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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 19014-4, together with other parts in the ISO 19014 series, cancels and replaces ISO 15998:2008 and ISO/TS 15998-2:2012, which have been technically revised.

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

- additional requirements for software development,
- requirements for software-based parametrization development,
- requirements for transmission of safety related messages on a communication bus, and
- requirements for software validation and verification of machine performance levels.

A list of all parts in the ISO 19014 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

This document addresses systems comprising any combination of electrical, electronic, and programmable electronic components [electrical/electronic/programmable electronic systems (E/E/PES)] used for functional safety in earth-moving machinery.

The structure of safety standards in the field of machinery is as follows.

Type-A standards (basis standards) give basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to machinery.

Type-B standards (generic safety standards) deal with one or more safety aspect(s), or one or more type(s) of safeguards that can be used across a wide range of machinery:

- type-B1 standards on particular safety aspects (e.g. safety distances, surface temperature, noise);
- type-B2 standards on safeguards (e.g. two-hands controls, interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices, guards).

Type-C standards (machinery safety standards) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

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

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);

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.

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# Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety —

## Part 4:

## Design and evaluation of software and data transmission for safety-related parts of the control system

### 1 Scope

This document specifies general principles for software development and signal transmission requirements of safety-related parts of machine-control systems (MCS) in earth-moving machinery (EMM) and its equipment, as defined in ISO 6165. In addition, this document addresses the significant hazards as defined in ISO 12100 related to the software embedded within the machine control system. The significant hazards being addressed are the incorrect machine control system output responses from machine control system inputs.

Cyber security is out of the scope of this document.

NOTE For guidance on cybersecurity, see an appropriate security standard.

This document is not applicable to EMM 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 6750-1, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator's manual — Part 1: Contents and format*

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

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

ISO 19014-1, *Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety — Part 1: Methodology to determine safety-related parts of the control system and performance requirements*

ISO 19014-2:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety — Part 2: Design and evaluation of hardware and architecture requirements for safety-related parts of the control system*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO 12100, ISO 19014-1, ISO 13849-1 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/>

1) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/DIS 19014-2:2020.

### 3.1 bus system

subsystem used in an electronic control system for the transmission of *messages* (3.6)

Note 1 to entry: The bus system consists of the system unit (sources and sinks of information), a transmission path/transmission medium (e.g. electrical lines, fiber-optical lines, radio frequency transmission) and the interface between message source/sink and bus electronics (e.g. protocol application specific integrated circuit, transceivers).

### 3.2 encapsulated bus system

*bus system* (3.1) comprising a fixed number or a predetermined maximum number of bus participants connected to each other through a transmission medium with well-defined and fixed performance/characteristics

### 3.3 failure of peer communication

situation in which the communication peer is not available

### 3.4 unintended message repetition

situation in which the same *message* (3.6) is unintentionally sent again

### 3.5 message repetition

situation in which the same *message* (3.6) is intentionally sent again

Note 1 to entry: This technique of resending the same message addresses failures such as message loss (3.10).

### 3.6 message

electronic transmission of data

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Note 1 to entry: Transmitted data can include user data, address, or identifier data and data to ensure transmission integrity.

### 3.7 ECU electronic control unit

electronic device (electronic programmable controller) used in a control system on earth-moving machinery

[SOURCE: ISO 22448:2010, 3.3, modified — The admitted terms "ECM" and "electronic control module" have been removed.]

### 3.8 reaction time

time from the detection of a safety-related event until the initiation of a safety reaction

### 3.9 artifact

work products that are produced and used during a project to capture and convey information

### 3.10 message loss

unintended deletion of a *message* (3.6) due to a fault of a bus participant



**3.11****incorrect sequence**

unintended modification of the sequence of *messages* (3.6) due to a fault of a bus participant

Note 1 to entry: *Bus systems* (3.1) can contain elements with stored messages (first-in, first-out (FIFOs), etc.) that can modify the correct sequence.

