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2.2 NFPA Publications.
National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.


Committee Statement

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Response Message:
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2.3.1 ASCE Publications.
American Society of Civil Engineers, 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191-4400.
ASCE/SEI 17, Air Supported Structures, 1997 1996.

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2.3.2 ASTM Publications.
ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.


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2.3.4 UL Publications:
Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096.
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Response Message:
3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Air-Inflated Structure.
A structure whose shape is maintained by air pressure in cells or tubes forming all or part of the enclosure of the usable area and in which the occupants are not within the pressurized area used to support the structure. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.2* Air-Supported Structure.
A structure where shape is maintained by air pressure and in which occupants are within the elevated pressure area. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.3* Assembly Occupancy.
An occupancy (1) used for a gathering of 50 or more persons for deliberation, worship, entertainment, eating, drinking, amusement, awaiting transportation, or similar uses; or (2) used as a special amusement building, regardless of occupant load. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.4 Bleachers.
A grandstand in which the seats are not provided with backrests. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.5* Exit.
That portion of a means of egress that is separated from all other spaces of a building or structure by construction, location, or equipment as required to provide a protected way of travel to the exit discharge. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.6 Exit Access.
That portion of a means of egress that leads to an exit. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.7 Exit Discharge.
That portion of a means of egress between the termination of an exit and a public way. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.8 Fire Resistance Rating.
The time, in minutes or hours, that materials or assemblies have withstood a fire exposure as determined by the tests, or methods based on tests, prescribed by NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.9 Folding and Telescopic Seating.
A structure that is used for tiered seating of persons and whose overall shape and size can be reduced, without being dismantled, for purposes of moving or storing. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.10* Grandstand.
A structure that provides tiered or stepped seating. [5000,2009 2015]

3.3.11 Limited-Combustible (Material).
Refers to a building construction material not complying with the definition of noncombustible material that, in the form in which it is used, has a potential heat value not exceeding 3500 Btu/lb (8141 kJ/kg), where tested in accordance with NFPA 259, Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials, and includes either of the following: (1) materials having a structural base of noncombustible material, with a surfacing not exceeding a thickness of \( \frac{1}{8} \) in. (3.2 mm) that has a flame spread index not greater than 50; and (2) materials, in the form and thickness used, having neither a flame spread index greater than 25 nor evidence of continued progressive combustion, and of such composition that surfaces that would be exposed by cutting through the material on any plane would have neither a flame spread index greater than 25 nor evidence of continued progressive combustion, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84, Standard Test Method of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials, or UL 723, Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials. [5000, 2009] See 7.1.4.2 of NFPA 5000.

3.3.12* Means of Egress.
A continuous and unobstructed way of travel from any point in a building or structure to a public way consisting of three separate and distinct parts: (1) the exit access, (2) the exit, and (3) the exit discharge. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.13 Membrane.
A thin layer of construction material. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.14 Membrane Structure.
A building or portion of a building incorporating an air-inflated, air-supported, tensioned-membrane structure; a membrane roof; or a membrane-covered rigid frame to protect habitable or usable space. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.15 Noncombustible Material.
A material that, in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated, will not ignite, burn, support combustion, or release flammable vapors, when subjected to fire or heat. Materials that are reported as passing ASTM E 136, Standard Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750 Degrees C, shall be considered noncombustible materials. [5000, 2009] See 7.1.4.1 of NFPA 5000.

3.3.16 Permanent.
Any object that is intended to remain in place for more than 180 days in any consecutive 12-month period. (See also 3.3.19.) [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.17 Private Party Tent.
A tent erected in the yard of a private residence for entertainment, recreation, dining, a reception, or similar function. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.18 Professional Engineer.
A person registered or licensed to practice engineering in a jurisdiction, subject to all laws and limitations imposed by the jurisdiction. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.19 Temporary.
Any object that is in place for a period of 180 consecutive days or less. (See also 3.3.16.) [5000, 2009]

