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# Proof of competence of hydraulic cylinders in crane applications

## 1 Scope

This document applies to hydraulic cylinders that are part of the load carrying structure of cranes. It is intended to be used together with the ISO 8686 series and ISO 20332, and as such they specify general conditions, requirements and methods to prevent mechanical hazards of hydraulic cylinders, by design and theoretical verification.

This document does not apply to hydraulic piping, hoses, connectors and valves used with the cylinders, or cylinders made from other material than (carbon) steel.

## 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 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 683-1, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 1: Non-alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 683-2, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 2: Alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 724, *ISO general-purpose metric screw threads — Basic dimensions*

ISO 5817:2014, *Welding — Fusion-welded joints in steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys (beam welding excluded) — Quality levels for imperfections*

ISO 8492, *Metallic materials — Tube — Flattening test*

ISO 8686 (all parts), *Cranes — Design principles for loads and load combinations*

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

ISO 20332:2016, *Cranes — Proof of competence of steel structures*

EN 10277:2018, *Bright steel products — Technical delivery conditions — Part 2: Steels for general engineering purposes*

EN 10297-1, *Seamless circular steel tubes for mechanical and general engineering purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Non-alloy and alloy steel tubes*

EN 10305-1, *Steel tubes for precision applications — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Seamless cold drawn tubes*

EN 10305-2, *Steel tubes for precision applications — Technical delivery conditions — Part 2: Welded cold drawn tubes*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100 apply.

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

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

## 4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in [Table 1](#) apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols**

Symbols	Description
$A\%$	Percentage elongation at fracture
$a$	Weld throat thickness
$A_i, B_i, C_i, D_i$	Constants
$A_s$	Stress area
$D$	Piston diameter
$d$	Rod diameter
$D_{a,i}$	Axles diameter
$D_p$	Pressure affected diameter
$D_w$	Weld diameter
$E$	Modulus of elasticity
$F$	Compressive force
$F_A$	Compressive force
FE	Finite elements
$f_{Rd}$	Limit design stress
$f_{Rd\sigma}$	Limit design stress, normal
$f_{Rd\tau}$	Limit design stress, shear
$F_S$	Lateral force
$F_{Sd}$	External compressive design force
$f_{w,Rd}$	Limit design weld stress
$f_y$	Yield strength
$h$	thickness of the cylinder bottom
$I$	Moment of inertia, generic
$I_1$	Moment of inertia of the tube
$I_2$	Moment of inertia of the rod
$L$	Overall length of the cylinder
$L_1$	Length of the cylinder tube
$L_2$	Length of the piston rod
$m$	Slope of the $\log \Delta\sigma - \log N$ curve
$M_0$	Shell section bending moment, acting at the intersection between tube and bottom
$M_b$	Bending moment
$N$	Compressive force
$N_k$	Critical buckling load
$N_{Rd}$	Limit compressive design force
$p_{i1}$	Maximum pressure in piston side chamber
$p_{i2}$	Maximum pressure in rod side chamber



Table 1 (continued)

Symbols	Description
$p_o$	Outer pressure
$p_{Sd}$	Design pressure
$R$	Middle radius of the tube ( $R = r_i + t/2$ )
$r_i$	Inner radius of the tube
$r_o$	Outer radius of the tube
$r_r$	Outer radius of the piston rod
$s_3$	Stress history parameter (see ISO 20332)
$t$	Wall thickness of the tube
$T_0$	Shell section transverse force, acting at the intersection between tube and bottom
$x, y$	Longitudinal and lateral coordinates
$\alpha$	Angular misalignment, radians
$\gamma_m$	General resistance factor ( $\gamma_m = 1,1$ , see ISO 8686-1)
$\gamma_{mf}$	Fatigue strength specific resistance factor (see ISO 20332)
$\gamma_R$	Total resistance factor ( $\gamma_R = \gamma_m \times \gamma_s$ )
$\gamma_s$	Specific resistance factor
$\Delta\sigma$	Stress range
$\Delta\sigma_b$	Bending stress range in the tube
$\Delta\sigma_c$	Characteristic fatigue strength
$\Delta\sigma_m$	Membrane stress range in the tube (axial)
$\Delta\sigma_{Rd}$	Limit design stress range
$\Delta\sigma_{Sd}$	Design stress range
$\Delta p_{Sd}$	Design pressure range on piston side
$\delta_{max}$	Maximum displacement
$\kappa$	Reduction factor for buckling
$\lambda$	Slenderness
$\lambda_i$	Friction parameters
$\mu_i$	Friction factors
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio ( $\nu = 0,3$ for steel)
$\sigma_a$	Axial stress in the tube
$\sigma_b$	Lower extreme value of a stress range
$\sigma_r$	Radial stress in the tube
$\sigma_{Sd}$	Design stress, normal
$\sigma_{w,Sd}$	Design weld stress, normal
$\sigma_t$	Tangential stress in the tube (hoop stress)
$\sigma_u$	Upper extreme value of a stress range
$\tau_{Sd}$	Design stress, shear
$\tau_{w,Sd}$	Design weld stress, shear

