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**Rough-terrain trucks — Safety  
requirements and verification —**

**Part 1:  
Variable-reach trucks**

*Chariots tout-terrain — Exigences de sécurité et vérification —*

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 110, *Industrial trucks*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Rough-terrain trucks*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10896-1:2012), which has been technically revised.

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

- the document has been aligned with regional standards;
- a new steering test has been added;
- new requirements for the hydraulic circuit have been introduced.

A list of all parts in the ISO 10896 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

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);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

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.

This document has been developed in order to align as far as possible its requirements to those of the applicable regional standards in Australia, EU, USA.

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# Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification —

## Part 1: Variable-reach trucks

### 1 Scope

This document specifies general safety requirements for non-slewing, rough-terrain variable-reach trucks (referred to as trucks), with rigid chassis and equipped with a telescopic lifting means (pivoting boom) on which a load-handling device such as a carriage with fork arms is typically fitted. Fork arms and other integrated attachments are considered to be parts of the truck.

NOTE These trucks are also known as telehandlers, or telescopic handlers.

For the purpose of this document, trucks are designed to transport, lift and place loads and can be driven on unimproved terrain. They can also be equipped with a variety of attachments or interchangeable equipment (e.g. fork arms, bale spikes, mowers, sweepers) which can be both load-carrying and non-load-carrying.

Other standards, in addition to the relevant provisions of this document, can apply to the attachments.

This document is not applicable to the following:

- a) industrial variable-reach trucks covered by ISO 3691-2;
- b) machines designed primarily for earth moving, such as loaders, even if their buckets are replaced by fork arms (see ISO 20474-3);
- c) trucks with articulated chassis;
- d) machines designed primarily with variable-length load suspension elements (e.g. chain, ropes) from which the load can swing freely in all directions (mobile cranes);
- e) trucks fitted with personnel/work platforms, designed to move persons to elevated working positions;
- f) trucks designed primarily for container handling.

The significant hazards covered by this document are listed in [Annex A](#). This document does not address hazards that can occur:

- during manufacture;
- when handling suspended loads, which can swing freely (see ISO 10896-4);
- when using trucks on public roads;
- when operating in potentially explosive atmospheres;
- with a battery, LPG or hybrid as the primary power source.

## 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 2330, *Fork-lift trucks — Fork arms — Technical characteristics and testing*

ISO 2860, *Earth-moving machinery — Minimum access dimensions*

ISO 2867:2011, *Earth-moving machinery — Access systems*

ISO 3449, *Earth-moving machinery — Falling-object protective structures — Laboratory tests and performance requirements*

ISO 3457, *Earth-moving machinery — Guards — Definitions and requirements*

ISO 3471:2008, *Earth-moving machinery — Roll-over protective structures — Laboratory tests and performance requirements*

ISO 3795, *Road vehicles, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Determination of burning behaviour of interior materials*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

ISO 3864-2, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 2: Design principles for product safety labels*

ISO 5053-1, *Industrial trucks — Terminology and classification — Part 1: Types of industrial trucks*

ISO 5353, *Earth-moving machinery, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Seat index point*

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ISO 6016, *Earth-moving machinery — Methods of measuring the masses of whole machines, their equipment and components*

ISO 6292:2020, *Powered industrial trucks and tractors — Brake performance and component strength*

ISO 6682, *Earth-moving machinery — Zones of comfort and reach for controls*

ISO 6683, *Earth-moving machinery — Seat belts and seat belt anchorages — Performance requirements and tests*

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Registered symbol*

ISO 7096, *Earth-moving machinery — Laboratory evaluation of operator seat vibration*

ISO 9533, *Earth-moving machinery — Machine-mounted audible travel alarms and forward horns — Test methods and performance criteria*

ISO 10263-3, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator enclosure environment — Part 3: Pressurization test method*

ISO 10263-4, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator enclosure environment — Part 4: Heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) test method and performance*

ISO 10896-6, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 6: Tilting operator's cabs*

