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and systems —**

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Ignition systems**

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# Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary of components and systems —

## Part 10: Ignition systems

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 7967 establishes a vocabulary for ignition systems of reciprocating internal combustion engines.

ISO 2710-1 gives a classification of reciprocating internal combustion engines and defines basic terms and definitions of such engines and their characteristics.

In this part of ISO 7967, the terms are classified as follows:

- a) types of ignition systems;
- b) conventional ignition systems;
- c) electronic ignition systems;
- d) computer-controlled ignition systems;
- e) parameters for ignition systems. [ISO 7967-10:2014  
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### 2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 2.1 Types of ignition systems

##### 2.1.1

##### **ignition system**

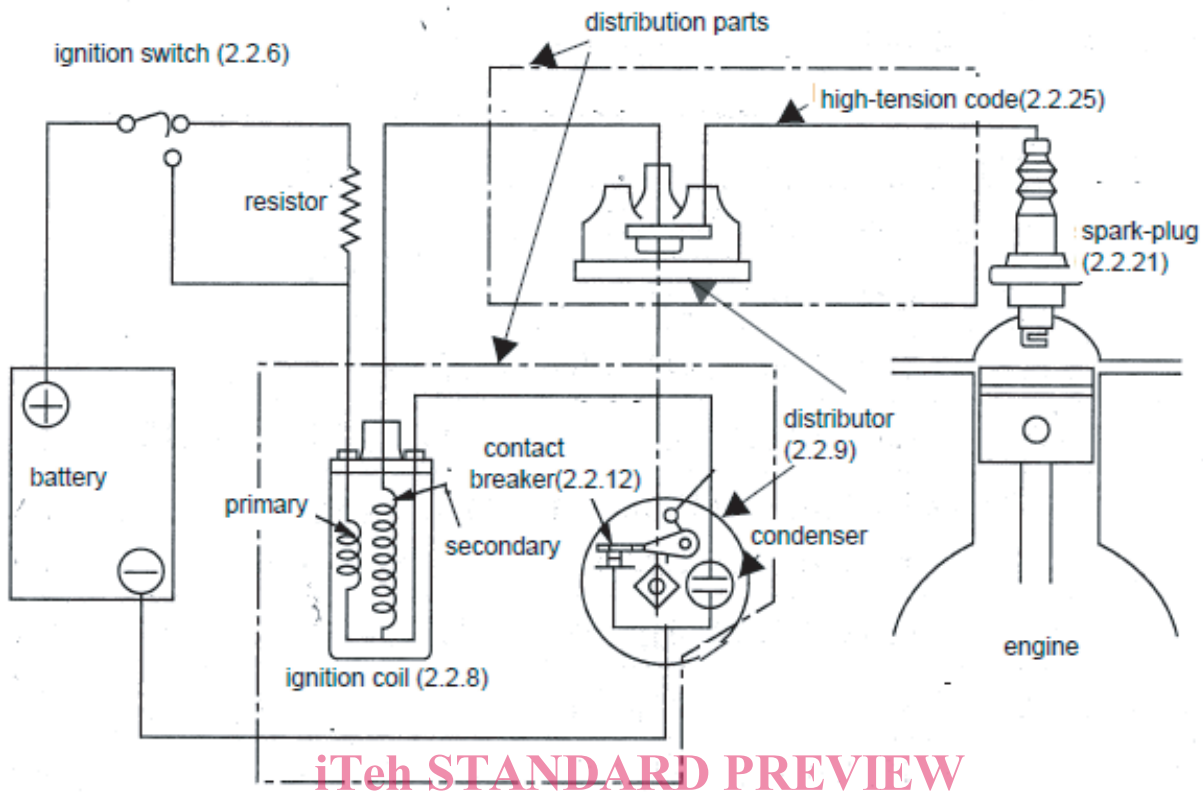
ignition device system to ignite the fuel-air mixture in the cylinder

##### 2.1.2

##### **battery coil ignition system**

*ignition system* (2.1.1) by battery and ignition coil

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).



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**Figure 1 — Typical configuration of battery coil ignition system**

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**2.1.3 magneto ignition system**

*ignition system (2.1.1) by magneto (2.2.1)*

**2.1.4 high-tension ignition system**

*ignition system (2.1.1) by high voltage electricity of secondary circuit of ignition coil produced by intermitting the current in the primary circuit*

**2.1.5 dual ignition system**

*ignition system (2.1.1) with duplicate lines for redundancy*

**2.1.6 multi-point ignition system**

*ignition system (2.1.1) with more than two igniters installed on one cylinder*

Note 1 to entry: Ignition system with two igniters is called a two-point ignition system.