## 5 General

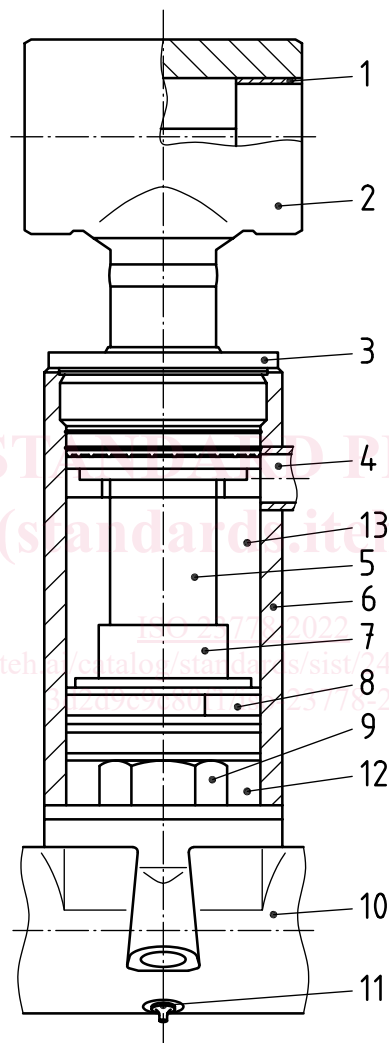
### 5.1 Documentation

The documentation of the proof of competence shall include:

- design assumptions including calculation models;

- applicable loads and load combinations;
- material grades and qualities;
- weld quality levels, in accordance with ISO 5817 and ISO 20332;
- relevant limit states;
- results of the proof of competence calculation, and tests when applicable.

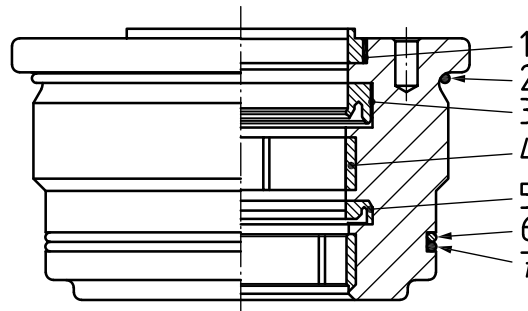
The main parts of hydraulic cylinder are indicated in [Figure 1](#) to [Figure 3](#).



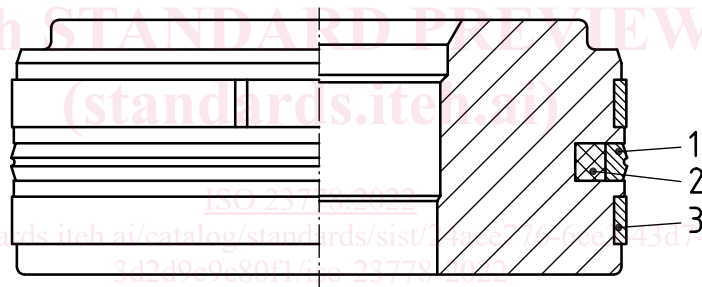
**Key**

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|---|---------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | bushing       | 8  | piston              |
| 2 | rod head      | 9  | nut                 |
| 3 | cylinder head | 10 | cylinder bottom     |
| 4 | oil connector | 11 | grease nipple       |
| 5 | piston rod    | 12 | piston side chamber |
| 6 | cylinder tube | 13 | rod side chamber    |
| 7 | spacer        |    |                     |

