copies of maintenance manuals for the equipment furnished. Furnish one complete set prior to performance testing and furnish the remainder upon acceptance. Provide detail in the operating manuals with step-by-step procedures required for system startup, operation, and shutdown. Include the manufacturer's name, model number, parts list, and brief description of all equipment and their basic operating features. List routine maintenance procedures, possible breakdowns and repairs, and troubleshooting guides in the maintenance manuals. Include piping and equipment layout and simplified wiring and control diagrams of the system as installed. After approval of the detail drawings, and not later than [_____] months prior to the date of beneficial occupancy, spare parts data for each different item of material and equipment specified are required. Include a complete list of parts and supplies, with current unit prices and source of supply and a list of the parts recommended by the manufacturer to be replaced after [1] [and] [3] year(s) of service.

Loading Dock Levelers[; G][; G, [_____]]
Restraining Device[; G][; G, [_____]]

1.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Provide materials and equipment with the standard products of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the manufacture of the products and essentially duplicate items that have been in satisfactory use for at least 2 years prior to bid opening. Furnish equipment thru a supported service organization that is, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer, reasonably convenient to the site.

Design, material, fabrication, and assembly shall conform to approved drawings and samples, and the requirements specified.

All exposed metal surfaces and fastening materials must fully comply with

the minimum requirements of ASTM A 123/A 123M, ASTM A 143/A 143M, and ASTM A 153/A 153M.

1.5 NAMEPLATE

Attach corrosion-resistant metal plate securely and legibly on the exterior surface of the dock leveler. Include the following information indented or embossed on the plate:

- a. Description of the equipment: Describe procedures for operating and services equipment, and warnings or cautions of hazardous procedures.
- b. Name of the manufacturer.
- c. Serial and model number.
- d. Rated capacity in kilograms pounds.
- e. Shipping weight.
- f. Date of manufacture (month and year).

1.6 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Matchmark and tag parts which are disassembled for shipment with metal tags. Provide waterproofed tags and markings. Protect the delivered equipment in storage from the weather, humidity and temperature variation, dirt and dust, or other contaminants.

1.7 MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Furnish services of Fixed Type Industrial Dock Leveler technicians, experienced in installation and operation of the type of system being provided, to supervise installation, testing, adjustment of system, and instruction to Government personnel.

1.8 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.8.1 Detail Drawings

Submit drawings with complete wiring, schematic diagrams, and any other details required to demonstrate that the system has been coordinated and will properly function as a unit. Show proposed layout and anchorage of equipment and appurtenances on Drawing Sheet No. [____]. Show the concrete pit details including flush edge angles, dock bumpers and fastening materials in compliance with ASTM A 123/A 123M and ASTM D 2000, and sloped pit bottom; method of mounting and anchoring; and location of control stations and disconnect switches on Drawing Sheet No. [____]. For vertical, edge-of-dock, and free-standing board dock levelers, show details of required pit or foundation construction and dock bumpers and structural shapes installation, in lieu of concrete pit details on Drawing Sheet No. [____]. Show all proposed dock bumper locations on drawings.

1.8.2 Record Drawings

Submit record record drawings, including mechanical and electrical components, testing and acceptance (one copy sepia transparency) for each industrial dock leveler.

1.8.3 Verification of Dimensions

After becoming familiar with all details of the work, verify all dimensions in the field, and advise the Contracting Officer of any discrepancy before performing the work.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 LOADING DOCK LEVELERS

NOTE: Electro-hydraulic type loading dock levelers, supplied with electrical power from a building system, must be equipped with overload protection as provided by preset main system relief valve in the manufacturer's power unit, which will prevent operation of the elevating device when elevating device is loaded to 125 percent or more of the rated capacity. Total leveler gross dynamic loads shall be determined by fork truck weight plus the maximum rated fork lift carrying capacity plus attachment handling device weight.

