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1 Scope

This International Standard establishes specifications which will permit, by means of a socket and a plug, type 12 S, interchangeability of supplementary electrical connections between towing vehicles and towed vehicles (see figure 3).

These sockets and plugs are not interchangeable with type 12 N (normal) sockets and plugs. (See ISO 1724.)

2 Field of application

These specifications apply to vehicles fitted with electrical equipment operating at a nominal voltage of 6 or 12 V.

3 References

ISO 1724, *Road vehicles — Electrical connections between towing vehicles and towed vehicles with 6 or 12 V electrical equipment — Type 12 N (normal)*.

ISO 4091, *Road vehicles — Electrical connections between towing vehicles and trailers — Test methods and requirements*.

ISO 4141, *Road vehicles — Seven core connecting cable*.

4 General requirements

4.1 Number of necessary contacts

The functions of the seven contacts are as follows :

- 1 Reversing light and/or reversing catch for inertia brakes.
- 2 No allocation.¹⁾
- 3 Common return.
- 4 Additional power supply.
- 5 Sensing device with common return.

6 Power supply.

7 No allocation.¹⁾

4.2 Arrangement of the contacts

The arrangement of the contacts is shown in figures 1 (socket) and 2 (plug).

The numbers designating the contacts correspond to those indicated in 4.1.

4.3 Socket

The socket shall be mounted on the rear of the towing vehicle.

The socket is provided with :

- 4 tubes (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6);
- 1 tube 3 mm longer (No. 7);
- 2 spring pins (Nos. 2, 5).

Tube and pin design details are given in figure 1.

Pins Nos. 2 and 5 shall be able to spring back over a minimum length of 9,5 mm. The diameter of the pins shall be such that the corresponding tubes of the plug can be connected with a moderate push, but they shall ensure a good electrical contact (see ISO 4091).

Contact No. 3 shall be insulated, as are the other contacts. After fitting, contact No. 3 may be connected to the common return of the vehicle.

The rear terminals shall each be capable of receiving two conductors of at least 1,5 mm² cross-section.

The contact designations shall be permanently marked on the inside of the socket cover and on the terminal face (except where the cable is moulded into the socket) in symbols not less than 2 mm high. These symbols, which need not be necessarily numbers, may be different from those indicated in figure 1, provided that the specified pin locations of the different functions are complied with.

1) These contacts shall be kept free pending further ISO decisions.

The socket shall be provided with a splashproof cover which shall close automatically when the plug is disengaged. The hinged cover on the socket shall be provided with a lip to retain the plug when it is engaged.

All metallic parts of the socket shall be made of corrosion-resistant material or be adequately protected against corrosion.

4.4 Plug

The plug shall be mounted on the trailer.

The plug is provided with :

- 4 spring pins (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6);
- 1 spring pin 3 mm longer (No. 7);
- 2 tubes (Nos. 2, 5).

The pins Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 and tubes Nos. 2 and 5 of the plug correspond respectively to the pins Nos. 2 and 5 and to the tubes Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 of the socket. Pin No. 7 shall be able to spring back over a minimum length of 15,5 mm. Its diameter shall be such that the corresponding tube of the socket can be connected with a moderate push, but it shall ensure a good electrical contact.

The rear terminals shall each be capable of receiving one conductor of at least 2,5 mm² cross-section.

The contact designations shall be permanently marked on the terminal face (except where the cable is moulded into the plug) in symbols not less than 2 mm high. These symbols, which need not necessarily be numbers, may be different from those

indicated in figure 2, provided that the specified pin locations of the different functions are complied with.

All metallic parts of the plug shall be made of corrosion-resistant material or be adequately protected against corrosion.

The manufacturer shall provide means for fixing and sealing the cable.

4.5 Allocation of cable colours

The cable colours of the seven-core connecting cable (see ISO 4041) shall be allocated to the different circuits as follows :

Contact No.	Circuit	Cable colour
1	Reversing light and/or reversing catch for inertia brakes	yellow
2	No allocation	blue
3	Common return	white
4	Additional power supply	green
5	Sensing device with common return	brown
6	Power supply	red
7	No allocation	black

4.6 Distinguishing marking

The 12 S connector shall be distinguished from the 12 N connector (see ISO 1724) by means of a different colouring at least of the insulating parts and/or the cover.

A light and permanent colour shall be used for the 12 S connector and also for the outer sleeve of the cable.