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## Foreword

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Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

International Standard ISO 8528-8 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 70, *Internal combustion engines*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Performance and tests*.

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ISO 8528 consists of the following parts under the general title *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating-current generating sets*:

- Part 1: *Application, ratings and performance*
- Part 2: *Engines*
- Part 3: *Alternating current generators for generating sets*
- Part 4: *Controlgear and switchgear*
- Part 5: *Generating sets*
- Part 6: *Test methods*
- Part 7: *Technical declarations for specification and design*
- Part 8: *Requirements and tests for low-power generating sets*
- Part 9: *Measurement and evaluation of mechanical vibrations*
- Part 10: *Measurement of airborne noise by the enveloping surface method*
- Part 11: *Dynamic uninterruptible power supply systems*
- Part 12: *Emergency power supply to safety services*

Annex A of this part of ISO 8528 is for information only.

# Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets —

## Part 8:

## Requirements and tests for low-power generating sets

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 8528 defines requirements, minimum performances and type tests for low-power generating sets driven by reciprocating internal combustion engines for land and marine use (domestic, recreational and industrial application), excluding generating sets used on aircraft.

It concerns mainly low-power generating sets driven by reciprocating internal combustion engines for the generation of single or multiphase alternating current or direct current up to 500 V. The generating sets are standard manufactured sets that can be selected from a commercial catalogue or leaflet.

In this part of ISO 8528, “low power” is taken to mean power of a magnitude up to approximately 10 kW.

NOTE 1 An exact determination of a power limit is not possible.

Low-power generating sets for the purpose of this standard are determined by the following special features:

- the users normally are laymen (for further details see 3.1);
- the complete generating set is usually transportable, or mobile;
- the electrical output is connected by plugs and sockets (except for extra low voltages; see 6.6.3);

- the generating set is ready for use without any additional installation work by the user.

Generating sets for special applications or of higher rated power conforming to the above special features may, by agreement between manufacturer and customer, be tested in accordance with this part of ISO 8528. If supplementary stipulations are required for certain applications this should be done taking this part of ISO 8528 as a basis.

This part of ISO 8528 deals with the special requirements of test and safety design which should be observed in addition to the definitions and requirements laid down in ISO 8528 parts 1 to 6, where applicable.

Furthermore it lays down safety requirements in order to protect the user from danger.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8528. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8528 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3046-1:1995, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Performance — Part 1: Standard reference conditions, declarations of power, fuel and lubricating oil consumptions, and test methods.*

ISO 8528-1:1993, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 1: Application, ratings and performance.*

ISO 8528-2:1993, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 2: Engines.*

ISO 8528-3:1993, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 3: Alternating current generators for generating sets.*

ISO 8528-4:1993, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 4: Controlgear and switchgear.*

ISO 8528-5:1993, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 5: Generating sets.*

ISO 8528-6:1993, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 6: Test methods.*

ISO 7000:1989, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Index and synopsis.*

IEC 34-1:1994, *Rotating electrical machines — Part 1: Rating and performance.*

IEC 34-5:1991, *Rotating electrical machines — Part 5: Classification of degrees of protection provided by enclosures for rotating electrical machines.*

IEC 68-2-63:1991, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test Eg.: Impact, spring hammer.*

IEC 83:1975, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use — Standards.*

IEC 245-4:1980, *Rubber insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V — Part 4: Cords and flexible cables.*

IEC 309-1:1988, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes — Part 1: General requirements.*

IEC 309-2:1989, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes — Part 2: Dimensional interchangeability requirements for pin and contact-tube accessories.*

IEC 335-1:1991, *Safety of household and similar electrical appliances — Part 1: General requirements.*

IEC 364-4-41:1992, *Electrical installations of buildings — Part 4: Protection for safety — Chapter 41: Protection against electric shock.*

IEC 417:1973, *Graphic symbols for use on equipment — Index, survey and compilation of the single sheets.*

IEC 529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code).*

CISPR 12:1990, *Limits and methods of measurement of radio interference characteristics of vehicles, motor boats, and spark ignited engine-driven devices.*

CISPR 14:1993, *Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of electrical motor-operated and thermal appliances for household and similar purposes, electric tools and electric apparatus.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 8528 the following definitions and those of ISO 8528-1 shall apply.

**3.1 layman:** A person who does not necessarily recognize potential danger resulting from electricity, moving parts or hot parts (see also clause 6). The layman has a lack of training, knowledge and experience and has insufficient knowledge of the relevant regulations.

**3.2 close proximity:** The 30 mm space immediately around the operating and adjusting controls and carrying handles, including their whole movement range.

**3.3 power rating:** The electric power available at the outlets or sockets of the generator, expressed in kilowatts (kW) at the rated frequency and the rated power factor.

**3.4 rated power:** The prime power according to ISO 8528-1:1993, 13.3.2 as assigned by the generating set manufacturer.