**Figure 1 — Complete cylinder**

**Key**

- 1 wiper
- 2 O-ring
- 3 secondary seal
- 4 guide ring (2 ×)
- 5 primary seal
- 6 backup ring
- 7 O-ring

**Figure 2 — Cylinder head****Key**

- 1 seal
- 2 pressure element
- 3 guide ring (2 ×)

**Figure 3 — Piston**

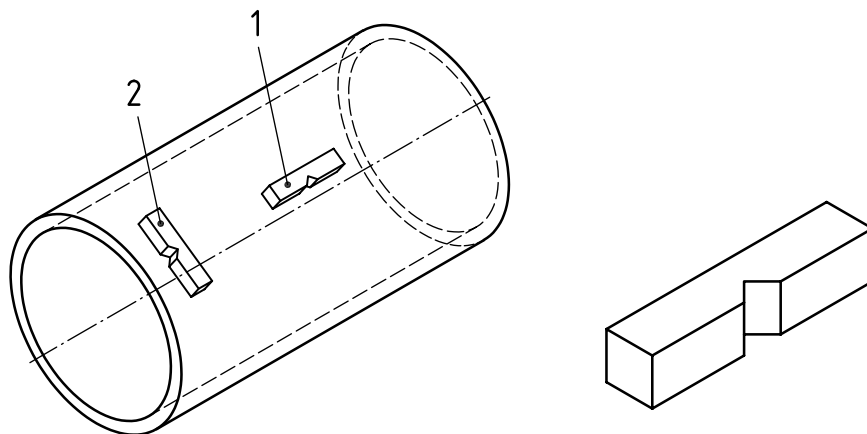
[Figures 1](#) to [3](#) show some typical design features. Other designs may be used.

## 5.2 Materials for hydraulic cylinders

### 5.2.1 General requirements

The materials for load carrying cylinder tubes and piston rods shall fulfil the following requirements:

- The impact toughness in the transversal direction shall be tested in accordance with ISO 148-1 and shall meet the requirements stated in ISO 20332. Samples shall be cut out in the longitudinal direction. For cylinder tubes and pressurized piston rods, samples shall also be cut out in the transversal direction. The samples shall be prepared such that the axis of the notch is perpendicular to the surface of the tube.



**Key**

- 1 sample cut out in longitudinal direction
- 2 sample cut out in transversal direction

**Figure 4 — Sample for impact toughness testing**

- If the material thickness does not allow samples to be cut out in the transversal direction, the tube material shall pass a flattening test in accordance with ISO 8492. For welded tubes, two tests are required; one with the weld aligned with the press direction and one where the weld is placed 90° from the press direction, see Figure 4. The tube section shall be flattened down to a height  $H$  given by:

$$H = \frac{1,07 \cdot t}{C + \frac{t}{D_o}}$$

where

$C$  is a factor that depends on the yield strength of the material,

$C$  is 0,07 for  $f_y \leq 400$  MPa and  $C$  is 0,05 for  $f_y > 400$  MPa;

$D_o$  is the outer diameter of the tube;

$t$  is the wall thickness of the tube.

Material used in other parts shall meet the requirements specified in ISO 20332.

### 5.2.2 Grades and qualities

Steels in accordance with the following standards shall preferably be used as material for cylinder tubes and piston rods:

- ISO 683-1;
- ISO 683-2;
- EN 10277:2018;
- EN 10297-1;
- EN 10305-1;
- EN 10305-2.

Alternatively, other steel grades and qualities than those listed in this subclause may be used as material for cylinder tubes and piston rods, provided that the following conditions apply:

- the design value of  $f_y$  is limited to  $f_u/1,1$  for materials with  $f_u/f_y < 1,1$ ;
- the percentage elongation at fracture  $A \% \geq 14 \%$  on a gauge length  $L_0 = 5,65 \times \sqrt{S_0}$  (where  $S_0$  is the original cross-sectional area).

Grades and qualities of materials used in other parts of cylinders or mounting interfaces of cylinders shall be selected in accordance with ISO 20332.

