
**Safety of machinery — Basic concepts,
general principles for design —**

Part 1:
Basic terminology, methodology

*Sécurité des machines — Notions fondamentales, principes généraux
de conception —*

Partie 1: Terminologie de base, méthodologie



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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.

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This edition cancels and replaces ISO/TR 12100-1:1992, which has been technically revised.

This standard results from the revision of EN 292:1991 / ISO/TR 12100:1992, carried out by a Special Working Group composed of experts from ISO, CEN, IEC and CENELEC.

ISO 12100 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety of machinery — Basic concepts, general principles for design*:

- *Part 1: Basic terminology, methodology*, expressing the basic overall methodology to be followed when designing machinery and when producing safety standards for machinery, together with the basic terminology related to the philosophy underlying this work;
- *Part 2: Technical principles*, giving advice on how this philosophy can be applied using available techniques.

Introduction

The primary purpose of ISO 12100 is to provide designers with an overall framework and guidance to enable them to produce machines that are safe for their intended use. It also provides a strategy for standard makers.

The concept of safety of machinery considers the ability of a machine to perform its intended function(s) during its lifecycle where risk has been adequately reduced.

This standard is the basis for a set of standards which has the following structure:

- **type-A standards** (basic safety standards) giving basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to all machinery;
- **type-B standards** (generic safety standards) dealing with one safety aspect or one type of safeguard 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-hand controls, interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices, guards);
- **type-C standards** (machine safety standards) dealing with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

This standard is a type-A standard.

When a type-C standard deviates from one or more provisions dealt with by Part 2 of this standard or by a type-B standard, the type-C standard takes precedence.

It is recommended that this standard be incorporated in training courses and manuals to convey basic terminology and general design methods to designers.

ISO/IEC Guide 51 has been taken into account as far as practicable at the time of drafting of this standard.