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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 establish uniform requirements and test procedures for lowering control devices fitted on the boom, intermediate boom and arm cylinders of hydraulic excavators and backhoe loaders to control the rate of drop in the case of a hydraulic line failure or rupture.

It is applicable to the lowering control devices of hydraulic excavators and the backhoe equipment of backhoe loaders used for object handling which are equipped with the standard linkage as defined by the manufacturer. On machines where alternative linkage combinations are offered, only the standard length defined by the manufacturer is subject to testing.

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 8643:1997), which has been technically revised and contains the following changes:

— requirements and test provisions have been extended to support a wider range of lowering control device configurations.

Introduction

Where excavators or backhoe loaders are used for object handling, a failure or rupture in the hydraulic circuit can endanger persons under raised loads.

This risk can be reduced by applying a lowering control device, which ensures controlled lowering of the load in the case of a hydraulic line failure or rupture.

Test procedures are based on the design characteristics of the hydraulic systems of hydraulic excavators and the backhoe part of backhoe loaders, and conditions of use.

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1 Scope

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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 6165, *Earth-moving machinery — Basic types — Identification and terms and definitions*

ISO 9248:1992, *Earth-moving machinery — Units for dimensions, performance and capacities, and their measurement accuracies*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6165 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
linkage control system
hydraulic control components (including pilot and slave valves) used for raising and lowering the lift point in object handling applications

3.2
lifting linkage
assembly of parts that can be a combination of booms and arms used for raising and lowering the lift point in the object handling process

3.3
lowering control device
hydraulic control valves used for controlled linkage lowering in the case of a hydraulic line failure or rupture

3.4
failure-simulation device
hydraulic valves used for simulating a failure or rupture in a hydraulic line in the linkage control system

3.5
signal line
hydraulic circuit that is used to sense a pressure