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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 wheeled and crawler backhoe loaders as defined in AS ISO 6165:2023. 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 (see AS 20474.1:2025, 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.

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This document is an adoption with national modifications, and has been reproduced from, ISO 20474-4:2017, *Earth-moving machinery — Safety — Part 4: Requirements for backhoe loaders*. The modifications are additional requirements and are set out in Appendix ZZ, which has been added at the end of the source text.

Appendix ZZ lists the modifications to ISO 20474-4:2017, for the application of this document in Australia.

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This page explains the meaning of the language and structure of this Standard.

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Requirements

To conform to a Standard, all requirements in the Standard need to be met.

A requirement is any statement in the Standard which uses the word "shall".

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The following words are commonly used in Standards, but statements using them do not have to be followed to conform to the Standard:

(a) "should" means that something is recommended.

(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.

Many Standards include notes. Notes provide recommendations and/or guidance only. They never contain requirements.

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

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see www.iso.org/directives).

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 127, *Earth-moving machinery*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Safety, ergonomics and general requirements*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20474-4:2008), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

— normative references have been updated;

— references to national and regional provisions in the withdrawn ISO/TS 20474-14 have been deleted;

— new safety requirements and protective measures have been added.

It is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 20474-1.

A list of all parts in the ISO 20474 series, published under the general title, *Earth-moving machinery — Safety,* can be found on the ISO website.

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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 according to 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 wheeled and crawler backhoe loaders as defined in ISO 6165. 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 6016, *Earth-moving machinery — Methods of measuring the masses of whole machines, their equipment and components*

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 7096:2000, *Earth-moving machinery — Laboratory evaluation of operator seat vibration*

ISO 7451, *Earth-moving machinery — Volumetric ratings for hoe-type and grab-type buckets of hydraulic excavators and backhoe loaders*

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

ISO 8643, *Earth-moving machinery — Hydraulic excavator and backhoe loader boom-lowering control device — Requirements and tests*

ISO 9248, *Earth-moving machinery — Units for dimensions, performance and capacities, and their measurement accuracies*

ISO 14397-1:2007, *Earth-moving machinery — Loaders and backhoe loaders — Part 1: Calculation of rated operating capacity and test method for verifying calculated tipping load*

ISO 14397-2, *Earth-moving machinery — Loaders and backhoe loaders — Part 2: Test method for measuring breakout forces and lift capacity to maximum lift height*

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

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