## 6 Proof of static strength

### 6.1 General

A proof of static strength by calculation is intended to prevent excessive deformations due to yielding of the material, elastic instability and fracture of structural members or connections. Dynamic factors given in the relevant part of ISO 8686 are used to produce equivalent static loads to simulate dynamic effects. Also, load increasing effects due to deformation shall be considered. The theory of plasticity for calculation of ultimate load bearing capacity is not considered acceptable for the purposes of this document. The proof shall be carried out for structural members and connections while taking into account the most unfavourable load effects from the load combinations A, B or C in accordance with the relevant part of ISO 8686 or relevant product standards.

This document considers only nominal stresses, i.e. those calculated using traditional elastic strength of materials theory; localized stress concentration effects are excluded. When alternative methods of stress calculation are used such as finite element analysis, using those stresses directly for the proof given in this document can yield inordinately conservative results as the given limit states are intended to be used in conjunction with nominal stresses.

Cylinder actions are either active or passive. The action is active when the force from the cylinder exerts a positive work on the crane structure, otherwise the action is passive.

As the forces applied to the cylinder by the crane structure are computed in accordance with ISO 8686, they are already increased by the partial safety factors  $\gamma_p$  and relevant dynamic factors. [Formula \(1\)](#) and [Formula \(2\)](#) give design pressures  $p_{Sd}$  caused by forces acting on the cylinder from the crane structure. In addition, additional pressures  $p_{Sde}$  caused by internal phenomena in the hydraulic circuit shall be considered and added to the design pressures  $p_{Sd}$ . Such internally generated pressures can be caused, for example, by regenerative connections, pressure drop in return lines or cushioning.

In case a cylinder is intended to be tested as a component at higher pressure than the design pressure  $p_{Sd}$ , this load case shall also be taken into account in the proof of static strength, and in which case the test pressure shall be multiplied by a partial safety factor  $\gamma_p$  equal to 1,05.

The design pressure  $p_{Sd}$  in the piston side chamber or in the rod side chamber shall be computed from the design force  $F_{Sd}$  taking into account the force direction and the cylinder efficiency  $\eta$  due to friction. An efficiency factor  $\Psi$  is used to handle the effect of cylinder friction. For active cylinders  $\Psi$  has the value of  $1/\eta$  and for passive cylinders  $\Psi$  has the value of  $\eta$ .

For the piston side chamber, the design pressure is given by [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$p_{Sd} = \frac{4 \cdot F_{Sd}}{\pi \cdot D^2} \cdot \Psi \quad (1)$$

where

$F_{Sd}$  is the external design force;

$D$  is the piston diameter;

$\Psi$  is set to  $\eta$  for passive cylinders and to  $1/\eta$  for active cylinders.

For the rod side chamber, the design pressure is given by [Formula \(2\)](#):

$$p_{Sd} = \frac{4 \cdot F_{Sd}}{\pi \cdot (D^2 - d^2)} \cdot \Psi + p_{Sde} \quad (2)$$

where

$F_{Sd}$  is the external design force;

$D$  is the piston diameter;

$d$  is the rod diameter;

$\Psi$  is set to  $\eta$  for passive cylinders and to  $1/\eta$  for active cylinders;

$p_{Sde}$  is additional pressure caused by internal phenomena (e.g. regeneration).

Unless justified value of the efficiency  $\eta$  is available and used,  $\Psi$  shall be assigned the value of 1,1 for active cylinders and the value of 1,0 for passive cylinders.

## 6.2 Limit design stresses

### 6.2.1 General

The limit design stresses  $f_{Rd}$  shall be calculated from [Formula \(3\)](#):

$$f_{Rd} = f_n(f_k, \gamma_R) \quad (3)$$

where

$f_n$  is a general function as described in [6.2.2](#);

$f_k$  is the characteristic values (or nominal value);

$\gamma_R$  is the total resistance factor.

