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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— the table giving the quantities and units has been simplified;

— some definitions and the remarks have been stated physically more precisely.

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Quantities and units —

Part 4:
Mechanics

1 Scope

This document gives names, symbols, definitions and units for quantities of mechanics. Where appropriate, conversion factors are also given.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

Names, symbols, definitions and units for quantities used in mechanics are given in Table 1.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

Table 1 — Quantities and units used in mechanics

Item No.	Quantity			Unit	Remarks
	Name	Symbol	Definition		
4-1	mass	m	property of a body which expresses itself in terms of inertia with regard to changes in its state of motion as well as its gravitational attraction to other bodies	kg	The kilogram (kg) is one of the seven base units (see ISO 80000-1) of the International System of Units, the SI. See also IEC 60050-113.
4-2	mass density, density	ρ, ρ_m	quantity representing the spatial distribution of mass of a continuous material: $\rho(\boldsymbol{r})=\frac{\mathrm{d}m}{\mathrm{d}V}$ where m is mass of the material contained in an infinitesimal domain at point $\boldsymbol{r}$ and V is volume of this domain	kg m^{-3}	
4-3	specific volume	v	reciprocal of mass density ρ (item 4-2): $v=\frac{1}{\rho}$	kg^{-1} m^3	
4-4	relative mass density, relative density	d	quotient of mass density of a substance ρ and mass density of a reference substance ρ_0 : $d=\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$	1	Conditions and material should be specified for the reference substance.
4-5	surface mass density, surface density	ρ_A	quantity representing the areal distribution of mass of a continuous material: $\rho_A(\boldsymbol{r})=\frac{\mathrm{d}m}{\mathrm{d}A}$ where m is the mass of the material at position $\boldsymbol{r}$ and A is area	kg m^{-2}	The name “grammage” should not be used for this quantity.

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Item No.	Quantity			Unit	Remarks
	Name	Symbol	Definition		
4-6	linear mass density, linear density	ρ_l	quantity representing the linear distribution of mass of a continuous material: $\rho_l(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{\mathrm{d}m}{\mathrm{d}l}$ where m is the mass of the material at position $\boldsymbol{r}$ and l is length	kg m^{-1}	
4-7	moment of inertia	$\boldsymbol{J}$	tensor (ISO 80000-2) quantity representing rotational inertia of a rigid body relative to a fixed centre of rotation expressed by the tensor product: $\boldsymbol{L} = \boldsymbol{J}\boldsymbol{\omega}$ where $\boldsymbol{L}$ is angular momentum (ISO 80000-3) of the body relative to the reference point and $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is its angular velocity (ISO 80000-3)	kg m^{2}	The calculation of the value requires an integration.
4-8	momentum	$\boldsymbol{p}$	product of mass m (item 4-1) of a body and velocity $\boldsymbol{v}$ (ISO 80000-3) of its centre of mass: $\boldsymbol{p} = m\boldsymbol{v}$	kg m s^{-1}	
4-9.1	force	$\boldsymbol{F}$	vector (ISO 80000-2) quantity describing interaction between bodies or particles	N kg m s^{-2}	
4-9.2	weight	$\boldsymbol{F}_\mathrm{g}$	force (item 4-9.1) acting on a body in the gravitational field of Earth: $\boldsymbol{F}_\mathrm{g} = m\boldsymbol{g}$ where m (item 4-1) is the mass of the body and $\boldsymbol{g}$ is the local acceleration of free fall (ISO 80000-3)	N kg m s^{-2}	In colloquial language, the name “weight” continues to be used where “mass” is meant. This practice should be avoided. Weight is an example of a gravitational force. Weight comprises not only the local gravitational force but also the local centrifugal force due to the rotation of the Earth.
4-9.3	static friction force, static friction	$\boldsymbol{F}_\mathrm{s}$	force (item 4-9.1) resisting the motion before a body starts to slide on a surface	N kg m s^{-2}	For the static friction coefficient, see item 4-23.1.
4-9.4	kinetic friction force, dynamic friction force	$\boldsymbol{F}_\mu$	force (item 4-9.1) resisting the motion when a body slides on a surface	N kg m s^{-2}	For the kinetic friction factor, see item 4-23.2.