**3.12****message falsification**

unintended modification of *messages* (3.6) due to an error of a bus participant or due to errors on the transmission channel

**3.13****message retardation**

unintended delay or prevention of the safety function, caused by an overload of the transmission path by normal data exchange or by sending incorrect *messages* (3.6)

**3.14****alive counter**

accounting component initialised with "0" when the object to be monitored is created or restored

Note 1 to entry: The counter increases from time  $t-1$  to time  $t$  as long as the object is alive. Finally, the alive counter shows the period of time for which the object has been alive within a network.

**3.15****black box testing**

testing of an object that does not require knowledge of its internal structure or its concrete implementation

**3.16****partition**

resource entity allocating a portion of memory, input/output devices, and central processing unit usage to one or more *system tasks* (3.21)

Note 1 to entry: The partitions can be assigned to one or more subsystems within the microcontroller network.

**3.17****software partitioning**

*software fault* (3.26) containment method consisting of assigning resources to specific software components with the intention of avoiding the propagation of a software fault to multiple *partitions* (3.16)

**3.18****software component**

one or more *software modules* (3.19)

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.157, modified — The word "units" has been replaced with "modules".]

**3.19****software module**

independent piece of software that can be independently tested and traced to a specification

Note 1 to entry: The software module is an indivisible software component.

**3.20****software partitions**

runtime environment with separate system resources assigned

**3.21****system task**

runtime entities that are executed within the resource budget of *partitions* (3.16) and with different priorities

### 3.22

#### **independence of software**

exclusion of unintended interactions between software components, as well as freedom from impact on the correct operation of a software component resulting from errors of another software component

### 3.23

#### **operational history**

operating data about a software component or a *software module* (3.19) during its time in service

### 3.24

#### **maximum cycle time**

static time to access a communication bus between nodes at a bus or node level

Note 1 to entry: The application of a time-triggered protocol ensures this cycle time is not exceeded.

### 3.25

#### **maximum response time**

fixed time assigned to a system activity to exchange globally-synchronised *messages* (3.6) on a bus in a time-triggered architecture

### 3.26

#### **software fault**

incorrect step, process, or data definition in software which causes the system to produce unexpected results

### 3.27

#### **impact analysis**

documentation that records the understanding and implications of a proposed change

### 3.28

#### **configuration management process**

task of tracking and controlling changes to the *artifacts* (3.9) in the development process

### 3.29

#### **constant transmission of messages**

situation in which the faulty node continually transmits *messages* (3.6) that compromises the operation of the bus

### 3.30

#### **blocking access to the data bus**

situation in which the faulty node does not adhere to the expected patterns of use and makes excessive demands of service, thereby reducing its availability to other nodes

## **4 Software development**

### **4.1 General**

The main objective of the following requirements is to achieve software reliability by means of readable, understandable, testable, and maintainable software. This clause gives recommendations for the design of software and the subsequent related testing. The avoidance of software faults shall be considered during the entire software development process.

Where an existing software component has been developed to a previous standard and demonstrated through application usage and validation to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable, there shall be no requirement to update the software life cycle documentation at the software module level.

Machine control software shall comply with the safety requirements of this clause. In addition, the machine control software shall be designed and developed according to the principles of ISO 12100:2010 for relevant but not significant hazards which are not dealt with by this document.

