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## Road vehicles — Electrical connections between towing vehicles and towed vehicles with 6 or 12 V electrical equipment — Type 12 N (normal)

*Véhicules routiers — Liaisons électriques entre véhicules tracteurs et véhicules remorqués avec équipement électrique 6 ou 12 V*  
— Type 12 N (normal)

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# Road vehicles — Electrical connections between towing vehicles and towed vehicles with 6 or 12 V electrical equipment — Type 12 N (normal)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes specifications which will permit, by means of a socket and a plug, type 12 N, interchangeability of electrical connections between towing vehicles and towed vehicles (see figure 3).

## 2 Field of application

These specifications apply to vehicles fitted with electrical equipment operating at a nominal voltage of 6 or 12 V.

## 3 General requirements

### 3.1 Number of necessary contacts

The essential signalling lights for road safety require seven contacts. The functions of the seven contacts provided are as follows :

- 1 Left-hand direction-indicator light.
- 2 Rear fog light.
- 3 Common return.
- 4 Right-hand direction-indicator light.
- 5 Right-hand rear position and end-outline marker light, and rear-registration-plate illuminating device.
- 6 Stop lights.
- 7 Left-hand rear position, and end-outline marker light, and rear-registration-plate illuminating device.

NOTE — The rear-registration-plate illuminating device shall be connected in such a manner that no lamp of such a device has a common connection with both contacts 5 and 7.

### 3.2 Arrangement of the contacts

The arrangement of the contacts is shown in figures 1 (socket) and 2 (plug).

The numbers designating the contacts correspond to those indicated in 3.1.

### 3.3 Socket

The socket shall be mounted on the rear of the towing vehicle.

The socket is provided with :

- 4 tubes (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6)

- 3 spring pins (Nos. 2, 5, 7)

Tube and pin design details are given in figure 1.

Pins shall be able to spring back over a minimum length of 8.5 mm. The diameter of the pins shall be such that the corresponding tubes of the plug can be connected with a moderate push, but they shall ensure a good electrical contact.

Contact No. 3 shall be insulated, as are the other contacts. After fitting, contact No. 3 may be connected to the common return of the vehicle.

The rear terminals shall each be capable of receiving two conductors of at least 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup> cross-section.

The contact designations shall be permanently marked on the inside of the socket cover and on the terminal face (except where the cable is moulded into the socket) in symbols, not less than 2 mm high. These symbols, which need not necessarily be numbers, may be different from those indicated in figure 1, provided that the specified pin locations of the different functions are complied with.

The socket shall be provided with a splashproof cover which shall close automatically when the plug is disengaged. The hinged cover on the socket shall be provided with a lip to retain the plug when it is engaged.

All metallic parts of the socket shall be made of corrosion-resistant material or shall be adequately protected against corrosion.

### 3.4 Plug

The plug and its cable shall be mounted on the towed vehicle.

The plug is provided with :

- 4 spring pins (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6)
- 3 tubes (Nos. 2, 5, 7)

The spring pins and tubes of the plug correspond respectively to the spring pins and tubes of the socket.

The rear terminals shall each be capable of receiving one conductor of at least 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup> cross-section.

The contact designations shall be permanently marked on the terminal face (except where the cable is moulded into the plug) in symbols not less than 2 mm high. These symbols, which need not necessarily be numbers, may be different from those indicated in figure 2, provided that the specified pin locations of the different functions are complied with.

All metallic parts of the plug shall be made of corrosion-resistant material or shall be adequately protected against corrosion.

The manufacturer shall provide means for fixing and sealing the cable.

### 3.5 Allocation of cable colours

The cable colours of the seven-core connecting cable shall be allocated to the different circuits as follows :

Contact No.	Circuit	Cable colour
1	Left-hand direction-indicator light	yellow
2	Rear fog light	blue
3	Common return	white
4	Right-hand direction-indicator light	green
5	Right-hand rear position and end-outline marker light, and rear-registration-plate illuminating device	brown
6	Stop lights	red
7	Left-hand rear position and end-outline marker light and rear-registration-plate illuminating device	black

### 3.6 Distinguishing marking

The 12 N connector shall be distinguished from the 12 S connector (see ISO 3732) by means of a different colouring at least of the insulating parts.

A dark and permanent colour, preferably black, shall be used for the 12 N connector.

