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The main change is as follows:

— referenced standards have been dated.

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Introduction

This document addresses systems comprising any combination of electrical, electronic, and programmable electronic components [electrical, electronic, and programmable electronic systems (E/E/ PES)] used for functional safety in earth-moving machinery.

The structure of safety standards in the field of machinery is as follows.

Type-A standards (basic standards) give basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to machinery.

Type-B standards (generic safety standards) deal with one or more safety aspects, or one or more types of safeguards that can be used across a wide range of machinery.

— Type-B1 standards on particular safety aspects (e.g. safety distances, surface temperature, noise).

— Type-B2 standards on safeguards (e.g. two-hands controls, interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices, guards).

Type-C standards (machinery safety standards) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100:2010.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing market players with regard to machinery safety:

— machine manufacturers (small, medium, and large enterprises);

— health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance etc.).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved in accordance with this document:

— machine users and employers (small, medium, and large enterprises);

— machine users and employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);

— service providers, e. g. for maintenance (small, medium, and large enterprises);

— consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

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

When the requirements of this type-C standard are different from those in type-A or type-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.

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Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety —

Part 4: Design and evaluation of software and data transmission for safety-related parts of the control system

1 Scope

This document specifies general principles for software development and signal transmission requirements of safety-related parts of machine-control systems (MCS) in earth-moving machinery and its equipment, as defined in ISO 6165:2022.

In addition, this document addresses the significant hazards as defined in ISO 12100:2010 related to the software embedded within the MCS. The significant hazards being addressed include incorrect machine control system output responses from machine control system inputs.

To cover all the relevant safety requirements for the products in its scope, this document is used in combination with ISO 19014-1:2026, ISO 19014-2:2026, ISO 19014-3:2026, and ISO 19014-5:2026.

Cybersecurity is out of the scope of this document.

NOTE For guidance on cybersecurity, see an appropriate security standard.

This document is not applicable to earth-moving machinery 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 6750-1:2019, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator's manual — Part 1: Contents and format*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1:2023, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 19014-1:2026, *Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety — Part 1: Methodology to determine safety-related parts of the control system and performance requirements*

ISO 19014-2:2026, *Earth-moving machinery — Functional safety — Part 2: Design and evaluation of hardware and architecture requirements for safety-related parts of the control system*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100:2010, ISO 13849-1:2023, ISO 19014-1:2026 and the following 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

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

3.1
bus system
subsystem used in an electronic control system for the transmission of *messages* (3.6)

Note 1 to entry: The bus system consists of the system unit (sources and sinks of information), a transmission path or transmission medium (e.g. electrical lines, fibre-optical lines, radio frequency transmission) and the interface between message source or sink and bus electronics (e.g. protocol application specific integrated circuit, transceivers).

3.2
encapsulated bus system
bus system (3.1) comprising a fixed number or a predetermined maximum number of bus participants connected to each other through a transmission medium with well-defined and fixed performance or characteristics

3.3
failure of peer communication
situation in which the communication peer is not available

3.4
unintended message repetition
situation in which the same *message* (3.6) is unintentionally sent again

3.5
message repetition
situation in which the same *message* (3.6) is intentionally sent again

Note 1 to entry: This technique of resending the same message addresses failures such as *message loss* (3.10).

3.6
message
electronic transmission of data

Note 1 to entry: Transmitted data can include user data, address, or identifier data and data to ensure transmission integrity.

3.7
electronic control unit
ECU
electronic device (electronic programmable controller) used in a control system on earth-moving machinery

[SOURCE: ISO 22448:2010, 3.3, modified — The admitted terms "ECM" and "electronic control module" have been removed.]

3.8
reaction time
time from the detection of a safety-related event until the initiation of a safety reaction

3.9
artefact
work products that are produced and used during a project to capture and convey information

3.10
message loss
unintended deletion of a *message* (3.6) due to a fault of a bus participant

3.11
incorrect sequence
unintended modification of the sequence of *messages* (3.6) due to a fault of a bus participant

Note 1 to entry: *Bus systems* (3.1) can contain elements with stored messages, such as first-in, first-out (FIFOs) etc., that can modify the correct sequence.

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3.12
message falsification
unintended modification of *messages* (3.6) due to an error of a bus participant or due to errors on the transmission channel

3.13
message retardation
unintended delay or prevention of the safety function, caused by an overload of the transmission path by normal data exchange or by sending incorrect *messages* (3.6)

3.14
alive counter
accounting component initialized with “0” when the object to be monitored is created or restored

Note 1 to entry: The counter increases from time *t*–1 to time *t* as long as the object is alive. Finally, the alive counter shows the period of time for which the object has been alive within a network.

3.15
black box testing
testing of an object that does not require knowledge of its internal structure or its concrete implementation

3.16
partition
resource entity allocating a portion of memory, input/output devices, and central processing unit usage to one or more *system tasks* (3.21)

Note 1 to entry: The partitions can be assigned to one or more subsystems within the microcontroller network.

3.17
software partitioning
software fault (3.26) containment method consisting of assigning resources to specific software components with the intention of avoiding the propagation of a software fault to multiple *partitions* (3.16)

3.18
software component
one or more *software modules* (3.19)

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.157, modified — The word "units" has been replaced with "modules".]

3.19
software module
independent piece of software that can be independently tested and traced to a specification

Note 1 to entry: The software module is an indivisible software component.

3.20
software partitions
runtime environment with separate system resources assigned

3.21
system task
runtime entities that are executed within the resource budget of *partitions* (3.16) and with different priorities

3.22
independence of software components
exclusion of unintended interactions between software components, as well as freedom from impact on the correct operation of a software component resulting from errors of another software component

3.23
operational history
operating data about a software component or a *software module* (3.19) during its time in service

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3.24
maximum cycle time
static time to access a communication bus between nodes at a bus or node level

Note 1 to entry: The application of a time-triggered protocol ensures this cycle time is not exceeded.

3.25
maximum response time
fixed time assigned to a system activity to exchange globally-synchronised *messages* (3.6) on a bus in a time-triggered architecture

3.26
software fault
incorrect step, process, or data definition in software which causes the system to produce unexpected results

3.27
impact analysis
documentation that records the understanding and implications of a proposed change

3.28
configuration management process
task of tracking and controlling changes to the *artefacts* (3.9) in the development process

3.29
constant transmission of messages
situation in which the faulty node continually transmits *messages* (3.6) that compromise the operation of the bus

3.30
blocking access to the data bus
situation in which the faulty node does not adhere to the expected patterns of use and makes excessive demands of service, thereby reducing its availability to other nodes

4 Software development

4.1 General

The main objective of the following requirements is to achieve software reliability by means of readable, understandable, testable, and maintainable software. Clause 4 gives recommendations for the design of software and the subsequent related testing. The avoidance of software faults shall be considered during the entire software development process.

Where an existing software component has been developed to a previous standard and demonstrated through application usage and validation to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable, it is not required to update the software life cycle documentation at the software module level.

Machine control software shall conform to the safety requirements of this clause. In addition, the machine control software shall be designed and developed according to the principles of ISO 12100:2010 for relevant but not significant hazards which are not dealt with by this document.

4.2 Planning

A plan shall be developed to define the relationship between the individual phases of the software development and the related artefacts.

Appropriate methods and measures from Table 3 through Table 9 shall be selected for software development according to the machine performance level required (MPL_r).

NOTE MPL_r is determined by the process outlined in ISO 19014-1:2026 or ISO 19014-5:2026.

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