### 6.2.2 Limit design stress in structural members

The limit design stress  $f_{Rd}$ , used for the design of structural members, shall be calculated from [Formulae \(4\)](#) and [\(5\)](#):

$$f_{Rd\sigma} = \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{Rm}} \text{ for normal stresses} \quad (4)$$

$$f_{Rd\tau} = \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{Rm} \cdot \sqrt{3}} \text{ for shear stresses} \quad (5)$$

with  $\gamma_{Rm} = \gamma_m \cdot \gamma_{sm}$

where

$f_y$  is the minimum value of the yield stress of the material;

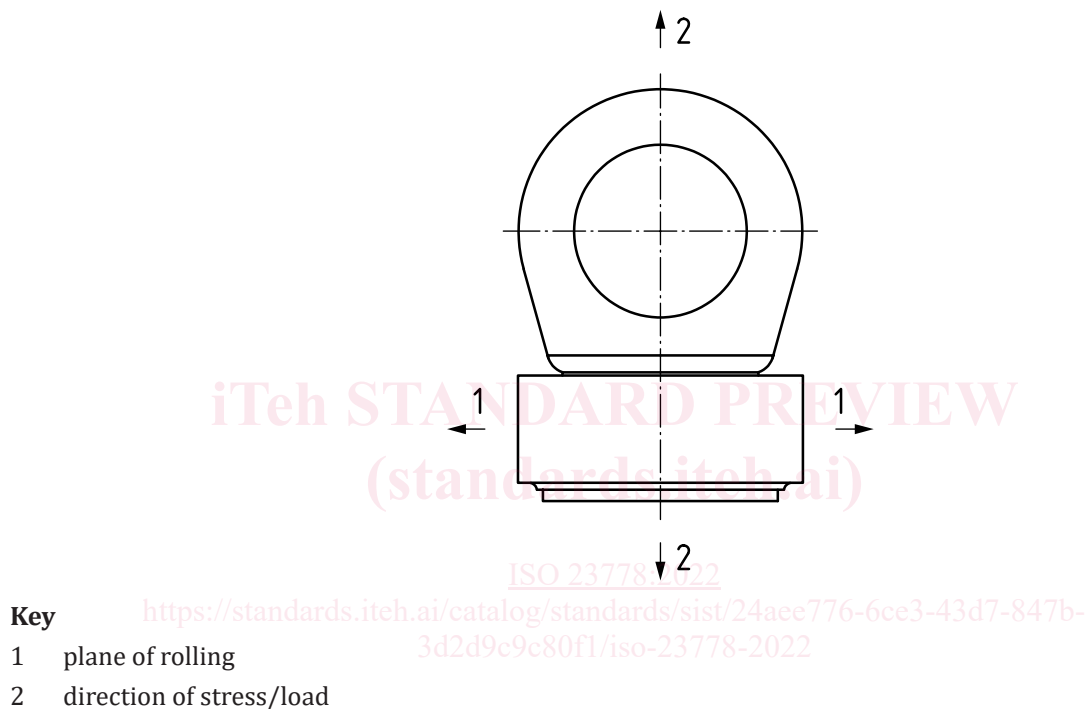
$\gamma_m$  is the general resistance factor  $\gamma_m = 1,1$  (see ISO 8686-1);

$\gamma_{sm}$  is the specific resistance factor for material in accordance with ISO 20332;

$\gamma_{sm} = 0,95$  is the basic value for material not loaded perpendicular to the rolling plane.

For tensile stresses perpendicular to the plane of rolling (see [Figure 5](#)), the material shall be suitable for carrying perpendicular loads and be free of lamellar defects. ISO 20332 specifies the values of  $\gamma_{sm}$  for material loaded perpendicular to the rolling plane.

[Figure 5](#) provides an example of a cylinder tube bottom where plate steel is used (eye is welded) and shows a tensile load perpendicular to plane of rolling.



**Figure 5 — Tensile load perpendicular to plane of rolling**

### 6.2.3 Limit design stresses in welded connections

The limit design weld stress  $f_{w,Rd}$  used for the design of a welded connection shall be in accordance with ISO 20332.

## 6.3 Linear stress analysis

### 6.3.1 General

[Subclause 6.3](#) comprises typical details for consideration that may be relevant for the proof of static strength. Details that are only relevant for fatigue analysis (e.g shell bending of tube) are not dealt with in [6.3](#). For cases or conditions not covered here, other recognized sources or static pressure/force testing may be used.

### 6.3.2 Typical cylinder arrangements

Before executing calculations, boundary conditions and loading shall be investigated. Typical conditions to be determined are:

- external forces and directions;