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Part 1: Front-mounted ROPS**



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## **0 Foreword**

**0.1** ASABE/ISO 12003-1:2008 monyear, Agricultural and forestry tractors — Roll-over protective structures on narrow-track wheeled tractors — Part 1: Front-mounted ROPS, is an adoption without modification of the identically titled ISO standard ISO 12003-1:2008, Agricultural and forestry tractors — Roll-over protective structures on narrow-track wheeled tractors — Part 1: Front-mounted ROPS.

**0.2** ASABE/ISO 12003-1:2008 monyear specifies procedures for both the static and dynamic testing of roll-over protective structures (ROPS) front-mounted on narrow-track wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors. It defines the clearance zone and acceptance conditions for rigid or tiltable, front, two-post ROPS, including any associated rear fixtures, and is applicable to tractors equipped having the following characteristics.

- A ground clearance of not more than 600 mm beneath the lowest points of the front- and rear-axle housings (not considering lower points of the axle differential).
- A fixed or adjustable minimum track width of one of the two axles of less than 1 150 mm when fitted with the widest specified tyres. It is understood that the axle mounted with the wider tyres is set at a track width of not more than 1 150 mm. It may be possible to set the track width of the other axle in such a way that the outer edges of the narrower tyres do not extend beyond the outer edges of the tyres of the other axle. Where the two axles are fitted with rims and tyres of the same size, the fixed or adjustable track width of the two axles shall be less than 1 150 mm.
- A mass greater than 600 kg but less than 3 000 kg, unladen, including the ROPS and tyres of the largest size recommended by the manufacturer.

**0.3** Eight normative references are listed in ISO 12003-1:2008. These references have been reviewed and accepted as part of the adoption of the ISO document in ASABE adoption number.

**0.4** This standard has been approved as an American National standard by ANSI (American National Standard Institute).

**0.5** Product labelled to reference ISO 12003-1 shall be deemed compliant to ASABE/ISO 12003-1.

Text of ISO 12003-1:2008, Agricultural and forestry tractors — Roll-over protective structures on narrow-track wheeled tractors — Part 1: Front-mounted ROPS, follows.

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 12003 specifies procedures for both the static and dynamic testing of roll-over protective structures (ROPS) front-mounted on narrow-track wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors. It defines the clearance zone and acceptance conditions for rigid or tiltable, front, two-post ROPS, including any associated rear fixtures, and is applicable to tractors so equipped having the following characteristics.

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## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 630, Structural steels — Plates, wide flats, bars, sections and profiles

ISO 898-1:1999, Mechanical properties of fasteners made of carbon steel and alloy steel — Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs

ISO 898-2:1992, Mechanical properties of fasteners — Part 2: Nuts with specified proof load values — Coarse thread

ISO 2408, Steel wire ropes for general purposes — Minimum requirements

ISO 5353, Earth-moving machinery, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Seat index point

ASTM A370, Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

ASAE<sup>1</sup> S313.3, Soil Cone Penetrometer

ASAE<sup>1</sup> EP542, Procedures for Using and Reporting Data Obtained with the Soil Cone Penetrometer

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

- 3.1  
**roll-over protective structure**  
**ROPS**

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framework protecting drivers of wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors, which minimizes the likelihood of driver injury resulting from accidental overturning during normal field work

NOTE: The ROPS is characterized by the provision of space for a clearance zone, either inside the envelope of the structure or within a space bounded by a series of straight lines from the outer edges of the structure to any part of the tractor that might come into contact with the ground; it is capable of supporting the tractor in an overturned position.

### 3.2

#### **front-mounted ROPS**

two-post roll-over protective structure mounted on the tractor in front of the driver and with a reduced clearance zone

NOTE: Compare with rear-mounted ROPS described in ISO 12003-2.

### 3.3

#### **rear fixture**

component such as the rear tyre (measured at its specified smallest diameter), mudguard or other rigid tractor components, or all of these, or a supplementary fixture of requisite width, height and strength installed behind the driver's seat, which completes the front-mounted ROPS' clearance zone for strength testing

### 3.4

#### **tractor mass**

mass of the unladen tractor in working order with tanks and radiator full, front-mounted ROPS and any equipment required for normal use

NOTE: The operator, optional ballast weights, additional wheel equipment, and special equipment and tools are not included.

### 3.5

#### **reference mass**

mass, not less than the tractor mass, selected by the manufacturer for calculation of loading energies and forces to be applied in the tests

### 3.6

#### **longitudinal median plane**

#### **longitudinal plane of symmetry**

#### **zero Y plane**

vertical plane Y passing through the mid-points of AB, perpendicular to AB, where, for each wheel, the vertical plane passing through its axis cuts the mid-plane of the wheel following a straight line  $\Delta$  which meets the supporting surface of the vehicle at one point, and where A and B are two points thus defined which correspond to two wheels, both of which are either steering or powered wheels, situated respectively at the two ends of the same real or imaginary axle

See Figure 1.

NOTE 1: "Mid-plane of the wheel" designates the plane equidistant from the inner edges of the rim. In the case of dual wheels, the straight line  $\Delta$  is, in this particular case, the intersection of the mid-plane of the dual wheels and the vertical plane passing through the axis of the axle pin.

NOTE 2: Adapted from ISO 612:1978<sup>[1]</sup>, Clause 5.

### 3.7

#### **reference plane**

vertical plane, generally longitudinal to the tractor and passing through the seat index point and the steering-wheel centre

NOTE: Normally this reference plane coincides with the longitudinal median plane of the tractor.