



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4123:1-9-04 Steel making.

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(A) Mixers.

(1) All mechanically or electrically operated mixers shall be equipped with a counterbalance, automatic device, or the equivalent, designed to return the mixer to an upright position or to prevent it from further tipping in case of power failure.

(2) All hydraulically powered mixers shall be equipped with an emergency valve so arranged that if the main operating valve fails while the mixer is pouring, the emergency valve can be operated immediately to return it to an upright position or to prevent it from further tipping.

(3) Moist metal shall not be added to molten metal.

(B) Mixer building.

The mixer building shall be equipped with an audible warning device which shall operate automatically during any pouring operation.

(C) Auxiliary hoists on mixer ladle cranes.

Auxiliary hoists on mixer ladle cranes shall be equipped with a hook which can be attached to the ladle after the ladle has been hoisted into pouring position.

(D) Oxygen furnaces - blown basic steelmaking process.

(1) Each oxygen furnace - blown basic steelmaking process - shall be equipped with a means of communication connecting the charging crane, the charging floor, each operating floor, and each pulpit.



(2) Charging floors and operating floors shall be provided with approved handrails and toeboards. This specification does not apply to pouring and mold preparation platforms.

(3) Pit areas on charging and tapping sides of steelmaking processes shall be provided with drainage.

(4) The oxygen shall be shut off when a furnace is shut down for repairs.

(5) Tapping platforms and charging floors.

(a) Tapping platforms and charging floors shall be provided with standard guard railings. This specification does not apply to pouring and mold preparation platforms.

(b) A guard shall be provided to protect the opening in the railing of a tapping platform used for spouts and runners, which may be removed when work is being performed at that point.

(E) Electric furnaces.

(1) The source of power shall be locked out when work is performed in or on an electric furnace.

(2) Transformer vaults for electric furnaces shall be kept locked at all times and accessible only to authorized personnel.

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(F) Muffle furnaces.

Muffle furnaces shall be equipped with a safe means of lighting.



(G) Scrap breakers.

Where a demolition weight is used to break skulls and scrap, the operation shall be performed in a restricted or guarded area identified by appropriate signs and away from employees not involved in demolition work.