Provide permanent type loading dock levelers, and with minimum performance characteristics based on the following:

- a. Service Period:
 - (1) Number of shift operations of [1] [2] [3].
 - (2) Maximum number of trucks per shift opening of [____].
 - (3) Maximum number of days per week of [____].
- b. Fork Lift Loads:
 - (1) Design levelers to accommodate [3][4] wheel fork trucks.
 - (2) Design levelers to handle [____] gross dynamic load.
 - (3) Base load leveler design on number of cycles per loading/unloading operation per truck and of [____].

Provide loading dock leveler with [electro-hydraulic type with electric motor and hydraulic pump operating a hydraulic cylinder that adjusts dock leveler board position] [mechanical type which is manually released at dock leveler and raises by spring action and is lowered by walk-on of dock operator] [air powered type with an industrial fan motor operating a polyvinylchloride air bag that adjusts dock leveler board position]. Coordinate a truck restraint system with the dock leveler via an interconnect function such that the restraint and dock leveler will engage with a single push-button, if a powered trailer restraint is selected to lock truck or trailer into position during loading and for overnight security. Incorporate a visual signal to inform dock operator and driver of locked or unlocked status. Make provision for maintenance access to understructure and lifting mechanism. Provide steel tread plate lip and platform, hinged and supported from beneath by steel framework that contains lifting, positioning, and lowering assembly. Ensure that platform surface is flush with surrounding floor surface of loading dock when not in service. Provide integral positive restraint when leveler is in maintenance position.

2.2 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY

NOTE: This paragraph may limit competition and provide substantial competitive advantage to bidders with service facilities in the vicinity. It must be used with caution.

Present a manufacturer's warranty certifying the leveler against operational malfunction or structural failure, or both, for a period of 10 years from the date of acceptance by the Government. Warranty may exclude failure through overloading evidenced by member breakage or residual deformation; but it may not exclude breakage of welds or fastenings, fatigue breakage of components, or wear of moving parts. Provide warranty to cover the full costs of repairs, or replacements in case of a nonrepairable failure.

2.2.1 Environmental Requirements

Design, fabricate, and finish loading ramp to permit washing with water and detergents, and operating in an ambient temperature from minus 17 degrees C 0 degrees F to plus 43 degrees C 110 degrees F.

2.2.2 Dock Leveler Height Adjustment

NOTE: Maximum vertical adjustment could be 900 mm (36 inch), if needed.

Provide a ramp whose incline can be adjusted to suit the height of the freight carrier. Allow the loading ramp a minimum of [0] [610] mm [0] [24] inch of vertical adjustment. Divide height adjustments [0] [305] mm [0] [12] inch above and [0] [305] mm [0] [12] inch below the dock level to provide coverage between [760] [685] [_____] mm [30] [27] [_____] inch and [1370] [1295] [_____] mm [54] [51] [_____] inch above grade.

2.2.3 Dock Leveler Extension and Retraction

Extend non-fixed end of the dock leveler from a retracted position behind the line of the loading dock platform bumpers to at least 300 mm 12 inch beyond the forward edge of the dock platform bumpers so as to rest on the bed of the freight carrier. Provide the difference in length of the platform from its fully retracted position to its fully extended position aspractically constant throughout the ramp, including the ramp extension.

2.2.4 Loading Ramp Compensation

Provide automatic compensation with ramp platform loaded or unloaded for:

2.2.4.1 Freight Carrier Out of Level

Out of level freight carrier bed condition (difference in elevation from side to side at the rear of the carrier bed): Allow a minimum correction of 25 mm one inch for each 450 mm 18 inch and maximum 100 mm 4 inch correction of ramp width over the width of the ramp. Ensure the rear edge of the ramp parallel with the rear of the frame in order to prevent tripping or be a pinching hazard.

2.2.4.2 Loading and Unloading of the Freight Carrier

Provide mechanical type dock levelers with manual load compensation for truck beds lowered below dock height. Provide [semi automatic] [manual] air powered dock levelers for trailer movement. When the lip is extended so as to rest on the bed of motor truck or trailer, provide compensation of 100 mm 4 inch for carrier spring deflection so that contact will be maintained between lip and carrier bed.