ISO 10896-7, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 7: Longitudinal load moment systems*

ISO 11112, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator's seat — Dimensions and requirements*

- ISO 12508, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator station and maintenance areas — Bluntness of edges*
- ISO 13284, *Fork-lift trucks — Fork-arm extensions and telescopic fork arms — Technical characteristics and strength requirements*
- ISO 13732-1, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Methods for the assessment of human responses to contact with surfaces — Part 1: Hot surfaces*
- ISO 13766-1, *Earth-moving and building construction machinery — Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of machines with internal electrical power supply — Part 1: General EMC requirements under typical electromagnetic environmental conditions*
- ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*
- ISO 13850, *Safety of machinery — Emergency stop function — Principles for design*
- ISO 15817, *Earth-moving machinery — Safety requirements for remote operator control systems*
- ISO 15818, *Earth-moving machinery — Lifting and tying-down attachment points — Performance requirements*
- ISO 18063-1, *Rough-terrain trucks — Visibility test methods and their verification — Part 1: Variable-reach trucks*
- ISO 21507, *Earth-moving machinery — Performance requirements for non-metallic fuel tanks*
- ISO 22915-10, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability — Part 10: Additional stability test for trucks operating in the special condition of stacking with load laterally displaced by powered devices*
- ISO 22915-14, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability — Part 14: Rough-terrain variable-reach trucks*
- ISO 22915-20, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability — Part 20: Additional stability test for trucks operating in the special condition of offset load, offset by utilization*
- ISO 19014-1, *Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety — Part 1: Methodology to determine safety-related parts of the control system and performance requirements*
- ISO 4413:2010, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*
- ISO 13857, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*
- ISO 12100, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*
- IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
- EN 12053, *Safety of industrial trucks — Test methods for measuring noise emissions*
- EN 12895, *Industrial trucks — Electromagnetic compatibility*
- ANSI B56.11.5, *Measurement of Sound Emitted by Low Lift, High Lift, and Rough Terrain Powered Industrial Trucks*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5053-1 and the following 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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>

**3.1  
rough-terrain truck**  
truck designed for operation on unimproved natural terrain as well as the disturbed terrain of work sites

**3.2  
compact truck**  
truck having a maximum height in normal travel mode not exceeding 2 150 mm, a maximum operating mass according to ISO 6016 not exceeding 6 000 kg, and a maximum width in normal travel mode not exceeding 1 850 mm

**3.3  
rated capacity**  
 $Q_1$   
<truck> maximum load permitted by the manufacturer at the standard load centre distance that the truck is capable of lifting and transporting on *fork arms* (3.13) in normal conditions with the *boom* (3.14) fully retracted

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

**3.4  
rated capacity**  
<attachment> maximum load that the *attachment* (3.17) is permitted by its manufacturer to handle in normal operation under specified conditions

Note 1 to entry: The rated capacity of the *attachment* (3.17) can be associated with the load centre distance. See [Table 1](#).

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**3.5  
actual capacity**  
maximum load at a specified load centre distance established by the manufacturer based on component strength and truck stability, that the truck can carry, lift and stack to a specified *lift height* (3.7) and *reach* (3.6), in normal operation

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Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

