
Steel cord conveyor belts —

Part 3: Special safety requirements for belts for use in underground installations

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15236-3:2007), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

- the references have been updated;
- [Table 3](#) has been expanded to include belt widths from 1 800 to 3 200.

A list of all parts in the ISO 15236 series can be found on the ISO website.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the performance and constructional requirements applicable to conveyor belts for underground mining having steel cords in the longitudinal direction as reinforcement. The requirements for design and construction apply to the design of single belts, as well as the design of complete type series such as those covered in ISO 15236-2.

Steel cord belts in accordance with this document are intended for use underground in coal mines and in other applications where the highest demands for safety against fire and explosion hazards have to be complied with.

NOTE At present, the requirements can only be met by the use of compounds based on chloroprene rubber for the covers, as well as for the bonding rubber.

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

ISO 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 703, *Conveyor belts — Transverse flexibility (troughability) — Test method*

ISO 2062, *Textiles — Yarns from packages — Determination of single-end breaking force and elongation at break*

ISO 4649, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device*

ISO 7590, *Steel cord conveyor belts — Methods for the determination of total thickness and cover thickness*

ISO 7622-2, *Steel cord conveyor belts — Longitudinal traction test — Part 2: Measurement of tensile strength*

ISO 7623, *Steel cord conveyor belts — Cord-to-coating bond test — Initial test and after thermal treatment*

ISO 8094, *Steel cord conveyor belts — Adhesion strength test of the cover to the core layer*

EN 13827, *Steel cord conveyor belts — Determination of the lateral and vertical displacement of steel cords*

EN 14973, *Conveyor belts for use in underground installations — Electrical and flammability safety requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 edge width

b_k
thickness of rubber between the outer cord and the belt edge

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

3.2 breaker

transverse reinforcement in the conveyor belt, normally of a textile material, attached both above and below or either above or below the layer of longitudinal cords at a distance of at least 1 mm and considered to be part of the cover

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

[SOURCE: ISO 7590:2009, 2.1, modified]

3.3 weft

transverse reinforcement in the conveyor belt, normally of steel wires, attached both above and below or either above or below the layer of longitudinal cords at a distance of less than 1 mm and considered to be part of the belt core

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

[SOURCE: ISO 7590:2009, 2.2, modified]

4 Symbols and units

See [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Explanation	Unit
B	Belt width	mm
F_a	Pull-out force of cord per cord length	N/mm
F_{bs}	Breaking strength of cord taken from cured belt	kN
F_v	Pull-out force of cord per cord length, after thermal treatment	N/mm
K_N	Minimum (nominal) breaking strength per width of belt	N/mm
b_k	Calculated edge width	mm
b_t	Supporting belt width	mm
d	Cord diameter	mm
e	See Figure 4	mm
F	Deflection (troughability)	mm
h_m	Median cord height according to EN 13827	mm
n	Number of cords	—
s_1	Nominal belt thickness (see ISO 7590)	mm
s_2	Cover thickness carrying side	mm
s_3	Cover thickness pulley side	mm

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Explanation	Unit
s_4	Thickness of layer between breaker and layer of longitudinal cords	mm
s_5	Thickness of layer between weft and layer of longitudinal cords	mm
s_6	Thickness of belt core	mm
t	Cord spacing/pitch	mm
Δh_1	Number of cords positioned within a range of $h_m \leq 1$ mm as a percentage of the total number of cords	%
Δh_2	Number of cords positioned within a range of h_m of from $>1,0$ mm to $1,5$ mm and expressed as a percentage of the total number of cords	%
Δh_3	Percentage of cords with $h_m > 1,5$ mm	%

5 Belt design

5.1 Standard type

Conveyor belts conforming to this document contain steel cords surrounded by a layer of core rubber. This belt core is protected on top and bottom by cover layers (see [Figure 1](#)).

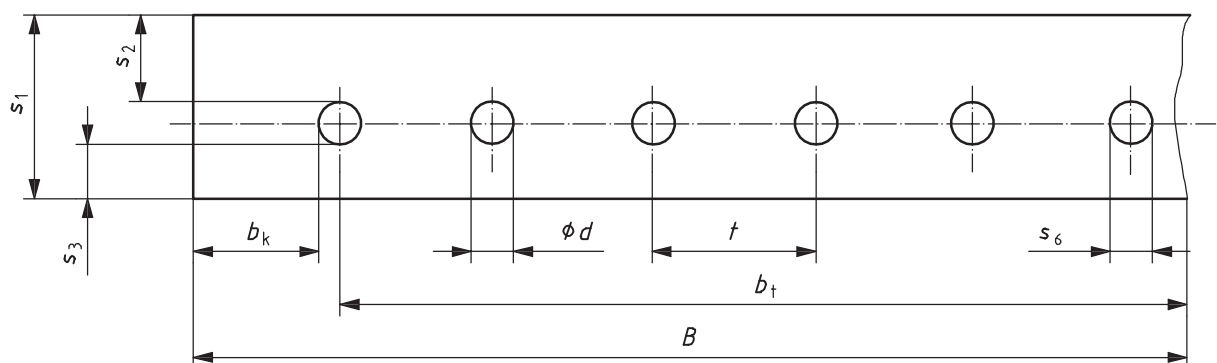
5.2 Conveyor belting having transverse reinforcements

Requirements for steel cord conveyor belts having breakers are illustrated in [Figure 2](#) and requirements relating to weft are illustrated in [Figure 3](#).

5.3 Belt core

The thickness of the belt core (carcass), s_6 , for all belt types is defined as follows:

$$s_6 = s_1 - s_2 - s_3$$



$$s_6 = d$$

Figure 1 — Cross section of standard belt