

Jim Wells:

Re your request for copies of the slides that I used at Miami, they have already been discarded. However, most of what was on them was contained in my written comments in response to the CI-4 ballot. Nevertheless, I think I can reconstruct the slides and these follow:

Slide 1

The Form and Style for ASTM Standards says in A7.1.1 that “All significant terms that may have a meaning more specialized or more restricted than the common dictionary meaning should be defined within the standard,”

The common dictionary definitions for “anchor” do not remotely relate to the purpose of the maximum numerical values in the Mack T-10 Merit Rating System.

Also, there is no definition for “anchor” provided in the proposed revision to the standard.

Slide 2

My dictionary gives six definitions for “anchor”: 1. A device, usually of metal, attached to a ship or boat by a cable and cast overboard to hold it in a particular place by means of a fluke that digs into the bottom. 2. A reliable support – MAINSTAY. 3. Something that serves to hold an object firmly. 4. An object shaped like a ship’s anchor. 5. ANCHORMAN. 6. *pl. slang* the brakes of a motor vehicle.

Slide 3

Proposed definition for “anchor”

anchor, n – an arbitrary term describing a flexible maximum numerical performance value.

A preferable and more suitable alternative term is “target”.

My dictionary has four definitions for “target” as a noun and one definition as a verb. The most applicable noun definitions are “a mark to shoot at” and “a goal to be achieved”. The verb definition is “to set as a goal”.

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