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Roll-over protective structures —  
Laboratory tests and performance  
requirements**

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## Foreword

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ISO 8082 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 23, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry*, Subcommittee SC 15, *Machinery for forestry*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8082:1994), which has been technically revised.

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## Introduction

Special forestry machinery needs a roll-over protective structure (ROPS) standard of its own that specifies the relevant machine types from the enormous variety of forestry machines.

The requirement levels and testing procedures of this International Standard are the same as those of ISO 3471 [1]. In this revised edition, longitudinal loading has been included in the test procedure, the machine types to which the tests are applicable have been specified, and a new bolt and nut class, as well as the – 20 degrees temperature class for Charpy V-notch impact strength, have been added. Specification of the vertical loading beam width also improves the repeatability of the test between different testing laboratories.

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# Self-propelled machinery for forestry — Roll-over protective structures — Laboratory tests and performance requirements

## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes a consistent, reproducible means of evaluating the force–deflection characteristics of roll-over protective structures (ROPS) on self-propelled forestry machines under static loading, and prescribes performance requirements for a representative specimen under such loading. It is applicable to forwarders, skidders, feller-bunchers, processors, harvesters and loaders, as defined in ISO 6814. It is not applicable to machines having a rotating platform with a cab and boom on the platform.

NOTE Research work is being done to develop a test method and criteria for machines having a rotating platform with a cab and boom on the platform. These machines are to be included in a future revision of ISO 8082.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148, *Steel — Charpy impact test (V-notch)* <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8bc5a95b-ce83-4e4a-8bb5-64df73#9309/iso-8082-2003>

ISO 898-1, *Mechanical properties of fasteners made of carbon steel and alloy steel — Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs*

ISO 898-2:1992, *Mechanical properties of fasteners — Part 2: Nuts with specified proof load values — Coarse thread*

ISO 3164, *Earth-moving machinery — Laboratory evaluations of protective structures — Specifications for deflection-limiting volume*

ISO 6814, *Machinery for forestry — Mobile and self-propelled machinery — Terms, definitions and classification*

## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions and symbols (see Table 1) apply.

### 3.1

#### roll-over protective structure

#### ROPS

system of structural members whose primary purpose is to reduce the possibility of a seat-belted operator being crushed should the machine roll over

NOTE These structural members include any subframe, bracket, mounting, socket, bolt, pin, suspension or flexible shock absorber used to secure the system to the machine frame, but exclude mounting provisions that are integral with the machine frame.

**3.2**  
**deflection-limiting volume**  
**DLV**

orthogonal approximation of a large, seated, male operator as defined in ISO 3411 wearing normal clothing and a protective helmet

**3.3**  
**falling-object protective structure**  
**FOPS**

system of structural members arranged in such a way as to provide operators with reasonable protection from falling objects (e.g. trees, rocks)

**3.4**  
**operator protective structure**  
**OPS**

system of structural members arranged in such a way as to minimize the possibility of operator injury from penetrating objects (such as whipping saplings, branches and broken winch lines)

**3.5**  
**simulated ground plane**  
**SGP**

flat surface on which, after rolling, a forestry machine is assumed to come to rest

**3.5.1**  
**lateral simulated ground plane**  
**LSGP**

for a machine coming to rest on its side, the plane 15° away from the DLV about the horizontal axis within the plane established in the vertical plane passing through the outermost point

See Figure 1.

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NOTE The LSGP is established on an unloaded ROPS and moves with the member to which load is applied while maintaining its 15° angle with respect to the vertical.

**3.5.2**  
**vertical simulated ground plane**  
**VSGP**

⟨rollbar ROPS⟩ for a machine coming to rest in an upside-down position, the plane defined by the top cross-member of the ROPS and that front (or rear) part of the machine likely to come in contact with flat ground at the same time as the ROPS and capable of supporting the upside-down machine

NOTE The VSGP moves with the deformed ROPS.

