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## Introduction

Documentation gives rise to numerous international exchanges of both intellectual and material nature. These exchanges often become difficult, either because of the great variety of terms used in various fields or languages to express the same concept, or because of the absence of, or the imprecision of, useful concepts.

To avoid misunderstandings due to this situation and to facilitate such exchanges, it is advisable to select terms to be used in various languages or in various countries to express the same concept, and to establish definitions providing satisfactory equivalents for the various terms in different languages.

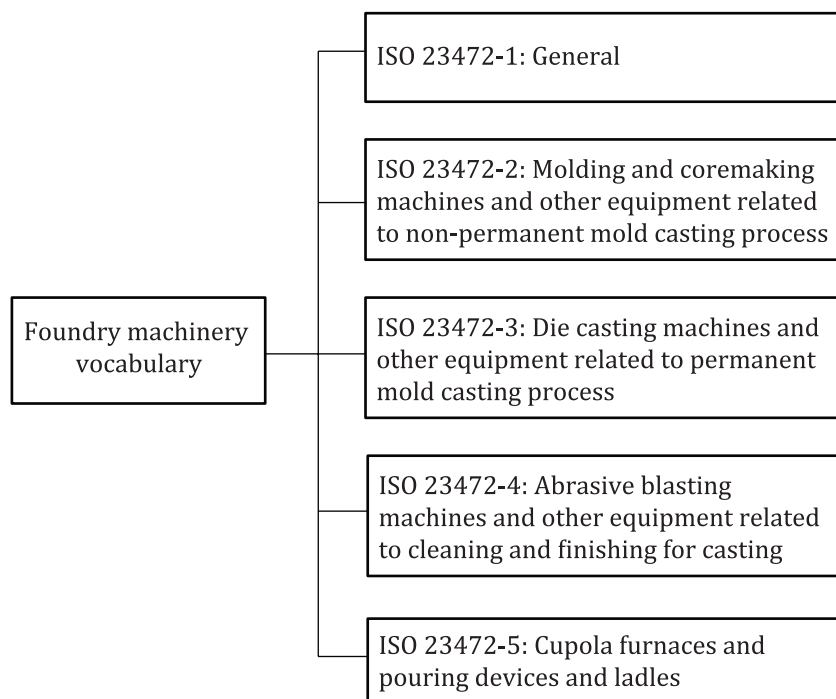
The objects involved in the ISO 23472 series are foundry machines used in foundry production.

The purpose of the ISO 23472 series is to provide definitions in English that are rigorous, uncomplicated and which can be understood by all concerned. The scope of each concept defined has been chosen to provide a definition that is suitable for general application within foundry machinery, which includes machines and equipment adapted in each stage of the processes within different casting processes.

As a metal thermoforming method that fills molten metal into the mold to produce machine parts or rough parts after solidification, casting has a long history and various processes, and its technology remains constantly developing and changing. According to the differences of the molds used, or different ways of molten metal filling or solidification, casting processes are usually divided into sand casting, permanent casting and other casting processes. According to different casting processes and different stages of production, casting equipment covered by foundry machinery is divided into the following major categories:

- molding and coremaking machines and other equipment related to non-permanent mold casting process;
- die casting machines and other equipment related to permanent mold casting process;
- abrasive blasting machines and other equipment related to cleaning and finishing for casting;
- cupola furnaces and pouring devices and ladles.

This document only involves general terms and definitions of foundry machinery, including basic concepts concerning foundry machinery and related casting methods and production processes. The detailed terms of the specific categories are defined in other parts of the ISO 23472 series (see [Figure 1](#)).



**Figure 1 — Structure of foundry machinery vocabulary**

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## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope

This document gives an overview on the terms and definitions of foundry machinery that are commonly and widely used.

It applies to standard development in the foundry machinery field, technical documentation, related scientific and technical publications, etc.

### 2 Normative reference

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

#### 3.1 abrasive blasting shot blasting

process in which the workpiece to be cleaned or surface to be treated is subjected to continuous attack by *abrasive media* (3.3) to achieve a desired result

#### 3.2 abrasive blasting machinery shot blasting machinery

machine used for *shot blasting* (3.1) process by either centrifugal force or compressed air to accelerate *abrasive media* (3.3)

#### 3.3 abrasive media shot blasting media

granular metallic or non-metallic material to be forcibly applied to a surface to achieve a desired result

Note 1 to entry: For the classification of metallic abrasives, see ISO 11124-1. For the classification of non-metallic abrasives, see ISO 11126-1.

#### 3.4 adding and compacting sand device

device for sand adding and compacting by vibration in molding process in *expendable pattern casting* (3.58), for example, shower adding sand machine and *vibrating table* (3.176)

### 3.5

#### **automatic mode**

#### **full-automatic mode**

operating mode where the completion of a casting cycle initiates the next casting cycle

EXAMPLE To continuously produce *castings* (3.11) with any external process steps being automatically carried out by ancillary device.

