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**Part 3:
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This third edition cancels and the second edition (ISO 12643-3:2010), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- in [5.2](#), requirements for interlocks have been included (specific clause in ISO 12643-1 has been deleted);
- in [5.3.4](#), requirements for residual pile monitoring as a safety device on hopper feeders have been revised
- in [5.4.4](#), requirements on feeders and feeding sections at gathering machines have been added;
- in [5.4.4.4](#), requirements for residual pile monitoring as a safety device on feeders at gathering machines have been revised
- in [5.4.5](#), the requirements on safety-related control systems for temperature control and temperature monitoring in the gluing unit at perfect binders have been revised;
- in [5.4.5.7](#), requirements for safeguarding milling head cutters at perfect binders have been added;
- in [5.4.5.9](#), requirements for emergency stop at perfect binders have been added;
- requirements related to hazards dealt with in ISO 12643-1 have been deleted throughout the document (inclusion in the list of significant hazards);

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- in [5.4.5](#), the requirements on safety-related control systems for temperature control and temperature monitoring in the gluing section for hardcover lines have been revised;
- in [5.9.2](#), requirements for retraction of knife and clamp at guillotine cutters have been added;
- in [5.9.6](#); [Figures 29](#) and [30](#) on guillotine cutters have been revised (30 mm added)
- the formula for the calculation of the minimum safety distance at guillotine cutters has been moved to A.1 as it also refers to the new [subclause 5.11](#);
- a new [subclause 5.11](#), Three-knife trimmers with manual infeed, has been added;
- in [Clause 6](#), the table for the verification of the safety requirements and/or protective/risk reduction measures has been added;
- the list of significant hazards has been moved to [Annex B](#);
- a reference to ISO 13849-2 has been added in Bibliography.

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

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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 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.

During the development of this document, existing relevant standards of other countries were taken into consideration. In cases where it was known that there is a national requirement that differs from this document, that has been noted.

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 3: Binding and finishing equipment and systems

1 Scope

This document provides safety requirements specific to binding and finishing equipment and systems. It provides additional safety requirements for the design and construction of new equipment used to convert printed or blank substrates into cut, folded, collated, assembled, bound, or otherwise finished product.

This document is applicable to processes for preparing substrate for the printing process. It is also applicable to a wide range of equipment used in the binding and finishing process.

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

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

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

ISO 14119:2013, *Safety of machinery — Interlocking devices associated with guards — Principles for design and selection*

ISO 14120:2015, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

ISO 14123-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Reduction of risks to health resulting from hazardous substances emitted by machinery — Part 1: Principles and specifications for machinery manufacturers*

ISO 14123-2:2015, *Safety of machinery — Reduction of risks to health resulting from hazardous substances emitted by machinery — Part 2: Methodology leading to verification procedures*

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

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
anti-repeat device**

mechanical or electromechanical mechanism that ensures that only one cutting cycle occurs for each manual activation or automatic cut if the primary stopping system or *single-cycle device* (3.30) fails

**3.2
automatic cutting sequence**

programmed succession of clamping operations and/or cutting movements that is initiated by the operator and proceeds to a specified point without further intervention by the operator

**3.3
back-rounding and pressing machine**

apparatus for processing book signatures, i.e. for rounding the spine and the trimmed front edge of book signatures and compressing the resulting signatures

**3.4
backgauge**

movable device (automatic or manual) on a guillotine cutter, positioned square to the cutting table, used to stop the stack of material to be cut when the material is pushed into the opening under the cutting blade by the operator, as well as to determine the dimensions of the cut

**3.5
backlining and head-banding machine**

<hard-cover bookbinding> equipment for the automatic production of hard-cover books where the binding together of the signatures is rounded or flat, with glue, gauze, or paper

**3.6
book-cover crease-forming machine**

<hard-cover bookbinding> apparatus for creating, under heat and pressure, a permanent bend in the cover of a hard-cover book, then pressing the entire cover surface

**3.7
book press**

device used for flattening books

**3.8
book signature press**

power-operated device used for flattening book signatures, which are fed and aligned manually

**3.9
casing-in machine**

<hard-cover bookbinding> apparatus for gluing the end papers of the book signatures to the interior surfaces of the book cover

**3.10
clamp bar**

device using pressure to secure product so that it does not move during an operation

**3.11
coater**

finishing machine that applies a predetermined thickness of a liquid substance (e.g. glue, varnish, ink) on substrates made of paper or a similar material

