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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 define the permissible limits of the sharpness of edges and corners, to reduce the risk of injury to the operator or maintenance personnel while operating earth-moving machinery and performing maintenance.

This document is an adoption with national modifications, and has been reproduced from, ISO 12508:1994, *Earth-moving machinery — Operator station and maintenance areas — Bluntness of edges*. 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 to ISO 12508:1994 for the application of this document in Australia.

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines the permissible limits of the sharpness of edges and corners, to reduce the risk of injury to the operator or maintenance personnel while operating earth-moving machinery and performing maintenance. It applies to operator and maintenance access/egress systems as defined in ISO 2860 and ISO 2867, and the operator station on earth-moving machinery as described in ISO 6165.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 2860:1992, *Earth-moving machinery — Minimum access dimensions*.

ISO 2867:1994, *Earth-moving machinery — Access systems*.

ISO 6165:1987, *Earth-moving machinery — Basic types — Vocabulary*.

3 Requirements

Structural edges and corners (see [figure 1](#)) of metallic and non-metallic materials of sufficient hardness to cause contusions or penetration of the human skin shall comply with the requirements in [3.1](#) to [3.3](#).

3.1 Edges of parts shall be rounded or chamfered to a minimum dimension of 0,3 mm as shown in [figure 2](#), or fitted with a protective strip. For edge thicknesses of 1 mm or less, a protective strip shall be fitted.

3.2 External corners such as on cab or service doors and pointed objects shall have a minimum radius of 4 mm.