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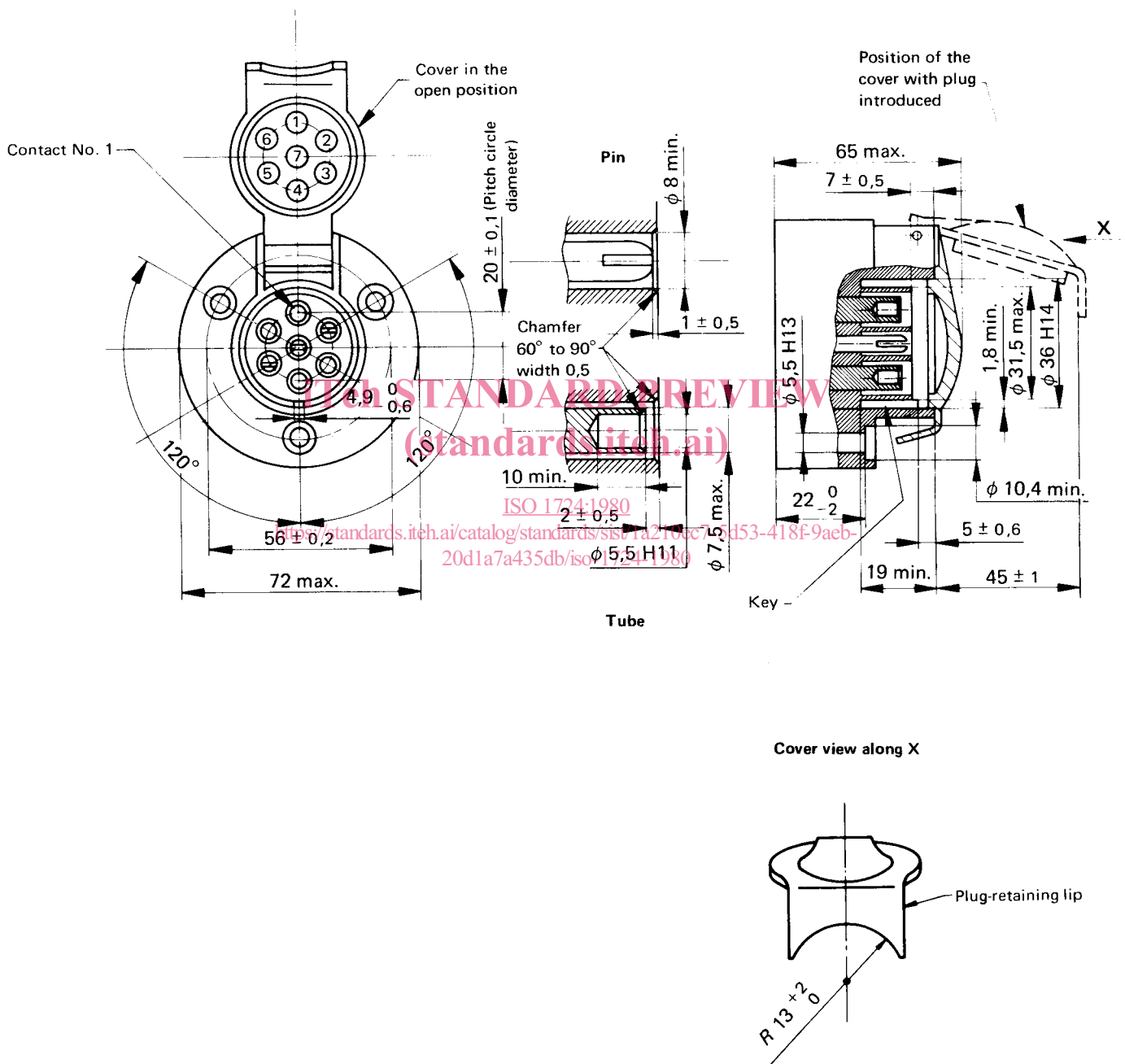


