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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 40, *Specific aspects for light and heavy commercial vehicles, busses and trailers*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21308-2:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- addition of several new codes based on the experiences from the first edition;
- addition of [Annex B](#) showing specific XML coding for this part.

A list of all parts in the ISO 21308 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Truck chassis manufacturers deal with configurations of chassis in infinite numbers of possible combinations, and bodywork manufacturers produce highly customized superstructures on these chassis. Bodywork manufacturers build their superstructures on chassis of several different truck brands.

The production efficiency of a specific truck chassis and its body combinations can be greatly improved by achieving the correct technical and commercial information about the specific chassis communicated with the bodywork manufacturer in advance. The information must be reliable and give the bodywork manufacturer confidence to prefabricate the body or the superstructure before the chassis is delivered. With uniform conditions, unambiguous dimensions and supplementary information can be established, transferred and correctly interpreted by the receiver. Increased information efficiency will improve the quality and reduce the lead times.

The ISO 21308 series specifies a generic system of codes for exchanging specific data between truck chassis manufacturers and bodywork manufacturers, providing a platform for efficient communication between the parties. It applies to commercial vehicles as defined in ISO 3833, having a maximum gross vehicle mass above 3 500 kg.

Exchanging codes in accordance with the ISO 21308 series is useful in various situations, for example, for design and manufacturing, technical specifications, technical drawings and leaflets.

The codes can be communicated via, for example spreadsheet or XML, or a data exchange system based on the STEP protocol.

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# Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP) —

## Part 2: Dimensional bodywork exchange parameters

### 1 Scope

This document provides a set of codes for the exchange of dimensional data between truck chassis manufacturers and bodywork manufacturers.

The process of exchanging the above information can involve:

- chassis manufacturer;
- chassis importer;
- chassis dealer;
- one or more bodywork manufacturers; and
- bodywork component suppliers, e.g. manufacturers of demountable bodies, cranes and loading equipment, tipping equipment.

### 2 Normative references

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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 612:1978, *Road vehicles — Dimensions of motor vehicles and towed vehicles — Terms and definitions*

ISO 1176, *Road vehicles — Masses — Vocabulary and codes*

ISO 7656:1993, *Commercial road vehicles — Dimensional codes*

ISO 21308-1:2018, *Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP) — Part 1: General principles*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 612, ISO 1176, ISO 7656 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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

**3.1**  
**BEP-code**  
code to identify a unique measurement on the truck, to make the information exchange between chassis manufacturers and bodywork manufacturers easier without any confusion with other systems

Note 1 to entry: BEP is an abbreviation of bodywork exchange parameter.

**3.2**  
**left and right side**  
left side in the driving direction and right side in the driving direction

**3.3**  
**driven axle**  
axle marked with an X in the drawings

**3.4**  
**front edge**  
most forward point of the truck as delivered from the chassis manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: Usually, the front edge is the bumper.

**3.5**  
**gross vehicle mass**  
GVM  
gross vehicle weight  
GVW  
technical or legal gross vehicle mass (weight) according to the legislation or regulations for the applicable region

Note 1 to entry: See also ISO 21308-3 and ISO 1176.

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## 4 Coding principles

### 4.1 BEP codes of truck chassis and bodywork

Each characteristic, related to truck chassis and bodywork, is assigned a code composed of the items given below. A prefix “BEP”, followed by a dash (-), shall be used to avoid confusion with other coding systems.

BEP codes are formatted according to the principles in [Table 1](#).



