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0 INTRODUCTION

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

1.1 This International Standard sets out the basic requirements for the specification and testing of ISO series 1 freight containers for general cargo which are suitable for international exchange and for conveyance by road, rail and sea, including interchange between these forms of transport.

1.2 The container types covered by this International Standard are as follows :

Type code designation*	Туре
00 to 04	Closed, including opening roof
50 to 53	Open top

In accordance with ISO 2716

1.3 The marking requirements for these containers are to be in accordance with the principles embodied in ISO 790 and ISO 2716 for the marking and identification of series 1 containers.

2 REFERENCES

ISO 668, Freight containers – External dimensions and ratings.

ISO 790, Marking of series 1 freight containers.

ISO 1161, Series 1 freight containers – Corner fittings – Specifications.

ISO 1894, General purpose series 1 freight containers – Minimum internal dimensions.

ISO 2716, Identification marking code for freight containers.

3 DIMENSIONS AND RATINGS

3.1 External dimensions

The overall external dimensions and tolerances of the freight containers covered by this International Standard are those established in ISO 668. No part of the container shall project beyond these overall external dimensions. Open-topped containers may be of a reduced height.

3.2 Internal dimensions

Internal dimensions of containers shall be as large as possible, but, in any case,

- closed containers type 00 shall comply with the minimum internal length, width and height given in ISO 1894;

- containers type 02, having partial opening(s) in the side(s), shall comply with the minimum internal length and height given in ISO 1894;

- containers type 03, having an opening roof, shall comply with the minimum internal length and width given in ISO 1894;

- containers types 01 and 04, having openings in the side(s) and/or roof, shall comply with the minimum internal length given in ISO 1894.

3.3 Ratings

The values of the rating R, being the maximum operating gross weight of the container, are those given in ISO 668.

R = P + T

where P is the maximum operating payload and T is the tare weight.

4 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

4.1 General

All containers shall be capable of fulfilling the following requirements.

The strength requirements for containers are given in diagrammatic form in annex A (these requirements are applicable to all containers except where otherwise stated). They apply to containers as complete units.

The strength requirements for corner fittings (see also 4.2) are given in ISO 1161.

The container shall be capable of withstanding the loads and applied forces detailed in clause 5.

As the effects of loads encountered under any dynamic operating condition should only approach, but not exceed, the effects of the corresponding test loads, it is implicit that the capabilities of containers indicated in annex A and demonstrated by the test described in clause 5 shall not be exceeded in any mode of operation.

Any closure in a container which, if unsecured, could lead to a hazardous situation, shall be provided with an adequate securing system having external indication of the positive securement of that closure in the appropriate operating position.

In particular, doors should be capable of being securely fastened in the open or closed position.

Any removable roof or roof section shall be fitted with locking devices such that an observer at ground level can check (when the container is on a rail or highway carrying vehicle) that its roof is secured.

All closed containers and all open containers fitted with covers which were designed for them, shall be waetherproof as required by test number 13 (see 5.14).

4.2 Corner fittings

Series 1 containers 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D shall be equipped with top and bottom corner fittings. Containers 1E and 1F shall be equipped with top corner fittings, with the bottom corner fittings being optional. The requirements and positioning of the corner fittings are given in ISO 1161. The upper faces of the top corner fittings shall protrude above the top of the container by a minimum of 6 mm (1/4 in) (see 4.3.3). The "top of the container, for example the level of the top of a soft cover.

4.3 Base structure

4.3.1 All containers equipped with bottom corner fittings shall be capable of being supported by their bottom corner fittings only.

Containers 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C shall also be capable of being supported on load transferring areas in their base structures only.

Consequently, these containers shall have end transverse members and sufficient intermediate load transferring areas (or a flat underside) of sufficient strength to permit vertical load transfer. These requirements are specified in annex B.

The maximum load to be transferred at the load transfer zones (shown in figure 23) shall not exceed the value R multiplied by a dynamic factor of 2,0.