Figure 1 — Socket

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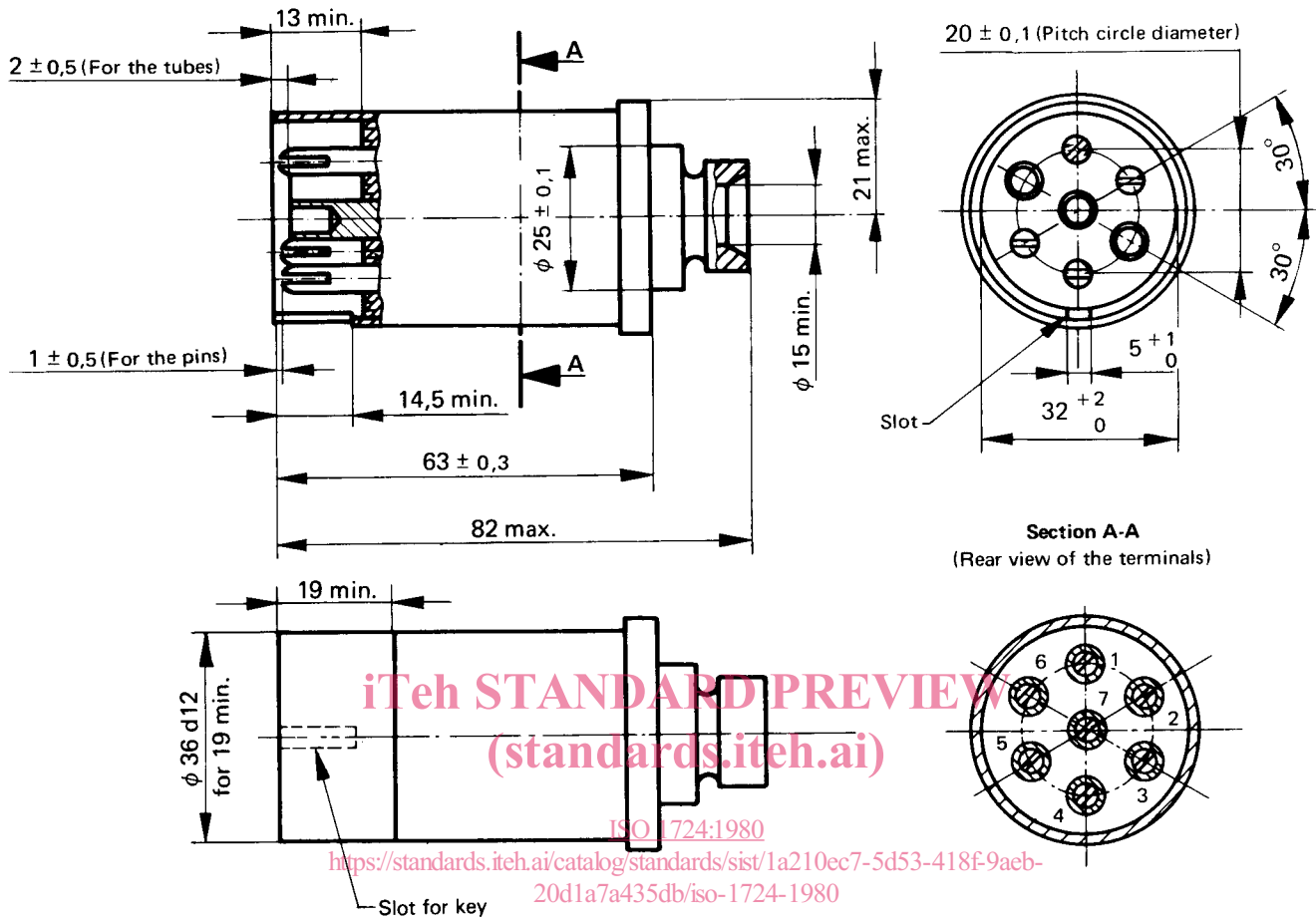
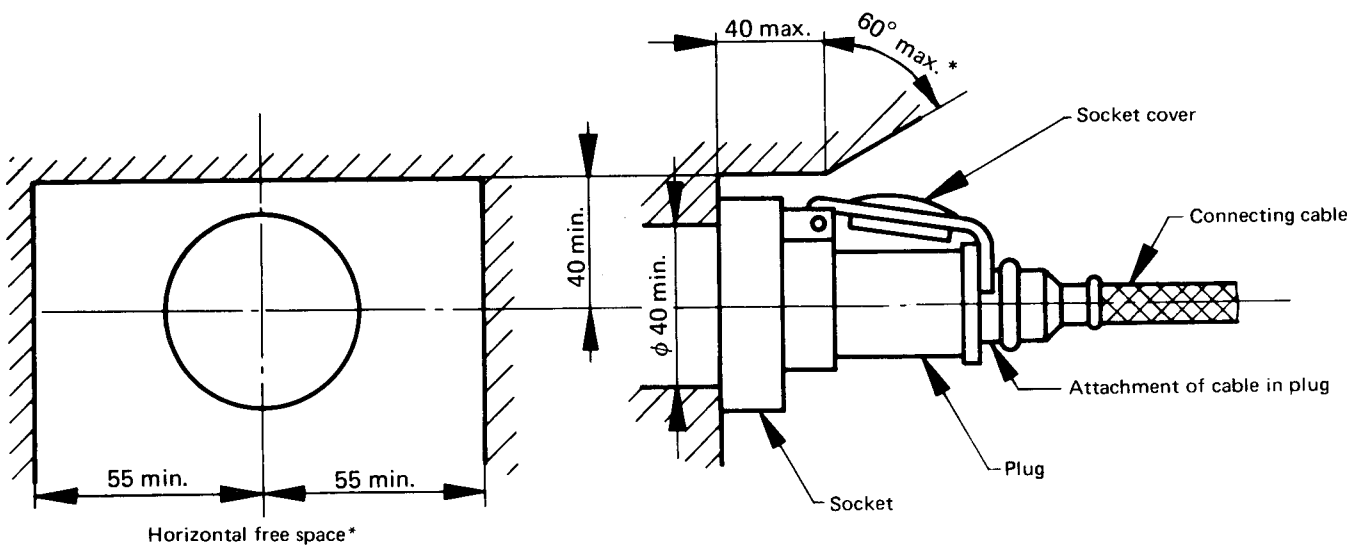


Figure 2 – Plug



\* The angle of 60° max. shall extend across the full horizontal free space.

Figure 3 – Socket and plug assembly (free space)

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