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requirements for graphic technology  
equipment and systems —**

**Part 2:  
Prepress and press equipment and  
systems**

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 130, *Graphic technology*, in collaboration with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) Technical Committee CEN/TC 198, *Printing and paper machinery — Safety*, in accordance with the Agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN (Vienna Agreement).

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 12643-2:2010), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- in [3.13](#), a definition for large-format inkjet digital printing machines has been added;
- in [6.2.2](#), the exemption for the maximum height of the feed opening has been deleted;
- in [6.2.3](#), new requirements in relation with in-running nips on anilox rollers ([6.2.3.5](#)) and cylinders/rollers in gravure printing presses ([6.2.3.6](#)) have been added;
- in [6.3](#), requirements for interlocks have been added;
- in [6.3](#), requirements for the movement of the inkjet heads when closing a protective device ([6.3.4](#)) have been added;
- in [6.6.1.3](#), the requirements for securing whole body access on deliveries have been adapted from the new requirements in ISO 12643-4:2023;
- in [6.6](#), the requirements for the protection of the pile carrier for heights above 800 mm have been deleted and newly regulated in ISO 12643-1:2023;
- in [Clause 7](#), requirements for automatic and semi-automatic printing plate changing have been revised;
- in [8.2](#) and [8.3](#), the requirements for fire and explosion protection have been revised

- in [8.3.2](#), [8.3.3](#), [8.7.2](#), [8.7.3](#), [15.9](#) and [B.6.2.2.2](#), flash point to Globally Harmonised System (GHS, flammable liquids 60 °C) have been adapted;
- addition of [8.12](#) and [15.11](#) with requirements for large-format inkjet digital printing machines (wide-format inkjet digital printing machines)
- a new [subclause 8.13](#) on dust protection requirements for web offset printing presses has been added;
- a new [subclause 8.14](#) on Emergency stop devices and stop/safe pushbuttons at stationary control stands of web offset printing presses has been added;
- the clause on alternative controls for stop/safe function on sheet-fed presses has been deleted;
- in [9.4](#), a requirement for inkjet printing systems in connection with emergency stop has been added;
- the clause on colours for manual controls has been deleted;
- the list of significant hazards has been moved to an informative [Annex A](#);
- the annex on protection zones against explosion has been moved to ISO 12643-1:2023;
- in [Annex B](#), the following have been adapted:
  - selected measurement locations for the measurement of emissions of ink mist, varnish mist, ammonia, VOC IPA, VOC hydrocarbon compounds;
  - the limit value for ammonia at measurement location 2;
  - the measurement conditions for VOC IPA (6 % IPA in dampening water), VOC hydrocarbon compounds (measurement during entire washing program).

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 12643-1:2023.

A list of all parts in the ISO 12643 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100:2010.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance, etc.)

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e. g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope and [Clause 5](#) of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or type-B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

The full set of requirements for graphic technology equipment and systems are those given in the part of ISO 12643 applicable to that type, together with the relevant requirements from ISO 12643-1:2023, to the extent specified in the Scope of the applicable part of ISO 12643.

This document supplements and modifies the general requirements of ISO 12643-1:2023. Where a requirement of this document conflicts with a requirement of ISO 12643-1:2023 the requirement of this document will take precedence.



# Graphic technology — Safety requirements for graphic technology equipment and systems —

## Part 2: Prepress and press equipment and systems

### 1 Scope

This document provides safety requirements specific to prepress and press equipment and systems.

This document provides additional safety requirements for the design and construction of new prepress and press equipment, and the auxiliary equipment integrated into the press control system.

This document is not applicable to prepress and press equipment and systems manufactured before the date of its publication.

### 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 5149-1:2014, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps — Safety and environmental requirements — Part 1: Definitions, classification and selection criteria*

ISO 5149-1:2014/Amd 1:2015, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps — Safety and environmental requirements — Part 1: Definitions, classification and selection criteria — Amendment 1: Correction of QLAV, QLMV*  
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ISO 5149-1:2014/Amd 2:2021, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps — Safety and environmental requirements — Part 1: Definitions, classification and selection criteria — Amendment 2: Update of Annex A and the refrigerant tables*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 12643-1:2023, *Graphic technology — Safety requirements for graphic technology equipment and systems — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 13732-1:2006, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Methods for the assessment of human responses to contact with surfaces — Part 1: Hot surfaces*