2.2.5 Safety Devices

2.2.5.1 Electro-Hydraulic System

Provide velocity fuse, ballcheck valve, or other device to automatically prevent a drop of more than 100 mm 4 inch of the lip, should the freight carrier move away from the dock leaving the lip unsupported. Activate this device with a static, dynamic, or impact load exceeding 10 percent of the rated load on the lip and ramp.

2.2.5.2 Mechanical System

Include a three-position safety system to limit platform fall to dock level and 100 and 200 mm 4 and 8 inch below dock level by means of double structural steel safety legs. Do not deactivate safety legs by dock leveler. This ensures that safety legs are independent of dock leveler motion and retractable from the top of the platform for below dock level control.

2.2.5.3 Air Powered System

When in use, and the dock leveler is above the dock, provide an automatic safety device to prevent a drop of more than 50 mm 2 inch at the outer end of the board, should a truck or trailer be moved away leaving the board unsupported. When in use, and the dock leveler is below dock, the dock leveler will drop to the below dock stops, at the outer end of the board, should a truck or trailer be moved away leaving the board unsupported.

2.2.5.4 Dock Bumpers

Provide ramp and load dock face with laminated rubber, tire-fabric, or equivalent dock bumpers recommended by the dock leveler manufacturer.

Solid Rubber pieces may be used instead of rubberized fabric. Solid rubber shall conform to ASTM D 2000, Grade 4AA612A13B13F17.

[Bumpers shall be constructed of resilient, laminated, rubberized-fabric pads, assembled on steel frames. Rubberized Fabric shall conform to ASTM D 2000. Material shall be punched to receive 20 millimeter 3/4 inch supporting rods. Bumpers shall be 115 millimeter 4-1/2 inches thick, stand out from the dock, and be closed with two structural steel angles under 6895 pascal 1,500 pounds.]

[2.2.5.5 Steel Angles

Angles shall be 75 by 65 by 6 millimeter 3 by 2-1/2 by 1/4 inch steel welded to 20 millimeter 3/4 inch Rods at one end (head of rods exposed on face of angle leg) and closed with Fastening Materials, to include threaded rod ends and fastening hardware at the other end. Quantity of rods

required for each bumper shall be as indicated and in accordance with approved drawings. The 65 millimeter 2-1/2 inch leg of the steel angle on the face of the wall shall have M20 13/16 inch bolt holes, quantity and spacing as required.

] 2.2.5.6 Finish

Metal for dock bumpers, including Hardware Items, shall be hot-dip galvanized conforming to ASTM A 123/A 123M.

] 2.2.6 Rated Capacity

Minimum 9070 kilograms 20,000 pounds roll over capacity.

2.2.7 Ramp Load Carrying Surface

NOTE: Board width should be up to maximum leveler width of 2135 mm 7 foot nominal. Board length must be sized based on the maximum operating slopes of the loading equipment used. Manufacturer's literature must be checked to verify that desired length of boards are available. Pallet, skid, and electric fork trucks should not be required to negotiate greater than 10 percent grade. Gasoline fork trucks should not be required to negotiate greater than 15 percent grade. EXAMPLE:

Given:

Height differential (dock to truck bed): 300 mm 12 inch

Dock leveler nominal overall length: 2400 mm 96 inch

Required:

Check for use of electric fork truck.

Grade Calculation:

Percent grade equals height differential divided by overall leveler length times 100 which equals 300 mm (12 inch divided by 2400 mm 96 inch times 100 which equals 12.5 percent.

Conclusion:

Grade exceeds 10 percent; therefore, length of dock leveler should be increased until grade is 10 percent or less. Use 3000 mm 120 inch; that way grade equals 300 mm 12 inch divided by 3000 mm 120 inch times 100 which equals 10 percent.

If dimensions for width and length of dock leveler ramp platform surface vary from that specified, so indicate.

