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## Introduction

There is significant global focus on energy savings, which also impact the field of robotics. To contribute to this worldwide effort, this document outlines how to measure the energy consumption of a 6-axis, articulated, industrial robot for typical applications. It supports ISO 9283 [\[1\]](#), which provides an overview of how to measure the performance criteria and related test methods.

While ISO 9283 [\[1\]](#) does not specify how to measure energy consumption, this document provides criteria for how to set up, run and report energy consumption results and calculate energy efficiency while the robot is moving, waiting and standing still.

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# Robotics — Test methods for measuring the energy consumption of robots — 6-Axis articulated industrial robots

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods of measuring energy consumption for a 6-axis, articulated, industrial robot for typical applications. It further specifies the conditions for the measurements and how the results of the measurements are presented.

This document does not apply to service robots and medical, SCARA, AMRs and DELTA robots.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

### 3.1

#### **S-plane**

plane in a cube with defined measurement of the sides

### 3.2

#### **brakes disengaged**

state in which the motors are on, the motor brakes are open and the controller is on

Note 1 to entry: The brakes are disengaged when the robot is in an active state.

### 3.3

#### **brakes engaged**

state in which the motors are off, the motor brakes are engaged and the controller is on

Note 1 to entry: The brakes are engaged during, for example, lunch breaks or while waiting for the next cycle to start.

### 3.4

#### **sleep**

state in which the motors are off, the motor brakes are engaged and the controller and computer are asleep

Note 1 to entry: Sleep occurs during weekends or overnight.

## 4 Setting up the measurements

### 4.1 Robot mounting

The robot shall be mounted on the floor in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.