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Cylindrically Shaped Rope Ladder

A cylindrically shaped rope ladder is safer than conventional types, particularly for children, elderly people, or the partially crippled, and is useful where a sling and winch operation is not feasible. People who fear heights feel safer with this ladder because the climber ascends and descends inside the structure. The cylindrically shaped ladder (see figure) is a rope net held in a cylindrical configuration by supporting metal hoops which are spaced at vertical intervals along the ladder. Being of rope construction, the ladder is easily handled and transported. In addition to the many general applications, the ladder has been used for internal inspections of empty liquid storage tanks.

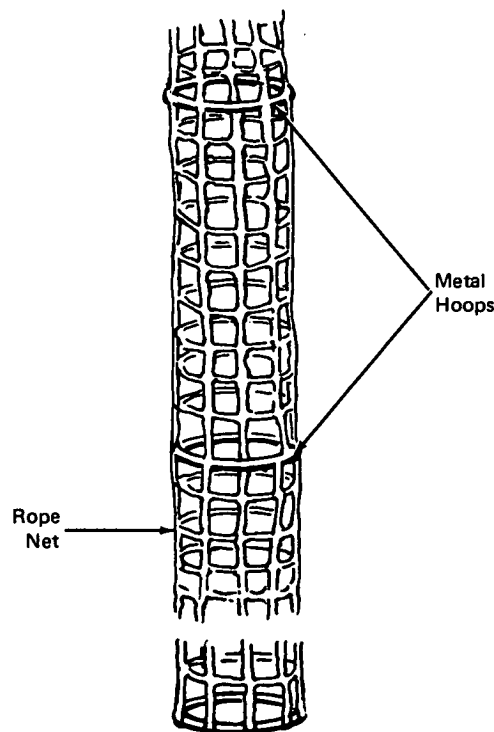
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