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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-063, Earthmoving Equipment.

The objective of this document is to specify the safety requirements specific to compact tool carriers. It is intended to be used in conjunction with AS 20474.1:2025, which specifies general safety requirements common to two or more earth-moving machine families. The specific requirements given in this document take precedence over the general requirements of AS 20474.1:2025.

This document deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to the earth-moving machinery within its scope (refer to AS 20474.1:2025) when used as intended or under conditions of misuse reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer. It specifies the appropriate technical measures for eliminating or reducing risks arising from relevant hazards, hazardous situations or events during commissioning, operation and maintenance.

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This document is an adoption with national modifications, and has been reproduced from, ISO 20474-15:2019, *Earth-moving machinery — Safety — Part 15: Requirements for compact tool carriers*. The modifications are additional requirements and are set out in Appendix ZZ, which has been added at the end of the source text.

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(b) "may" means that something is permitted.

(c) "can" means that something is possible.

Structure of Standards

A Standard always has the following parts:

(i) The Preface states who developed the Standard, what the Standard is aiming to do, and how it relates to other documents.

(ii) The Scope states what the Standard is about, what it covers and what it does not cover.

(iii) The Normative references clause lists other documents that are referenced in the Standard as part of requirements.

(iv) The Terms and definitions clause defines important terms to help with understanding the Standard.

A Standard may also include other parts, such as the following:

(1) A normative appendix sets additional requirements that need to be conformed to.

(2) An informative appendix provides additional information or guidance. An informative appendix provides additional information or guidance. They usually do not contain requirements. If an informative appendix does contain requirements, the Technical Specification will explain when those requirements apply.

(3) A Bibliography lists documents referenced in the Standard but not as part of requirements.

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This Standard is a modified adoption of an International Standard. It makes changes to the international text.

The changes to the international text are listed in an appendix at the end of the Standard. This appendix is called Appendix ZZ.

To use this Standard in Australia/New Zealand, the changes in Appendix ZZ need to be followed.

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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built in accordance with the requirements of this type-C standard.

ISO 20474 provides acceptable safety requirements for earth-moving machinery. This standard does not necessarily provide requirements to meet all national and regional regulatory provisions, e.g. Japan does not allow object handling with earth-moving machinery.

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1 Scope

This document gives the safety requirements specific to compact tool carriers. It is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 20474-1, which specifies general safety requirements common to two or more earth-moving machine families. The specific requirements given in this document take precedence over the general requirements of ISO 20474-1.

This document deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to the earth-moving machinery within its scope (see ISO 20474-1:2017, Annex A) when used as intended or under conditions of misuse reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer. It specifies the appropriate technical measures for eliminating or reducing risks arising from relevant hazards, hazardous situations or events during commissioning, operation and maintenance.

This document is not applicable to machines manufactured before the date of its publication.

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

ISO 2330, *Fork-lift trucks — Fork arms — Technical characteristics and testing*

ISO 2867, *Earth-moving machinery — Access systems*

ISO 6165, *Earth-moving machinery — Basic types — Identification and terms and definitions*

ISO 6682, *Earth-moving machinery — Zones of comfort and reach for controls*

ISO 7546, *Earth-moving machinery — Loader and front loading excavator buckets — Volumetric ratings*

ISO 14397-1, *Earth-moving machinery — Loaders and backhoe loaders — Part 1: Calculation of rated operating capacity and test method for verifying calculated tipping load*

ISO 20474-1:2017, *Earth-moving machinery — Safety — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20474-1, ISO 6165 and the following apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

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compact tool carrier
self-propelled direct-control crawler or wheeled machine having a base machine mass of less than 2 000 kg, having either a pedestrian operating position or a standing *operator platform* (3.6) at the rear of the

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