ISO 13849-1:2023, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13855:2010, *Safety of machinery — Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach speeds of parts of the human body*

ISO 13857:2019, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

ISO 19353:2019, *Safety of machinery — Fire prevention and fire protection*

IEC 60079-10-1:2020, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 10-1: Classification of areas — Explosive gas atmospheres*

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IEC/TS 60079-32-1:2013+AMD1:2017, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 32-1: Electrostatic hazards guidance*

IEC 60529:1989+AMD1:1999, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60825-1:2014, *Safety of laser products — Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 62061:2021, *Safety of machinery — Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems*

IEC 62368-1:2018, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment — Part 1: Safety requirements*

EN 1127-1:2019, *Explosive atmospheres — Explosion prevention and protection - Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12643-1:2023, ISO 13849-1:2023 and the following 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 access height

<sheet-fed press delivery zone> dimension of the maximum opening into the area below the sheet gripper, measured between the access level and the lower edge of fixed machine parts

Note 1 to entry: Examples for the access level are floor, fixed platform or footboard.

Note 2 to entry: Examples for fixed machine parts are fixed guard, fixed cover or fixed parts such as a sheet stop.

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

#### 3.2 alcohol dosing device

mechanism used to regulate the amount of alcohol in the dampening water of offset printing presses

#### 3.3 automatic plate-clamping device

mechanism used to secure a printing plate during the automatic or semi-automatic changing of the plates

#### 3.4 coating unit coater

machine that applies a predetermined thickness of a liquid substance on substrates made of paper or a similar material

Note 1 to entry: Examples for liquid substances are glue, varnish or ink.

#### 3.5 continuous-flow drying device

mechanism built into printing presses to dry and cure inks and coatings that have been applied to substrates

EXAMPLE Hot air, IR or UV radiation.

**3.6****crawl speed**

continuous movement at a steady slow speed, and initiated by a momentary contact control

**3.7****cylinder screen printing press**

sheet-fed machine in which the substrate to be printed is pressed against the screen by an impression cylinder

Note 1 to entry: The substrate can be a paper sheet, for example.

**3.8****digital printing machine**

machine used in commercial applications where the printing image is produced in the machine from data stored in digital form and transferred to the substrate without the use of a printing plate

Note 1 to entry: This includes digital printing presses and wide-format inkjet printing machines.

**3.9****draw roller**

power-driven roller that pulls a substrate

**3.10****enabling device**

mechanism that needs to be in a specified state or condition in order for a second actuator or device to start a machine under hold-to-run control, and which will stop machine movement as soon as one of the hold-to-run controls is released or the status of the mechanism changes

**3.11****forms printing press****leporello printing press**

machine for the production of continuous forms where paper webs printed with one or more colours are accordion-folded or wound onto a reel

Note 1 to entry: In addition to the printing section, the machine consists of devices for punching, remaliners (sprocket punching), cross-perforation, longitudinal perforation and leporello (zig-zag) folding.

**3.12****gravure printing machine**

machine consisting of a printing cylinder, an inking system, in which ink is applied to the printing cylinder by an ink roll or spray and the excess is removed by a doctor blade, and an impression cylinder covered with a rubber composition, which presses the substrate into contact with the ink in the cells of the printing cylinder

**3.13****large-format inkjet digital printing machine****wide-format inkjet digital printing machine**

digital printing machine for the production of large-format print products of different materials, such as paper, plastic films or foils, fabrics and flat structures in which an inkjet printing head arranged across the transport of the product produces print on the printing substrate line by line

Note 1 to entry: The substrate to be printed on can be sheets or webs.

Note 2 to entry: Generally, these machines have an image area wider than 600 mm.

**3.14****pile turner**

device provided in the vicinity of sheet-fed printing presses and used to turn piles of printed paper for further processing, such as back-printing on a second run

**3.15**

**powder-spraying device**

equipment used to spray powder onto the printed material on the delivery side of sheet-fed printing presses

**3.16**

**prepress equipment**

machines used in the first stage of the graphic technology workflow, prior to printing, that include all the operations necessary for the preparation of images and image carriers

[SOURCE: ISO 12637-1:2006, 58, modified — The original term was "prepress" and "machines used in the" has been added in the definition.]