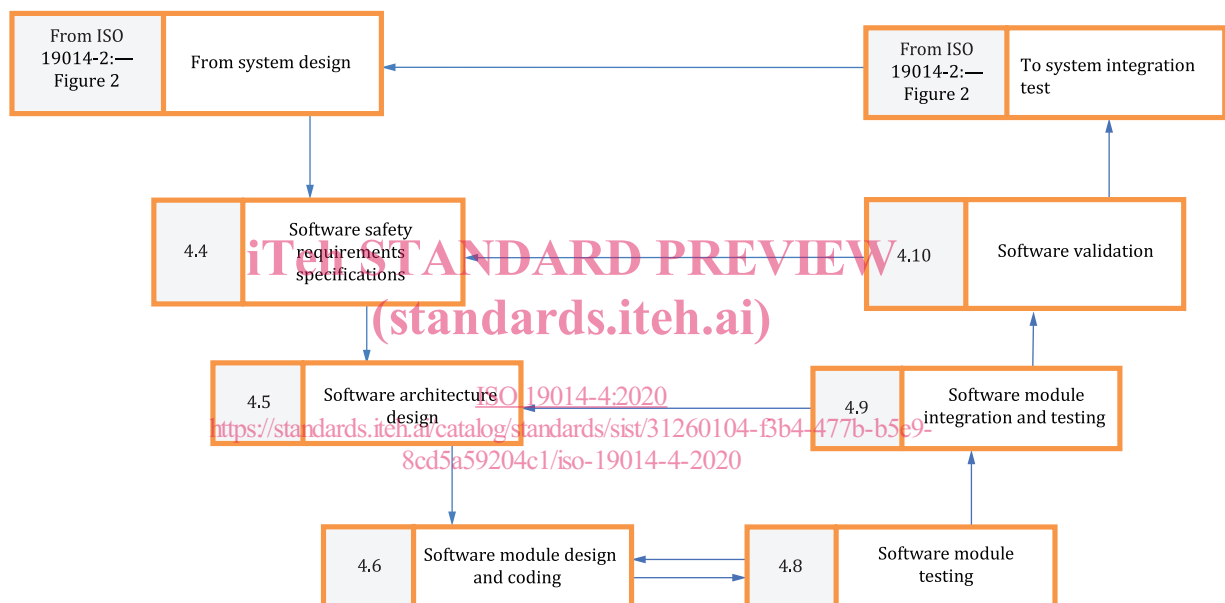
## 4.2 Planning

A plan shall be developed to define the relationship between the individual phases of the software development and the related artifacts.

Appropriate methods and measures from [Table 3](#) through [Table 9](#) shall be selected for software development according to the machine performance level required (MPLr).

The MPLr of the system may be achieved by adding, in parallel, two systems of a lower performance level. When adding in parallel (according to ISO 19014-2), the software can be developed in each system to the lower MPLr requirements. This is only allowable when there are no common cause failures between the two systems.

The suitability of the selected methods or measures to the application shall be justified and shall be made at the beginning of each planned development phase. For a particular application, the appropriate combination of methods or measures shall be stated during development planning. Methods or measures not listed in [Table 3](#) through [Table 9](#) may be used.



**Figure 1 — Software development V-model**

[Figure 1](#) is a representation of one possible design method (V-model). Any organized, proven development process that meets the requirements of this document may be used for the software development.

When selecting methods and measures, in addition to manual coding, model-based development may be applied where the source code is automatically generated from models.

With each method or measure in the tables, there is a different level of provision for each performance level. [Table 1](#) indicates the requirements.

**Table 1 — Software safety requirements specification**

Symbol	Software safety requirements specification
+	The method or measure shall be used for this MPLr. In case this method or measure is not used, the related rationale shall be documented during the safety planning phase.
o	The method or measure may be used for this MPLr.
–	The method or measure is not suitable to meet this MPLr.

Methods and measures corresponding to the respective MPLr shall be selected. Alternative or equivalent methods and measures are identified by letters after the number. At least one of the alternatives or equivalent methods and measures marked with a “+” shall be selected, in which case, providing a rationale is not required. An example of this is [Table 2](#).

**Table 2 — Example software safety requirements specification**

Method/measure		MPLr = a	MPLr = b, c	MPLr = d	MPLr = e
<b>1.a</b>	Measure 1	+	+	–	–
<b>1.b</b>	Measure 2	+	+	+	+
<b>1.c</b>	Measure 3	+	+	+	+

In this case,

- one measure from Measure 1, Measure2 or Measure 3 shall be fulfilled for MPLr = a, b, c;
- one measure from Measure2 or Measure 3 shall be fulfilled for MPLr = d, e;
- otherwise, a rationale shall be provided about the unspecified alternative method/measure to satisfy the requirement of the standard for the specific MPLr.