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Item No.	Quantity: Name	Quantity: Symbol	Quantity: Definition	Unit	Remarks
4-9.5	rolling resistance, rolling drag, rolling friction force	$\boldsymbol{F}_{\mathrm{rr}}$	force (item 4-9.1) resisting the motion when a body rolls on a surface	N kg m s^{-2}	For the rolling resistance factor, see item 4-23.3.
4-9.6	drag force	$\boldsymbol{F}_{\mathrm{D}}$	force (item 4-9.1) resisting the motion of a body in a fluid	N kg m s^{-2}	For the drag coefficient, see item 4-23.4.
4-10	impulse	$\boldsymbol{I}$	vector (ISO 80000-2) quantity describing the effect of force acting during a time interval: $\boldsymbol{I}=\int_{t_1}^{t_2}\boldsymbol{F}\mathrm{d}t$ where $\boldsymbol{F}$ is force (item 4-9.1), t is time (ISO 80000-3) and $[t_1, t_2]$ is considered time interval	N s kg m s^{-1}	For a time interval $[t_1, t_2]$, $\boldsymbol{I}(t_1,t_2)=\boldsymbol{p}(t_1)-\boldsymbol{p}(t_2)=\Delta\boldsymbol{p}$ where $\boldsymbol{p}$ is momentum (item 4-8).
4-11	angular momentum	$\boldsymbol{L}$	vector (ISO 80000-2) quantity described by the vector product: $\boldsymbol{L}=\boldsymbol{r}\times\boldsymbol{p}$ where $\boldsymbol{r}$ is position vector (ISO 80000-3) with respect to the axis of rotation and $\boldsymbol{p}$ is momentum (item 4-8)	kg m^2 s^{-1}	
4-12.1	moment of force	$\boldsymbol{M}$	vector (ISO 80000-2) quantity described by the vector product: $\boldsymbol{M}=\boldsymbol{r}\times\boldsymbol{F}$ where $\boldsymbol{r}$ is position vector (ISO 80000-3) with respect to the axis of rotation and $\boldsymbol{F}$ is force (item 4-9.1)	N m kg m^2 s^{-2}	The bending moment of force is denoted by $\boldsymbol{M}_{\mathrm{b}}$.
4-12.2	torque	T, M_{Q}	quantity described by the scalar product: $T=\boldsymbol{M}\cdot\boldsymbol{e}_{\mathrm{Q}}$ where $\boldsymbol{M}$ is moment of force (item 4-12.1) and $\boldsymbol{e}_{\mathrm{Q}}$ is unit vector of direction with respect to which the torque is considered	N m kg m^2 s^{-2}	For example, torque is the twisting moment of force with respect to the longitudinal axis of a beam or shaft.

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Item No.	Quantity			Unit	Remarks
	Name	Symbol	Definition		
4-13	angular impulse	$\boldsymbol{H}$	vector (ISO 80000-2) quantity describing the effect of moment of force during a time interval: $\boldsymbol{H}(t_1;t_2)=\int_{t_1}^{t_2}\boldsymbol{M}\mathrm{d}t$ where $\boldsymbol{M}$ is moment of force (item 4-12.1), t is time (ISO 80000-3) and $[t_1, t_2]$ is considered time interval	N m s kg m^2 s^{-1}	For a time interval $[t_1, t_2]$, $\boldsymbol{H}(t_1,t_2)=\boldsymbol{L}(t_2)-\boldsymbol{L}(t_1)=\Delta\boldsymbol{L}$ where $\boldsymbol{L}$ is angular momentum.
4-14.1	pressure	p	quotient of the component of a force normal to a surface and its area: $p=\frac{\boldsymbol{e}_n \boldsymbol{F}}{A}$ where $\boldsymbol{e}_n$ is unit vector of the surface normal, $\boldsymbol{F}$ is force (item 4-9.1) and A is area (ISO 80000-3)	Pa N m^{-2} kg m^{-1} s^{-2}	
4-14.2	gauge pressure	p_e	pressure p (item 4-14.1) decremented by ambient pressure p_{amb}: $p_e=p-p_{amb}$	Pa N m^{-2} kg m^{-1} s^{-2}	Often, p_{amb} is chosen as a standard pressure. Gauge pressure is positive or negative.
4-15	stress	σ	tensor (ISO 80000-2) quantity representing state of tension of matter	Pa N m^{-2} kg m^{-1} s^{-2}	Stress tensor is symmetric and has three normal-stress and three shear-stress (Cartesian) components.
4-16.1	normal stress	σ_n, σ	scalar (ISO 80000-2) quantity describing surface action of a force into a body equal to: $\sigma_n=\frac{\mathrm{d}F_n}{\mathrm{d}A}$ where F_n is the normal component of force (item 4-9.1) and A is the area (ISO 80000-3) of the surface element	Pa N m^{-2} kg m^{-1} s^{-2}	A couple of mutually opposite forces of magnitude F acting on the opposite surfaces of a slice (layer) of homogeneous solid matter normal to it, and evenly distributed, cause a constant normal stress $\sigma_n=FA$ in the slice (layer).

