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- clarification of the Scope;
- updates of the normative references and their citations in the text;
- updates of the terms and definitions to harmonize with the other ISO structural related standards.

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Introduction

Structures are the backbones of all spaceflight systems. A structural failure can cause the loss of human lives for crewed space systems or can jeopardize the intended mission for uncrewed space systems.

The purpose of this document is to establish general requirements for structures in all space flight systems. It provides the uniform requirements necessary to minimize the duplication of effort and the differences between approaches taken by the participating nations and their commercial space communities in developing structures. In addition, the use of agreed-upon standards can facilitate cooperation and communication among space programmes.

This document, when implemented for a particular space system, ensures high confidence in achieving safe and reliable operation in all phases of its planned mission.

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