Table 1 — BEP coding principles

BEP-ppMccc.n.p.q.s.t		
Item	Assignment	Description
<b>pp</b>	Bodywork category	pp = <b>None or 00</b> for codes related to vehicle chassis (this document and ISO 21308-3) pp = <b>01</b> for codes related to loader cranes (ISO 21308-5) pp = <b>02</b> for codes related to hook loaders (ISO 21308-6) pp = <b>03</b> for codes related to skip loaders (ISO 21308-7)
<b>M</b>	Measure type	A capital letter, which denotes the type of code: H = Z direction, coordinate system in accordance with ISO 4130 L = X direction, coordinate system in accordance with ISO 4130 W = Y direction, coordinate system in accordance with ISO 4130 C = Coordinate (x,y) or (x,y,z) in the Cartesian coordinate system M = Mass (m), or mass point (m,x,y,z) F = Force (static or dynamic) T = Moment (static or dynamic) R = Radius V = Angle G = General A = Administrative
<b>ccc</b>	BEP code number	Code number given by the respective part of the ISO 21308 series
<b>.n</b>	Index number	.n is used to designate object number <i>n</i>
<b>.p</b>	Entity number	.p is used to designate a certain set of object characteristics or entities (e.g. dimensions, coordinates, address information) Where both .n and .p are specified, they are given in the .n .p order.
<b>.q</b>	Corner number	.q is used to designate contour corner index number
<b>.s</b>	Side designator	L or R
<b>.t</b>	Type designator	Optional coding to describe the object type (e.g. fuel tank)

The centre of the first front axle is the reference zero point for the length measurements. In some cases where it is convenient to use the rear axle as a reference, the first driven rear axle is used.

The top of the chassis frame is the reference zero point for height measurements for objects connected to the chassis frame.

The centre-line of the chassis is the reference zero point for width measurements.

The height information, if dependent on the tyres, refers to the actual tyre equipment as described according to ISO 21308-3, if not otherwise stated.

NOTE 1 Dimensions, except for radius, can be positive or negative.

[Annex A](#) provides a comparison of BEP codes, according to this document, with codes used in ISO 612 and ISO 7656.

NOTE 2 Supplementary information and support tools of this document are available on the ISO Standards Maintenance Portal. This information can be found at the following URL: <https://standards.iso.org/iso/21308>.

## 4.2 Units of BEP code values

The following units are preferred when reporting values related to BEP codes:

- dimensions (L, W, H, R) and coordinates (x,y,z) in millimetres (mm);
- masses in kilograms (kg);
- forces in Newtons (N), or kN;
- moments in Newtonmetres (Nm), or kNm;
- angles in degrees (°).

## 4.3 Numbering

### 4.3.1 General

Each item has a unique BEP-code consisting of the dimension type letter (see 4.2) and a three-digit sequential number, starting from 001.

The dimension codes for repeated vehicle items of the same kind on one vehicle, e.g. axles, cross-members, frame-mounted objects, etc., are differed by an added sequential number beginning with .1 counted from the front of the vehicle and rearwards.

NOTE 1 .n is used to designate object number *n*.

NOTE 2 In this document, .p is used to designate a certain set of object characteristics or entities (e.g. dimensions, coordinates, address information).

NOTE 3 Where both .n and .p are specified, BEP codes are specified in the .n .p order.

For L codes, a positive value indicates that the item is located behind the axle. A negative value indicates that the item is located in front of the axle.

For H codes, a positive value indicates that the item is located above the top of the chassis frame. A negative value indicates that the item is located below the top of the chassis frame.

### 4.3.2 Numbering and type designation of frame-mounted objects

The same .p number shall be applied to a specific frame-mounted object in terms of L, H and W dimensions.

EXAMPLE Frame-mounted objects can be a fuel tank, referred to as BEP-L030.4, BEP-H030.4, and BEP-W.030.4, and a battery box, referred to as BEP-L030.5, BEP-H030.5, and BEP-W030.5.

For the frame-mounted objects, an optional coding (.t) may be added to describe the object type. The following abbreviation letters are reserved for the object types below:

- A — Air tank;
- B — Battery box;
- C — Cap/filler cap
- F — Fuel tank;
- H — Hydraulic tank;
- M — Exhaust muffler;
- S — Spare wheel;

- T — Tool box;
- U — Urea tank;
- O — Other (other objects, specified by the applicable G code in ISO 21308-3).

NOTE Letters can be combined (e.g. FC for fuel tank filler cap).

#### 4.4 Code assignment and description

[Clauses 5, 6, and 7](#) show the assignment of each BEP-code together with a description of its applicability and limitations.