3.3.19 Tensioned-Membrane Structure.
A membrane structure incorporating a membrane and a structural support system such as arches, columns and cables, or beams wherein the stresses developed in the tensioned membrane interact with those in the structural support so that the entire assembly acts together to resist the applied loads. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.20* Tent.
A temporary structure, the covering of which is made of pliable material that achieves its support by mechanical means such as beams, columns, poles, or arches, or by rope or cables, or both. [5000, 2009 2015]

3.3.21 Weathered-Membrane Material.
Membrane material that has been subjected to a minimum of 3000 hours in a weatherometer in accordance with ASTM G 155, *Standard Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic Materials*, or approved equivalent. [101](2009 2015)

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Response Message:
5.5 Seating.
[5000:16.4.8.2 16.4.9.2]

5.5.1
Where grandstand seating without backs is used indoors, rows of seats shall be spaced not less than 22 in. (560 mm) back-to-back. [5000:16.4.8.2.1 16.4.9.2.1]

5.5.2
The depth of footboards and seat boards in grandstands shall be not less than 9 in. (230 mm). Where the same level is not used for both seat foundations and footrests, footrests independent of seats shall be provided. [5000:16.4.8.2.2 16.4.9.2.2]

5.5.3
Seats and footrests of grandstands shall be supported securely and fastened in such a manner that they cannot be displaced inadvertently. [5000:16.4.8.2.3 16.4.9.2.3]

5.5.4
Individual seats or chairs shall be permitted only if secured in rows in an approved manner, unless the seats do not exceed 16 in number and are located on level floors and within railed-in enclosures, such as boxes. [5000:16.4.8.2.4 16.4.9.2.4]

5.5.5
The maximum number of seats permitted between the farthest seat in an aisle in grandstands and bleachers shall not exceed that shown in Table 5.5.5. [5000:16.4.8.2.5 16.4.9.2.5]

Table 5.5.5 Maximum Number of Seats Permitted Between Farthest Seat and an Aisle

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[5000: Table 16.4.9.2.5]

5.5.6
Vertical openings between guardrails and footboards or seat boards shall be provided with intermediate construction so that a 4 in. (100 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through the opening. [5000:16.4.8.6.7 16.4.9.6.7]

5.5.7
An opening between the seat board and footboard located more than 30 in. (760 mm) above grade shall be provided with intermediate construction so that a 4 in. (100 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through the opening. [5000:16.4.8.6.8 16.4.9.6.8]

5.6 Guards and Railings.
[5000:16.4.8.6 16.4.9.6]

5.6.1
Railings or guards not less than 42 in. (1065 mm) above the aisle surface or footrest or not less than 36 in. (915 mm) vertically above the center of the seat or seat board surface, whichever is adjacent, shall be provided along those portions of the backs and ends of all grandstands where the seats are more than 48 in. (1220 mm) above the floor or ground. [5000:16.4.8.6.4 16.4.9.6.1]
The requirement of 5.6.1 shall not apply where an adjacent wall or fence affords equivalent safeguard. [5000:16.4.8.6.2 16.4.9.6.2]  

5.6.3  
Where the front footrest of any grandstand is more than 24 in. (610 mm) above the floor, railings or guards not less than 33 in. (825 mm) above such footrests shall be provided. [5000:16.4.8.6.3 16.4.9.6.3]  

5.6.4  
The railings required by 5.6.3 shall be permitted to be not less than 26 in. (660 mm) high in grandstands or where the front row of seats includes backrests. [5000:16.4.8.6.4 16.4.9.6.4]  

5.6.5  
Cross aisles located within the seating area shall be provided with rails not less than 26 in. (660 mm) high along the front edge of the cross aisle. [5000:16.4.8.6.5 16.4.9.6.5]  

5.6.6  
The railings specified by 5.6.5 shall not be required where the backs of the seats in front of the cross aisle project 24 in. (610 mm) or more above the surface of the cross aisle. [5000:16.4.8.6.6 16.4.9.6.6]  

5.6.7  
Vertical openings between guardrails and footboards or seat boards shall be provided with intermediate construction so that a 4 in. (100 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through the opening. [5000:16.4.8.6.7 16.4.9.6.7]  

5.6.8  
An opening between the seat board and footboard located more than 30 in. (760 mm) above grade shall be provided with intermediate construction so that a 4 in. (100 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through the opening. [5000:16.4.8.6.8 16.4.9.6.8]  

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Response Message: 
5.8.4 Fasteners.
The following shall apply to fasteners for portable grandstands:

(1) The use of nails, lag screws, and wood screws shall be permitted for holding wood parts together, provided that the following criteria are met:

(a) Nails, lag screws, and wood screws shall not be used for demountable joinings.