NOTE 2 Due to the variable power sequence for this kind of low-power generating set the average permissible power is 90 % of the rated power.

**3.5 thermal steady-state condition:** State reached when the temperature rise of the generator does not vary by more than 2 K over a period of 1 h. For electrical parts see IEC 34-1:1994, 2.11; for RIC engines see ISO 3046-3, 4.2.

NOTE 3 Under normal test conditions the RIC engine has first reached a steady-state condition before a set of

measurements is taken. If not, the permissible deviations for the steady-state conditions of the RIC engine according to ISO 3046-3 apply.

**3.6 uncontrolled generator:** Where there is no load- and speed-dependent adjustment of excitation by an automatic voltage regulator for control of terminal voltage.

NOTE 4 This includes generators with directly acting load current-dependent excitation devices (compounding).

**3.7 automatic voltage regulator-controlled generator:** Where the terminal voltage is controlled by changing the excitation by means of an automatic voltage regulator as a function of load and speed.

## 4 Regulations and additional requirements

For low-power generating sets additional regulations depending on the location of its operation may exist.

These may refer to environmental and safety requirements defined in the laws and regulations of the legal authorities in the different countries where generating sets are used. They are mainly in the fields of

- noise emission limitation;
- exhaust gas emission limitation;
- electrical safety;
- fuel systems.

## 5 General notes on tests

Tests according to this part of ISO 8528 are type tests; unless otherwise specified, the tests are made on a single sample as delivered, which shall withstand all the relevant tests.

During the tests the temperature of the ambient air shall be kept between 15 °C and 30 °C.

Generating sets built for more than one type of rated voltage, rated frequency or current shall be tested for all relevant operating parameters.

## 6 Safety requirements and tests

The requirements and tests cover mechanical and electrical performance and safety.

Acceptability of the component parts of the generating set shall be judged on the mechanical and elec-

trical strength and resistance to ignition and distortion.

## 6.1 Mechanical strength

**6.1.1** Generating sets shall be designed in such a way as to be able to withstand robust handling within the framework of normal operation. All parts, damage to which may impair safety, shall have sufficient mechanical strength.

The generating set shall satisfy the tests defined below.

- a) Subjected to impact using an impact tester

Blows are applied to the generating set by means of the spring-operated impact tester according to IEC 68-2-63.

The spring is adjusted in such a way as to cause the hammer to strike with an impact energy of  $1,0 \text{ J} \pm 0,05 \text{ J}$ .

The release mechanism springs are adjusted in such a way as to exert just sufficient pressure to keep the release jaws in the engaged position.

The apparatus is cocked by pulling the cocking knob until the release jaws engage with the groove in the hammer shaft.

Blows are applied by pushing the release cone against the sample in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the sample at the point to be tested.

Pressure is slowly increased so that the cone moves back until it is in contact with the release bars, which then move to operate the release mechanism and allow the hammer to strike.

The entire sample, under no-running conditions, is rigidly held and three blows are applied to every point of the enclosure which is likely to be weak.

Blows are also applied to protective devices, handles, levers, knobs, etc.

- b) Free-fall test

Before testing the generating set shall be in the usual carrying/transporting position. It is dropped from a height of 20 cm on to a concrete floor. This test is performed once.

After testing, the sample shall exhibit no damage which would impair mechanical or electric safety.

**6.1.2** For handles, knobs, grips, levers and similar devices, requirements and tests shall be in accordance with IEC 335-1:1991, 22.12.

The generating set shall satisfy the tests defined below.

## 6.2 Mechanical stability

**6.2.1** Generating sets shall exhibit proof of suitable stability when not in operation.

Compliance is checked by placing the unit on a surface which is tilted 15° in all directions. The unit shall neither overturn nor spill fuel.

Units with flaps and doors are tested both with the flaps and doors closed and then with them open. The unit shall satisfy requirements under the worst of conditions.

**6.2.2** Generating sets shall be suitable for operation on mounting surfaces inclined up to 4°.

Compliance is checked by operating the unit in four positions set at 90° intervals around the vertical axis on a rough concrete surface inclined up to 4°. The unit shall not change its position by more than 10 mm even after 30 min of operation at no-load and at rated power.

## 6.3 Mechanical safety

Generating sets shall be so designed that sufficient protection is afforded against damage during transport, storage and normal use.

**6.3.1** The units and accessories shall have no sharp corners, burrs or the like which may injure the user during normal use.

Compliance is checked by visual inspection.

**6.3.2** Moving parts shall be so arranged or enclosed as to provide sufficient protection against injury during normal use. Protective enclosures, screens and the like shall be sufficiently rigid. It shall only be possible for them to be removed using tools.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by the test according to 6.1.1.

