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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3691-4:2020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- ~~update of the scope by adding~~ Scope has been updated to include a list of significant hazards not covered;
- ~~update of the list of normative references with~~ has been updated to include the most recent ~~versions~~ editions of documents;
- ~~update of Clause 3 by adding~~ the definitions of "term entries "active detection field" and "operational stop" have been added to Clause 3;
- ~~update of Clause 4 (with new requirements 4.1.16 to 4.1.27),~~ Clause 5, Clause 6, Annex A, Annex B and Annex C; have been updated, with new requirements added in subclauses 4.1.16 to 4.1.27

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— ~~reword of the~~ verification of the safety requirements lists in Annex E have been reworded.

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Introduction

General

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100:2010.

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 organizations, 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.

Structure

An important step forward in the work on the ISO 3691 series of standards was the agreement to issue a new structure of International Standards for industrial trucks having on one side basic standards for all types of trucks and on the other side independent standards to cover the respective specific functions of industrial trucks, e.g. visibility, noise, electrical requirements, etc.

Global relevance

From the very beginning, the task was to revise ISO 3691:1980 to establish international basic standards to align with the major legislative regulations in, for example, the EU, Japan, Australia and North America.

Every effort was made to develop a globally relevant International Standard. That goal was achieved for most of the issues addressed. For several potential problem areas, compromises were needed and will still be needed in the future. Where divergent regional requirements outside Europe remain, these are addressed by ISO/TS 3691-8:2019.

The standard has been prepared under a standardization request given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive 2006/42/EC. For relationship with EU Directive 2006/42/EC, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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This document takes into consideration:

- the current state of the art and especially:
- virtual bumper technology;
- hybrid (i.e. manual and automatic) mode trucks;
- performance level versus category;
- further specified clearances;
- guarding for specific zones.

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Industrial trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 4: Driverless industrial trucks and their systems

1 Scope

This document specifies safety requirements and the means for their verification for driverless industrial trucks (hereafter referred to as trucks) and their systems.

Examples of driverless industrial trucks (trucks ~~as defined in~~ ISO 5053-1:2020) ~~can also be known as~~ include: “automated guided vehicle”, “autonomous mobile robot”, “bots”, “automated guided cart”, “tunnel tugger”, “under cart”, etc.

This document is also applicable to driverless industrial trucks which are provided with:

- automatic modes which either require operators’ action(s) to initiate or enable such automatic operations;
- the capability to transport one or more riders (which are neither considered as drivers nor as operators);
- additional manual modes which allow operators to operate the truck manually; or
- a maintenance mode which allows manual operation of truck functions for maintenance reasons.

~~This document~~ is not applicable to trucks solely guided by mechanical means (rails, guides, etc.) or to remotely-controlled trucks, which are not considered to be driverless trucks.

For the purposes of this document, a driverless industrial truck is a powered truck, which is designed to operate automatically. A driverless truck system comprises the control system, which can be part of the truck and/or separate from it, guidance means and power system. Requirements for power sources are not covered in this document.

The condition of the operating zone has a significant effect on the safe operation of the driverless industrial truck. The preparations of the operating zone to eliminate the associated hazards are specified in Annex A.

This document is applicable to all significant hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events during all phases of the life of the truck (ISO 12100:2010, 5.4), as listed in Annex B, relevant to the applicable machines when it is used as intended and under conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer.

In particular, this document does not apply to significant hazards related to:

- noise;
- vibrations;

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- ionising and non-ionising radiation;
- laser radiation;
- sales literature (commercial documents);
- declaration of vibrations transmitted by mobile machinery.

It does not apply to additional hazards that can occur:

- during operation in severe conditions (e.g. extreme climates, freezer applications, strong magnetic fields);
- during operation in nuclear environments;
- from trucks intended to operate in public zones (see in particular ISO 13482:2014);
- during operation on a public road;
- during operation in potentially explosive environments;
- during operation in military applications;
- during operation with specific hygienic requirements;
- during operation in ionizing radiation environments;
- during the transportation of (a) person(s) other than (the) intended rider(s);
- when handling loads the nature of which can lead to dangerous situations (e.g. molten metals, acids/bases, radiating materials);
- for rider positions with elevation function higher than 1 200 mm from the floor/ground to the platform floor.

This document does not contain safety requirements for trailer(s) being towed behind a truck.

This document does not contain safety requirements for elevated operator trucks.

This document does not apply to trucks manufactured before the date of its publication.

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

ISO 3691-1:2011+A4 and ISO 3691-2:2011+A4 and ISO 3691-3:2020, *Industrial trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 1: Self-propelled industrial trucks, other than driverless trucks, variable-reach trucks and burden-carrier trucks*

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ISO 3691-6:2021, *Industrial trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 6: Burden and personnel carriers*

ISO 4413:2010, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 4414:2010, *Pneumatic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 5053-1:2020, *Industrial trucks — Vocabulary — Part 1: Types of industrial trucks*

ISO 7010:2019 + A1, ISO 7010:2019/Amd 1:2020 + A2, ISO 7010:2019/Amd 2:2020 + A3, ISO 7010:2019/Amd 3:2021 + A4, ISO 7010:2019/Amd 4:2021 + A5, ISO 7010:2019/Amd 5:2022 + A6 and ISO 7010:2019/Amd 6:2022, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs*

ISO-10896-1:2020, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 1: Variable-reach trucks*

ISO-10896-2:2016, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 2: Slewing trucks*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13849-2:2012, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Validation*

ISO 13850:2015, *Safety of machinery — Emergency stop function — Principles for design*

ISO 13851:2019, *Safety of machinery — Two-hand control devices — Principles for design and selection*

ISO 13856-2:2013, *Safety of machinery — Pressure-sensitive protective devices — Part 2: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars*

ISO 13856-3:2013, *Safety of machinery — Pressure-sensitive protective devices — Part 3: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive bumpers, plates, wires and similar devices*

ISO 13857:2019, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

ISO 14119:2013, *Safety of machinery — Interlocking devices associated with guards — Principles for design and selection*

ISO 14120:2015, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

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