Rationale or justification shall be provided if other equivalent methods or measures are used instead of the listed methods or measures.

If a software component has any impact on different safety functions with a different MPLr, then the requirements related to the highest MPLr shall apply.

If the software contains safety-related and non-safety-related components, then the overall embedded software machine performance level achieved (MPLa) shall be limited to the software component with the lowest MPLa; this requirement does not apply when adequate independence between the software components can be demonstrated in accordance with [Clause 7](#).

When reusing a software component that is intended to be modified, an impact analysis shall be performed. An action plan shall be developed and implemented for the overall software life cycle, based on the result of the impact analysis, to ensure that the safety goals are met.

### 4.3 Artifacts

Once the individual phases of software development plan have been determined, the artifacts shall be defined for each phase to be carried out. Other phases and related artifacts can be added by distributing the activities and tasks. Taking into account the extent and complexity of the project, all artifacts in the individual phases shown in [Figure 1](#) may be modified.

**NOTE** It is common to combine individual phases if the method/measure used makes it difficult to clearly distinguish between the phases. For example, the design of the software architecture and the software implementation can be generated successively with the same computer-aided development tool, as is done in the model-based development process.

As part of the software development process, the artifacts shall be:

- a) documented according to the outcomes expected from the planned phases;
- b) modified as a consequence of an impact analysis, and only the impacted software shall be regression tested;
- c) subject to a configuration management process.

The first artifact applicable to the process is the software development plan. The subsequent artifacts, defined by the plan, shall include:

- design specification and related verification report, for each software design phase (descending branch of the V-model in [Figure 1](#));
- test specification and related test report, for each software (SW) testing phase (rising branch of the V-model in [Figure 1](#));
- executable software.

#### 4.4 Software safety requirements specification

The software safety requirements specification shall describe requirements for the following, if relevant:

- functions that enable the system to achieve or maintain a safe state;
- functions related to the detection, indication, and handling of faults by the safety-related parts of control systems (SRP/CS);
- functions related to the detection, indication, and handling of faults in the software;
- functions related to the online and offline tests of the safety functions;

NOTE 1 An online test is performed while the system being tested is in use. An offline test is performed while the system being tested is not in use.

NOTE 2 An example of an online test would be checking for faults in the steering system while driving the machine. An example of an offline test would be checking for faults in the steering system prior to allowing machine movement.

- functions that allow modifications of safety-related software parameters;
- interfaces with functions that are not safety-related;
- performance and response time;
- interfaces between the software and the hardware of the electronic control unit.

Appropriate method or measures shall be selected from [Table 3](#) to meet the specified MPLr.

**Table 3 — Software safety requirements specification**

Method/measure		Reference	MPLr = a	MPLr = b, c	MPLr = d	MPLr = e
1.	Requirements specification in natural language	<a href="#">A.1</a>	+	+	+	+
2.	Computer aided specification tools	<a href="#">A.2</a>	0	0	0	+
3.a	Informal methods	<a href="#">A.3</a>	+	+	+	—
3.b	Semi-formal methods	<a href="#">A.4</a>	+	+	+	+
3.c	Formal methods	<a href="#">A.5</a>	+	+	+	+
4.	Forward traceability between the system safety requirements and the software safety requirements	<a href="#">A.6</a>	0	0	0	+
5.	Backward traceability between the software safety requirements and the system safety requirements		0	0	0	+
6.a	Walk-through of software safety requirements	<a href="#">A.7</a>	+	+	+	—
6.b	Inspection of software safety requirements	<a href="#">A.8</a>	+	+	+	+
NOTE The detailed description of these methods/measures is in <a href="#">Annex A</a> .						