**2.1.7 electronic ignition system**

*ignition system (2.1.1) with ignition timing control by electronic device or circuit*

**2.1.8 conventional ignition system**

*ignition system (2.1.1) with mechanical ignition timing control by the contact breaker (2.2.12) of the distributor (2.2.9)*

**2.1.9****electronic ignition system with breaker**

*electronic ignition system* (2.1.7) with *contact breaker* (2.2.12)

**2.1.10****breakerless electronic ignition system**

*electronic ignition system* (2.1.7) without *contact breaker* (2.2.12)

**2.1.11****computer-controlled ignition system**

digital ignition system

computer-based ignition system which is usually a part of the electronic engine control unit (ECU)

Note 1 to entry: ECU consists of a central control unit (CPU) or a microprocessor, random access memory (RAM), read only memory (ROM), and input/output interfaces. Based on information from input sensors (engine air flow, coolant temperature, crank position, throttle position, etc.), ECU determines optimum settings for the output actuators of fuel injection, ignition timing, idle speed, etc..

**2.1.12****micro-pilot ignition system**

*ignition system* (2.1.1) for gas engines, in which ignition takes place by the flame made in the small sub-combustion chamber (pre-chamber) provided on the cylinder head

**2.2 Conventional ignition systems****2.2.1****magneto**

electric generator for ignition using permanent magnet

**2.2.2****two-point ignition magneto**

*magneto* (2.2.1) for two-point ignition which has one rotor and two sets of electric circuits

**2.2.3****flywheel magneto**

*magneto* (2.2.1) with the rotor which also works as a flywheel for the engine

**2.2.4****starting vibrator**

electromagnetic vibrator which supplies intermittent electric current starting from the battery to the primary circuit of the *magneto* (2.2.1) directly connected with the engine to assist ignition

**2.2.5****permanent magnet circuit**

magnetic circuit which includes the components such as permanent magnets and armatures

**2.2.6****ignition switch**

switch which opens and closes the primary circuit of the *ignition system* (2.1.1)

**2.2.7****earth switch**

stop switch

switch to short-circuit the primary circuit of the *magneto* (2.2.1) to shut-down the engine

2.2.8

**ignition coil**

ignition armature

coil which produces high voltage for ignition in the *battery coil ignition system* (2.1.2) or the *magneto ignition system* (2.1.3)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

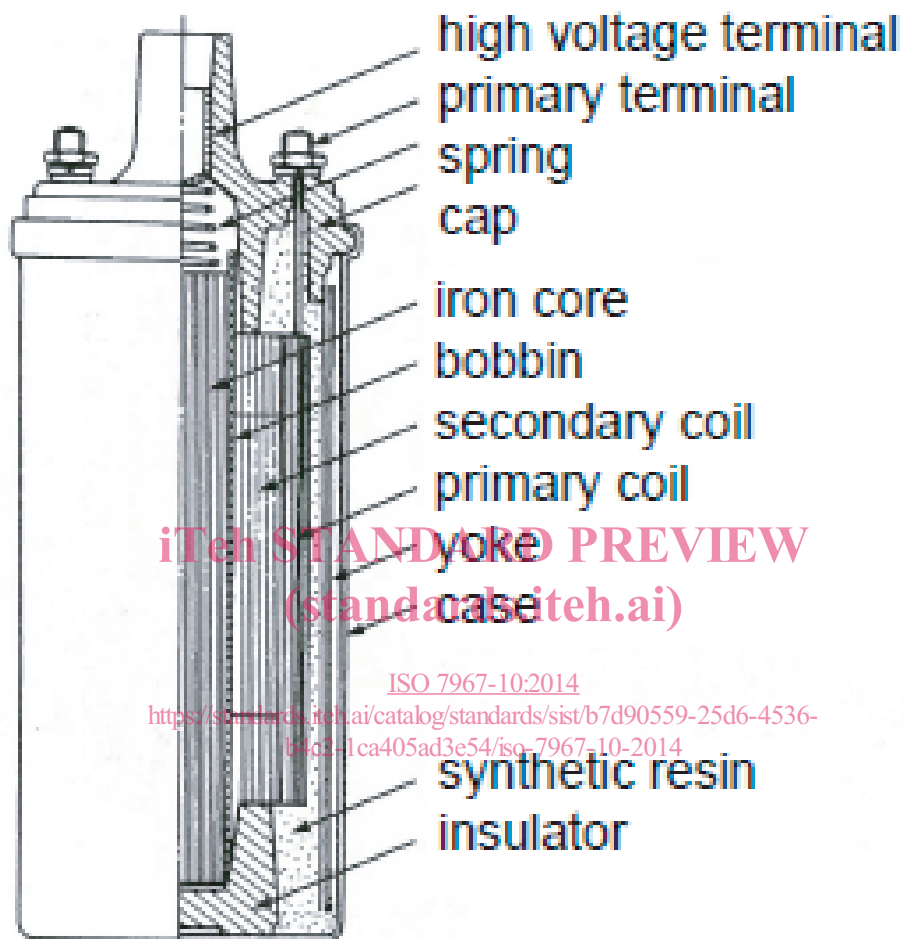


Figure 2 — Typical ignition coil

2.2.9

**distributor**

device which distributes high voltage electricity for ignition to cylinders of multi-cylinder engine in the proper order

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).