**3.6**  
**machine mass**

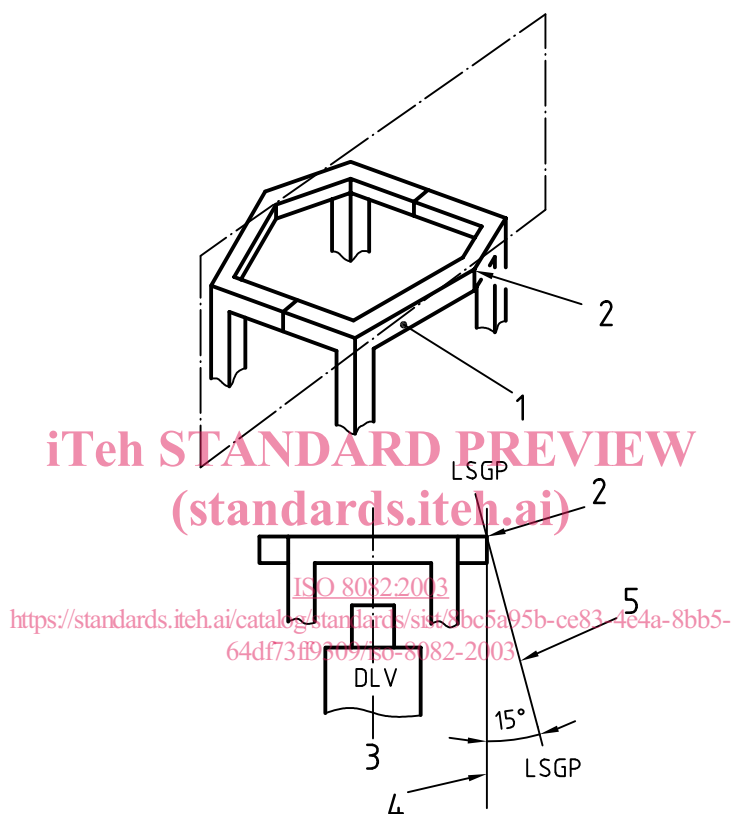
*m*

maximum mass declared by the manufacturer, including attachments in the operating condition and with tools, ROPS and all reservoirs filled, but excluding towed equipment (e.g. chippers, planters, discs) and any load that could be carried on the machine



Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Description	Unit
$U$	Energy absorbed by the structure, related to machine mass	J
$F$	Force	N
$m$	Machine mass	kg
$\Delta$	Deflection of ROPS	mm

**Key**

- 1 upper ROPS member to which the lateral load is applied
- 2 outermost point from the end view of member (1)
- 3 vertical line through point (2)
- 4 vertical plane parallel to the machine longitudinal centreline through line (3)
- 5 lateral simulated ground plane

Figure 1 — Determination of lateral simulated ground plane (LSGP)

**4 Static laboratory tests**

**CAUTION** — Some of the tests specified in this International Standard involve the use of processes which could lead to a hazardous situation.

**4.1 Facilities**

Facilities for securing the ROPS/machine frame assemble to the bedplate, as specified in the following, and for applying lateral, longitudinal and vertical loads, shall be provided.

The DLV and its location shall be in accordance with ISO 3164. The DLV shall be fixed firmly to the same part of the machine to which the operator's seat is normally secured, and shall remain there during the entire formal test period. For machines with a reversible operator's position, the DLV is to be considered as the combined clearance zones for the two positions.

**4.2 Instruments**

The test apparatus shall be equipped with instruments for measuring the force applied to the protective structure and the deflection (deformation) of the structure. The instrument accuracy shall be in accordance with Table 2.

**Table 2 — Instrument accuracy requirements**

Measurement	Accuracy <sup>a</sup>
Deflection of ROPS	± 5 % of maximum deflection measured
Force applied to ROPS	± 5 % of maximum force measured
<sup>a</sup> The percentages are nominal ratings of the accuracy of the instrumentation and shall not be taken to indicate that compensating overtest is required.	

**4.3 Apparatus**

**4.3.1 General**

**4.3.1.1 Assembly of ROPS to machine frame**

The ROPS shall be attached to the machine frame or body as it would be on an operating machine. A complete machine is not required for the evaluation; however, the machine frame or body and ROPS mounting shall represent an operating installation. All normally detachable windows, panels, doors and other non-structural elements shall be removed so that they neither contribute to, nor detract from, the structural evaluation.

**4.3.1.2 ROPS/machine attachment to bedplate**

The ROPS/machine-frame assembly shall be secured to the bedplate so that the members connecting the assembly and bedplate experience minimal deflection during testing. During lateral loading, the ROPS/machine-frame assembly shall not receive any support from the bedplate, other than that due to the initial attachment.