Provide the live load carrying surface of the ramp of [1825] [] mm [6]

[] feet plus or minus 75 mm 3 inch wide and [3050] [] mm [10]
[] feet plus or minus 225 mm 9 inch long with the dock leveler lip retracted.

2.3 OPERATION

2.3.1 Mechanical Control

Mechanical chain-activated, with extension-spring operation and counter-balance non-manual, raising and lowering system. Once the freight carrier has departed, manually return the platform to the stored, level position. Ensure the ramp, in its stored position capable of being lowered below dock platform level without extending the lip of the ramp.

2.3.2 Electro-Hydraulic Control

Provide each dock leveler with a pushbutton station to activate motor, pump, and valves.

2.3.2.1 Pushbutton

Heavy-duty dust tight and oil tight type rated in accordance with NEMA ICS 2, Part ICS2-216 for alternating current. To prevent accidental operation and damage, ensure each button to be recessed in its station or be protected by a peripheral collar (ring) or shroud. Indelibly identify each pushbutton by means of cast or etched letters on the station. Provide emergency "STOP" button of momentary type with manual reset or continuous pressing (constant pressure) type. Furnish this stop button to stop all dock leveler movement, regardless of the position of the ramp or lip at the time the "STOP" button is depressed.

2.3.2.2 Hinged Lip Ramp Movement

Apply continuous pressure on the "UP" button to raise the loading ramp, descend the lip onto the bed of the freight carrier. Once the freight carrier has departed, provide the lip to automatically fall or retract to its down position, and the ramp return to its stored dock level position. Allow the ramp, in its stored position, to have the capability of being lowered below dock level without extending the lip of the ramp to service truck end loads which may be lower than loading dock surface position. Allow 4 to 6 seconds to fully extend or retract the lip.

2.4 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS

Construct all load carrying parts of forged or welded steel.

2.4.1 Structure

Provide the entire live load carrying surface of the ramp and rear attachment of not less than 6 mm 1/4 inch thick, 350 MPa 55 ksi minimum yield strength, low alloy, nonskid steel tread plate. Provide minimum 16 mm 5/8 inch vertical projections on the live load carrying surface. Bevel the lip or ramp extension. Design load carrying surfaces to permit free movement of powered hand or platform trucks, low lift pallet trucks, and fork lift trucks. Fabricate lip hinge of not less than 6 mm 1/4 inch wall seamless steel tubing.

2.4.2 Toe Guards or Skirts

Provide sides or edges, except front and rear edges, of the ramps which rise above the surrounding loading dock with sheet carbon steel skirts or toe guards of minimum 1.8 mm 14 U.S.S. gage nominal thickness. Furnish smooth faced toe guards or skirts and mount flush with the edges of the ramp surface. Ensure sufficient depth of toe guards or skirts to protect the full operating range of dock travel. Ensure the construction capable of resisting a minimum lateral force of 4.5 kg 10 pounds with a maximum deflection of 13 mm 1/2 inch.

2.5 ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Provide a separate and complete system for each dock leveler. Include an electric motor, motor drive, hydraulic pump, hydraulic ram, pressure relief valve, fluid reservoir, strainer, filter, hydraulic control-valve cylinders, hose, piping, fittings, and hydraulic fluid. Incorporate a means for filling and draining hydraulic fluid. Design cylinders, pump, and control valves to withstand not less than 150 percent of the design operating pressure. Provide hydraulic hose, fittings, pipe, and tubing with working pressures based upon a minimum 4 to 1 safety factor of bursting pressure.

2.6 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Standard available ratings for 3 phase motors are 230 or 460 volts. If motors are used with 208 volt distribution systems, a booster transformer must be provided.

NFPA 70, NEMA ICS 2, NEMA ICS 6 and NEMA MG 1. Provide [230] [or] [460] volt electrical characteristic, three phase, 60 Hz alternating current power supply. Provide all electrical equipment on the loading ramp. Provide interconnecting wiring for components of packaged equipment as an integral part of the equipment. Include motor, switches, junction box, conduit, wiring cables, panel enclosed control station, motor controller, heater coils, timer, transformer, terminal blocks, and fuses. Provide NEMA ICS 6, Type 4, electrical enclosures. Color code all wiring.