For containers 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C the lower faces of the load transferring areas in their bases, including their end transverse members, shall lie in a plane located :

$$12,5 + 5 - 1,5 mm \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{16} in\right)$$

above the base plane of the containers (bottom faces of lower corner fittings).

4.3.2 For containers 1D, 1E and 1F the level of the underside of the base structure is not specified, except in so far as it is implied in 4.3.3.

4.3.3 For series 1 containers under dynamic conditions, or the static equivalent thereof, with the container having a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of the container and test load is equal to 1,8 R, no part of the base of the container shall deflect more than 6 mm (1/4 in) below the base plane (bottom faces of the lower corner fittings).

4.3.4 The base structure shall be designed to withstand all forces, particularly lateral forces, induced by the cargo in service. This is particularly important where provisions are made for securement of cargo to the base structure of the container.

4.4 End structure

For containers 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C, the sideways deflection of the top of the container with respect to the bottom of the container at the time it is under full transverse rigidity test conditions, shall not cause the sum of the changes in length of the two diagonals to exceed 60 mm (2 3/8 in).

4.5 Side structure

For containers 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C, the longitudinal deflection of the top of the container with respect to the bottom of the container at the time it is under full longitudinal rigidity test conditions shall not exceed 25 mm (1 in).

4.6 Walls

Where openings are provided in end or side walls, the ability of these walls to withstand tests numbers 5 and 6 shall not be impaired.

4.7 Door opening

Each container shall be provided with a door opening at least at one end, except in the case of 1E and 1F containers, where the opening may be provided in a side wall.

All door openings and end openings shall be as large as possible.

Closed-type containers designated 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D (types 00 and 02) shall have a door opening, preferably having dimensions equal to those of the internal cross-section of the containers and, in any case, not less than 2 134 mm (7 ft 0 in) high and 2 286 mm (7 ft 6 in) wide.

Closed-type containers designated 1AA, 1BB and 1CC (types 00 and 02) shall have a door opening, preferably having dimensions equal to those of the internal cross-section of the containers, and, in any case, not less than 2 261 mm (7 ft 5 in) high, and 2 286 mm (7 ft 6 in) wide.

OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4.8 Fork lift pockets

4.8.1 Fork-lift pockets may be provided as optional features for handling 1CC, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F containers in the loaded or unloaded condition.

4.8.2 Where a set of fork-lift pockets has been fitted as in 4.8.1, a second set of fork-lift pockets may, in addition, be provided on 1CC and 1C containers *for empty handling* only.

4.8.3 The fork-lift pockets, where provided, shall meet the dimensional requirements specified in annex C and shall pass completely through the base structure of the container so that lifting devices may be inserted from either side. It is not necessary for the base of the fork-lift pockets to be the full width of the container but it shall be provided in the vicinity of each end.

4.9 Provision for handling at the base by means of grappler arms or similar devices

Provision for handling 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D containers by means of grappler arms or similar devices may be provided as optional features. The dimensional requirements for such provisions are specified in annex D.

4.10 Gooseneck tunnels

Gooseneck tunnels may be provided as optional features in containers 1AA and 1A. The dimensional requirements are specified in annex E and, in addition, all other parts of the base structure shall be as specified in 4.3.

NOTE – The requirements of 4.2, 4.8 and 4.9 do not preclude the provision of additional facilities for lifting, either from the top or at the bottom of the containers.

5 TESTING

5.1 General

Unless otherwise stated containers complying with the design requirements specified in clause 4 shall, in addition, be capable of withstanding the tests specified in 5.2 to 5.14 inclusive, as applicable. It is recommended that the test for weatherproofness (Test No. 13) be made last.

