

UTILITY PLATFORM

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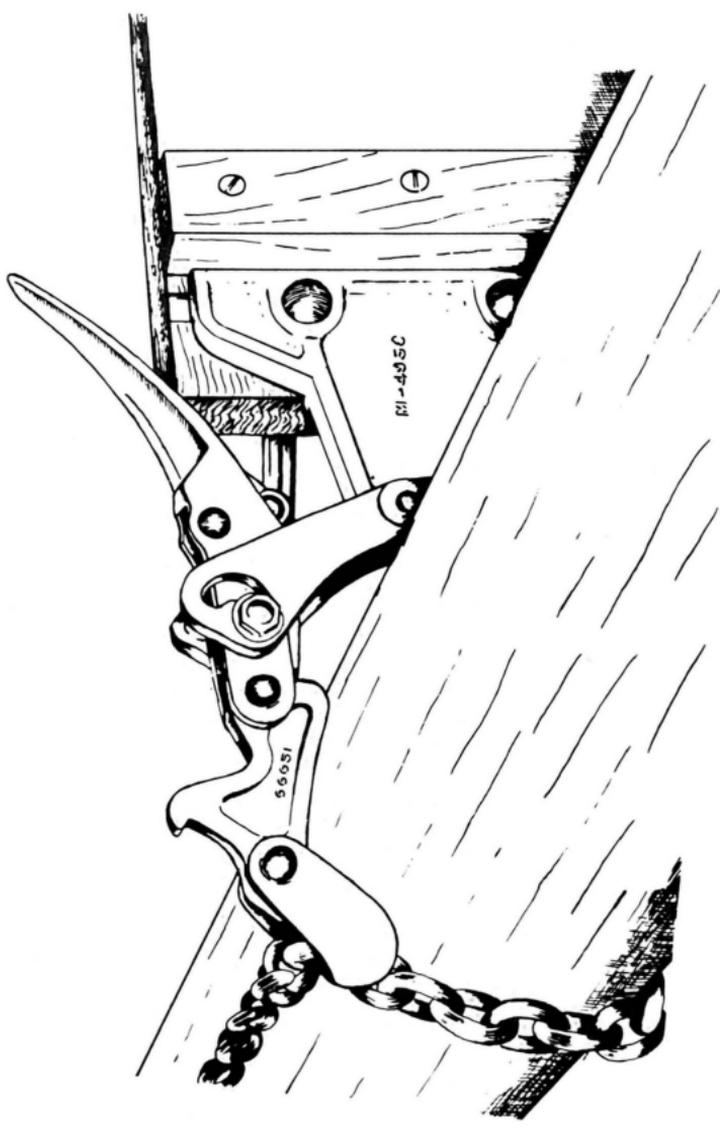
1. GENERAL

1.01 This Section describes the Utility Platform and its use by one workman at a pole in connection with work operations on or adjacent to the pole. This platform was approved for use in this Area prior to the announcement of the standard AT&T B Pole Platform which is covered in another section of the Practices.

2. DESCRIPTION

2.01 The utility platform is a small platform board surfaced with a safety tread and cleats on each end. The fittings, safety chain, and locking chain tightener are for securing the platform to a pole.

See the following illustration of the safety locking chain tightener.



3. PRECAUTIONS

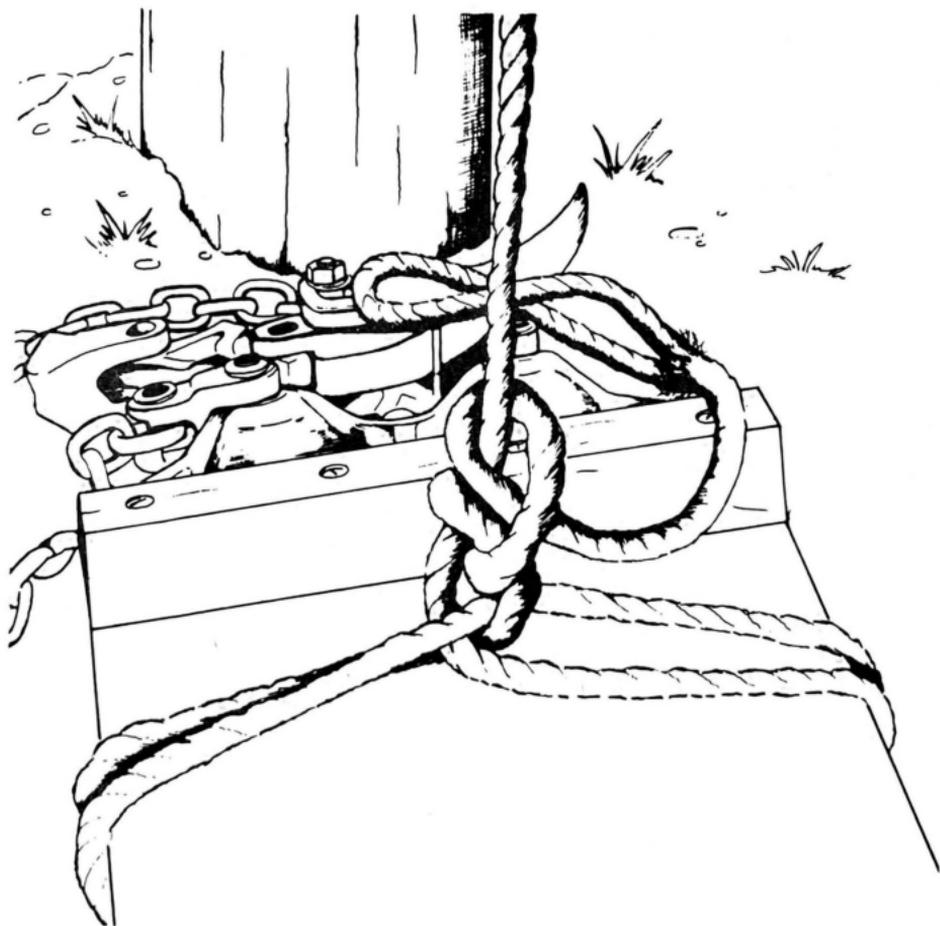
- 3.01 The weight placed on a Utility Platform shall be limited to ONE WORKMAN and the tools and materials needed for operation by him. The weight shall NOT EXCEED 400 pounds.
- 3.02 Inspection of the platform board for cracks, loose cleats, or hardware insecurely fastened to the board and inspection of the hardware for cracks and wear, shall be made before using the platform.
- 3.03 The body belt and safety strap shall be used while installing, as well as while working on utility platform, as indicated in the Practices covering Safety Straps, Safety Precautions, and the B Pole Platform.
- 3.04 Where vertical runs of ground wires, cable, molding or conduit are on poles where the Utility Platform is to be installed, use the B Riser Protector which is covered in the Practice covering the B Pole Platform.
- 3.05 Care should be taken, in placing the locking chain around the pole, to see that the chain is snug, but not too tight, as this will result in difficulty in removing the platform after work operations are complete, as well as possible damage to the locking chain tightener and platform hardware.
- 3.06 DO NOT use upward force under the platform in attempting to disengage the platform from the pole. Such force results in cracked or broken hardware, and may produce structural damage to the hardware that would not be apparent on subsequent inspections.
- 3.07 Make certain that the locking chain tightener is properly engaged, before stepping onto the platform.
- 3.08 Solder and paraffin pots shall not be used while working on the one man utility platform.
- 3.09 Tools or material should not be placed on the utility platform. They should be kept in a canvas bucket securely attached to the strand or in some other approved container.
- 3.10 Do not place a ladder against the platform.

3.11 Do not guy the platform with ropes. However, if desired a slack line may be fastened between the end of the platform and the suspension strand.