2.6.1 Motor

NOTE: Only electrohydraulic and air powered loading dock levelers are equipped with electric motor which activate the power system to raise and operate leveler.

Totally enclosed, non-vented motor (TENV) is the preferred motor for loading dock applications since the motor is not run continuously and only for short periods to raise the dock and extend the lip.

Conform to NEMA MG 1 and continuous duty or 60-minute time rated, industrial type, single speed rated for operating conditions. Provide electrical insulation systems conforming to NEMA MG 1, Class B. Provide permanently lubricated antifriction ball or roller bearings. Equip each

electrohydraulic loading dock leveler with a [totally enclosed fan cooled (TEFC)] [totally enclosed non-ventilated (TENV)] squirrel cage induction electric motor. Equip each air powered loading dock leveler with a 115v, single phase, 60 Hz, self cleaning, two stage, UL approved industrial fan motor, which not exceed its rated capacity under full load conditions of the loading dock leveler.

2.6.2 Controls

NOTE: Controls are required for electrohydraulic ramps. If dual controls are provided, the designer will indicate the location on the drawings.

NEMA ICS 2, size 0 controller for heavy industrial service. Provide an electrically operated, full magnetic, nonreversing type controller for the motor. Equip all control enclosures with locks and keys.

2.6.3 Transformer

Totally enclosed, self-cooled, dry type. Feed the transformer from the load side of the main disconnecting device. Incorporate circuit breakers with ground fault interrupting protection conforming to **UL 943**.

2.7 ACCESSORIES

2.7.1 Dock Truck or Trailer Restraining Device

Self-aligning device. Mount this device as recommended by the manufacturer which engages the ICC bar of the truck/trailer with a positive restraining force of not less than **8150 kg 18,000 pounds**. This device must be able to service all truck or trailers having ICC bars located between **300 and 750 mm 12 and 30 inch** above ground level (when truck or trailer is unloaded) and recessed up to **225 mm 9 inch** from the rear of truck or trailer. Provide a means to protect the device from disabling damage in the event that more than **8150 kg 18,000 pounds** of force is exerted by the restrained truck or trailer. Manually control activation and deactivation from inside the building.

2.7.2 Dock Bumpers

Provide bumpers capable of sustaining repeated impacts from trucks or trailers without damage to the dock, dock levelers, or bumpers.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

NOTE: As a minimum, the following are required on drawings:

a. 2-1/2 to 3 meters 8 to 10 feet wide loading dock space behind ramp for vehicle maneuvering.

b. Ramp located in the middle of one truck space.

c. Location of control station for power operated

ramps.

d. Location of disconnect switch with provisions for padlocking in the open position which should be just inside the nearest building door.

e. Ramp pits which should have steel angles anchored to concrete on top three sides and dock wall edge in bottom front of dock leveler pit.

Install and adjust in accordance with NFPA 70, and manufacturer's approved detail drawings and record system assembly drawings. Install controls so operator can see dock leveler while manipulating controls.

Loading Dock Bumpers shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's written instructions.

3.1.1 Pit

Do not pour the pit for the adjustable loading ramp until the design and detail drawings have been approved. If the pit size is limited by construction conditions involved, alter the dock leveler equipment to fit the pit. Clearly indicate these alterations or modifications on the drawings. Check and verify the appropriate measurements at the building. Do not exceed 50 mm 2 inch clearance between the ramp and pit.

