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interlocking devices — Principles for
design and selection**

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Safety of machinery — Trapped key interlocking devices — Principles for design and selection

1 Scope

This document specifies principles for the design, selection and application of trapped key interlocking devices and systems for machinery applications, independent of the type of energy used to control them or that they control.

The requirements of this document apply to the safety related aspects of trapped key interlocking devices and systems. ISO 14119 always applies unless an exception is given in this document.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 14119.

This document does not provide testing requirements.

NOTE Documents addressing testing requirements can be found in the Bibliography.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 14119:2013, *Safety of machinery — Interlocking devices associated with guards — Principles for design and selection* <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/e6efb1ed-5e8c-4d96-8409-4f4a0d4b314e/iso-ts-19837-2018>

ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13849-2, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Validation*

IEC 60947-1:2008, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 1: General rules*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

trapped key interlocking system

system fulfilling safety function(s) or part of safety function(s) and comprising of at least two trapped key interlocking devices which work together through the transfer of a key

3.2

key

element used to operate a trapped key interlocking device with matched coding

3.3

trapped key interlocking device

device, part of a trapped key interlocking system, which fulfils a function by trapping or releasing a key in a given system

EXAMPLE Door locks, key operated switches, key exchange units.

3.4

bolt lock

trapped key interlocking device that extends a bolt to lock an object

EXAMPLE Disconnecter switches, valves or sliding doors.

3.5

access lock

trapped key interlocking device used to lock movable guards

Note 1 to entry: Access locks can also be used for locking in position of objects other than guards, e.g. isolators, valves or barriers.

3.6

timed delay device

trapped key interlocking device that releases a key after a pre-determined period of time has elapsed

3.7

key exchange device

trapped key interlocking device in which the insertion of one or more keys releases one or more keys with a different coding, trapping the inserted keys

3.8

key operated switch

trapped key interlocking device comprising a switch which can only be operated by means of a key

3.9

solenoid-controlled switch

trapped key interlocking device comprising a key operated switch which can be mechanically locked by the operation of a solenoid

3.10

valve lock

trapped key interlocking device used to lock a valve in the open position (locked open), in the closed position (locked closed) or in both positions by different keys (LO/LC)

3.11

actuator

separate part of an access lock which transmits the state of the guard (closed or not closed) to the actuating system

Note 1 to entry: Access locks can also be used for locking in position of objects other than guards, e.g. an isolator, valve or barrier.

Note 2 to entry: A Key is not covered by this definition, see 3.1.2.

[SOURCE: ISO 14119:2013, 3.12, modified — “interlocking device” has been changed to “access lock”.]

3.12

switch-disconnector

switch which, in the open position, satisfies the isolating requirements specified for a disconnector

[SOURCE: IEC 60947-1:2007, 2.2.10]

3.13**personnel key**

key which is released from a trapped key interlocking device (typically a access lock used in conjunction with whole body access) and retained by a person to prevent a hazardous situation, e.g. unexpected start-up

3.14**control interlocking**

function which allows access to hazardous machine functions if the energy supply is interrupted using indirect means

Note 1 to entry: Examples of indirect means can include a combination of relay modules, standstill monitoring devices, PLCs or other control devices/systems.

3.15**power interlocking**

interlocking which directly interrupts the energy supply to the machine actuators or disconnects moving parts from the machine actuators

[SOURCE: ISO 14119:2013, 3.31, modified — The Note 1 to entry has been deleted.]

3.16**locked open****LO**

valve locked by a trapped key interlocking device in the open position

3.17**locked closed****LC**

valve locked by a trapped key interlocking device in the closed position

3.18**key transfer plan**

drawing depicting the trapped key interlock system with its individual devices and the sequence(s) in which they are to be operated

3.19**key trapped**

key which is locked until an external input releases it

EXAMPLE A solenoid or the insertion of an actuator releases the trapped key.

3.20**key releasable**

key which is not locked and so can be (turned and) removed at any time causing a change of state of the device

EXAMPLE Change of state of the device releases or traps another key or changes contact state.

