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## Connectors for fluid power and general use — Designation and nomenclature

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## Introduction

In fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid or gas) under pressure within an enclosed circuit. In general applications, a fluid can be conveyed under pressure.

Components can be connected through their ports by connections (connectors) and conductors (tubes and hoses). Tubes are rigid conductors; hoses are flexible conductors.

[Annexes A](#) and [B](#) are normative; [Annex C](#) is informative.

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# Connectors for fluid power and general use — Designation and nomenclature

## 1 Scope

This document collects the various designation and nomenclature schemes specified in International Standards for connectors and similar products standardized by ISO/TC 131/SC 4. It establishes a uniform nomenclature structure to facilitate standardization of product names used for threaded connectors, push-in connectors, flanges, hose fittings, port plugs and quick-action couplings.

The designation and nomenclature established in this document are applicable for procurement purposes when agreed to by user and supplier.

## 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.

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

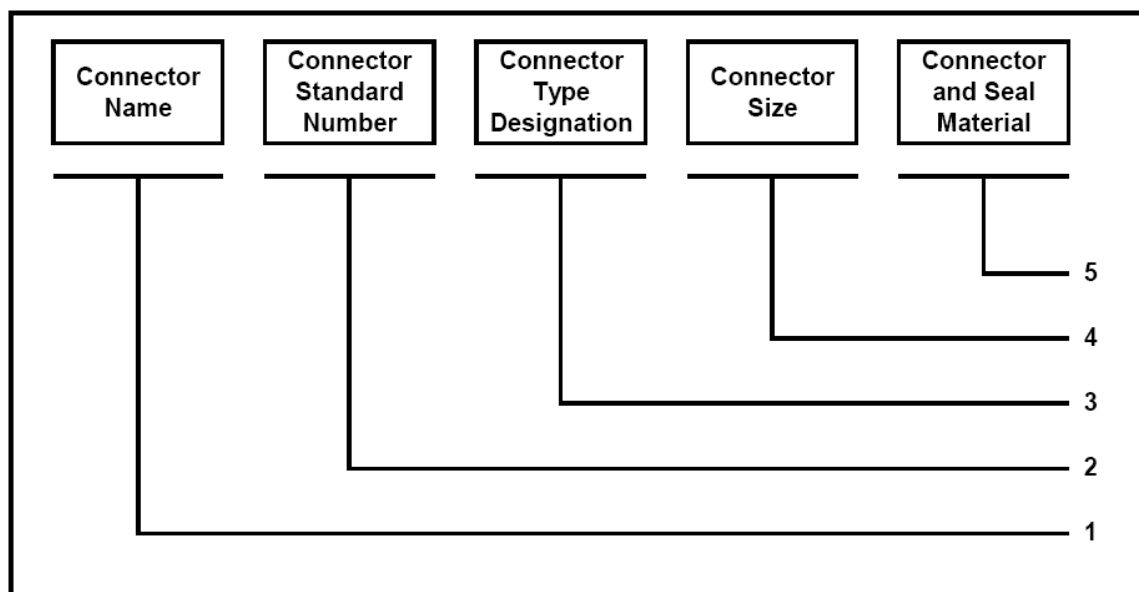
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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Designation and format

### 4.1 General

Designations use the format shown in [Figure 1](#) when specifying a part for procurement to International Standards for connectors developed by ISO/TC 131/SC 4. Tube ends are assumed, so there is no type symbol for unions. When multiple end types are required to describe a threaded connector type, use the stud end first, when applicable (e.g. SDSWS). If there is no stud end, the description of the part shall dictate the designation order (e.g. WDRDNP for a weld-on reducing nipple).



#### Key

- 1 connector name – the name for the part (for example, connector, hose fitting, coupling, etc.) from the standard.
- 2 connector standard number – the term “ISO” and the number of the relevant International Standard.
- 3 connector type designation – the abbreviated designation consists of symbol for connector end type (Table 1) followed by, when needed, symbol for connector shape (Table 2) followed by symbol for complete connector (Table 3), if so ordered.
- 4 connector size – see 5.2.
- 5 connector material symbol (Table 7) followed by seal material symbol (Table 8), where applicable.

**Figure 1 — System for designating and specifying a part**

## 4.2 Connector size

The appropriate size designator for the connector end(s) from the relevant International Standard.

### 4.2.1 Threaded connectors and cross connectors

The following general rules shall apply:

- larger tube end size shall precede the smaller one for straight unions and union elbows;
- tube end size shall precede that of stud, hose, or other ends of the connector;
- male tube end shall precede female (swivel) tube end;
- for tee connectors, designation shall start with the size of the larger end on the run followed by the size of the branch;
- if the tee connector has a swivel, it shall be designated first, and on run tees the branch size shall follow;
- for cross connectors, leg with the largest tube end size shall be considered the run and the other the branch;
- the sequence shall be run sizes (large followed by small) followed by branch sizes (large followed by small);



- for tube or hose ends, the size of tube or hose in millimetres is used (for 8434-1 connectors the size is followed by the duty symbol (Table 4));
- for stud ends with metric threads, symbol “M” followed by thread size (without pitch) followed by the duty symbol (Table 4), followed by type of sealing (Table 5), e.g. M14LB for M14×1,5 light duty stud with metal-to metal sealing.
- for stud ends with BSP threads, symbol “G” followed by thread size in inches followed by “A” (tolerance class), followed by duty symbol, followed by type of sealing, e.g. G1/4ASE for heavy duty stud end with G1/4 BSP threads and elastomeric sealing;
- for stud ends with UN/UNF threads, thread size in inches (without pitch) followed by UN or UNF, as appropriate, followed by duty symbol (no sealing type is needed as only O-ring sealing is used with these threads).