5.1.1 The symbol R denotes the maximum operating gross weight of the container and the symbol P denotes the maximum operating payload of the container to be tested, that is, the tare weight T subtracted from the maximum operating gross weight R.

$$P = R - T$$

5.1.2 The test load within the container shall be uniformly distributed.

5.1.3 The test loads specified in all of the following tests are the minimum requirements.

5.1.4 The dimensional requirements to which reference is made in the requirements sub-clause after each test are those specified in :

a) the dimensional and design requirement clauses of this International Standard;

b) ISO 668;

c) ISO 1161.

5.2 Test No. 1 - Stacking

5.2.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a container to support five other fully loaded containers of the same length and rating under the acceleration conditions encountered in ships' cell structures, taking into account relative eccentricities between containers due to clearance.

5.2.2 Procedure

The container under test shall be placed on four level pads, one under each bottom corner fitting or equivalent corner structure. The pads shall be centralized under the fittings, and be substantially of the same plan dimensions as the fittings. The container shall have a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of the container and the test load is equal to 1,8 R.

The container under test shall be subjected to a vertical force equivalent to a load of 2,25 R on each of the top corner fittings simultaneously or 4,5 R on each pair of end fittings in such a manner that the planes of application of the forces and the supports of the container remain horizontal and unchanged during the test. The forces shall be applied through a corner fitting or a pad of the same plan area as a corner fitting. Each pad shall be offset in the same direction by 25,4 mm (1 in) laterally and 38 mm (1 1/2 in) longitudinally.

5.2.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use; and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.3 Test No. 2 - Lifting from the top corner fittings

5.3.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C containers to withstand being lifted from the top corner fittings with the lifting forces applied vertically, and the ability of 1D, 1E and 1F containers to withstand being lifted from the top corner fittings with the lifting forces applied at any angle between the vertical and 30° to the vertical, these being the only recognized methods of lifting these containers by the top corner fittings.

This test shall also be regarded as proving the ability of the floor and base structure to withstand the forces arising from acceleration of the payload in lifting operations.

5.3.2 Procedure

The container under test shall have a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of the container and test load is equal to 2R, and it shall be carefully lifted from all four top corners in such a way that no significant acceleration or deceleration forces are applied.

For 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C containers the lifting forces shall be applied vertically.

For 1D, 1E and 1F containers, lifting shall be by means of slings, the angle of each leg being at 30° from the vertical.

After lifting, the container shall be suspended for 5 min and then lowered to the ground.

5.3.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.4 Test No. 3 - Lifting from the bottom corner fittings

5.4.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of containers to withstand being lifted from bottom corner fittings by means of lifting devices bearing on the bottom corner fittings only and attached to a single transverse central spreader beam, above the container.

This test shall be carried out on 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D containers. It shall also be carried out on 1E and 1F containers if they are equipped with bottom corner fittings.

5.4.2 Procedure

The container under test shall have a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of container and test load is equal to 2R, and it shall be carefully lifted from the side apertures of all four bottom corner fittings in such a way that no significant acceleration or deceleration forces are applied.

Lifting forces shall be applied at :

- $\mathbf{30}^\circ$ to the horizontal for 1AA and 1A containers;
- 37° to the horizontal for 1BB and 1B containers;
- 45° to the horizontal for 1CC and 1C containers;
- 60° to the horizontal for 1D, 1E and 1F containers.

In each case the line of action of the lifting force and the outer face of the corner fitting shall be no farther apart than 38 mm (1 1/2 in). The lifting shall be carried out in such a manner that the lifting devices bear on the bottom corner fittings only.

The container shall be suspended for 5 min and then lowered to the ground.

5.4.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.5 Test No. 4 - Restraint (longitudinal)

5.5.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of containers to withstand longitudinal external restraint under dynamic conditions of railway operations, which implies accelerations of 2 g.

5.5.2 Procedure

The container under test shall have a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of container and test load is equal to R, and it shall be secured to rigid anchor points through the bottom apertures of the bottom corner fittings at one end of the container.

