
**Series 1 freight containers —
Corner and intermediate fittings —
Specifications**

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Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 1161:1984), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- added ISO 148-1 in [Clause 2](#);
- added mechanical properties and reference to heat treatment in [Clause 4](#);
- revised design load values for top, bottom and intermediate fittings in [5.1.1](#) to [5.1.3](#) in accordance with the maximum superimposed mass represented in ISO 1496-1;
- added [5.1.4](#);
- added interior walls, top and bottom plates as new compulsory features in [5.2](#);
- added new compulsory markings in [Clause 7](#);
- added [Clause 8](#);
- added interior wall thickness and bottom plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 1 a](#));
- added interior wall thickness and bottom plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 2 a](#));
- added interior wall thickness and top plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 3 a](#));
- added interior wall thickness and top plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 4 a](#));
- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 1 b](#));
- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 2 b](#));
- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 3 b](#));

- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 4 b](#));
- revised diagram for internal lashing in [Figure 5](#);
- removed existing [Annex A](#), “Examples of overall dimensions of box-shaped corner fittings”;
- added new [Annex A](#), “Testing methodology”;
- removed Annex C “Guide on the choice of sizes for, and the positioning of, twistlock tie-down devices for securing series 1 freight containers to carrying vehicles” (intent to transfer to ISO 3874 as more appropriate home for this information).

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 1161:1984/Amd 1:2007 and the Technical Corrigendum ISO 1161:1984/Cor 1:1990.

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Introduction

This International Standard on corner fittings is the result of the efforts of technical and operational personnel drawn from all phases of the transportation industry. The figures show the fittings for the top and bottom corners of series 1 freight containers which will provide compatibility in interchange between transportation modes. Care has been taken to limit consideration only to those details vital to this function.

The size and configuration of corner and intermediate fitting apertures are specified. The faces of the corner and intermediate fittings having apertures for the engagement of handling and securing devices have specified thickness and tolerances as shown in [Figures 1 to 4](#). The minimum thickness of the blank walls is specified even though they are not involved in the engagement of the handling and securing devices; they can be thicker than the minimum provided that their inner surfaces do not protrude into the corner fitting cavity reserved for the engaging device.

The purpose of this International Standard is to define some details of design vital to container interchange in automatic, semi-automatic and conventional systems.

The strength and testing requirements specified in this International Standard do not take any account of the stresses which can result from the practice of end-to-end coupling of containers.

NOTE The requirements of this International Standard do not preclude the Provision of additional facilities for lifting either from the top or at the base of the freight container.

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Series 1 freight containers — Corner and intermediate fittings — Specifications

1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the basic dimensions and the functional and strength requirements of corner and intermediate fittings for series 1 freight containers, i.e. containers which conform to ISO 668 and ISO 1496 (all parts) with the exception of air mode containers (see ISO 8323).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1496-1, *Series 1 freight containers — Specification and testing — Part 1: General cargo containers for general purposes*

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

3 Dimensional requirements

3.1 General

3.1.1 The dimensions and tolerances of the corner and intermediate fittings shall conform to [Figures 1](#) to [4](#).

Each series 1 container shall have two right-hand top corner fittings (on the right as the observer faces either end of the container) and two left-hand top corner fittings which are the mirror image of the right-hand fittings.

The bottom corner fittings shall have a similar configuration except in respect of the end aperture.

Apart from the above, 45 ft containers shall have four top intermediate fittings in the 40 ft position [see [Figures 1](#) b) and [2](#) b)] and four bottom intermediate fittings in the 40 ft position [see [Figures 3](#) b) and [4](#) b)].

The corner fittings shown in [Figures 1](#) to [4](#) illustrate right-hand top and bottom fittings only; for the left-hand corner fittings, the dimensions are simply transposed.

3.2 Detailed dimensional and manufacturing requirements

3.2.2 Where the dimensions are not specified for inner and outer edges of apertures, these edges shall be given a radius of:

$$3_{-1,5}^0 \text{ mm} \left(1 / 8_{-1/16}^0 \text{ in} \right) \quad (1)$$

3.2.3 At the junction of the two 6 mm (1/4 in) outside edge radii with the 14,5 mm (9/16 in) edge radius, the corner should be rounded by blending the radiused edges, removing minimum amounts of material from the flat outer faces and walls.

