

**BELL SYSTEM PRACTICES**  
**Outside Plant Construction**  
**and Maintenance**

**SECTION G80.410.1**  
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**BODY BELTS**  
**GENERAL**

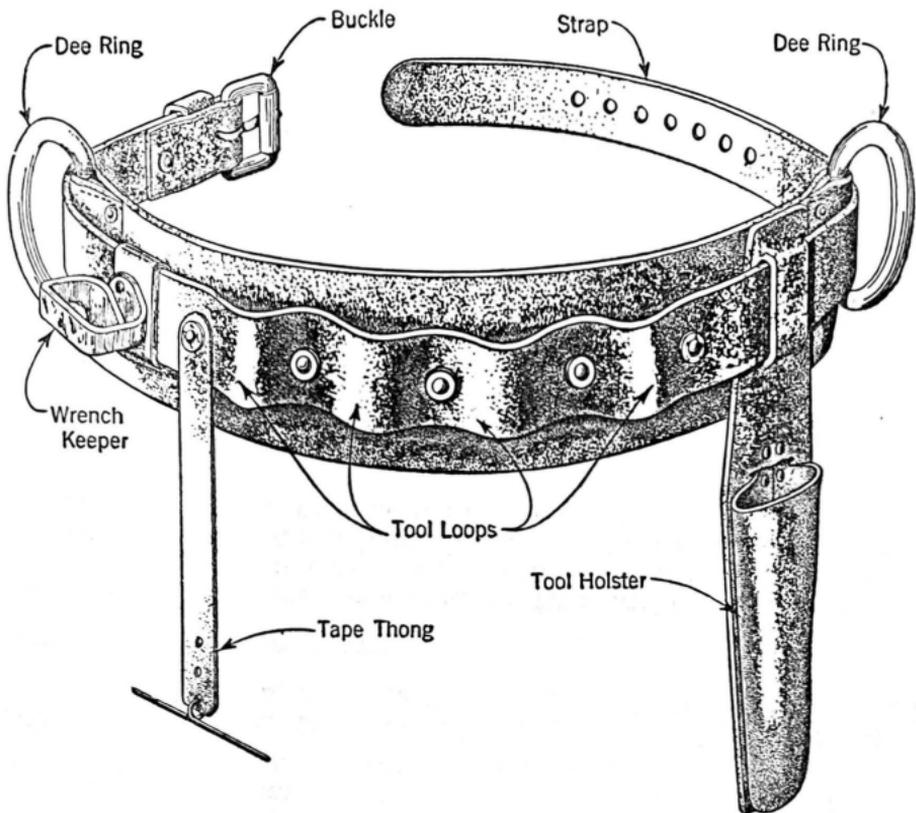
**1. GENERAL**

1.01 This section describes the Bell System standard body belt. The body belt, together with the safety strap, provides a means of securing a workman to a pole or other structure, thus promoting his safety while working aloft. Additional information on the use, care, and maintenance of body belts is given in Sections G80.410.2, .3, and .4. Information concerning leather safety straps, heretofore contained in Section G80.410, is given in Section G86.240.2.

1.02 This section, together with Sections G80.410.2, .3, .4, and G86.240.2, replaces Section G80.410, Issue 1. ↙

**2. STANDARD BODY BELT**

2.01 Body belts are furnished in two widths, 3-inch and 4-inch, and in twelve sizes, ranging from 18 inches to 29 inches in 1-inch steps. The size of the belt is the distance between "Dee" rings measured in inches.



2.02 The degree of comfort and satisfactory service which a workman obtains from a body belt depends to a large extent on the location of the Dee rings with respect to the prominent portions of the hip bones. Most workmen prefer to have the Dee rings located slightly in front of the prominent portions of the hip bones. To obtain a properly fitting belt, measure the distance across the back to the desired locations of the Dee rings and order a belt of this size (to the nearest inch).

2.03 The punched end of the strap of the body belt has been made sufficiently long to fit the larger workmen. When this strap is too long, it may be shortened by cutting off the excess length.