1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D containers and also 1E and 1F containers with bottom corner fittings shall be restrained longitudinally. 1E and 1F containers shall subsequently be restrained laterally.

A force equivalent to a load of 2R shall be applied horizontally to the container through the bottom apertures of the other corner fittings, first towards and then away from the anchor points.

5.5.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.6 Test No. 5 - Strength of end walls

5.6.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of containers to withstand forces under the dynamic conditions referred to in 5.5.1.

5.6.2 Procedure

The container shall have each end tested when one end is blind and the other equipped with doors. In case of symmetrical construction, one end only need be tested. 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D containers shall be subjected to an internal load of 0, 4P; 1E and 1F containers should be subjected to 0, 6P. The internal load shall be uniformly distributed over the wall under test and arranged to allow free deflection of the wall.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOTE}}$ — The test procedure covers both the end side wall strength of the 1E and 1F containers.

5.6.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.7 Test No. 6 – Strength of side walls

5.7.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of containers to withstand the forces resulting from ship motions.

5.7.2 Procedure

Each side wall of 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D containers (or one only in the case of symmetrical construction) shall be subjected to an internal uniformly-distributed load of 0,6P, applied separately and arranged to allow free deflection of the side wall and its longitudinal members.

Open-topped containers (types 50 to 53) shall be tested in the condition in which they are designed to be operated, for example with removable top members in position.

5.7.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.8 Test No. 7 - Strength of the roof (where provided)

5.8.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of the rigid roof of a container, where fitted, to withstand the loads imposed by persons working on it.

5.8.2 Procedure

A load of 300 kg (660 lb) shall be uniformly distributed over an area of 600 mm \times 300 mm (24 in \times 12 in) located at the weakest area of the rigid roof of the container.

5.8.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use, nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.9 Test No. 8 - Floor strength

5.9.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a container floor to withstand the concentrated dynamic loads imposed during loading operations by trucks or similar devices.

The test applies to 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC, 1C and 1D containers.

5.9.2 Procedure

The test shall be performed using a test vehicle equipped with tyres, and loaded to an axle weight of 5 460 kg (12 000 lb) [i.e. 2 730 kg (6 000 lb) on each of two wheels]. It is to be so arranged that all points of contact between each wheel and a flat continuous surface lie within a rectangular envelope measuring 185 mm (7 1/4 in) (in a direction parallel to the axle of the wheel) by 100 mm (4 in), and that each wheel makes physical contact over an area within this envelope of not more than 142 cm² (22 in²). The wheel width is to be nominally 180 mm (7 in) and the wheel centres are to be nominally 760 mm (30 in). The test vehicle shall be manoeuvred over the entire floor area of the container. The test shall be made with the container resting on four level supports under its four bottom corner fittings, with its base structure free to deflect.

5.9.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.10 Test No. 9 - Rigidity (transverse)

5.10.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C containers to withstand the racking forces resulting from ship motions.

5.10.2 Procedure

The container under test, in tare condition (T), shall be placed on four level supports, one under each corner fitting, and shall be restrained against lateral and vertical movement by means of anchor devices acting through the bottom apertures of the bottom corner fittings. Lateral restraint shall be provided only at a bottom corner fitting diagonally opposite to and in the same end frame as a top corner fitting to which force is applied. When testing the two end frames separately, vertical restraint shall be applied only at the end frame under test.

Forces of 150 kN (15 000 kgf) (15 tf) shall be applied either separately or simultaneously to each of the top corner fittings on one side of the container in lines parallel both to the base and to the planes of the ends of the container. The forces shall be applied first towards and then away from the top corner fittings.

In the case of a container with identical ends, only one end need be tested. Where an end is not essentially symmetrical about its own vertical centre line, both sides of that end shall be tested.

5.10.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.11 Test No. 10 - Rigidity (longitudinal)

5.11.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of 1AA, 1A, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C containers to withstand the longitudinal racking forces resulting from ship motions.