**3.17**

**press system**

printing press and a series of machines that supply substrate into and through the printing press and guide or direct the substrate to a cutting, folding or delivery device that delivers the product to the last working station integrated with the printing press control system

**3.18**

**printing plate**

base material that stores the image to be printed and transfers ink onto a substrate, thus printing the image

Note 1 to entry: The printed image can include pictures, artwork and/or text.

**3.19**

**printing table**

supportive surface to hold the substrate to be printed during the printing process

EXAMPLE Printing tables can be found on certain types of screen printing presses, for example.

**3.20**

**proofing press**

machine with manual feeding and delivery used for printing a small number of copies for assessing print quality

Note 1 to entry: Proofing presses are generally used for assessing print quality before the *printing plate* (3.18) is mounted in the production machine

**3.21**

**reel turner**

device used to turn reels of substrate for easier handling, for example for correct positioning of the reel when feeding webs to printing presses

**3.22**

**screen frame**

device for taking up the printing screen

**3.23**

**screen printing press**

printing press using semi-permeable printing forms consisting of fabric or steel mesh stretched over frames on which stencils are applied and through which ink or varnish is pressed to reproduce corresponding image areas onto a substrate

**3.24**

**sheet-fed press**

machine for printing sheet-size substrates, including proofing presses, in which sheets can be fed by automatic or manual feeders, or from sheeters attached to unwinding units

**3.25****washing device**

equipment integrated into the printing press for washing cylinders and rollers such as ink rollers, blanket cylinders, printing cylinders, plate cylinders, etc.

**3.26****washing equipment for printing plates**

machines for washing *printing plates* (3.18) outside the printing press

EXAMPLE Screen washing equipment.

**3.27****web-fed press**

press in which a substrate passes through the printing couple(s) in a continuous form, as fed from a roll

**3.28****web material**

web of paper, board, foil or similar material that is to be handled or processed

**4 Significant hazards**

For the list of significant hazards covered by this document, see [Annex A](#).

**5 Equipment subject to requirements and interrelation between this document and ISO 12643-1:2023****5.1 General**

This document is applicable to the equipment listed in 5.2 to 5.4. This equipment can be used in a stand-alone configuration or in combination with other machines affected by an integrated control system. This can include combinations of the machines noted below.

NOTE This document is intended to include the wide range of equipment used in the printing process. The equipment listed in 5.2 to 5.4 provides examples of the more typical equipment covered by this document but is not all-inclusive.

Prepress and press equipment and systems conforms with the requirements of ISO 12643-1:2023, as far as not modified or replaced by the requirements of this document.

**5.2 Prepress equipment**

The following prepress equipment are covered by this document:

- exposure equipment for the production of films and printing formes;
- equipment for developing films and printing formes;
- washing machines for printing formes;
- machines for bending printing formes;
- punching machines for film and printing plates;
- cutting machines for film and printing formes;
- machines for the production of gravure printing formes;
- scanners.

### 5.3 Printing presses and coating/varnishing machines

The following are machines used for printing by various processes and are covered by this document:

- relief (letterpress, flexographic);
- offset (lithographic);
- sheet-fed printing presses, including coating/varnishing machines;
- web-fed rotary presses, including coating/varnishing machines and similar machinery;
- gravure (rotogravure, intaglio);
- screen printing;
- digital printing machines (electrostatic, inkjet, thermal, airbrush, etc.), including sheet-fed digital printing machines, web-fed digital printing machines, wide-format inkjet machines and similar machinery;
- proofing presses;
- combination presses (e.g. offset/flexo/screen).

### 5.4 Other equipment covered by this document

In addition to the equipment listed in [5.2](#), the following equipment are also covered by this document:

- washing equipment for cylinders and rollers;
- washing equipment for printing plates and scrapers;
- varnishing equipment;
- powder-spraying devices;
- alcohol dosing devices;
- imprinting/addressing/numbering equipment;
- automatic plate-clamping devices;
- automatic pile-handling equipment;
- washing equipment;
- inserting machines;
- pile turners, reel turners, elevators;
- dryers/pollution control, including continuous-flow drying devices, ultraviolet curing, infrared drying, electron beam, hot air, etc.;
- radiation equipment;
- in-line processing and finishing equipment;
- stackers;
- palletizers;
- bundlers;
- coaters;