3.2 CLEANING, TREATMENT AND PAINTING

In accordance with manufacturer's standard practice, shop clean, treat and paint ferrous surfaces including platform, lip, frame, [springs,] [motor,] [pump,] cylinders, [valves,] and any other non-cadmium plated or non-galvanized surface (but not including bearings, gear contact surfaces, parts protected by lubrication, or other surfaces not usually painted or coated). Keep ferrous surfaces clean, [shot panned, and the base metal protected with an application of 99.9 percent pure zinc coating with a thickness of 0.010 to 0.012 in accordance with ANSI/ANS C2.18-93.] [and the base metal protected with an application of Rustoleum paint with a thickness of 0.062 to 0.075 mm 2.5 to 3 mil followed by a final coat of standard primer with a thickness of 0.062 to 0.075 mm 2.5 to 3 mil]. Protect nonferrous parts against corrosion as necessary.

3.2.1 Workmanship

Conduct field touch-up work as to avoid damaging other surfaces and public property in the area. Do not apply field applied paint during foggy, damp, rainy weather, or the ambient temperatures below 7 degrees C 45 degrees F and above 35 degrees C 95 degrees F.

3.2.2 Dissimilar Metals Protection

Insulate control surfaces by electrolytically inactive materials.

3.2.3 Finish Coat Color

Brilliant yellow and black. Paint 75 mm 3 inch wide black and yellow diagonal stripes on all vertical surfaces of pit, skirts, and platform edges exposed above adjacent surfaces at any ramp position. Paint similar stripes on top of ramp surfaces in 150 mm 6 inch wide band around outside

edges (except for fixed edge).

3.3 FIELD TESTS

The Contractor is fully responsible to provide personnel, instruments, materials, and equipment including test vehicles, for the administration and direction of the tests. Correct defects and repeat tests under the cognizance of the Contracting Officer and the dock leveler manufacturer. The Contracting Officer is responsible for certifying the test load.

3.3.1 Roll-Over Load Tests

Move roll-over load of 9070 kg 20,000 pounds over the dock leveler between the bed of a freight carrier and the building loading dock surface for 10 cycles. With the ramp extension retracted and the ramp platform leveled with the building loading dock surface, run a 9070 kg 20,000 pound roll-over load over the ramp in various directions for 20 cycles. Do not allow permanent deformation [or hydraulic system leakage] occur subsequent to examination after these roll-over tests.

3.3.2 Drop Tests

Twice, drop test the dock leveler at the indicated rated capacity as follows: With the load on the platform and the lip resting on a vehicle carrier bed not less than 250 mm 10 inch above loading dock surface, pull the carrier or pull away from the lip, leaving the loading ramp unsupported. Do not exceed 100 mm 4 inch for the measured vertical drop of the dock leveler taken at the point where the lip rests on the vehicle carrier during each of the drop tests. Inspect the loading ramp after each drop and ensure no damage or distortion to the mechanical, [electrical] or structural components. [Do not allow leakage from the hydraulic system.]

3.3.3 Acceptance Tests

Perform an acceptance test in the presence of the dock leveler manufacturer and the Contracting Officer subsequent to roll-over load tests and drop tests. Conduct operation of the equipment through all of its motions and specified checks as follows:

- a. Extend lip to rest on a variety of freight carriers with beds up 300 mm 12 inch above and below dock level.
- b. Test 100 mm 4 inch drop limitation with 3175 kg 7000 pound load on ramp, evenly distributed.
- c. Test level compensation with the ramp, loaded with a minimum of 3175 kg 7000 pounds.
- d. Test proper compensation (float) for various compression of countersprings, with ramp loaded and unloaded.

3.4 INSTRUCTION TO GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

NOTE: The brackets have been provided because replacement of one dock leveler at an existing facility may not require training. Check with facility before deciding whether this training is required since existing personnel may be

**knowledgeable of dock leveler operations and
maintenance.**

[Upon completion of the work and at a time designated by the Contracting Officer, provide the services of a competent Technician regularly employed or authorized by the manufacturer of the dock leveler for instructing Government personnel in the proper operation, maintenance, safety, and emergency procedures of the dock leveler. Provide a period of instruction not less than one nor more than two eight-hour working days. Conduct training at the job site or at any location mutually satisfactory to the Government and the Contractor.] The Contractor is responsible for submitting [Operating and Maintenance Instructions](#) as specified in the Submittals paragraph.

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