
**Commercial road vehicles — Mechanical
coupling between towing vehicles with
rear-mounted coupling and drawbar
trailers — Interchangeability**

*Véhicules routiers utilitaires — Accouplement mécanique entre véhicules
tracteurs à dispositif d'attelage arrière et remorque à train avant
directeur — Interchangeabilité*

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the requirements for the various elements and dimensions of towing vehicles with rear-mounted coupling and of drawbar trailers, to ensure interchangeability.

NOTE Annex B gives examples of different configurations of vehicle combinations; this International Standard deals only with No. B.1.1.

This International Standard is applicable to road trains for commercial transport of cargo of the greatest possible variety; it does not cover dedicated or special combinations. Nor does it specify limitations of maximum gross mass and overall dimensions, which are generally laid down by legislative requirements.

Vehicles whose couplings form the subject of this International Standard are not interchangeable with vehicles whose couplings are mounted forward and below (which form the subject of ISO 11407^[1]).

2 Interchangeability dimensions

2.1 Distance between drawbar coupling axis and rear end of towing vehicle

The distance between drawbar coupling axis and rear end of towing vehicle (dimension *A* in Figure 1) shall not exceed 550 mm.

NOTE It is recommended that dimension *A* lie within the range of 420 mm to 550 mm if compliance with the following conditions is required (e.g. in Europe):

- road train with a total length of 18,75 m (in accordance with Directive 96/53/EC^[2]);
- loading length/body length equal to $2 \times 7,45$ m (two C745 swap bodies in accordance with EN 284^[3]);
- $S_{\min} = 80$ mm (in accordance with 2.2);
- no close-coupling system.

When dimension *A* exceeds 420 mm, a device that enables coupling actuation at a maximum distance of 420 mm from the outer bord of the body is required.