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**Connections for general use and fluid power — Ports and stud ends with ISO 261 threads with elastomeric or metal-to-metal sealing —**

Part 4:

**Dimensions, design, test methods and requirements for external hex and internal hex port plugs**

*Raccordements pour applications générales et transmissions hydrauliques et pneumatiques — Orifices et éléments mâles à filetage ISO 261 et joint en élastomère ou étanchéité métal sur métal —*

*Partie 4: Dimensions, conception, méthodes d'essai et exigences des bouchons d'orifice à six pans externes et à six pans internes*



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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9974-4:2006), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

- A caution note has been added to Clause 7;
- ISO 9974-3 has been added to the Bibliography.

A list of all parts in the ISO 9974 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

In fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid or gas) under pressure within an enclosed circuit. In general applications, a fluid can be conveyed under pressure.

Components are connected through their threaded ports by stud ends on fluid conductor fittings to tubes and pipes or to hose fittings and hoses. Fluid ports are closed by inserting a plug into the port.

For threaded ports and stud ends specified in new designs in hydraulic fluid power applications, ISO/TC 131/SC 4 recommends that the ISO 6149 series be used because these International Standards specify ports and stud ends with metric threads and O-ring sealing and because the subcommittee would like to help users by recommending one preferred system. ISO/TC 131/SC 4 further recommends that threaded ports and stud ends in accordance with the ISO 1179 series, ISO 9974 series and ISO 11926 series not be used for new designs in hydraulic fluid power applications; these International Standards are maintained because they specify ports and stud ends that are currently used in hydraulic systems worldwide.

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