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FOREWORD

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1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies the dimensional characteristics necessary for mounting and interchangeability of the fifth wheel on the frame¹⁾ of tractor vehicles for semi-trailers.

2 FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard applies to the fifth wheels intended to couple semi-trailers equipped with a 50 coupling pin defined in ISO 337.

3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Fifth wheel

The fifth wheel shall be drilled with twelve holes of 17 mm diameter. However, holes elongated in the transverse direction are permitted (see figure) if they result from agreement between the fifth wheel maker and the tractor manufacturer.

3.2 Mounting

The fifth wheel mounting on the frame shall be effected with M16 bolts. Mounting of the fifth wheel on the frame of the tractor vehicle is adequately effected by means of eight M16 bolts placed symmetrically with respect to the longitudinal and transverse axes of the fifth wheel.

1) By the word "frame" is meant : frame, sub-frame, or brackets.