
**Earth-moving machinery and rough-
terrain trucks — Lighting, signalling
and marking lights, and reflex
reflectors**

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The main changes are as follows:

- in the Scope, it was clarified that rough-terrain trucks are included;
- the term "earth-moving machines" was replaced with "machines" throughout this document;
- the normative references were updated;
- in [Clause 3](#), several definitions were revised and several were removed as they no longer appear in this document;
- in [Clause 4](#), technical changes were made including a re-write of [4.1.6](#) and the addition of [4.1.10](#), with [Table 4-1](#) and addition of clauses moved from the former C.0;
- in [Annex A](#), [Table A-1](#) was revised, including the removal of the footnotes;
- in [Annex B](#), the annex title was clarified and [Figure B-1](#) was revised;
- Annex C from the previous edition was removed;
- Annex D from the previous edition was removed;
- in Annex E (now [Annex C](#)), there were technical changes to most of the clauses, including modifications to the text, the figures and the tables. Configurations text was removed in most clauses as this information is now covered in [4.1.10](#) and [Table 4-1](#). The exception for steel-tracked or steel-pad-foot was moved to [Table A-1](#). The content of Clause C.0 has been moved to other sections in this document and only the index remains;

- in Annex F (now [Annex D](#)), the figures and keys were revised;
- in Annex G from the previous edition was removed.

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Introduction

Earth-moving machines and rough-terrain trucks are designed to function in a wide variety of operations and worksites. Their size, mass, speed, combinations and equipment also greatly vary. Therefore, the combination of lighting, signalling and marking lights, and reflex reflectors will differ.

This document provides information needed for the selection of lighting, signalling and marking lights and reflex reflectors based on machine application and speed.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for installation and performance of lighting, signalling and marking lights, and reflex reflectors. It is applicable to ride-on self-propelled wheeled or crawler earth-moving machines as defined in ISO 6165, and rough-terrain variable-reach trucks as defined in ISO 10896-1 and ISO 10896-2, hereafter known as “machines”. These machines are used off-road and can occasionally be driven on the road.

NOTE 1 Meeting the requirements of this document does not ensure conformance to national or regional on-road regulations.

NOTE 2 Rough-terrain trucks with mast as defined in ISO 3691-1 and rough-terrain lorry-mounted trucks as defined in ISO 20297-1 are not specifically covered by this document, but this document can be used for guidance.

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. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6165, *Earth-moving machinery — Basic types — Identification and vocabulary*

ISO 10896-1, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 1: Variable-reach trucks*

ISO 10896-2, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 2: Slewing trucks*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6165, ISO 10896-1, ISO 10896-2 and the following 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/>

3.1.1

zero Y plane

vertical plane which passes through the longitudinal centreline of the machine

[SOURCE: ISO 6746-1:2003, 3.1.1]

3.1.2

ground reference plane

GRP

plane on which the machine is placed for measurements: in the case of the base machine, a hard, level surface; in the case of equipment and attachments, either a hard, level surface or compacted earth

[SOURCE: ISO 6746-1:2003, 3.2, modified — Note 1 to entry not included.]

3.1.3

extreme outer edge

plane parallel to the *zero Y plane* (3.1.1) of the machine and touching its lateral outer edge on either side of the machine, disregarding the projection of tyres near the point of contact with the *ground reference plane* (3.1.2) and connections for tyre-pressure gauges, the projection of any anti-skid device mounted on the wheels, of rear-view mirrors, and of side direction-indicator *lamps* (3.1.5), front and rear position lamps and stopping lamps

3.1.4

overall width

distance on Y coordinate between two Y planes passing through the *extreme outer edge* (3.1.3) of the machine on both sides of the *zero Y plane* (3.1.1)

3.1.5

lamp

device designated to illuminate the *road* (3.1.16) or ground (lighting) or to emit a light signal (light signalling)

Note 1 to entry: Marking light is similarly regarded as a lamp.

3.1.5.1

grouped

lamps (3.1.5) which have separate *illuminating surfaces* (3.1.7, 3.1.8) and separate light sources, but a common lamp body

Note 1 to entry: See [Table 4-1](#).