### 3.6

#### **batch sand mixer**

#### **batch sand mill**

machine for batch mixing (blending, coating, kneading) of molding or core sand with bonding agents, water and complementary mold material additions

Note 1 to entry: The machines are provided with rotating paddles and/or milling rollers and fast rotating paddles for the aeration of the material. Typically, machines consist of a circular container in which rotating ploughs and/or mill wheels (mullers) are mounted.

### 3.7

#### **binder**

#### **bonding substance**

material with bonding property, mainly used to prepare molding (core) sand, coating and core adhesive in foundry production

Note 1 to entry: Foundry binders are usually divided into two categories: inorganic and organic binders, or clay binders and non-clay binders.

### 3.8

#### **burdening**

<melting> process in which the proportion of various metallic charge is determined according to the requirement of the chemical composition of *casting alloy* (3.10), the actual situation of burden and the changing law of elements in *melting* (3.98)

### 3.9

#### **burdening**

<molding> process in which the mixing proportion of various *molding materials* (3.108) is determined according to the requirement of *molding sand* (3.111) properties in *molding sand preparation* (3.112)

### 3.10

#### **cast metal**

#### **cast alloy**

metal with proper castability which is used to produce *castings* (3.11), including cast iron, cast steel and non-ferrous cast alloys (such as cast aluminium alloy, magnesium alloy, copper alloy, zinc alloy and titanium alloy)

### 3.11

#### **casting**

<products> metal part or rough part that has been given its shape in a *mold* (3.101) by *solidification* (3.160) of *molten metal* (3.95)

### 3.12

#### **casting**

<technology> process in which *molten metal* (3.95) is poured, injected or suctioned into the mold cavity and solidified to obtain metal parts or rough parts with certain shapes, sizes and properties

### 3.13

#### **casting cooling**

process in which the temperature of a *casting* (3.11) drops gradually after it is formed

Note 1 to entry: It includes the cooling of the casting in the *mold* (3.101), as well as the secondary cooling of the casting after removal from the mold.



**3.14****casting cooling and transferring system**

system used for recooling of *casting* (3.11) after demolding

Note 1 to entry: It uses *continuous conveyor* (3.23), such as vibrating conveyor or overhead chain conveyor, and can be equipped with ventilating and spray cooling system.

**3.15****centrifugal casting**

process in which *molten metal* (3.95) is filled into a *mold* (3.101) that rotates around a horizontal or vertical axis and solidifies under the action of centrifugal force to produce *castings* (3.11)

Note 1 to entry: The molten metal is evenly distributed to the surface of the mold cavity under the centrifugal force produced by the rotation of the mold, forming cylindrical cylinder sleeve, pipe and other ringlike castings.

**3.16****centrifugal casting machine**

machine that uses *centrifugal casting* (3.15) process to produce *castings* (3.11), such as horizontal centrifugal casting machine and centrifugal casting-pipe machine

**3.17****ceramic mold casting**

process in which the ceramic mold is used to pour *castings* (3.11)

Note 1 to entry: Ceramic mold casting is a kind of *precision casting* (3.127) method, which is mainly used for single piece and small batch manufacturing of metal molds, as well as turbine blades, impellers and other precision castings.

Note 2 to entry: Ceramic mold is made by casting ceramic slurry, then spraying and firing, and then ceramic solid mold or thin shell mold is made.

**3.18****clay bonded sand**

*molding sand* (3.111) that uses clay as binder and is made of foundry sand, clay, water and additives (such as seacoal, etc.) mixed in a certain proportion

Note 1 to entry: Clay is a commonly used binder in sand mold casting production, which can be divided into kaolin or bentonite.

Note 2 to entry: Clay bonded sand can be divided into wet sand and dry sand according to different conditions of use, in which wet sand is also called *green sand* (3.79).

**3.19****cleaning**

process of removing contaminant and unwanted material (for example, *sand core* (3.140) and residual sand on the surface from casting, gate and riser, flash, burr, oxide scale, etc.) from *casting* (3.11)

**3.20****compacting**

process of compacting loose *molding sand* (3.111) by jolting, squeezing, shooting, air flowing and other ways during the molding process to obtain the strength required for *sand mold* (3.146)

**3.21****continuous casting**

process of continuously casting metal ingots, pipes or fixed section long *castings* (3.11)

Note 1 to entry: Process in which *molten metal* (3.95) is poured into a cooled mold open on both sides via tundish. The shaping element of the strand is the *mold* (3.101). On the short way through the mold, so much heat is extracted from the molten metal that it solidifies completely or with the formation of a load-bearing edge shell. The strand is pulled out of the mold on the opposite side with the aid of a drawing device. In this way, different strand formats with a constant cross-section can be produced.