**3.12
counter-stacker**

machine for stacking piles of leaflets, books, magazines or newspapers such that the successive layers are positioned at 180° to the previous layer

3.13**cutting cycle**

<machines with a manually driven clamp bar> programmed succession of operations that begins when the knife drive is activated and ends when the knife returns to its retracted position

3.14**cutting cycle**

<machines with a power-driven clamp bar> programmed succession of operations that begins when high-pressure clamping is initiated and ends when the knife and *clamp bar* (3.10) return to their retracted positions after a single clamp bar/knife stroke

3.15**cutting zone**

three-dimensional space through which any part of the knife (knives) and/or *clamp bar(s)* (3.10) travels during the entire *cutting cycle* (3.14)

3.16**gang stitcher**

machine for stitching folded sheets of paper, during the operation in which individual folded sheets are removed by feeding grippers and the open sheets are stacked on top of each other on a transport chain for subsequent back-stitching

3.17**gathering machine**

apparatus that assembles sheets or folded sheets in a binding line

3.18**guillotine cutter**

power-driven machine having a single knife that is used primarily to cut paper products, stacks of paper, or other substrates, as specified by the manufacturer

3.19**high-pressure clamping**

operation of *clamp bar(s)* (3.10) with a dynamic force in excess of 300 N for machines up to and including 1,6 m in width, or in excess of 500 N for machines greater than 1,6 m in width, when measured at 75 % of the clamp bar opening (e.g. with the clamp bar at 25 % of its maximum travel distance measured from the retracted position)

Note 1 to entry: The 75 % value is to ensure that the measurement is made at the position that approximates to the size of an operator's hand.

3.20**inserting machine**

apparatus that inserts printed matter such as leaflets and magazines at a predetermined position in other printed products, such as newspapers or magazines

3.21**knife drive**

mechanism by which the knife of the guillotine is forced through the material to be cut

3.22**laminator**

paper-finishing machine that applies a solid material (e.g. foil, paper) to a substrate made of paper or a similar material

3.23

low-pressure clamping

<for machines with a power-driven clamp bar> operation of *clamp bar(s)* (3.10) with a dynamic force not exceeding 300 N for machines up to and including 1,6 m in width, or not exceeding 500 N for machines greater than 1,6 m in width, when measured at 75 % of the clamp bar opening (with the clamp bar at 25 % of its maximum travel measured from the retracted position)

Note 1 to entry: The 75 % value is to ensure that the measurement is made at the position that approximates to the size of an operator's hand.

3.24

manual clamping

operation of *clamp bar(s)* (3.10) in which the dynamic and static forces and motion of the clamp bar are directly supplied by the operator

3.25

paper drill

machine used to drill holes into piles of paper

3.26

paper-embossing machine

machine for finishing paper surfaces by using cylinders to press a design in relief into the paper

3.27

perfect binder

machine for the automatic production of brochures (soft-cover) or book signatures (hard-cover) where gathered folded sheets or single sheets are bound to form book or brochure signatures by applying glue on the pre-processed book back, and where book or brochure signatures are inserted into covers by gluing the cover on the back and/or sides

3.28

safety distance

minimum distance a protective device is required to be placed from a hazard zone

3.29

sheet-folding machine

apparatus to cut, perforate and/or crease single or multiple folds in single sheets of paper

3.30

single-cycle device

mechanism that ensures that only one cutting cycle occurs for each manual activation or automatic cut

Note 1 to entry: See *anti-repeat device* (3.1).

3.31

stored energy

potential energy that can be released without actuation of the machine drive or controls

4 Significant hazards

The list of significant hazards covered in this document is given in [Annex B](#).

5 Guarding of significant hazards

5.1 General

Guarding, consistent with operation of the machine, shall be provided in those areas where it is recognized that operators are exposed to significant hazards. The guarding requirements of ISO 12643-1:2023 apply.

Binding and finishing 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 Interlocks

