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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4301-5:1991), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- a new approach for the classification of cranes and mechanisms by introducing the cycle-based classification following ISO 4301-1:2016 for bridge and gantry crane equipment.

A list of all parts in the ISO 4301 series can be found on the ISO website.

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Cranes — Classification —

Part 5: Bridge and gantry cranes

1 Scope

This document establishes a general classification of bridge and gantry cranes and their mechanisms based on the service conditions, mainly expressed by the following:

- a) total number of working cycles to be carried out during the specified design life of the crane;
- b) the load spectrum factor which presents the relative frequencies of loads to be handled;
- c) the average load displacements.

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 4301-1, *Cranes — Classification — Part 1: General*

ISO 4306-1, *Cranes — Vocabulary — Part 1: General*

ISO 4306-5, *Cranes — Vocabulary — Part 5: Bridge and gantry cranes*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4301-1, ISO 4306-1, ISO 4306-5, 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/>

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powerplant crane

bridge or gantry crane used to carry out construction and maintenance of power generating equipment often requiring precision movements (e.g. removal of armature shaft for electric generator in hydroelectric power station)

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The main symbols used in this document are given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Main symbols

Symbol	Description
A	Classes for group classification of the crane as a whole
C_f	Total number of full load cycles
h_{ave}	Average hoist displacement, in metres (m)
Q_p	Class of state of loading
t_{ave}	Average hoist time, in hours (h)
T_f	Total time of use, in hours (h)
U	Class of utilization
v_{ave}	Average hoist speed, in metres per minute (m/min)

5 Group classification

The crane as a whole shall be classified in accordance with ISO 4301-1. The minimum group classification, A, for bridge and gantry cranes as a whole is given in Table 2.

Guidance as to typical classifications of class of utilization and class of loading for bridge and gantry cranes in relation to usage is given in Table 2. Where the total number of cycles C or the load spectrum factor K_p (see ISO 4301-1, 6.3) is not known, the lowest class U or Q_p of the given ranges shall be selected as a minimum.

Table 2 — Classification of bridge and gantry cranes

No.	Usage of crane	Service conditions	Minimum group classification of the crane as a whole, A	Class of Utilization, U	Class of state of loading, Q_p
1	Manually powered crane		A1	$U_0 - U_2$	$Q_{p1} - Q_{p4}$
2	Powerplant crane		A1	$U_0 - U_2$	$Q_{p0} - Q_{p2}$
3	Maintenance crane		A1	$U_1 - U_3$	$Q_{p0} - Q_{p2}$
4	Workshop crane	Limited use for assembly	A1	$U_0 - U_2$	$Q_{p0} - Q_{p2}$
		Light use	A2	$U_1 - U_3$	$Q_{p0} - Q_{p2}$
		Intermittent use	A3	$U_2 - U_5$	$Q_{p1} - Q_{p3}$
		Intensive use	A4	$U_5 - U_8$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
5	Cranes in storage yards	Intermittent use	A3	$U_1 - U_3$	$Q_{p1} - Q_{p3}$
		Intensive use	A6	$U_6 - U_8$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
6	Scrapyard crane	Light use, hook duty	A3	$U_1 - U_3$	$Q_{p1} - Q_{p3}$
		Intensive use, grab or magnet duty	A6	$U_6 - U_8$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
7	Ship building Crane		A4	$U_2 - U_5$	$Q_{p1} - Q_{p3}$
8	Ship unloader		A7	$U_6 - U_9$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
9	Container handling crane	Terminal Cranes	A5	$U_5 - U_7$	$Q_{p2} - Q_{p3}$
		Ship-to-shore	A5	$U_6 - U_8$	$Q_{p2} - Q_{p3}$
10	Steelwork crane	Roll changing crane	A2	$U_1 - U_3$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
		Ladle crane	A7	$U_4 - U_6$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
		Soaking pit crane	A7	$U_4 - U_6$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
		Stripper crane	A8	$U_6 - U_8$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
		Charging crane	A8	$U_6 - U_8$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$
11	Foundry crane		A5	$U_3 - U_5$	$Q_{p3} - Q_{p5}$