Connections to the bedplate shall be directly from the machine frame at or near the front-axle support and the rear drive support. For articulated machines, if both frames are used in the evaluation, the hinge shall be locked so that the frames are in a straight line. If the frame on which the ROPS is mounted is used alone, the connections shall be at or near the extreme ends of the frame (see Figure 2).

**4.3.1.3 Elimination of energy absorbers**

The assembly shall be secured or modified or both so that any machine element that might be considered as suspension (rubber, gas, gas-oil or mechanical spring) shall be effectively eliminated as an energy absorber. However, the ROPS-structural members may include suspension or flexible shock absorbers, which shall not be altered.

**4.3.2 Vertical loading**

For vertical loading, there is no limitation on securing or supporting the ROPS/machine-frame assembly, except that no repair or straightening of the assembly shall be carried out.

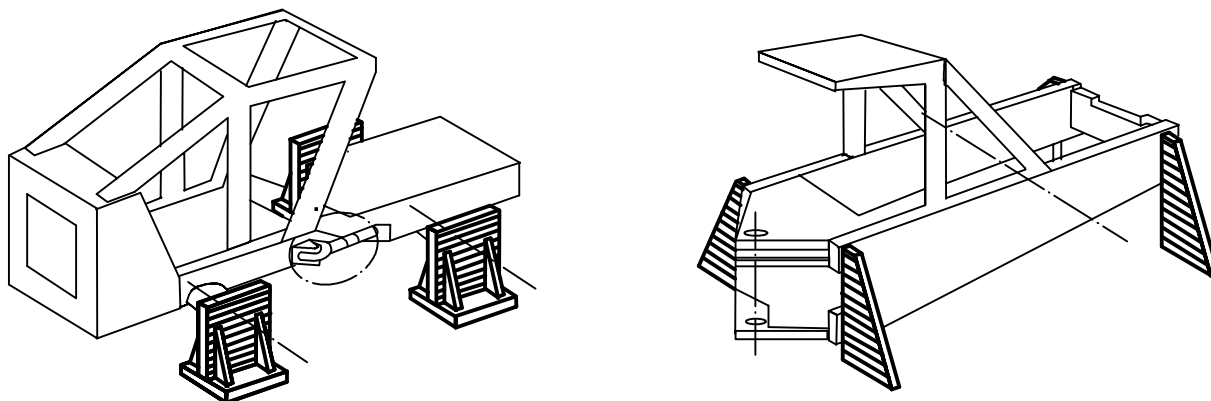


Figure 2 — Machine attachment to bedplate

## 4.4 Test procedures

### 4.4.1 General

The test procedures shall consist of the operations specified in 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and 4.4.4, carried out in the order given.

No repair or straightening of any ROPS/machine member shall be carried out during or between the lateral, vertical and longitudinal loading.

NOTE The figures referred to are illustrative and not intended to restrict the design of loading devices.

### 4.4.2 Lateral loading

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4.4.2.1 The force-deflection characteristics shall be determined by lateral loading of the top major longitudinal members of the ROPS.

4.4.2.2 For a ROPS having more than two posts, the lateral loading shall be applied through a load-distribution device having a length not greater than 80 % of the horizontal distance,  $L$ , between the front and rear posts of the ROPS (see Figure 3). In the case of curved structural members, the load-distribution device may be attached to the ROPS but shall not have any affect on the strength of the ROPS.

4.4.2.3 For all one- or two-post ROPS, initial loading shall be dictated by the length,  $L$ , and the vertical projections of the front and rear planes of the DLV. The load application point may not be within  $L/3$  of the ROPS structure. Should the  $L/3$  point be between the vertical projection of the DLV and the ROPS structure, the load application point shall be moved away from the structure until it enters the vertical projection of the DLV (see Figure 4).

4.4.2.4 The initial direction of loading shall be horizontal and perpendicular to a vertical plane through the machine's longitudinal centreline. As loading continues, the ROPS/machine-frame deformations can cause the direction of loading to change: this is permissible.

4.4.2.5 If the operator's seat is off the machine's longitudinal centreline, the loading shall be against the outermost side nearest the seat. For on-centreline seats, if mounting of the ROPS is such that different force-deflection relations are obtained from loading from left or right, the side loaded shall be that which will place the most severe requirements on the ROPS/machine assembly.