3.21**master key**

key which can open multiple locks of different coding

3.22**isolation control**

sub function of a trapped key interlocking system to achieve and maintain a safe state of power or movement

3.23**intermediate transfer**

sub function of a trapped key interlocking system that allows the transfer of keys between isolation control and access control, subject to the designated conditions

3.24

access control

sub function of a trapped key interlocking system that controls the access to safeguarded areas or access to machine operating modes and functions

3.25

category 3 behaviour

<for the mechanical parts of trapped key systems> no single fault results in a loss of the safety function

Note 1 to entry: Category 3 behaviour is characterized by (see ISO 13849-1:2015, 6.2.6):

- continued performance of the safety function in the presence of a single fault;
- detection of some, but not all, faults;
- possible loss of the safety function due to accumulation of undetected faults.

3.26

category 4 behaviour







<for the mechanical parts of trapped key systems> no accumulation of faults results in a loss of the safety function

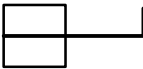
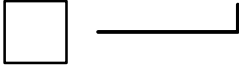

Note 1 to entry: Category 4 behaviour is characterized by (see ISO 13849-1:2015, 6.2.7):

- continued performance of the safety function in the presence of a single fault;
- detection of faults in time to prevent the loss of the safety function;
- the accumulation of undetected faults is taken into account;
- the consideration of an accumulation of two faults is sufficient (unless an accumulation of 3 or more faults is foreseeable).



4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

o.r	Symbol	Function	Definition
1		key	3.2
2	-----	key path	
3		key trapped	3.19
4		key releasable	3.20
5		key inserted and removable	
6		key removed	
7		actuator <i>locked</i>	

o.r	Symbol	Function	Definition
8		actuator <i>unlocked</i>	
9		actuator removed	
10		timed delay function	3.6

NOTE The figures in this document show general function principles without claiming any PL or SIL for the associated safety functions. Therefore the corresponding links between contacts are shown in dashed lines, independently if the contacts used are mechanically linked, mirror, or normal auxiliary contacts.

5 Operating principles and typical forms of trapped key interlocking system

5.1 General

A trapped key interlocking system relies upon the transfer of key(s), e.g. between a key operated switch and an access lock (see [Figure 1](#)).

Typically in trapped key interlocking systems the guard locking and the switching elements are physically separated and functionally linked by the transfer of the key.

Keys shall be coded with the intention that they can fit only into the corresponding devices.

Trapped key interlocking systems shall ensure a sequence of operation for equipment to ensure safety due to the following operating principles.

A designated safe state of the machinery results in the availability of a key. The following sequence shows an example of a simple trapped key system using a key operated switch and an access lock:

- machine in operation (see [Figure 1](#));
- operation of the key results in a stop command (see [Figure 2](#));
- key in transfer between devices from switch to access lock (see [Figure 3](#));
- the key is inserted to the access lock (see [Figure 4](#));
- operation of the key in the access lock changes its state to unlocked (see [Figure 5](#));
- removing the actuator from the access lock traps the key (see [Figure 6](#)).

To bring the machine back into operation the sequence shall be reversed.

EXAMPLE In key operated switches, removing the key results in a change of state of the contact(s) which cannot be changed back until the key is reinserted. Typically this change of state initiates a stop command to the machine. Once the key has been removed, it is used to unlock the access lock. Removal of the actuator by opening the moveable guard results in the key becoming trapped.



NOTE

key operated switch
key releasable, contacts closed (machine on)

access lock
key removed, actuator locked

Figure 1 — Machine in operation



NOTE

key operated switch
key inserted and removable, contacts opened

access lock
key removed, actuator locked

Figure 2 — Operation of the key results in a stop command

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NOTE

key operated switch
key removed, contacts opened (machine off)
key in transfer

access lock
key removed, actuator locked

Figure 3 — Key in transfer between devices from switch to access lock



NOTE

key operated switch
key removed, contacts opened (machine off)

access lock
key inserted and removable, actuator locked

Figure 4 — Key inserted to the access lock