#### 4.2.2 Flange connectors

For split flange clamps, FCS, the letter M if the split flange clamps are used with metric screws only, followed by a dash and the nominal size.

##### 4.2.2.1 FCS-25 and FCSM-32

Most split flange clamps accept both inch and metric screws and shall use FCS. Those that only accept inch screws shall use FCS and those that accept metric screws only shall use FCSM.

For one-piece flange clamps FC, the letter M if the one-piece flange clamps are used with metric screws only, followed by a dash and the nominal size e.g. FC-25 or FCM-32.

Most one-piece flange clamps accept both inch and metric screws and shall use FC. Those that only accept inch screws shall use FC and those that accept metric screws only shall use FCM

- For flange ports, P, followed by a dash and the nominal size and the letter M if the flange ports use metric screws e.g. P-76 or P-76M
- For flange heads, FH, followed by a dash and the nominal size e.g. FH-76

##### 4.2.2.2 Push-in connectors

For tube ends, the outside diameter of the tubes with which they are to be connected, if all tubes are the same size, otherwise the largest and then the smallest each separated by a multiplication symbol (×).

For stud ends, the outside diameter of the tubes with which they are to be connected, followed by the stud end thread designation separated by a multiplication symbol (×).

##### 4.2.2.3 Hose fittings

For ISO 12151-1, ISO 12151-5 and ISO 12151-6 hose fittings, the connection size, followed by a multiplication symbol (×) and the hose size e.g. 12×12,5.

For ISO 12151-2, ISO 12151-3 and ISO 12151-4 hose fittings, the duty symbol, the connection size, followed by a multiplication symbol (×) and the hose size e.g. L22×19.

##### 4.2.2.4 Port plugs

Same as the stud ends for threaded connectors (see 5.2.1).

##### 4.2.2.5 Quick-action couplings

Since there are no connector styles, only the coupling series (A, B, or C) and the nominal coupling diameter are required there.

### 4.3 Designation for ordering parts

Connectors, hose fittings, port plugs, flanges, push-in fittings and quick-action couplings are designated by an alphanumeric code to facilitate ordering. They are designated by the connector name and a space, followed by reference to the relevant standard (ISO XXXX), followed by a hyphen, then the type letter symbols (connector type and shape, where applicable), followed by a hyphen and followed by the size code (tube/hose/flange end and/or thread size designators) for the ends, followed by hyphen and followed by connector and seal (if applicable) material symbols.

Size designators for connector ends shall be separated by a multiplication symbol (×). There shall be no spaces on either side of the hyphens or the multiplication symbol.

See [Tables 1](#) through [9](#) for the alpha-numeric symbols to be used.

[Annex A](#) provides an index of the letter symbols used in alphabetical order.

[Annex B](#) provides examples of how the designation system is applied.

[Annex C](#) provides correlation of SAE dash sizes to ISO connector, tube and hose sizes.

**Table 1 — Letter symbols to be used in designating connector types for fluid power and general use**

Connector type	Letter symbol	Tube connectors			Hose fittings
		Threaded	Flange	Push-in	
Banjo	B			14743	
Bulkhead	BH	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3 8434-6		14743	
Braze-on	BR	8434-1 8434-3			12151-4
Cap	CP	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3			
Plug	PL	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3		14743	
Port	P		6162-1 6162-2	14743	
Reducer Reducer with nut Reducer without nut	RD RDA RDB	8434-1 8434-2 8434-6 8434-3 8434-3			
Stud	SD	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3 8434-6		14743	12151-4
Swivel With sealing surface not exposed With sealing surface exposed	SW SWA SWB	8434-1 8434-2 8434-6 8434-3 8434-3		14743	12151-2 12151-5 12151-6 12151-1 12151-1
Swivel with O-ring	SWO	8434-1			
Swivel bulkhead	SWBH			14743	

Table 1 (continued)

Connector type	Letter symbol	Tube connectors			Hose fittings
		Threaded	Flange	Push-in	
Swivel port	SWP			14743	
Tube end	TE			14743	
Weld-on / Weld-in	WD	8434-1 8434-3			

Table 2 — Letter symbols to be used in designating shapes of connectors for fluid power and general use

Shape	Letter symbol	Tube connectors		Hose fittings
		Threaded	Push-in	
Branch tee	BT	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3	14743	
90° elbow	E	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3 8434-6	14743	12151-1 12151-2 12151-3 12151-4 12151-5 12151-6
22,5° elbow	E22			12151-3
30° elbow	E30			12151-3
45° elbow	E45			12151-1 12151-2 12151-3 12151-5 12151-6
60° elbow	E60			12151-3
67,5° elbow	E67			12151-3
Cross	K	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3	14743	
Run tee	RT	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3	14743	
Straight	S	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3	14743	12151-1 12151-2 12151-3 12151-4 12151-5 12151-6
Tee	T	8434-1 8434-2 8434-3	14743	
Y shape	Y		14743	