3.1.5.2

combined

lamps (3.1.5) which have separate *illuminating surfaces* (3.1.7, 3.1.8), but a common light source and a common lamp body

Note 1 to entry: See [Table 4-1](#).

3.1.5.3

reciprocally incorporated

lamps (3.1.5) which have separate light sources (or a single light source operating under different conditions), totally or partially common *illuminating surfaces* (3.1.7, 3.1.8) and a common lamp body

Note 1 to entry: See [Table 4-1](#).

3.1.6

reflex reflector

device which, by the reflection of light emanating from a light source not connected to the machine, is used to indicate the presence of a machine or to identify a specific part of a machine to an observer near the source

3.1.7

illuminating surface

<lighting device> orthogonal projection of the full aperture of a reflector in a transverse plane

Note 1 to entry: If the lighting device has no reflector, the definition of the illuminating surface of a signalling device applies. If the lamp lens(es) extend(s) over part only of the full aperture of the reflector, then the projection of that part only is taken into account.

Note 2 to entry: In the case of a dipped-beam headlamp, having a screened light source giving a defined cut-off, the illuminating surface is limited by the apparent trace of the cut-off on to the lens. If the reflector and glass are adjustable relative to one another, the mean adjustment is preferred.

3.1.8 illuminating surface

<signalling device> orthogonal projection of the *lamp* (3.1.5) in a plane perpendicular to its *reference axis* (3.1.10) and in contact with the exterior *light-emitting surface* (3.1.12) of a lamp

Note 1 to entry: This projection is bounded by the edges of screens situated in this plane which allows only 98 % of the total luminous intensity of the light to persist in the reference axis direction.

3.1.9 reflective surface

reflex reflector surface in a plane perpendicular to the *reference axis* (3.1.10) and bounded by planes on the outer edges of the light projection and parallel to this axis

3.1.10 reference axis

characteristic axis of the light signal for use as the reference direction ($\alpha = 0^\circ$, $\beta = 0^\circ$) for photometric measurements and when fitting the *lamp* (3.1.5) on the machine

3.1.11 reference centre

intersection of the *reference axis* (3.1.10) with the *light-emitting surface* (3.1.12)

3.1.12 light-emitting surface

all or part of the exterior surface of the transparent lens that encloses the lighting and light signalling devices and conforms to certain defined photometric and colourimetric conditions

3.1.13 tell-tale

optical signal that when illuminated indicates actuation or deactivation of a machine function, a correct or defective functioning or condition, or a failure to function

3.1.13.1 operational tell-tale

tell-tale (3.1.13) which informs the operator whether a lighting or light signalling device or system that has been actuated is operating correctly or not

3.1.13.2 circuit-closed tell-tale

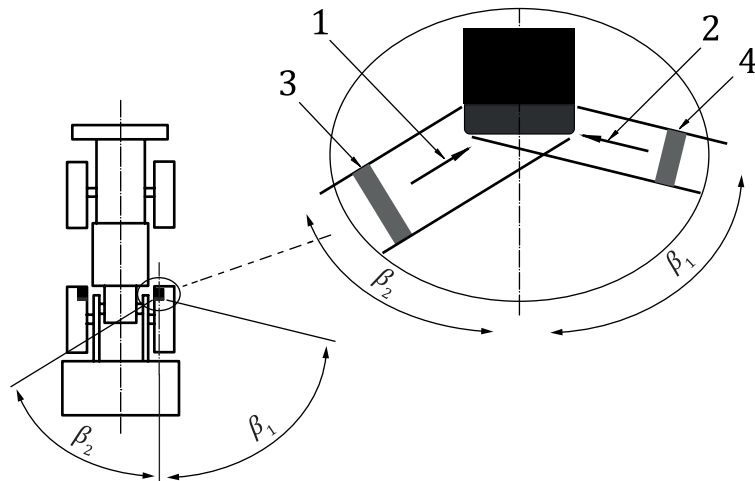
tell-tale (3.1.13) which informs the operator whether a lighting or light signalling device or system has been switched on but not whether a lighting is operating correctly or not

3.1.14 geometric visibility

specified angles which define the solid angle in which the *apparent surface* (3.1.15) of a *lamp* (3.1.5) or *reflex reflector* (3.1.6) is visible

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3-1](#).

