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**Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry —  
Seat reference point — Method of determination**

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# Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Seat reference point — Method of determination

## 0 Introduction

This International Standard is intended to be used during a transitional period, until sufficient experience has been gained on the determination of the seat index point in accordance with ISO 5353 and on the relationship between that point and the seat reference point.

Consideration will then be given to the use of the seat index point, instead of the seat reference point, as the appropriate point of reference in relevant International Standards relating to tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry.

The correlation between the seat index point, determined in accordance with ISO 5353, and the seat reference point, determined in accordance with this International Standard, is as follows :

The seat index point is located 97 mm above and 130 mm in front of the seat reference point.

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for establishing the positions of the seat reference points for seats designed for upright seated operators of tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry.

## 2 Reference

ISO 5353, *Earth-moving machinery — Seat index point.*

## 3 Definition

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following definition shall apply.

**seat reference point** : The point in the central longitudinal plane of the seat where the tangential plane of the lower back-rest and a horizontal plane intersect. This horizontal plane cuts the lower surface of the seat-pan board 150 mm in front of the plane parallel to the rear face of the lower back-rest board.

## 4 Apparatus

The apparatus required is a device as shown in figure 1.

## 5 Method of determining the seat reference point

The device shall be positioned on the seat (see figure 2), with its central longitudinal plane coincident with the central longitudinal plane of the seat. It shall then be loaded with a force of 550 N acting vertically at a point 50 mm in front of joint A, and the two parts of the back-rest board shall be lightly pressed tangentially against the back-rest.

If it is not possible to determine definite tangents to each area of the back-rest (below and above the lumbar region), the following procedure shall be adopted :

- a) no definite tangent to the lower area possible :

The lower part of the back-rest board in a vertical position shall be lightly pressed against the back-rest.

- b) no definite tangent to the upper area possible :

With both parts of the back-rest board in a vertical position, the device shall be lightly pressed against the back-rest.