

LEEASA SABS UPDATE



Dear LEEASA Members,
We are pleased to provide you with the latest updates on industry standards under review by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS). Your participation and expertise are invaluable in ensuring that these standards are comprehensive, practical, and aligned with industry needs.

SANS 71 – Vehicle Hoists

Overview:

- The review of SANS 71 was temporarily paused due to internal restructuring within SABS.

Status:

- The process has been reactivated, and TC 1035 will assign a working group to manage the revision.

Key Updates:

- The review will resume soon, and the revised standard is scheduled for publication in 2027.
- This timeline is in line with SABS's internal standards, representing a relatively swift turnaround.

Next Steps:

- TC 1035 will assign a working group to oversee the revision of SANS 71.
 - The working group (WG) will review and make necessary updates to the standard.
 - We require input from all role players who will share the information in the WG.

Timeline:

- The revised standard is expected to be published in 2027.

How to Get Involved:

- Industry professionals with relevant expertise, insights, or support are invited to participate in the informal review process. Those interested in contributing can reach out to me to express their interest.

SANS 1126 – Vehicle Jacks

Status:

- The standard is in place but lacks provisions for in-service inspections and certain workshop items.
- A review process has been proposed to address these gaps.

Key Updates:

- Initial discussions on broadening the scope have been conducted.
- Industry stakeholders and experts are being consulted for input.

Next Steps:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the standard.
- Develop an updated framework incorporating in-service inspection requirements.
- Engage with manufacturers, regulatory bodies, and industry professionals for feedback.

Timeline:

- Q3 & Q4 2025: Stakeholder engagement and initial draft review.
- Q1 2026: SABS consultation and technical revisions.
- Q2 2026: Finalization and submission for approval.

How to Get Involved:

- Join industry discussions and review meetings.
- Provide feedback or technical expertise on vehicle jack safety standards.
- Contact the standard review committee to participate in consultations.