Note 2 to entry: The solid angle is determined by the segments of a sphere in which the centre coincides with the *reference centre* (3.1.11) of the *lamp* (3.1.5) and the equator is parallel to the *ground reference plane* (3.1.2). These segments are determined in relation to the *reference axis* (3.1.10). The horizontal angles correspond to the longitude and the vertical angle to the latitude. The horizontal angles are β_1 corresponding to longitude outboard, and β_2 corresponding to the longitude inboard, and the vertical angles are α_1 corresponding to the up latitude and α_2 corresponding to the down latitude (see data sheet diagram in [Annex C](#)).



Key

- 1 direction of observation longitude inboard
- 2 direction of observation longitude outboard
- 3 apparent surface longitude inboard
- 4 apparent surface longitude outboard

Figure 3-1 — Example of geometric visibility showing directions of observation and apparent surfaces

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**3.1.15
apparent surface**

orthogonal projection of the *light-emitting surface* (3.1.12) in a plane perpendicular to a specified direction of observation

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3-1](#).

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**3.1.16
road**

public traffic area for use by automotive vehicles for travel or transportation

Note 1 to entry: *Public traffic area* does not include the sites of temporary road works (for example, for repairs, maintenance, alterations, improvements, installations, or any other works to, above or under a road, including works to road equipment lighting, barriers, walls, etc.) or roads not open to the public (for example, on new housing and industrial developments), or on which public traffic is not permitted.

[SOURCE: ISO 17253:2014, 3.2]

**3.1.17
travel on the road**

travelling on the road

use of machines on the *road* (3.1.16) (for example, travelling between work sites, to and from the site of normal storage, travelling for refuelling of the machine) for purposes other than intended operation

Note 1 to entry: The crossing of a *road* (3.1.16) in order to carry out job site work can be considered travelling on the road.

[SOURCE: ISO 17253:2014, 3.3, modified — The term was originally "driving on the road" and Note 1 to entry has been added.]

**3.1.18
wheel tread/track gauge**

distance on Y coordinate between two Y planes passing through the mid-width of the sprocket teeth or tyre centreline as appropriate

3.1.19**emergency braking signal**

signal to indicate to other road users and exposed persons to the rear of the machine that a high retardation force has been applied to the machine relative to the prevailing road conditions

3.2 Symbols

B	distance between the outer edges of the light-emitting surface
E	distance between extreme outer edge of machine and outer illuminating surface of lighting device
D	minimum distance between two lamps
H_1	maximum height above ground reference plane to upper edge of illuminating surface or reflective surface
H_2	minimum height above ground reference plane to lower edge of illuminating surface or reflective surface
K	distance from front of machine or behind machine to edge of illuminating surface
L	maximum length of base machine, including front and rear equipment
M	distance between edges of illuminating surface
N	distance between the edges of the illumination surface of the lamps
α_1	vertical angles corresponding to up latitude
α_2	vertical angles corresponding to down latitude
β_1	horizontal angles corresponding to longitude outboard
β_2	horizontal angles corresponding to longitude inboard

4 General requirements**4.1 Installation of lighting, signalling and marking lights, and reflex reflectors**

4.1.1 The lighting, signalling and marking lights, and reflex reflectors shall be so fitted that, under normal operating conditions specified by the manufacturer, they retain the characteristics specified in [Annex C](#). It shall not be possible for the lamps to be inadvertently disturbed, for example, due to excessive vibration. General locations for lighting, signalling and marking lights, and reflex reflectors are shown in [Annex D](#).

4.1.2 The position (for example, height and orientation) of the lamps shall be verified with the unladen machine on the ground reference plane. All measurements in this document require the machine to be in the straight, unarticulated roading position. When the machine has a bucket, the bucket shall be in the carry position as specified by the manufacturer.

4.1.3 Lamps constituting a pair shall:

- be fitted to the machine symmetrically in relation to the zero Y plane and at the same height above the ground reference plane, except on machines with unsymmetrical shape;
- satisfy the same colourimetric characteristics (see CIE S004 for guidance);
- have substantially identical photometric characteristics (see CIE S004 for guidance).

