
**Packaging — Distribution packaging
— Graphical symbols for handling and
storage of packages**

*Emballages — Emballages de distribution — Symboles graphiques
pour la manutention et le stockage des emballages*

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 122, *Packaging*.

This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 780:1997), which has been technically revised.

All the 17 graphical symbols in this International Standard have already been modified to accord with IEC 80416-1:2008, *Basic principles for graphical symbols for use on equipment — Part 1: Creation of graphical symbols for registration* and submitted to TC 145/SC 3 for registration on ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Registered symbols*.

Some of the major modification points are indicated as follows:

a) Title:

New: Packaging – Distribution packaging – Graphical symbols for handling and storage of packages

Old: Packaging – Pictorial marking for handling of goods

“Distribution packaging” is preferred to “transport packaging” in this standard. The reason is that “transport packaging” does not include “stored” packages, for example, in the practice of “transport packaging for dangerous goods”. ISO 780 concerns with packages during storage as well as those during transport.

“Pictorial marking” is replaced by “graphical symbols” to coincide with TC 145's way of addressing pictorial marking.

b) Introduction:

Statements on safety issue and hand-written symbols have been added.

c) Handling instructions:

The order of the graphical symbols has been re-arranged in the following order.

1) Graphical symbols used for large-sized packages.

- 2) Graphical symbols used for middle and small-sized packages:
 - For all types of handling;
 - For manual handling;
 - For handling using machines.
- 3) Graphical symbols used for both transport and storage.
- 4) Graphical symbols used for storage.

To make this standard easier to use, the layout of the table has been changed and each graphical symbol has its Reference No. to ISO 7000, Meaning, Requirement, Note and example of application.

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