### 3.22

#### **continuous casting machine**

machine that uses *continuous casting* ([3.21](#)) process to produce *castings* ([3.11](#))

### 3.23

#### **continuous conveyor**

machine and device used for long distance continuous conveying of loose material (such as *sand* ([3.69](#))) or items (such as *castings* ([3.11](#))) in foundry shop

Note 1 to entry: The types of machines include belt conveyor, pan conveyor, vibrating conveyor, overhead chain conveyor, etc., excluding pneumatic conveyor for conveying clay, dry sand, seacoal and other powder materials.

### 3.24

#### **continuous sand mixer**

machine in which the sand with bonding agents are continuously mixed and conveyed to the discharge gate

Note 1 to entry: Typically, the mixing takes place by screw-type mixing principles.

### 3.25

#### **core**

component of a mold used to form the inner cavity within a *casting* ([3.11](#)), a protruding part on the side or a deep groove in case of pronounced undercuts and/or negative (back) drafts

Note 1 to entry: According to different uses or requirements, there are *sand core* ([3.140](#)), metal core, soluble core, ceramic core and so on.

### 3.26

#### **core assembly molding**

molding process in which the *core box* ([3.28](#)) is used instead of the *pattern* ([3.117](#)) and the produced *sand cores* ([3.140](#)) are assembled directly into the *mold* ([3.101](#))

Note 1 to entry: It is mainly used for batch production of complex *castings* ([3.11](#)) or repeated production of large castings.

### 3.27

#### **core blower**

machine where the sand is transported by means of compressed air into the *core box* ([3.28](#))

Note 1 to entry: The sand is conveyed along in front of the compressed air. Typically used for resin-coated dry sand.

### 3.28

#### **core box**

mold for sand core making, whose inner cavity has the shape and size required for the *sand core* ([3.140](#))

Note 1 to entry: It is usually made of metal, wood or plastic.

Note 2 to entry: It can be divided into integral type and bisection type according to its structure and can be divided into hot core box and cold core box according to its use temperature.

### 3.29

#### **core sand coremaking mixture**

mixture of raw sand, various binders and additives mixed in a certain proportion, which meets a certain property requirement of making *sand core* ([3.140](#))

### 3.30

#### **core shooter**

machine where compressed air is rapidly expanded via the sand reservoir into the sand

Note 1 to entry: After expanding, the sand is then fluidized by the airstream and the sand-air-mix is transported into the core box. Typically used for cold box, hot box and inorganic binder systems.

**3.31****core storehouse and conveying system**

system used for automatic conveying, storing and distributing of *sand core* (3.140), for example, core three-dimensional storehouse

**3.32****coremaking**

process in sand casting process that uses *core sand* (3.29), *core box* (3.28) and other toolings to make sand core, including hand coremaking and machine coremaking

**3.33****coremaking line**

equipment used to make ready-to-use single cores and/or core assemblies

Note 1 to entry: A line may consist of, e.g., a sand preparation equipment, core making machine, equipment for handling, deflashing, assembling, coating and drying of cores.

**3.34****coremaking machinery**

machines used to make solid and/or hollow cores

**3.35****counter pressure casting****differential pressure casting**

pressure casting process in which *molten metal* (3.95) is filled up the *mold* (3.101) and solidified under counter pressure of compressed air

Note 1 to entry: The actual casting process is carried out in a similar way to *low pressure casting* (3.89), also with the help of a riser tube. The *cast metal* (3.10) is conveyed up into the *die* (3.45) by the riser tube. However, the pressurization of the metal bath in the furnace in order to convey the melt up into the die is caused by a pressure difference up by lowering the gas pressure in the pressurized die a little. This causes an overpressure in the furnace which causes the metal to rise into the die.

Note 2 to entry: Its working pressure levels are usually higher than ones in low pressure casting.

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**crystallizer**

special *die* (3.45) with water-cooled structure for rapid solidification of molten metal and used for continuous or *semi-continuous casting* (3.150), *suction casting* (3.163) and *electroslag melting and casting* (3.54)

**3.37****cupola furnace**

cylindrical vertical *melting furnace* (3.99) with pig iron, foundry returns and/or steel scrap as metallic charge for melting cast iron

Note 1 to entry: Cupola furnace *melting* (3.98) is a process that produces heat through the reaction (combustion) of fuel (for example, coke) and oxygen, so that the metallic charge melts and overheats, and finally obtains the required molten iron. In this process, the metallic charge is in direct contact with fuel and is blast-assisted from the tuyere for continuous melting.

**3.38****decoring****core knock-out**

process in which *sand core* (3.140) is removed from the inner cavity of the casting by hammering or any other way

**3.39****decoring cell**

complete set of *decoring* (3.38) equipment that consists of a *decoring machine* (3.40), a robot for loading and unloading workpieces, and an *exhaust system* (3.56), etc.