4.1.4 The maximum height (H_1) shall be measured from the ground reference plane to the highest point of the illuminating surface. The minimum height (H_2) shall be measured from the ground reference plane to the lowest point of the illuminating surface. When the height requirements are substantially met, it is sufficient to refer to actual lamp edges.

4.1.5 The width dimension (E) shall be determined from the edge of the illuminating surface which is furthest from the zero Y plane of the machine. The width dimension (D) shall be determined from the inner edges of the illuminating surfaces which are closest to the zero Y plane of the machine. When the width requirements are substantially met, it is sufficient to refer to the actual lamp edges.

4.1.6 With the machine located on a horizontal plane and, in the case of articulated frame steering, in a straight position the machine shall be tested to verify that there is:

- a) no direct visibility of red light from a lamp or red reflex reflector as given in [Annex C](#) if viewed by an observer (at a height above the ground reference plane between 1 m and 2,2 m) anywhere within Zone 1;

Zone 1 is in a transverse plane located 25 m from the front of the wheel/track. The width of Zone 1 is determined by 15° planes originating from the outermost front wheel tread/track gauge on the left side and right side of the machine [see [Figure B-1 a](#)]. For machines with a single wheel/track at the front of the machine (for example, roller with drum), the 15° planes originate from the outside of the wheel/track, for example a drum.

- b) no direct visibility of white light from a lamp or white reflex reflector as given in [Annex C](#) if viewed by an observer (at a height above the ground reference plane between 1 m and 2,2 m) anywhere within Zone 2 with the following exceptions:
 - white light from the reversing lamp(s);
 - white light from the working lamp(s).

Zone 2 is in a transverse plane located 25 m from the rear of the wheel/track. The width of Zone 2 is determined by 15° planes originating from the outermost rear wheel tread/track gauge on left and right side of the machine. [see [Figure B-1 b](#)]. For machines with a single wheel/track at the rear of the machine (for example, roller with drum), the 15° planes originate from the outside of the wheel/track, for example, a drum.

4.1.7 The electrical connections shall be such that the front position lamps, rear position lamps, and rear registration plate lamp(s) (if any), can only be switched on and off simultaneously.

4.1.8 The electrical connections shall be such that the upper beam headlamps, dipped beam headlamps, and rear fog lamp(s) (if any) cannot be switched on unless the front and rear position lamps, and rear registration plate lamp(s) (if any) are also switched on. This requirement shall not apply when upper beam or dipped beam headlamps are used to give short momentary luminous signals.

4.1.9 Lamps shall be fitted to the machine according to the data sheets in [Annex C](#). Lighting combinations given in [Annex C](#) are defined in [Annex A](#), which shall be followed.

4.1.10 Lamps may be grouped, combined, or reciprocally incorporated with one another provided that all requirements regarding colour, position, orientation, geometric visibility, electrical connections, and other requirements, if any, for each lamp are fulfilled. (See [Table 4-1](#).)

Table 4-1 — Comparison of lamp types

Lamp types	Illuminating surface	Light source	Lamp body
grouped	separate	separate	common

^a Can be a single light source operating under different conditions.

Table 4-1 (continued)

Lamp types	Illuminating surface	Light source	Lamp body
combined	separate	common	common
reciprocally incorporated	common or partially common	separate ^a	common
^a Can be a single light source operating under different conditions.			

4.1.11 The dimensions and geometric visibility specifications given in the data sheets in [Annex C](#) are based on the travel or the carry position of the machine as specified by the manufacturer.

4.1.12 Lamps may be activated and deactivated automatically for the purpose of the operator aid as long as the general requirements of this document are followed (for example, autonomous emergency braking).

4.1.13 Figures in [Annex C](#) are only representations; actual mounting may vary.

NOTE Where national or regional requirements differ from the requirements of this document, the national or regional requirements can take precedence.

4.2 Reference documents pertaining to lighting and marking devices

Lighting and marking devices can be subject to regional standards and regulations. [Annex E](#) provides example reference documents pertaining to lighting and marking devices.

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Annex A (normative)

Lighting combinations

[Table A-1](#) defines lighting combinations based on machine application and the rated maximum travelling speed.

NOTE 1 Following [Table A-1](#) does not ensure conformance to specific national roading standards or regulations. It is possible that all lighting, signalling and marking lights, and reflex reflectors used on machines in lighting group II need to be type approved according to the national regulations.

