

MEWPMate – Guard-Rail Compliance Statement (EN 280 & ANSI A92.20)

1. Scope of Compliance

This statement confirms that the MEWPMate accessory, when installed according to the supplied instructions, **does not alter, weaken, or reduce** the structural or dimensional safety performance of the MEWP guard-rail system as defined in **EN 280** (Europe) and **ANSI A92.20** (United States).

MEWPMate is a **non-structural, non-load-bearing attachment** designed to mount externally to existing OEM guard-rails using clamping interfaces that avoid drilling, cutting, or modification of the rail structure.

2. Dimensional Compliance

EN 280 Requirements

MEWPMate does not reduce or interfere with the following minimum guard-rail dimensions:

- **Top-rail height:** OEM guard-rail height remains ≥ 1.10 m above platform floor.
- **Intermediate rail:** No MEWPMate component creates openings $> 0.47\text{--}0.50$ m vertically.
- **Toe-board:** Toe-board height (≥ 0.15 m) remains unobstructed.
- **Access gates:** MEWPMate does not impede gate closure, self-closing action, or latch engagement.
- **Openings:** No new opening is created that would allow a person to slip through or climb.

ANSI A92.20 Requirements

MEWPMate maintains compliance with the following dimensional criteria:

- **Top-rail height:** OEM height remains within **43–45 in** (\approx **1.10–1.15 m**).
- **Mid-rail:** No interference with mid-rail continuity or spacing.
- **Toe-board:** Minimum **4 in** (\approx **0.10 m**) toe-board remains unobstructed.
- **Platform entry:** MEWPMate does not obstruct self-closing gates or equivalent access systems.

3. Load and Structural Compliance

EN 280 Load Requirements

MEWPMate does not reduce the guard-rail's ability to withstand:

- **Horizontal concentrated load** typically in the range of **300–500 N** applied at the top-rail.
- **Combined loading** from platform occupants leaning or falling against the rail.
- **Structural integrity** under worst-case load combinations defined by EN 280.

MEWPMate applies **no structural load** to the guard-rail beyond its own negligible clamping force. All clamps are designed to avoid point-loading, deformation, or crushing of the rail section.

ANSI A92.20 Load Requirements

MEWPMate does not interfere with the guard-rail's ability to withstand:

- **200 lb** (\approx **890 N**) concentrated horizontal load at the top-rail.
- **400 lb** (\approx **1,780 N**) distributed load across a guard-rail section.
- **Inward and outward loading** as required by the standard.

MEWPMate is not used as a handhold, support, or structural member and is labelled accordingly.

4. Interface and Installation Compliance

- MEWPMate uses **non-penetrating clamps** that preserve OEM guard-rail section strength.
 - No drilling, welding, cutting, or modification of the guard-rail is required or permitted.
 - Installation does not affect **stability calculations, rated load, or platform capacity**.
 - MEWPMate remains within the **permitted accessory mass** for the MEWP category.
 - All components are designed to avoid snagging, entrapment, or obstruction of operator movement.
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5. Manufacturer Responsibilities

MEWPMate is supplied with:

- Installation instructions
- Inspection and maintenance guidance
- Load classification (non-structural accessory)
- Statement of conformity for EN 280 / ANSI A92.20 compatibility

OEM approval is recommended where required by the MEWP manufacturer's accessory policy.

6. Declaration

When installed correctly, MEWPMate **maintains full guard-rail compliance** with EN 280 and ANSI A92.20.

The accessory does not reduce guard-rail height, strength, continuity, or safety performance.
