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**Road vehicles — Connectors for the  
electrical connection of towing and  
towed vehicles —**

**Part 1:  
Connectors for braking systems and  
running gear of vehicles with 24 V  
nominal supply voltage**

*Véhicules routiers — Connecteurs pour liaisons électriques entre  
véhicules tracteurs et véhicules tractés —*

*Partie 1: Connecteurs pour les équipements de freinage et les organes  
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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 third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 7638-1:2003), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— figures in the document have been revised.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 7638 series can be found on the ISO website.

# Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles —

## Part 1:

## Connectors for braking systems and running gear of vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 7638 gives the dimensions of, and specifies the contact allocation and tests and test requirements for, connectors for the electrical connection of the braking systems and running gear of towing and towed vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage. In addition, it specifies a park socket used to receive and store the plug when disconnected.

### 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 4091, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Definitions, tests and requirements*

ISO 4141 (all parts), *Road vehicles — Multi-core connecting cables*

ISO 7638-2, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Part 2: Connectors for braking systems and running gear of vehicles with 12 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 11992-1, *Road vehicles — Interchange of digital information on electrical connections between towing and towed vehicles — Part 1: Physical layer and data-link layer*

ISO 11992-2, *Road vehicles — Interchange of digital information on electrical connections between towing and towed vehicles — Part 2: Application layer for brakes and running gear*

ISO 12098, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — 15 pole connector for vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4091 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

## 4 Dimensional characteristics

### 4.1 General

Details not specified are at the manufacturer's discretion.

The contacts shall be floating and shall align to the datum position when plug and socket are engaged.

### 4.2 Plug

Dimensions of the plug shall be in accordance with [Figure 1](#). The locking lever design shall take into consideration the space required for screws used to fasten the socket (see [Figure 2](#)).

### 4.3 Socket

Dimensions of the socket shall be in accordance with [Figure 2](#). The cover is shown in the open position: it shall close automatically when the plug is disconnected.

### 4.4 Park socket

Dimensions of the park socket shall be in accordance with [Figure 3](#). The cover is shown in the open position: it shall close automatically when the plug is disconnected.

## 5 Application of the connector

### 5.1 General

The coiled cable assembly is fitted to the semi-trailer towing vehicle (fifth wheel tractor) and may be connected to the electrical on-board network of the towing vehicle with or without the connection (see [Figure 4](#)).

The uncoiled cable assembly is fitted to the drawbar trailer. Therefore, the trailer towing vehicle (drawbar tractor) shall be fitted with a socket mounted at the rear of the vehicle (see [Figure 4](#)).