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## Introduction

This document applies to industrial robot systems as described in ISO 10218-2:2011 and ISO/TS 15066:2016.

This document provides guidance for end-effectors in robot systems, including collaborative applications where a robot system and operators share the same workspace. In such collaborative applications, the end-effector design is of major importance, particularly characteristics such as shapes, surfaces and application function (e.g. clamping forces, residual material generation, temperature).

A comprehensive risk assessment is required by ISO 10218-2:2011. This document provides additional guidance specific to end-effectors that can be helpful when performing the risk assessment in accordance with ISO 10218-2:2011.

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# Robotics — Safety design for industrial robot systems —

## Part 1: End-effectors

### 1 Scope

This document provides guidance on safety measures for the design and integration of end-effectors used for robot systems. The integration includes the following:

- the manufacturing, design and integration of end-effectors;
- the necessary information for use.

This document provides additional safety guidance on the integration of robot systems, as described in ISO 10218-2:2011.

### 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 10218-1:2011, *Robots and robotic devices — Safety requirements for industrial robots — Part 1: Robots*

ISO 10218-2:2011, *Robots and robotic devices — Safety requirements for industrial robots — Part 2: Robot systems and integration*

ISO 11593, *Manipulating industrial robots — Automatic end effector exchange systems — Vocabulary and presentation of characteristics*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 14539:2000, *Manipulating industrial robots — Object handling with grasp-type grippers — Vocabulary and presentation of characteristics*

ISO/TS 15066:2016, *Robots and robotic devices — Collaborative robots*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100, ISO/TS 15066:2016, ISO 10218-1:2011, ISO 10218-2:2011, ISO 14539:2000, ISO 11593 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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#### 3.1

##### **compliant**

exhibiting deformation of material or mechanism when subjected to a force

EXAMPLE Compliant linkage, compliant surface.