(b) Nails, lag screws, and wood screws shall not be used where their loosening or splitting of surrounding wood would jeopardize the structure or its occupants.

(2) Members in tension shall be connected at each end by not less than two bolts, rivets, or lag screws or by approved connectors or other approved devices.

(3) All ferrous fastenings and fastening devices shall be stainless steel or hot-dipped galvanized in accordance with ASTM A 153/A 153M, Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware.

Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Updating of ASTM A 153 designation for agreement with reference in NFPA 5000 from which the extract is taken.
5.9 Spaces Underneath Grandstands.
Spaces underneath a grandstand shall be kept free of flammable or combustible materials, unless protected by an approved, electrically supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, unless otherwise permitted by the following:

1. This requirement shall not apply to accessory uses of 300 ft² (27.9 m²) or less, such as ticket booths, toilet facilities, or concession booths where constructed of noncombustible, limited-combustible, or fire-resistive construction, in otherwise nonsprinklered facilities.

2. This requirement shall not apply to rooms enclosed in not less than 1-hour fire resistance–rated construction that are of less than 1000 ft² (93 m²), in otherwise nonsprinklered facilities. [5000: 16.4.8.5]
First Revision No. 12-NFPA 102-2014 [ Section No. 6.3.2 ]

6.3.2
The drawings shall include the following:

(1) Conformance with approved designs, which are permitted to refer to approved standard drawings, with any variations applicable to the job noted

(2) Location of the folding or telescopic seating units and details of attachments, if any

(3) Location of guards and details thereof [5000:32.7.8.2.4.2]

(4) Capability of means of egress to accommodate the occupants of the seating, as well as all other occupants, based on Chapter 11 of NFPA 5000

(5) Structural capacity of the site to support the folding and telescopic seating dead loads when closed and also to support the dead loads and live loads when open

[ 5000: 32.7.8.2.4.2]

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First Revision No. 11-NFPA 102-2014 [ Section No. 6.3.3 ]

6.3.3
The owner, or the owner's duly authorized representative, shall file with the authority having jurisdiction evidence of the following:

- Capability of means of egress to accommodate the occupants of the seating, as well as all other occupants, based on Chapter 11 of NFPA 5000.

- Structural capacity of the site to support the folding and telescopic seating dead loads when closed and also to support the dead loads and live loads when open (NFPA 5000: 32.7.8.2.4.3).

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6.4 Seating.

6.4.1 The horizontal distance of seats, measured back-to-back, shall be not less than 22 in. (560 mm) for seats without backs, and the following requirements shall also apply:

1. There shall be a space of not less than 12 in. (305 mm) between the back of each seat and the front of each seat immediately behind it.

2. If seats are of the chair type, the 12 in. (305 mm) dimension shall be measured to the front edge of the rear seat in its normal, unoccupied position.

3. All measurements shall be taken between plumb lines.

6.4.2 The depth of footboards (footrests) and seat boards in folding and telescopic seating shall be not less than 9 in. (230 mm).

6.4.3 Where the same level is not used for both seat foundations and footrests, footrests independent of seats shall be provided.

6.4.4 Individual chair-type seats shall be permitted in folding and telescopic seating only if firmly secured in groups of not less than three.

6.4.5 The maximum number of seats permitted between the furthest seat in an aisle in folding and telescopic seating shall not exceed that shown in Table 5.5.5.

6.5 Guards and Railings.

6.5.1 Guards.

Guards in accordance with Chapter 11 of NFPA 5000 shall be provided at the open sides of means of egress that exceed 30 in. (760 mm) above the floor or grade below, except as otherwise permitted by 6.5.2 through 6.5.9.

6.5.2 Railings or guards not less than 42 in. (1065 mm) above the aisle surface or footrest, or not less than 36 in. (915 mm) vertically above the center of the seat or seat board surface, whichever is adjacent, shall be provided along those portions of the backs and ends of all folding and telescopic seating where the seats are more than 48 in. (1220 mm) above the floor or ground.

6.5.3 The requirement of 6.5.2 shall not apply where an adjacent wall or fence affords equivalent safeguard.
6.5.4
Where the front footrest of folding or telescopic seating is more than 24 in. (610 mm) above the floor, railings or guards not less than 33 in. (825 mm) above such footrests shall be provided. [5000:16.4.9.3.3 16.4.10.3.3]

6.5.5
The railings required by 6.5.4 shall be permitted to be not less than 26 in. (660 mm) high where the front row of seats includes backrests.

6.5.6
Cross aisles located within the seating area shall be provided with rails not less than 26 in. (660 mm) high along the front edge of the cross aisle.

6.5.7
The railings specified by 6.5.6 shall not be required where the backs of the seats in front of the cross aisle project 24 in. (610 mm) or more above the surface of the cross aisle.

6.5.8
Vertical openings between guardrails and footboards or seat boards shall be provided with intermediate construction so that a 4 in. (100 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through the opening.

6.5.9
An opening between the seat board and footboard located more than 30 in. (760 mm) above grade shall be provided with intermediate construction so that a 4 in. (100 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through the opening.

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6.6.2
Maintenance and operation of folding and telescopic seating shall be the responsibility of the owner or his or her duly authorized representative and shall include the following:

(1) During operation of the folding and telescopic seats, the opening and closing shall be supervised by responsible personnel who shall ensure that the operation is in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(2) Only attachments specifically approved by the manufacturer for the specific installation shall be attached to the seating.

(3) An annual inspection and required maintenance of each grandstand folding and telescopic seating unit shall be performed to ensure safe conditions.

(4) At least biennially, the inspection shall be performed by a professional engineer, registered architect, or individual certified by the manufacturer.

[101 : 12.7.11.2]

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Response Message:
7.2.1 Testing.
Testing of membrane materials for compliance with the requirements of this chapter for use of the categories of noncombustible and limited-combustible materials shall be performed on weathered-membrane material, as defined in 3.3.22. [101:11.9.1.3]

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Response Message:
8.5.1
Where prohibited by the authority having jurisdiction, smoking shall not be permitted in any tent unless approved by the authority having jurisdiction. [101:11.14.2.1]
9.5.2
Any enclosed area shall be protected by an approved sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, unless such an area is one of the following:

1. Enclosed stadiums, arenas, and similar structures
2. Press boxes of less than 1000 ft² (93 m²)
3. Storage facilities of less than 1000 ft² (93 m²) if enclosed with minimum 1-hour fire resistance–rated construction
4. Enclosed areas underneath grandstands or bleachers that comply with the exemptions of 5.9(1) or 5.9(2) [5000: 32.3.5.3]
9.6.1 General.

9.6.1.1 Assembly occupancies with occupant loads greater than 300 and all theaters with more than one audience-viewing room shall be provided with an approved fire alarm system in accordance with the following, unless otherwise permitted by 9.6.1.2:

(1) Section 55.2 of NFPA 5000
(2) 9.6.2 through 9.6.3.7

9.6.1.2 Assembly occupancies that are a part of a mixed occupancy shall be permitted to be served by a common fire alarm system, provided that the individual requirements of each occupancy are met.

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9.6.3.4
Occupant notification shall be by means of visible signals in accordance with 55.2.3.5 of NFPA 5000, initiated by the person in the constantly attended receiving station, unless otherwise permitted by 16.3.4.3.5. [5000:16.3.4.3.4]

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Response Message: 
9.7 Retail Sales of Consumer Fireworks, 1.4G.

Mercantile occupancies where the retail sale of consumer fireworks, 1.4G, are conducted shall comply with NFPA 1124, *Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*. [101:36.4.6]

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