**6.3.3** The reciprocating internal combustion engine shall be provided with a starting facility which allows start-up with sufficient protection for the operator, when used in accordance with operating instructions:

— permanently installed rope-pull starters shall be provided with automatic rewinding facilities;

— starting handles shall have sufficient safety clearance, in the pulling or rotation directions, from other parts of the set, as well as from the mounting surfaces. The handles shall meet the requirements specified in International Standards yet to be published<sup>1)</sup>;

— diesel engines with a manual starter shall have a decompression facility which does not require to be hand-held during cranking.

Compliance is checked by visual inspection and several starting attempts which shall lead to an actual start-up.

## 6.4 Protection against hot parts

The generating set shall be fitted with protection against hot parts in order to eliminate the risk of burns to personnel during the normal operation of generating sets.

**6.4.1** All operating controls on the generating set and any parts in close proximity shall not attain higher temperature rises (related to the ambient test temperature given in clause 5) than

35 °C (35 K) for metallic surfaces;

60 °C (60 K) for low thermal conductivity surfaces.

Carrying handles of generating sets and any parts in close proximity shall not attain higher temperature rises than

30 °C (30 K) for metallic surfaces;

50 °C (50 K) for low thermal conductivity surfaces.

**6.4.2** Parts of the protective frame (except parts in accordance with 6.4.1) shall not attain temperatures exceeding 90 °C. This does not apply to parts located within the frame contour (e.g. protective cover).

Compliance is checked by temperature measurement immediately after the test run described in 7.3.2.

**6.4.3** Parts which can reach temperatures above 150 °C (e.g. exhaust systems), shall not project beyond the contour of the protective frame into the working area.

1) ISO 11102-1 and ISO 11102-2.



**6.4.4** Parts which may cause burns shall be correspondingly marked by a sign or be protected.

Compliance is checked by visual inspection.

## 6.5 Fire protection

Under operating conditions in accordance with the instruction manual (see clause 9) and when the generating set is in a well-maintained condition it should not catch fire by itself (see also ISO 6826).

**6.5.1** Fuel tanks shall be so designed as to ensure that no leaks develop under normal operating conditions.

Compliance shall be checked by shock and impact tests in accordance with 6.1.1.

Leaking fuel from the vent holes of the tanks, as well as during operating processes for the start-up of reciprocating internal combustion engines, is permissible as long as it has been ensured that there be no subsequent danger of fire.

**6.5.2** Filler necks in fuel tanks shall be arranged and designed in such a way as to ensure that during fuelling using fuel cans with spouts, no fuel come into contact with hot parts.

**6.5.3** Any parts of the generating set which are in direct contact with the flat supporting surface shall not exceed a temperature of 90 °C.

## 6.6 Electrical equipment

Electrical enclosures, wiring insulation and functional parts shall be made of materials suitable for normal temperature conditions.

### 6.6.1 Protection against external influences

During generating set operation and non-operation, in accordance with the instruction manual (see clause 9), external influences in the form of water, moisture and foreign bodies shall not have any effects detrimental to the safety of the user.

#### 6.6.1.1 Protection against solid foreign bodies

Protection against the ingress of solid foreign bodies in the case of the electrical equipment of the generating set shall be at least IP2X in accordance with IEC 529.

Compliance shall be checked under non-operating conditions in the usual operating position according to IEC 529:1989, clause 13.

### 6.6.1.2 Protection against ingress of water

Protection against the ingress of water in the case of the electrical equipment of the generating set shall be at least IPX3 according to IEC 529.

Compliance shall be checked according to IEC 529 under non-operating conditions in the usual operating position; inspection after test according to IEC 529.

After testing, the electrical equipment shall be inspected for ingress of water and subjected to the following verifications and tests:

- the amount of water which has entered shall not interfere with satisfactory operation;
- no water shall reach windings and live parts not designed to operate when wet;

NOTE 5 Socket covers are not necessarily required.

- test of dielectric strength according to IEC 335-1:1991, 16.3 and for the generator according to IEC 34-5:1989, 9.2.

### 6.6.1.3 Protection against moisture

The sets shall be able to withstand humid conditions which may occur during normal use.

Compliance shall be checked via moisture treatment according to IEC 335-1:1991, 15.3. Immediately after the treatment: test of current leakage and dielectric strength according to IEC 335-1:1991, clause 16.

## 6.6.2 Generator

### 6.6.2.1 Rating and performance

The generator shall meet the requirements of IEC 34-1 concerning duty type S2, covering rated values, irregularities of waveform, symmetry of voltages, capability of unbalanced load, temperature rise, dielectric properties and short circuit strength.

Compliance shall be checked by testing according to IEC 34-1.

### 6.6.2.2 Irregularities of waveform of a.c. generators

The voltage waveform depends on the design of the generator. For definitions and test conditions see IEC 34-1, clause 28.

For low-power generating sets there are two classes: