INTRODUCTION

These Standards and Guidelines designated CMAA Specification No. 78-2014 (Specification) have been developed by the Crane Manufacturers Association of America, Inc. (CMAA) an organization of leading electric overhead traveling crane manufacturers in the United States. The purpose is to recognize overhead traveling crane service and the service for associated hoisting equipment as an “industry” worthy of having guidelines and standards for providing high quality, professional services performed by safety-minded, manufacturer-trained and certified technicians.

This Specification also contains information that should be helpful to the users of cranes, as well as to engineers in the facility and maintenance professionals. While much of this information must be of a general nature, the items listed may be checked with individual manufacturers. Additional comparisons may be made leading to optimum selection of a service provider based on input from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

The words “shall” and “should” are used throughout this Specification. Definitions shall be in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers B30 (ASME B30) standards as follows:

**Shall:** *this word indicates that a rule is mandatory and must be followed.*

**Should:** *this word indicates that a rule is a recommendation, the advisability of which depends on the facts in each situation.*

This Specification consists of six sections, as follows:

- **78-1.** General Information
- **78-2.** Technical Qualifications
- **78-3.** Jobsite Safety Guidelines
- **78-4.** Crane Inspection and Maintenance
- **78-5.** Genuine OEM (Factory) Parts
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78-1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 SCOPE

1.1.1 This Specification shall be known as the Standards and Guidelines for Professional Services Performed on Overhead Traveling Cranes – CMAA Specification #78, Revised 2014.

1.1.2 The information contained in this Specification applies to overhead traveling single or double girder top running, under running, gantry cranes, monorails and associated hoisting equipment. It should be understood that this Specification is general in nature and other specifications may be agreed upon between the purchaser and the service provider to suit each specific application.

1.1.3 Section 78-6 Crane Classifications outlines six different classes of crane service as a guide for determining the service requirements of the individual application. In many cases there is no clear category of service in which a particular crane operation may fall. The proper selection of a crane services can be made only through discussion of service requirements and crane design with the OEM or other qualified service providers.

1.1.4 Proper operator training, regular maintenance and inspections by qualified individuals have an important influence on the operating life of the crane components. These factors must be given careful consideration to assure maximum equipment operating life and minimize equipment failures.

1.1.5 Death, personal injury and/or serious property damage, may occur if cranes are not operated properly, regularly inspected, serviced and maintained.

1.2 Reference Documents

Parts of this Specification refer to certain portions of other applicable specifications, codes or standards. Where interpretations differ, CMAA recommends that this Specification be used as the guideline. Mentioned in the text are the latest revisions of publications of the following organizations:

ANSI American National Standards Institute
11 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10036

ASME The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Three Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016-5990

ASME B30 specifications that are applicable to overhead & gantry cranes, chain and wire rope hoists, below-the-hook devices and associated equipment.

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