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exchange between chassis and
bodywork manufacturers (BEP) —**

**Part 3:
General, mass and administrative
exchange parameters**

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Foreword

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

- addition of 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.

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Introduction

Truck chassis manufacturers deal with configuration 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 in advance with the bodywork manufacturer. 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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Part 3: General, mass and administrative exchange parameters

1 Scope

This document provides codes for the exchange of general, mass and administrative information 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;
- bodywork component suppliers, e.g. manufacturers of demountable bodies, cranes and loading equipment, tipping equipment.

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

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

ISO 7656, *Commercial road vehicles — Dimensional codes*

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

ISO 21308-2, *Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP) — Part 2: Dimensional bodywork exchange parameters*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 612, ISO 1176, ISO 7656, ISO 21308-2 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/>

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
pp	Bodywork category	<p>pp = None or 00 for codes related to vehicle chassis (ISO 21308-2 and this document)</p> <p>pp = 01 for codes related to loader cranes (ISO 21308-5)</p> <p>pp = 02 for codes related to hook loaders (ISO 21308-6)</p> <p>pp = 03 for codes related to skip loaders (ISO 21308-7)</p>
M	Measure type	<p>A capital letter, which denotes the type of code:</p> <p>H = Z direction, coordinate system in accordance with ISO 4130</p> <p>L = X direction, coordinate system in accordance with ISO 4130</p> <p>W = Y direction, coordinate system in accordance with ISO 4130</p> <p>C = Coordinate (x,y) or (x,y,z) in the Cartesian coordinate system</p> <p>M = Mass (m), or mass point (m,x,y,z)</p> <p>F = Force (static or dynamic)</p> <p>T = Moment (static or dynamic)</p> <p>R = Radius</p> <p>V = Angle</p> <p>G = General</p> <p>A = Administrative</p>
ccc	BEP code number	Code number given by the respective part of the ISO 21308 series
.n	Index number	.n is used to designate object number <i>n</i>
.p	Entity number	<p>.p is used to designate a certain set of object characteristics or entities (e.g. dimensions, coordinates, address information)</p> <p>Where both .n and .p are specified, they are given in the .n .p order.</p>
.q	Corner number	.q is used to designate contour corner index number
.s	Side designator	L or R
.t	Type designator	Optional coding to describe the object type (e.g. fuel tank)

NOTE 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 Numbering

Each item has a unique BEP code consisting of the type letter (see [Table 1](#)) and a three-digit sequential number, starting from 001.

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

For chassis-frame-mounted objects, the same .n number shall be applied to a specific object, both for the general information on the object and the dimensional codes.

EXAMPLE Information of a fuel tank should be given the code G060.4 when referred to as a frame-mounted object number 4 according to ISO 21308-2. This applies even if there is only one fuel tank.

NOTE ISO 21308-2 also provides an option for coding the actual object; for example the letter F is used for fuel tank.

If the above method is not possible, the information on the relation between the general coding and the dimensional coding for a specific object should be provided.

4.3 Code assignment and description

[Subclauses 5.1](#) to [5.3](#) show the assignment of each BEP code together with a description of its applicability and limitations.

4.4 Priority

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

- A — Essential;
- B — Useful.

4.5 Loading condition

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

- 1 — Unladen;
- 2 — Laden (design mass).

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

4.6 Presented in

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, web site or bodybuilder’s manual, etc.

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.

4.7 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 BEP code assignment and description

5.1 General codes

The information in [Table 2](#) should, where applicable, be supplemented by the chassis manufacturer's information for bodybuilders. All information may not be known from the beginning, so such codes may be specified later in the process.

Table 2 — General codes

BEP code	Assignment	Description	Priority	Presented in
BEP-G000	Manufacturer administrative code set	Specifies the .p of the manufacturer. NOTE Administrative codes with the same .p apply to the vehicle in the actual project.		
BEP-G001	Vehicle type	Type of vehicle in terms of its intended use. EXAMPLE Swap body truck, concrete mixer chassis, car transporter, crane truck, demountable body.	A	TD
BEP-G002	Vehicle make and model	Brand name, model designation and manufacturing year.	A	TD
BEP-G003	Vehicle chassis information	Main characteristics of the chassis according to the chassis manufacturer. EXAMPLE Low, high	A	TD
BEP-G004	Chassis frame type	Manufacturer's chassis designation.	A	TD
BEP-G005	Cab type	Manufacturer's cab designation.	A	TD
BEP-G010.n	Type of bodywork	Brand name, model designation and manufacturing year.	A	TD
BEP-G020	Axle configuration	Specification of number of wheels, number of driven wheels and steered wheels according to the manufacturer's designation. EXAMPLE 6 x 2/4 can be the designation of a vehicle with a total of six wheels, where two are driven and four are steered. NOTE See also Annex A .	A	TD
BEP-G021.n	Axle information	Main characteristics of the <i>n</i> -th axle. NOTE Driving, steering, lifting and combinations thereof, including bogies and tandems.	A	TD
BEP-G022.n	Axle type	Manufacturer's designation for the <i>n</i> -th axle.	A	TD
BEP-G023.n	Axle gear ratio	Manufacturer's gear ratio data for the <i>n</i> -th axle.	A	TD
BEP-G030.n	Brake type	Manufacturer's brake type designation for the <i>n</i> -th axle.	A	TD
BEP-G031.n	Rim and tyre size	Tyre and rim designation on the <i>n</i> -th axle. BEP-G031.s is used for spare wheel.	A	TD
BEP-G032.n	Suspension type	Manufacturer's suspension designation for the <i>n</i> -th axle. EXAMPLE Leaf, air, etc.	A	TD
BEP-G040	Engine type	Manufacturer's engine type designation.	A	TD
BEP-G050	Gearbox type	Manufacturer's gearbox type designation.	A	TD
BEP-G051	Gearbox gear ratio	Manufacturer's gearbox gear ratio data.	A	TD