
Cranes — Classification —

Part 1: General

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Foreword

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ISO 4301 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Cranes — Classification*:

- *Part 1: General*
- *Part 2: Mobile cranes*
- *Part 3: Tower cranes*
- *Part 4: Jib cranes*
- *Part 5: Overhead travelling and portal bridge cranes*

Introduction

Cranes play a part in the handling of materials by raising and moving loads the mass of which is within their rated capacity. However, there may be wide variations in their duty. The design of the crane has to take account of the duty in terms of conditions of service, in order to reach an appropriate level of safety and useful life which is in line with the purchaser's requirements.

Classification serves as a reference framework between purchaser and manufacturer, by which a particular appliance can be matched to the intended service. It also is the system used to provide a means of establishing rational bases for the design of structures and machinery.

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Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4301 establishes a general classification of cranes and mechanisms based on the service conditions, mainly expressed by the following:

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

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 4306 (all parts), *Cranes — Vocabulary*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4306 apply.

4 Symbols

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

Table 1 — Main symbols

Symbol	Description
A	Classes for group classification
C	Total number of working cycles
D	Classes for average displacement
K_p	Load spectrum factor
K_{cp}	Load effect spectrum factor of components
$P [P]$	Individual load magnitudes (load levels) of the crane [classes]
Q_p	Classes Q of load spectrum factors K_p
Q_{cp}	Classes Q of load effect spectrum factor K_{cp} of components
U	Classes of total numbers of working cycles C