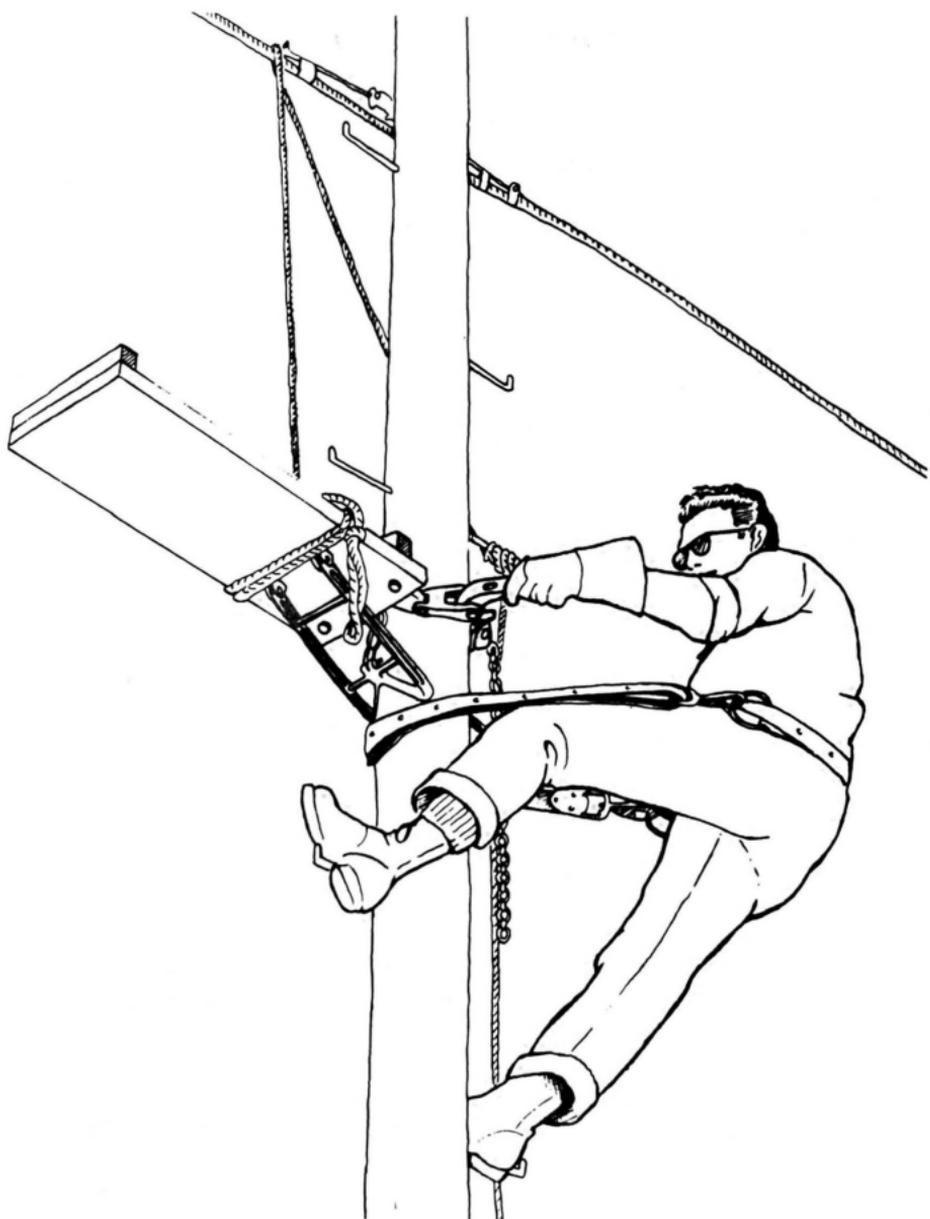
4. INSTALLATION OF UTILITY PLATFORM

4.01 The method of installing the utility platform is described in the following paragraphs:

(a) Attach a 3/8" or 1/2" rope handline to the platform, using a clove hitch tie with two half hitches. The rope should be tied as nearly as possible at the balance point of the platform, as illustrated.



(b) After ascending the pole to the proper height, pass the free end of the handline over the strand and raise the platform. When the platform is raised to the required height, tie the free end of the handline to a pole step, preferably to a step on the side of the pole opposite from where the platform is to be placed. This holds the platform at the work location, enabling workman to fasten the platform to the pole as illustrated.



(c) After the platform is fastened in place, remove the rope tie from the platform, coil it up, and tie it to the strand out of the way.

(d) The utility platform may be installed in either a standing or sitting position as covered in the Practice covering the B Pole Platform.

4.02 To remove the platform reverse the procedure described in the foregoing.