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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-026, Industrial Trucks.

The objective of this Standard is to provide safety requirements and the means for their verification for self-propelled industrial variable-reach trucks and variable-reach container handlers/reach stackers as defined in ISO 5053-1 (hereafter referred to as trucks), equipped with forks or integral load-handling devices for normal industrial duties (e.g. fork arms or means, such as spreaders, for handling containers).

It is not applicable to—

- (a) rough-terrain variable-reach trucks;
- (b) rough-terrain variable-reach trucks for handling containers;
- (c) machines designed primarily for earth-moving (e.g. loaders and dozers), even when their buckets and blades are replaced with forks; and
- (d) machines from which the load can swing freely in all directions.

For the purposes of this Standard, fork arms and integrated attachments are considered to be a part of the truck, whereas attachments/equipment mounted on the load carrier or on the fork arms which are removable by the user are not. Nevertheless, requirements for such attachments are also given by the document.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from ISO 3691-2:2016, *Industrial trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 2: Self-propelled variable-reach trucks*. 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 variations for the application of this Standard in Australia.

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The terms “normative” and “informative” are used in Standards to define the application of the appendices or annexes to which they apply. A “normative” appendix or annex is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an “informative” appendix or annex is only for information and guidance.

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## Foreword

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For an explanation on the meaning of ISO specific terms and expressions related to conformity assessment, as well as information about ISO's adherence to the WTO principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) see the following URL: [Foreword - Supplementary information](#)

The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 110, *Industrial trucks*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Safety of powered industrial trucks*.

ISO 3691 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Industrial trucks — Safety requirements and verification*:

- *Part 1: Self-propelled industrial trucks, other than driverless, variable-reach and burden-carrier trucks*
- *Part 2: Self-propelled variable-reach trucks*
- *Part 3: Additional requirements for trucks with elevating operator position and trucks specifically designed to travel with elevated loads*
- *Part 4: Driverless industrial trucks and their systems*
- *Part 5: Pedestrian-propelled trucks*
- *Part 6: Burden and personnel carriers*
- *Part 7: Regional requirements for countries within the European Community* [Technical Specification]
- *Part 8: Regional requirements for countries outside the European Community* [Technical Specification]

## Introduction

### General

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

The machines 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.

The ISO 3691- series of standards covers safety requirements and their verification for industrial trucks as defined in ISO 5053-1.

### Structure

An important step forward in the work on the ISO 3691- series of standards was the agreement to issue a new structure of International Standards for industrial trucks having on one side basic standards for all kinds of trucks (see Foreword) and on the other side independent standards to cover the respective specific functions of industrial trucks, e.g. visibility, noise, vibration, electrical requirements, etc.

### Assessment of hazards

The product needs to be designed in such a way that it is fit for its purpose or function and can be adjusted and maintained without putting persons at risk when used under the conditions foreseen by the manufacturer.

In order to properly design a product and to cover all specific safety requirements, the manufacturer will have to identify the hazards that apply to his product and carry out a risk assessment. The manufacturer will then need to design and construct the product taking this assessment into account.

The aim of this procedure is to eliminate the risk of accidents throughout the foreseeable lifetime of the machinery, including the phases of assembling and dismantling where risks of accidents could also arise from foreseeable abnormal situations.

In selecting the most appropriate methods, the manufacturer will need to apply the following principles, in the order given here:

- a) eliminate or reduce risks as far as possible by design (inherently safe machinery design and construction);
- b) take the necessary protective measures in relation to risks that cannot be eliminated by design;
- c) inform users of any shortcoming of the protective measures adopted;
- d) indicate whether any particular training is required;
- e) specify any need to provide personal protection equipment;
- f) refer to the appropriate user's document for proper operating instructions.

Industrial trucks need to be designed to prevent foreseeable misuse wherever possible, if such would engender risk. In other cases, the instructions will need to draw the user's attention to ways shown by experience in which the machinery ought not to be used.

This part of ISO 3691 does not repeat all the technical rules which are state-of-the art and which are applicable to the material used to construct the industrial truck. Reference will also need to be made to ISO 12100.

**Legislative situation/Vienna Agreement**

From the very beginning, the task of the working group was to revise ISO 3691:1980 and establish worldwide basic standards to comply with the major legislative regulations in, for example, the EU, Japan, Australia and North America.

Every effort was made to develop a globally relevant International Standard. That goal was achieved with most of the issues. For several potential problem areas compromises were needed and will be needed in the future. Where divergent regional requirements remain, these are addressed by ISO/TS 3691-7 and ISO/TS 3691-8.

In order to ensure that the revised International Standard will be actively used in the ISO member countries, worldwide, procedures will be necessary to replace the existing national standards and technical regulations by the revised International Standard. In the European Community, ISO and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) agreed on technical co-operation under the Vienna Agreement, with the aim of replacing European Standards (EN) by International Standards. Other countries are asked to make similar agreements to ensure that their national standards and technical regulations are replaced by this International Standard.

Only by these actions will there be the guarantee that products in accordance with International Standards can be shipped worldwide freely without any technical barriers.

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Any regional requirements additional to the provisions of this part of ISO 3691 are addressed in ISO/TS 3691-7 and ISO/TS 3691-8.

This part of ISO 3691 deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events, as listed in [Annex B](#), with the exception of the following, relevant to the applicable machines when used as intended and under conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer.

It does not establish requirements for hazards that can occur

- during construction,
- when using trucks on public roads,
- when operating in potentially explosive atmospheres, or
- when lifting persons.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2328, *Fork-lift trucks — Hook-on type fork arms and fork arm carriages — Mounting dimensions*

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

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

ISO 3287, *Powered industrial trucks — Symbols for operator controls and other displays*

ISO/TS 3691-7, *Industrial trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 7: Regional requirements for countries within the European Community*