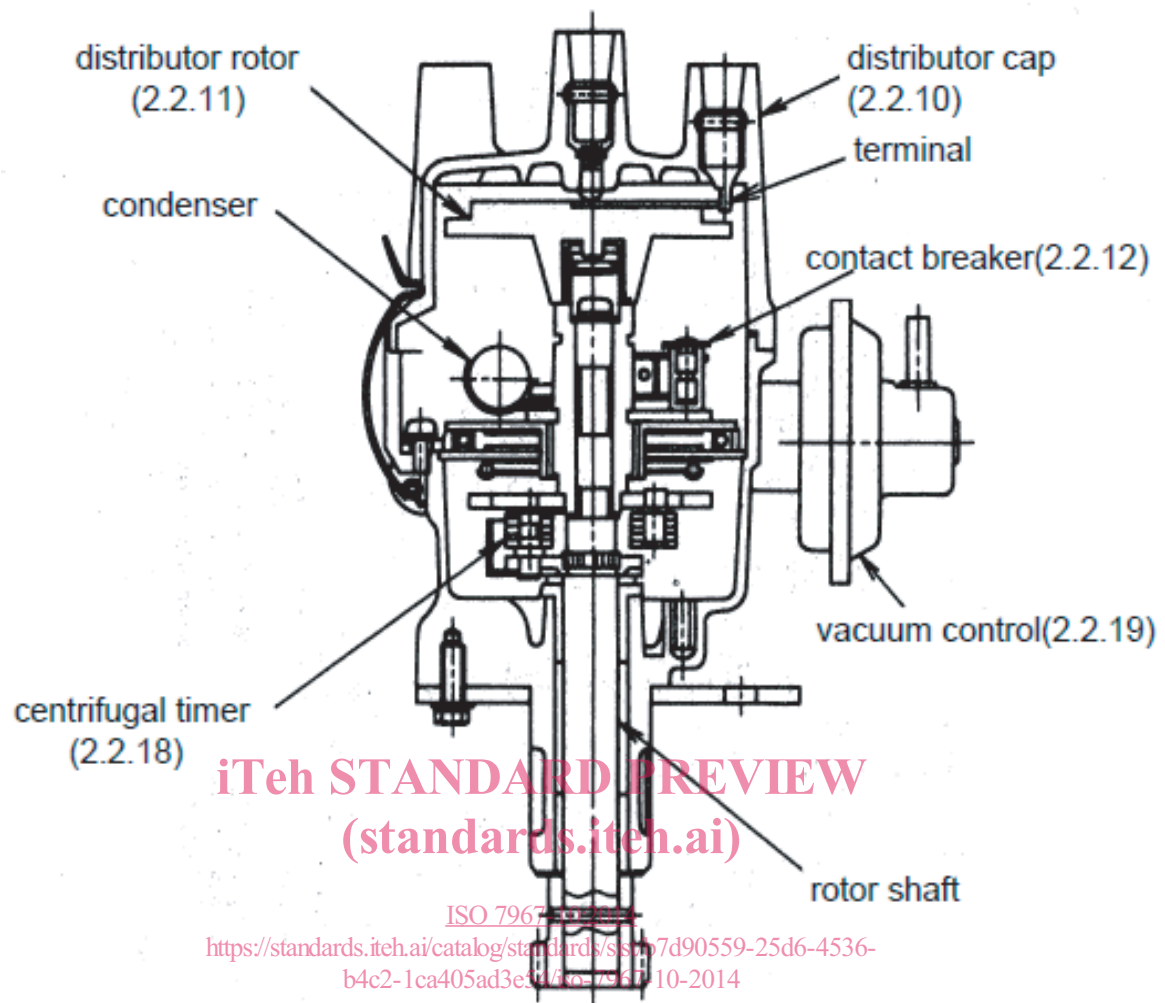


Figure 3 — Typical construction of distributor

#### 2.2.10

##### **distributor cap**

distributor cover

part of *distributor* (2.2.9) which has the arrangement of terminals for proper distribution of high voltage electricity for ignition

#### 2.2.11

##### **distributor rotor**

distributor arm

rotating part of *distributor* (2.2.9) which distributes high voltage electricity to the terminals of *distributor cap* (2.2.10)

#### 2.2.12

##### **contact breaker**

device which opens and closes the primary circuit of the *distributor* (2.2.9)

#### 2.2.13

##### **breaker points**

contact points

electric terminal in the *distributor* (2.2.9) for opening and closing of primary circuit