#### 4.5 Priority

The column “Priority” shows the priority of the measurements, as follows:

- A — Essential;
- B — Useful.

#### 4.6 Loading condition

The column “Loading” shows the load situation of the chassis, as follows:

- 1 — Unladen; iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW
- 2 — Laden (design mass). (standards.iteh.ai)

NOTE A dash (-) means that the field is not applicable.

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The column “Presented in” describes in which type of document the items can be presented, as follows:

- 2D — 2D drawing;
- 3D — 3D model;
- TD — Technical data sheet.

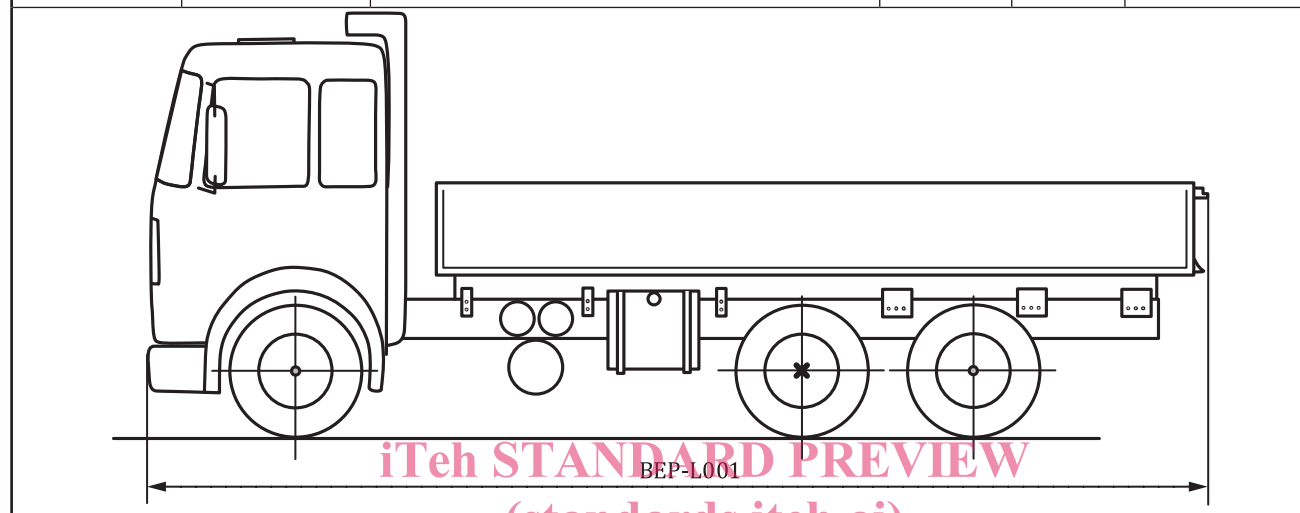
NOTE An empty field means that there is no specific recommendation for the presentation. It can be covered by any kind of document. A dash (-) means that the field is not applicable.

#### 4.8 Related XML coding

Any XML implementation for the communication of BEP codes shall follow the requirements given in ISO 21308-1. The XML coding related to this document shall be written according to the indications in [Annex B](#).