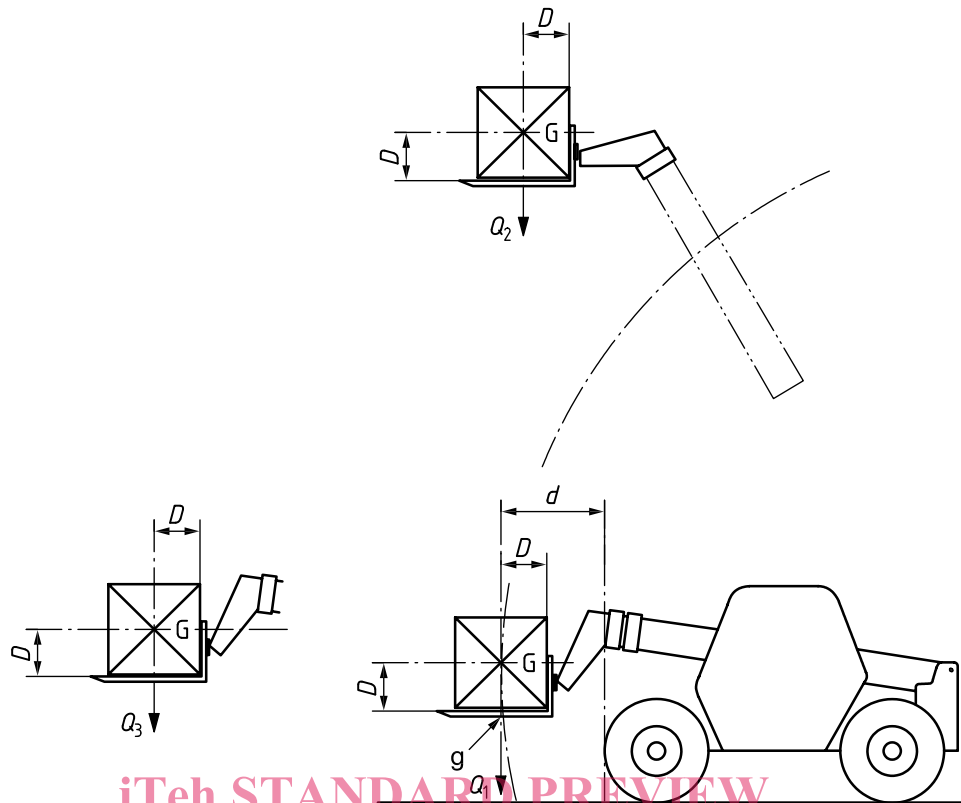
Note 2 to entry: The actual capacity depends on the configuration of the truck in respect of variables including lift height, the reach of the *boom* (3.14), the actual load centre, load-handling devices and *stabilizing devices* (3.11).

Note 3 to entry: It defines the load-handling ability of the particular truck as equipped. Different actual capacity with removable *attachments* (3.17), where permitted, may also be established by the appropriate stability test or by calculation verified by empirical data.

**3.6  
reach**  
 $d$   
distance between two vertical parallel planes, one plane being tangent to the front of the outside diameter of the front tyres or tracks, the other plane being tangent to the curve described by the centre of gravity of the load moving from its highest position to its lowest position

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

Note 2 to entry: In practice, the reach can be measured by referring to a point,  $g$ , corresponding to the vertical projection of the centre of gravity,  $G$ , of the load onto the plane of the top surface of the *fork arms* (3.13), as shown in [Figure 1](#).



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#### Key

- $d$  reach
- $D$  standard load centre distance
- $G$  centre of gravity of the load
- $g$  point corresponding to vertical projection of  $G$
- $Q_1$  rated capacity
- $Q_2$  actual capacity at maximum lift height
- $Q_3$  actual capacity at maximum reach

**Figure 1 — Parameters for determining actual capacity of a truck with fork arms**

### 3.7

#### lift height

height from the ground to the upper face of the fork arms or underside of the load, whichever is the lower

### 3.8

#### standard load centre distance

$D$

distance from the centre of gravity of the load, horizontally rearwards to the front of the fork shanks and vertically downwards to the upper faces of the *fork arms* (3.13)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

Note 2 to entry: [Table 1](#) gives standard load centre distances in relation to their rated capacities.

**Table 1 — Standard load centre distances and rated capacities**

Rated capacity		Standard load centre distance				
$Q_1$ kg		$D$ mm				
		400	500	600	900	1 200
0	<1 000	X		X <sup>a</sup>		
≥1 000	<5 000		X <sup>c</sup>	X <sup>b</sup>		
≥5 000	<10 000			X		
≥10 000	<20 000			X	X	X
≥20 000	<25 000				X	X
≥25 000						X

NOTE Trucks can be rated for special applications with load centres related to those applications.

