ASME B56.5 Interpretations

Replies to Technical Inquiries
July 1992 — July 1993

FOREWORD

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These replies are taken verbatim from the original letters except for a few typographical corrections and some minor editorial corrections made for the purpose of improved clarity. In some few instances, a review of the interpretation revealed a need for corrections of a technical nature; in these cases a corrected interpretation follows immediately after the original reply.

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Interpretation: 5-8

Subject: ASME/ANSI B56.5-1988

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Question (1): Does this edition apply to walk-behind, battery-operated, automatic floor scrubbing machines?

Reply (1): No. ASME/ANSI B56.5-1988 is defined as applicable to automated guided industrial vehicles which require no operator interaction. Walk-behind floor scrubbing vehicles, with and without a riding attachment, are not considered to be in the class of vehicles covered by this Standard.

Question (2): Does this edition apply to walk-behind, battery-operated, automatic floor scrubbing machines equipped with a riding attachment?

Reply (2): See Reply (1).

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