NOTE 2 The crossing of a road can be considered travelling on the road.

Table A-1 — Lighting combinations

Machines application	Lighting groups	Rated maximum travelling speed		
		v (km/h)		
		A v ≤ 10	B 10 < v ≤ 40	C v > 40
Machines that are not configured for travel on the road.	I	Lighting groups I or II can apply to a given machine type. Manufacturer defines lighting group I or II, based on lighting configuration provided.		
Machines that are configured for travel on the road.	II			
Machines not allowed to travel on the road due to physical characteristics exceeding road limits due to regulations.	III	EXAMPLE Machines that exceed permissible axle load limits, machine width exceeds permissible dimensions, machines with steel tracks, sheepfoot drums or padfoot drums.		

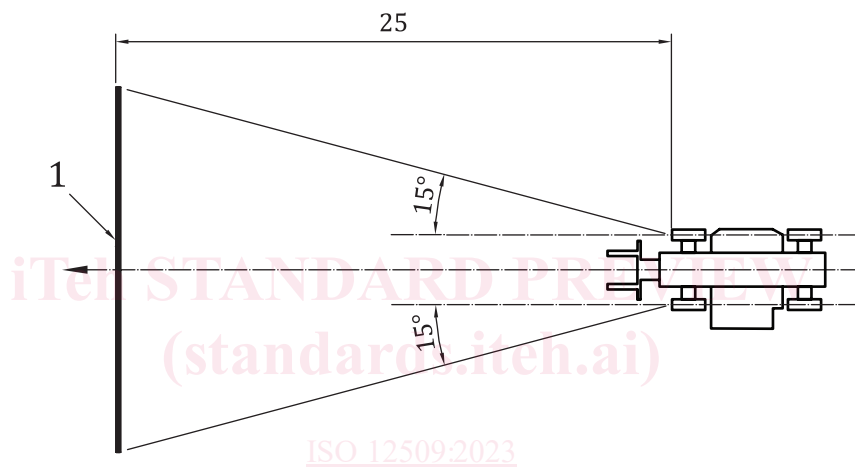
Annex B (informative)

Forward visibility of red light and rearward visibility of white light

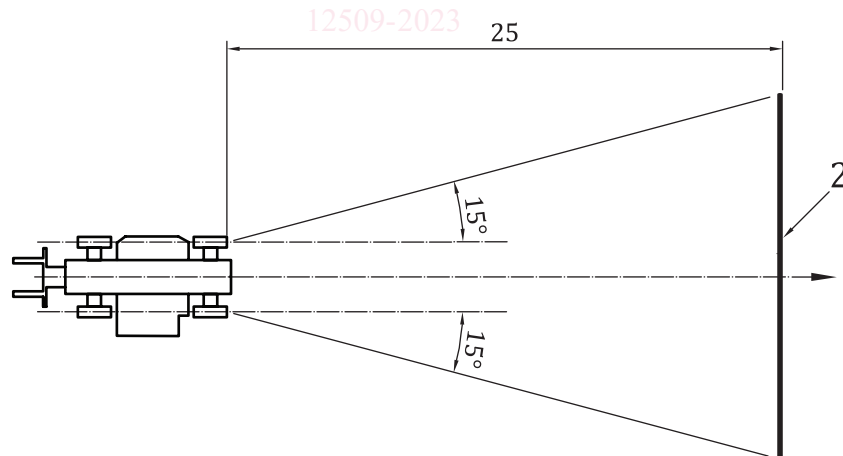
The zone for which no red light from a lamp or red reflex reflector is to be visible to the front of the machine is shown in [Figure B-1 a\)](#).

The zone for which no white light from a lamp or white reflex reflector is to be visible to the rear of the machine is shown in [Figure B-1 b\)](#).

Dimensions in metres



a) Forward visibility zone of no red light from a lamp or red reflex reflector [see [4.1.6 a\)](#)]



b) Rearward visibility zone of no white light from a lamp or white reflex reflector [see [4.1.6 b\)](#)]

Key

- 1 zone 1
- 2 zone 2

Figure B-1 — Forward visibility of red light and rearward visibility of white light