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Item No.	Quantity			Unit	Remarks
	Name	Symbol	Definition		
4-16.2	shear stress	τ_s, τ	scalar (ISO 80000-2) quantity describing surface action of a force into a body equal to: $\tau_s = \frac{dF_t}{dA}$ where F_t is the tangential component of force (item 4-9.1) and A is the area (ISO 80000-3) of the surface element	Pa N m^{-2} kg m^{-1} s^{-2}	A couple of mutually opposite forces of magnitude F acting on the opposite surfaces of a slice (layer) of homogenous solid matter parallel to it, and evenly distributed, cause a constant shear stress $\tau = F/A$ in the slice (layer).
4-17.1	strain	ε	tensor (ISO 80000-2) quantity representing the deformation of matter caused by stress	1	Strain tensor is symmetric and has three linear-strain and three shear strain (Cartesian) components.
4-17.2	relative linear strain	ε, (e)	quotient of change in length Δl (ISO 80000-3) of an object and its length l (ISO 80000-3): $\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$	1	
4-17.3	shear strain	γ	quotient of parallel displacement Δx (ISO 80000-3) of two surfaces of a layer and the thickness d (ISO 80000-3) of the layer: $\gamma = \frac{\Delta x}{d}$	1	
4-17.4	relative volume strain	ϑ	quotient of change in volume ΔV (ISO 80000-3) of an object and its volume V_0 (ISO 80000-3): $\vartheta = \frac{\Delta V}{V_0}$	1	
4-18	Poisson number	μ, (v)	quotient of change in width Δb (width is defined in ISO 80000-3) and change in length Δl (length is defined in ISO 80000-3) of an object: $\mu = \frac{\Delta b}{\Delta l}$	1	

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Item No.	Quantity			Unit	Remarks
	Name	Symbol	Definition		
4-19.1	modulus of elasticity, Young modulus	E, E_m, Y	quotient of normal stress σ (item 4-16.1) and relative linear strain ε (item 4-17.2): $E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$	Pa $N\ m^{-2}$ $kg\ m^{-1}\ s^{-2}$	Conditions should be specified (e.g. adiabatic or isothermal process).
4-19.2	modulus of rigidity, shear modulus	G	quotient of shear stress τ (item 4-16.2) and shear strain γ (item 4-17.3): $G = \frac{\tau}{\gamma}$	Pa $N\ m^{-2}$ $kg\ m^{-1}\ s^{-2}$	Conditions should be specified (e.g. isentropic or isothermal process).
4-19.3	modulus of compression, bulk modulus	K, K_m, B	negative of the quotient of pressure p (item 4-14.1) and relative volume strain ϑ (item 4-17.4): $K = -\frac{p}{\vartheta}$	Pa $N\ m^{-2}$ $kg\ m^{-1}\ s^{-2}$	Conditions should be specified (e.g. isentropic or isothermal process).
4-20	compressibility	$\varkappa$	negative relative change of volume V (ISO 80000-3) of an object under pressure p (item 4-14.1) expressed by: $\varkappa = -\frac{1}{V}\frac{dV}{dp}$	Pa^{-1} $kg^{-1}\ m\ s^2$	Conditions should be specified (e.g. isentropic or isothermal process). See also ISO 80000-5.
4-21.1	second axial moment of area	I_a	geometrical characteristic of a shape of a body equal to: $I_a = \iint_M r_Q^2 dA$ where M is the two-dimensional domain of the cross-section of a plane and considered body, r_Q is radial distance (ISO 80000-3) from a Q-axis in the plane of the surface considered and A is area (ISO 80000-3)	m^4	This quantity is often referred to wrongly as “moment of inertia” (item 4-7). The subscript, a, may be omitted when there is no risk of confusion.