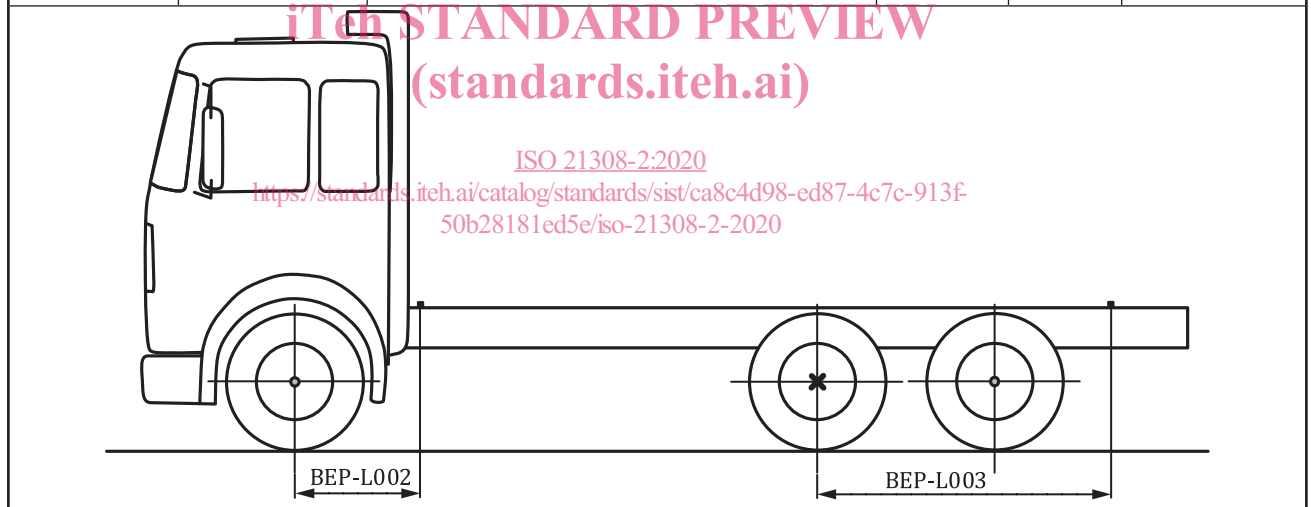
## 5 General dimensions

BEP-code	Assignment	Description	Priority	Loading	Presented in
BEP-L001	Overall length	Distance from front edge of vehicle to rear edge of vehicle, including accessories in both front and rear ends. NOTE See also ISO 612.	A	-	2D, 3D, TD