3.2.4 Where a corner or intermediate fitting has an optional inner side wall and is made to the minimum dimension of 149 mm (5 7/8 in), the junction of the mandatory horizontal face to the optional inner side wall may be provided with a radius not exceeding 5,5 mm (7/32 in).

If a greater radius is required, the 149 mm (5 7/8 in) dimensions shall be increased accordingly.

4 Strength requirements

The corner or intermediate fittings shall be designed, constructed and tested in such a manner and of such materials as to enable them to pass the operating and testing requirements laid down in ISO 1496-1 and [Clauses 5](#) and [8](#).

The mechanical properties of raw materials used to produce corner fittings shall meet or exceed the following:

Yield Strength:	275 MPa;
Tensile strength:	480 Mpa;
Impact Energy at -20°C	27 KV (Joule) ^a ;
Impact Energy at -40°C:	21 KV (Joule) ^a ;
Elongation:	25 %;
Reduction of area:	40 %.

^a Impact tests in accordance with ISO 148-1.

The above is to be regarded as the minimum values for strength requirements. Certification societies may approve higher values, but not lower. Testing at temperatures lower than -40 °C may be approved if required.

Manufacturers are responsible for ensuring that quantities of undesirable elements in the raw materials used to produce corner fittings are kept to an absolute minimum and that the composition of the resultant material is such as to ensure good weldability.

All corner or intermediate fittings produced by a casting process are to be suitably heat treated to comply with the specified mechanical properties above. Heat treatment batches are to be limited to the size required so as to ensure that all fittings receive a comparable treatment regime and that there are no cold or hot spots in the batch.

5 Design requirements

5.1 Loading

5.1.1 General

The following container design loadings and criteria were used in establishing the dimensional design of corner or intermediate fittings specified in this International Standard.

Corner and intermediate fittings for series 1 freight containers shall be capable of withstanding the loads calculated in accordance with the requirements of ISO 1496-1 and the lifting methods of ISO 3874 for 1AA, 1A, 1AX, 1EEE and 1EE containers. The calculated design loads are listed in the following subclauses.

WARNING — Recognizing that there are containers that have ratings in excess of those specified in ISO 668, special arrangements for certification of corner or intermediate fittings for such containers may be required.

5.1.2 Stacking

	Design loads
Top corner fitting [superimposed load offset 25,4 mm (1 in) laterally and 38 mm (1 1/2 in) longitudinally]	942 kN
Top Intermediate fitting [superimposed load offset 25,4 mm (1 in) laterally and 38 mm (1 1/2 in) longitudinally]	423 kN
Bottom corner fitting (resting on flat support)	1200 kN
Bottom intermediate fitting (resting on flat support)	560 kN
Bottom corner fitting offset 25,4 mm (1 in) laterally and 38 mm (1 1/2 in) longitudinally (to reflect the situation in cell guides)	942 kN

5.1.3 Lifting

	Design loads
Top corner or intermediate fitting [twistlock (see also Clause 6), hook or shackle]	195 kN
Bottom corner or intermediate fitting sling at 30° to horizontal	390 kN

NOTE Lifting from the bottom corner or intermediate fitting:

- the line of action of the sling is assumed to be parallel to and not more than 38 mm (1 1/2 in) from the outer face of the corner fitting;
- the load values quoted are for slings at the angles stated, but it is recognized that slings may be used at any angle between the angle stated and the vertical.

5.1.4 Longitudinal restraint

	Design loads
Bottom corner or intermediate fittings (two fittings carrying load)	300 kN ($2g \times 1R$)

5.1.5 Vertical restraint

	Design loads
Top and bottom corner fittings or intermediate top and bottom fittings	250 kN

5.1.6 Lashing and securing

The force, or resultant of any combination of forces, imparted on the aperture in the end or the side of a bottom corner or bottom intermediate fitting as a result of the use of a lashing or a securing device, or a combination of such devices, is assumed not to exceed the value indicated by the point on the “envelope” shown in [Figure 5](#) which is appropriate to the angle at which the force, or resultant force, is applied. It is further assumed that the force or resultant force lies in a plane parallel to and no more than 38 mm (1 1/2 in) from the face of the corner or intermediate fitting.