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Preface

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

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FOREWORD

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INTRODUCTION

Although there are many possible methods of determining the centre of gravity, the intent of this International Standard is to specify one simple and practical method which requires the use of a weighbridge and crane.

There is no single fixed position of the centre of gravity of a machine which has attachments or components that are movable. When such a machine is tilted, as it must be to find the vertical co-ordinates, flexible parts deflect, fluids and loose parts move, and the position of the centre of gravity therefore changes. Again, particularly in the case of earth-moving machinery, the position of the centre of gravity will depend upon the nature and position of any attachments or ancillary equipment with which the item is fitted. It is therefore essential in all cases to state exactly the conditions of test.

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the co-ordinates of the centre of gravity of earthmoving machinery such as tractors, loaders, dumpers and graders in any condition of loading or position of attachments.

2 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this International Standard the following definitions apply :

2.1
machine
The machine or other object whose centre of gravity is to be determined.

2.2
apparatus
The equipment required to determine the centre of gravity of a machine.

2.3
attachment
A piece of equipment which is available for mounting on the machine for a particular purpose (for example a bulldozer blade, winch or bucket).

2.4
"left-hand" and "right-hand" sides
These terms apply when facing in the primary direction of travel.

2.5
mass
The mass of the machine as submitted for test.

3 PREPARATION AND LOADING OF MACHINE

The machine shall be clean and shall be tested in normal working conditions or in a specified condition agreed between the manufacturer and the testing authority.

3.1 Radiator, sump, hydraulic and other reservoirs, shall be filled to specified working levels; the fuel tank shall be full or empty or in a specified condition as agreed between the manufacturer and testing authority.

3.2 Tools, spare tyre, and loose accessories and equipment shall be complete as supplied and shall be in the normal stowage positions.

3.3 Tyre pressures shall be as specified in the manufacturer's operating instructions or, if a range of pressures is allowed, at the highest pressure recommended. In the case of machines fitted with hydro-inflation tyres they shall be filled in accordance with the manufacturer's operating instructions.

3.4 The attachment shall be normally put in the operating position; for example :

a) for crawler or wheeled tractors, with the dozer equipment lowered, tilt adjustment horizontal, to the lowest possible position just clear of the horizontal reference plane (see 5.3);

b) for loaders with the bucket fully crowded back and the front linkage in such a position that the lower part of it or the bucket is just clear of the horizontal reference plane;

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