5.2.1 Interlocking with guard locking

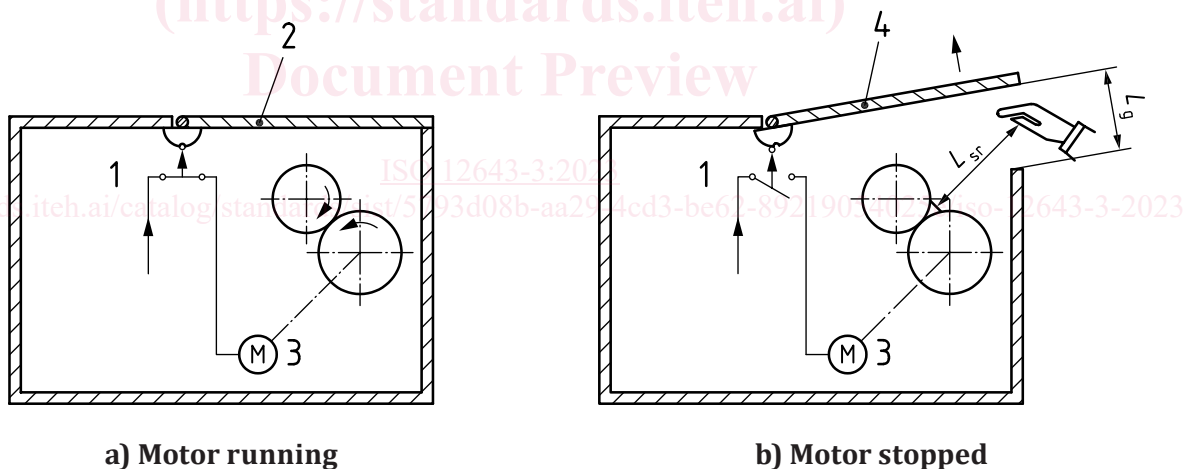
Interlocking guards shall be designed so that the sensor (interlock) shall be activated within the limits specified in Table 1, depending on the distance to the hazard. Otherwise, guard locking shall be utilized.

Interlocking with guard locking is also required where the hazardous movement cannot be stopped in 10 s or less after actuation of the position detector.

Table 1 — Requirements for interlocking guards without guard locking

Safety distance ^a , L_{sr} , between guard opening and hazard point mm	Maximum opening ^a , L_g , of the guard while the detector changes its state mm
<80	≤30
≥80 and <500	≤40
≥500 and <850	≤80
≥850	≤160

^a See Figure 1 for location of the measurements.



Key

- 1 failsafe limit switch
- 2 guard closed
- 3 motor
- 4 guard open
- L_{sr} safety distance
- L_g maximum opening

Figure 1 — Distances related to requirements for guard locking

5.2.2 Exception for machine motion at inching speed

If a machine is operating at inching speed and under conditions defined in ISO 12643-1:2023, 5.3.6, motion may continue when an interlocked guard is opened.

5.2.3 Exception for machine motion at production speed

This exception shall apply only to the specific machines identified in this document and does not apply to all equipment.

There might be parts of the equipment that cannot be observed or adjusted with the guard closed and need to be accessed by an authorized person with an interlocked guard open. Under these circumstances, the following alternative safety measures shall be taken.

- a) A mechanical key lock shall be provided adjacent to the access area. There shall be only one key for this lock. The key for this lock shall be accessible only by an authorized person.
- b) The key lock shall operate as a hold-to-run device as follows:
 - 1) inserting the key shall initiate a timer that has a maximum setting of 2 min;
 - 2) turning the key shall override the guard interlock of only that guard, up to the preset time limit;
 - 3) as long as the key is held in the turned position, the guard may be opened with machine motion at production speed until such time as the timer reaches the preset time limit;
 - 4) when the key is released, it shall automatically return to the neutral position and the guard interlock shall be automatically reactivated;
 - 5) if the key remains in the lock for a period longer than the preset time limit (which shall not exceed 2 min), the interlock on the guard shall be reactivated automatically and the equipment safety system shall stop machine motion.
- c) The bypassing means shall be in accordance with at least ISO 13849-1:2023, PL d or IEC 62061:2021, SIL 2.
- d) When adjustments are necessary, they shall be performed from outside the hazardous area.
- e) A safety sign identifying the possible existing hazards with the guard open shall be provided adjacent to the lock. The label shall clearly indicate that, when the key is in the lock, the adjacent guard is overridden.

If a machine is equipped with this alternative safety measure, information regarding its safe use shall be contained in the instruction handbook.

5.3 Guarding of hoppers and hopper feeders

5.3.1 Manually loaded hoppers

On machines using manually loaded hoppers, the hazard points on the separating elements of the hopper feeder shall be safeguarded in accordance with [5.3.4](#). The exception defined in [5.2.2](#) can be applied to the hopper feeder, if necessary.

5.3.2 Guarding of automatically fed hoppers

On automatically fed hoppers where manual intervention during normal operation is not required and the material used makes access difficult, tunnel-type guards arranged with a safety distance of 550 mm from the nearest hazard point are considered adequate.

The exception defined in [5.2.2](#) can be applied to the hopper feeder, if necessary.