<sup>a</sup> 600 mm is typically used in the USA.

<sup>b</sup> 600 mm is typically used in Asia, Australia and the USA.

<sup>c</sup> 500 mm is typically used in Europe.

**3.9  
lost load distance**

$l_L$   
effective thickness

$d_E$   
horizontal shift in the standard load centre that can occur when removable attachments (3.17) are added to a truck

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**3.10  
axle oscillation locking-mechanism**

mechanism designed to lock oscillation of an axle to improve truck stability

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**3.11  
stabilizing device**

extendable or pivoting mechanical support used to improve the stability of a truck when stationary

**3.12  
lateral levelling**

change in the lateral inclination angle between the chassis and the ground made to ensure that the boom (3.14) operates in a vertical plane even when the truck is positioned on a side slope

**3.13  
fork arms**

device comprising two or more solid fork arms, each consisting of a shank (vertical portion) and a blade, which is hook- or shaft-mounted, fitted on the carriage and usually adjusted manually

**3.14  
boom**

pivoting support member that permits horizontal and vertical placement of the load or attachment (3.17)

**3.15  
crab steering mode**

steering mode where all wheels of the truck steer in the same direction

**3.16****normal operating position**

position specified by the manufacturer in which the operator is able to control the truck operations, including load-handling functions

Note 1 to entry: Other positions can be necessary if it is not possible to control all the functions of the truck from a single position.

**3.17****attachment**

interchangeable equipment

component or assembly of components which can be mounted on the *attachment bracket* (3.18) for a specific use

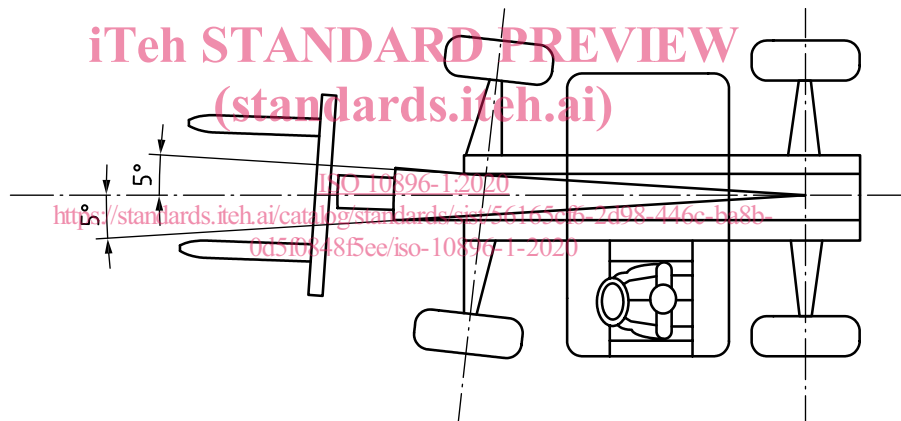
**3.18****attachment bracket**

device fitted at the end of the *boom* (3.14) to connect and lock interchangeable *attachment(s)* (3.17) without the use of a tool to facilitate quick interchange of *attachment(s)* (3.17)

**3.19****non-slewing**

slewing movement not greater than 5° to either side of the longitudinal axis of the truck

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).



**Figure 2 — Non-slewing movement**

**3.20****boom float**

control mode that uses gravity to allow an *attachment* (3.17) at the end of the *boom* (3.14) to follow a contour (e.g. the ground)

**3.21****maximum working pressure**

highest pressure at which a hydraulic circuit is intended to operate in steady-state operating conditions

[SOURCE: ISO 5598:2020, 3.2.429, modified — In the definition, “system or sub-system” has been replaced by “hydraulic circuit”.]

**3.22****level ground**

ground with a gradient of  $(0 \pm 2) \%$

**3.23****hybrid**

truck powered using two or more distinct power sources