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**Reciprocating internal combustion  
engines — Hand-operated control  
devices — Standard direction of motion**

*Moteurs alternatifs à combustion interne — Dispositifs de commande  
manuels — Sens de manœuvre normaux*



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## Introduction

Standards regarding the direction of motion of operating devices are of particular value where stress is laid on a high degree of safety and/or a high operating speed. Often it is required that the operator has to move the operating device in the appropriate direction almost automatically. Therefore, standardization is important where a wrong operation would cause great inconvenience, damage or danger.

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# Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Hand-operated control devices — Standard direction of motion

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the direction of motion of hand-operated devices for speed regulation and reversing of reciprocating internal combustion (RIC) engines, having particular regard to RIC engines for marine and rail propulsion — irrespective of whether the operator's position is near the engine or remote from it.

Valves for the control of liquids and gases are excluded.

## 2 Effects of actuating the operating device

**2.1** Where separate operating devices for reversing and speed regulation are installed:

- a) actuating the operating device for reversing results in a forward movement, or a backward movement;
- b) actuating the operating device for speed results in a speed increase or decrease.

**2.2** Where combined operating devices for reversing and speed are installed:

- a) actuating the operating device from the centre position in one direction results in a forward movement with increasing speed;
- b) actuating the operating device from the centre position in the opposite direction results in a backward movement with increasing speed;

- c) actuating the operating device from the travelling position to the centre position results in a speed decrease to a full stop.

## 3 Designation of operations

Operating directions and effects caused by actuation of the control devices are coordinated in tables 1 and 2.

## 4 Preferred position of operator on installations on which the direction of movement of the vehicle is visible to the operator

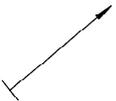
Operator positions should preferably be arranged in such a manner that the operator is looking towards the front of the vehicle.

If the operator's position is arranged parallel to the direction of travel of a vehicle (the operator looking sideways), the operator's position should be arranged in such a manner that the operating directions of the control devices correspond to the definitions given in this International Standard.

## 5 Designation

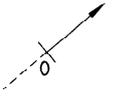
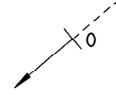
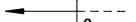
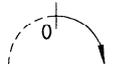
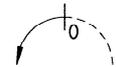
To indicate the effect resulting from the motion of an operating device, standardized symbols — instead of words — shall be placed next to the operating device (as shown in tables 3 and 4). These symbols are in accordance with ISO 7000 and IEC 417, as appropriate.

**Table 1 — Operating directions and effects with separate operating devices for reversing and for speed regulation**

Designation of operation	Motion of operating device	Type of operating device	Direction of motion of operating device <sup>1)</sup>			
			Increase of speed or movement ahead		Decrease of speed or movement backward	
A <sub>1</sub>	linear or approximately linear	hand lever		away from the operator		towards the operator
B <sub>1</sub>				upwards		downwards
C <sub>1</sub>				to the right		to the left
D <sub>1</sub>	turning	handwheel or crank handle		clockwise		counter-clockwise

1) The above diagrams are used to describe the direction of motion and shall not be used as graphic symbols. The graphic symbols to be used are shown in table 3.

**Table 2 — Operating directions and effects with a combined operating device for both reversing and speed regulation**

Designation of operation	Motion of operating device	Type of operating device	Direction of motion of operating device <sup>1)</sup> from central (stop) position with increase of speed <sup>2)</sup>			
			Movement ahead		Movement backward	
A <sub>2</sub>	linear or approximately linear	hand lever		away from the operator		towards the operator
B <sub>2</sub>				upwards		downwards
C <sub>2</sub>				to the right		to the left
D <sub>2</sub>	turning	handwheel or crank handle		clockwise		counter-clockwise

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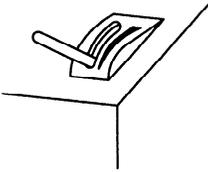
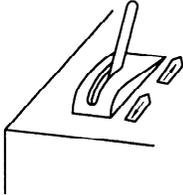
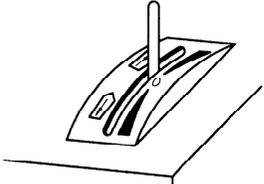
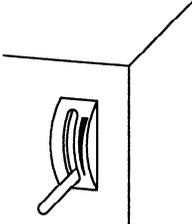
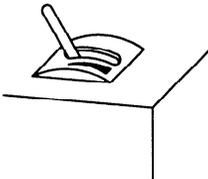
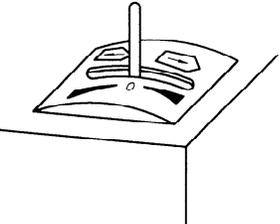
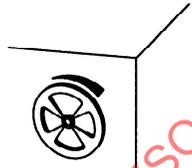
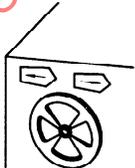
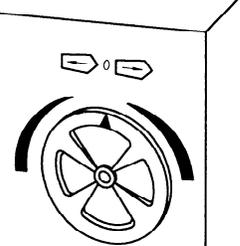
2) Decrease of speed in every case will be attained by actuation of the operating device in the direction towards the central (stop) position.

Table 3 — Symbols for speed regulation and vehicle direction

Designation of operation	Symbols for speed-progressive increase or decrease	Explanation	ISO/IEC Registration No.
A, B or C		Motion of the operating device towards the wide end of the wedge results in an increase of speed.	IEC 417-5004
D		Motion of the operating device towards the point of the wedge results in a decrease of speed.	ISO 7000-1364
	<b>Symbols for vehicle direction</b>		
A, B, C or D	forward movement 	With engines driving a vehicle — marine or rail — directly (without a reversing gear) the direction of rotation of the engine determines the direction in which the vehicle moves.  Forward movement of the vehicle is indicated by a symbol representing the vehicle with an arrow pointing towards the front end (bow) of the vehicle.	ISO 7000-0775
	backward movement 	Backward movement of the vehicle is indicated by a symbol representing the vehicle with an arrow pointing towards the rear end (stern) of the vehicle.	ISO 7000-0776

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Table 4 — Illustrations of typical operations

Designation of operation	Vehicle speed	Vehicle direction	Designation of operation	Vehicle direction and speed
A <sub>1</sub>			A <sub>2</sub>	
B <sub>1</sub>			B <sub>2</sub>	
C <sub>1</sub>			C <sub>2</sub>	
D <sub>1</sub>			D <sub>2</sub>	

NOTE — The actual design may differ from the illustration shown above.  
The operating devices may be combined at random according to the application.

## **Annex A** (informative)

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