5.11.2 Procedure

The container under test, in tare condition (T), shall be placed on four level supports, one under each corner fitting, and shall be restrained against longitudinal and vertical movement by means of anchor devices acting through the bottom apertures of the bottom corner fittings. Longitudinal restraint shall be provided only at a bottom corner fitting diagonally opposite to and in the same side frame as a top corner fitting to which force is applied.

Forces of 75 kN (7 500 kgf) (7,5 tf) shall be applied either separately or simultaneously to each of the top corner fittings on one end of the container in lines parallel both to

In the case of a container with identical sides, only one side need be tested. Where a side is not essentially symmetrical about its own vertical centre line, both ends of that side shall be tested.

5.11.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.12 Test No. 11 - Lifting from fork lift pockets (where fitted)

5.12.1 General

This test applies to containers 1CC, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F, where fitted with fork lift pockets.

5.12.2 Procedure

5.12.2.1 1CC AND 1C CONTAINERS PROVIDED WITH ONLY ONE SET OF FORK-LIFT POCKETS AND 1D, 1E, 1F CONTAINERS

The container under test shall have a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of container and test load is equal to 1,25 R and it shall be supported on two horizontal bars, each 200 mm (8 in) wide, projecting $1828 \pm 3 \text{ mm} (72 \pm 1/8 \text{ in})$ into the fork pocket, measured from the outside face of the side of the container. The bars shall be centred within the pockets.

The container shall be supported for 5 min and then lowered to the ground.

5.12.2.2 1CC AND 1C CONTAINERS PROVIDED WITH TWO SETS OF FORK-LIFT POCKETS

The test described in 5.12.2.1 applies for the outer pockets.

A second test shall be carried out on these containers, the horizontal bars being inserted in the additional (inner) pockets with a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined gross weight of the container and test load is equal to 0,625 R.

The same test procedure as in 5.12.2.1 applies.

5.12.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.13 Test No. 12 – Lifting from the base at grappler arm positions (where fitted)

5.13.1 General

This test shall be carried out on all containers with provisions for being lifted by grappler arms or similar devices with lifting positions as detailed in annex D.

5.13.2 Procedure

The container under test shall have a load uniformly distributed over the floor in such a way that the combined weight of container and test load is equal to 1,25 R, and it shall be supported at the four positions where provision has been made for the equipment in 5.13.1, over an area of $32 \text{ mm} \times 254 \text{ mm}$ (1.25 in $\times 10 \text{ in}$), centrally located at each of the four positions, clear of the safety lips.

The container shall be supported for 5 min and then lowered to the ground.

5.13.3 *Requirements*

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Upon completion of the test, the container shall show neither permanent deformation which will render it unsuitable for use nor abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

5.14 Test No. 13 - Weatherproofness

5.14.1 Procedure

A stream of water shall be applied on all exterior joints and seams of the container from a nozzle of 12,5 mm (0.5 in) inside diameter, at a pressure of about 1 bar [corresponding to a head of about 10 m (33 ft) of water] on the upstream side of the nozzle. The nozzle shall be held at a distance of 1,5 m (5 ft) from the container under test, and the stream shall be traversed at a speed of 100 mm/s (4 in/s). Procedures involving the use of several nozzles are acceptable provided that each joint or seam is subjected to a water loading no less than that which would be given by a single nozzle.

5.14.2 Requirements

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Upon completion of the test the container shall be free from penetration of water.

ANNEX A

DIAGRAMMATIC REPRESENTATION OF CAPABILITIES APPROPRIATE TO ALL TYPES AND SIZES OF PART I CONTAINERS, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED

NOTES

- 1 The externally applied forces shown below are for one end or one side only. The internal loads are for the whole container.
- 2 The diagrams of this annex correspond to the test described in sub-clauses 5.2 to 5.13 only where marked.





NOTE - 1 kN \approx 100 kgf (within 2 %).