

Code Adoption for Ski-Hill Elevating Devices

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Purpose

The Manitoba government has modernized the province's approach to the regulation of elevating devices through the Technical Safety Regulation (TSR) under The Technical Safety Act (TSA). This bulletin provides information respecting the adoption and enforcement of CSA Z98-19 for ski-hill elevating devices.

Effective **September 1, 2026**, Manitoba will be adopting and enforcing the following code for ski-hill elevating devices without amendments:

- CSA Z98 (2019) – Passenger Ropeways and Passenger Conveyors

This Standard specifies the requirements for design, manufacture, construction, modification, operation, inspection, testing, and maintenance of passenger ropeways and passenger conveyors.

Installation Permit Submission Deadlines

Installation permit applications received on or after September 1, 2026, must comply with CSA Z98-19 as adopted by the TSR.

Key Changes

- Non-destructive testing of haul ropes on surface lifts. Owner/operators of surface ropeways must meet non-destructive test requirements as per CSA Z98-19 clause 11.8.3 (c).

c) In passenger ropeways as per Clause 7, initial haul rope magnetic rope test (MRT) examinations shall be performed at intervals not exceeding 72 months. Subsequent MRT examinations shall be performed at intervals not exceeding 36 months. When it is anticipated that the date for the test will occur during an operating period, the test shall be performed before that period.

Other notable changes from previous edition include:

- the addition of a new, informative Annex L featuring
- notes on clauses;
- updated requirements for the following:
 - end connections;
 - covered passenger conveyors;
 - track ropes;
 - emergency brakes;

- operating in wind or icing conditions;
- clearances;
- brakes on surface lifts;
- non-destructive testing MRT for rope on T-bars;
 - braking on rope tows;
 - ropeways for secondary carriers; and
 - groove contamination;
- updated reference standards.

Existing Ski-hill Elevating Devices

Existing installations must comply with the operation, maintenance, modification, inspection and testing requirements of the adopted code. See Section 13 of CSA Z98-19 for additional information.

Owners/operators of ski-hills (or representative) must review the code to ensure that their equipment complies with these requirements, including dedicated communications system requirements set out as in Section 13.8.

References

- [The Technical Safety Act](#)
- [The Technical Safety Regulation](#)
- [26-007 Applications for Variance](#)

For more information:

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