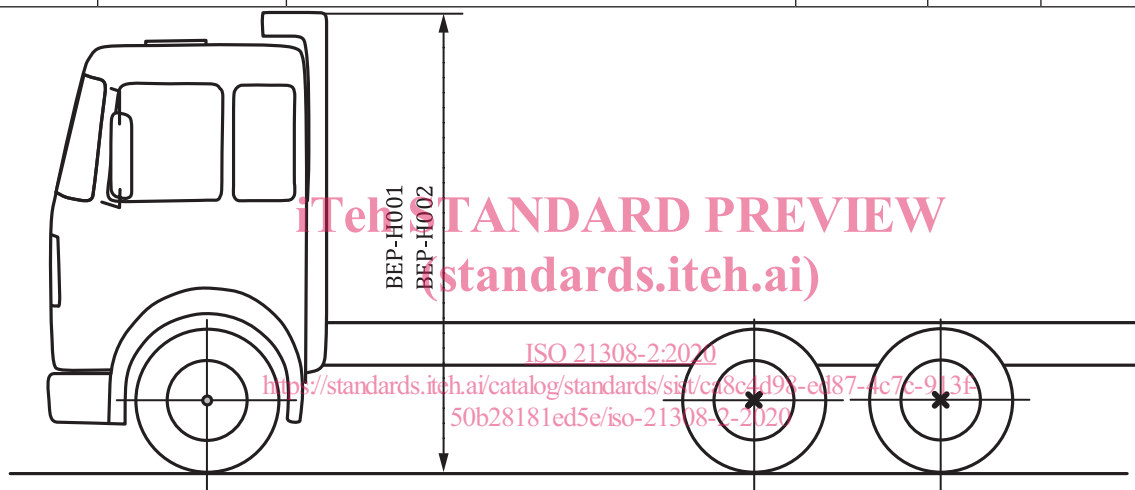


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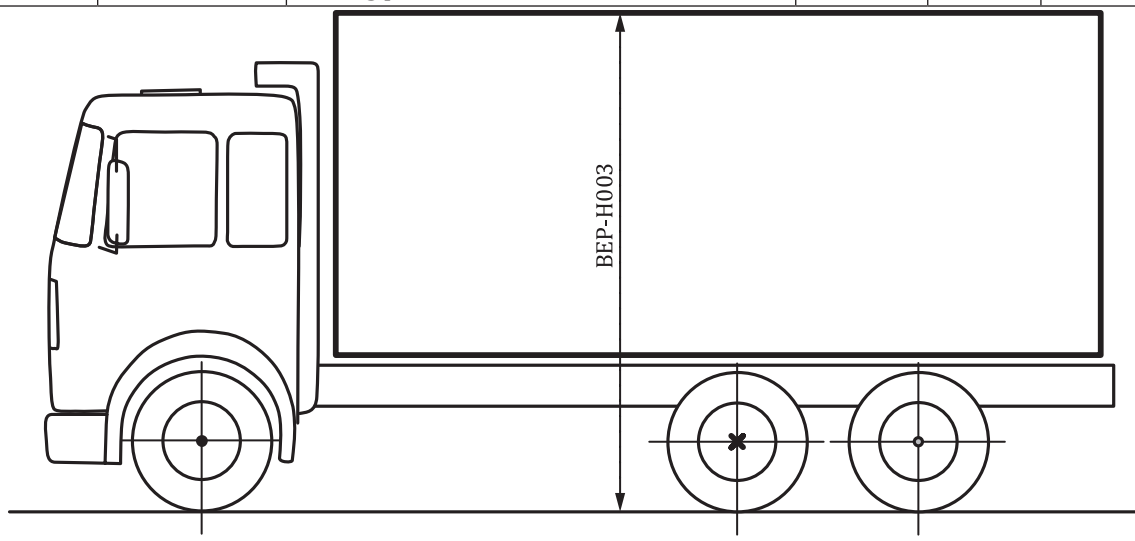
BEP-code	Assignment	Description	Priority	Loading	Presented in
<b>BEP-L002</b>	Front reference point for measuring	Distance from the centre of the first front axle to the front reference point for measuring.  NOTE 1 .R or .L is added if the reference points for right and left side member differ.  NOTE 2 If the position of the reference point is in front of the axle, the value is negative.  NOTE 3 Front reference point(s) for measuring is (are) defined by the chassis manufacturer.	A	-	2D, 3D, TD
<b>BEP-L003</b>	Rear reference point for measuring	Distance from the first driven rear axle to the rear reference point for measuring.  NOTE 1 .R or .L is added if the reference points for right and left side member differ.  NOTE 2 If the position of the reference point is in front of the axle, the value is negative.  NOTE 3 Rear reference point(s) for measuring is (are) defined by the chassis manufacturer.	A	-	2D, 3D, TD



BEP-code	Assignment	Description	Priority	Loading	Presented in
BEP-H001	Maximum external height, unladen	Distance from ground to top of cab, including cab mounted parts, with the chassis unladen but in operating order.  The roof hatch, if present, should be closed and all axles should be down. For pneumatic suspension, the highest driving position is assumed.	A	1	2D, 3D, TD
BEP-H002	Maximum external height, laden	Distance from ground to top of cab, including cab mounted parts, in laden condition.  The roof hatch, if present, should be closed and all axles should be down. For pneumatic suspension, the highest driving position is assumed.  The chassis is laden up to "Technical gross vehicle mass".	A	2	2D, 3D, TD



BEP-H003	Maximum overall height of vehicle, unladen	Distance from ground to the highest point of the vehicle including bodywork.  For pneumatic suspension, the highest driving position is assumed.	A	1	2D, 3D, TD
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BEP-code	Assignment	Description	Priority	Loading	Presented in
BEP-W001	Overall width of chassis with cab	Maximum external width of the vehicle chassis.  NOTE Rear-view mirrors in outermost position, lights, elastic mud flaps, tyre bulges in the road area and snow chains are included in the width stated. The bodywork is not taken into account.	A	-	2D, 3D, TD
BEP-W002	Width across cab	External width of cab.  NOTE Mudguards and rear-view mirrors are disregarded.	A	-	2D, 3D, TD
BEP-W003.n	Width across wheels on <i>n</i> -th axle	External width across the wheels on the <i>n</i> -th axle.  NOTE Projecting axle hubs and tyre bulges are disregarded.	A	-	2D, 3D, TD

