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0 Introduction

The testing of the protective structures for agricultural and forestry wheeled tractors aims at minimizing the possibility of driver injury resulting from accidental overturning during normal operation of the tractor.

The strength of the protective structure is tested by applying static loads to simulate actual loads which may be imposed on the cab or frame when the tractor overturns either to the rear or to the side without free fall. The tests allow observations to be made on the strength of the structure and the attachment brackets to the tractor and also of the parts of the tractor that may be affected by the load imposed on the structure.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a static loading test method and the acceptance conditions for protective structures (cab or frame) of agricultural and forestry wheeled tractors.

2 Field of application

This International Standard is applicable to tractors having at least two axles for pneumatic tyred wheels, with or without track attachments, and with a reference mass greater than 800 kg.

The minimum track width of rear wheels should generally be greater than 1 150 mm. It is recognized that there may be designs of tractors, for example, lawn mowers, narrow vineyard tractors, low profile tractors used in low buildings with limited overhead clearance, orchards etc, stilt tractors and certain forestry machines such as forwarders, for which this International Standard is not appropriate.

3 References

ISO 612, *Road vehicles — Dimensions of motor vehicles and towed vehicles — Terms and definitions.*

ISO 3462, *Agricultural tractors and machinery — Seat reference point — Method of determination.*

4 Definitions

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

4.1 protective structure : Cab or frame for the protection of drivers of agricultural wheeled tractors by minimizing the possibility of driver injury resulting from accidental overturning during normal operations.

NOTE — The protective structure is characterized by providing space for the clearance zone either inside the envelope of the structure or within a space bounded by a series of straight lines from the outer edge of the structure to any part of the tractor that might come into contact with flat ground and that is capable of supporting the tractor in that position if the tractor overturns.

4.2 basic tractor mass : The mass of the unladen tractor in working order with tanks and radiators full, protective structure with cladding, and any track equipment or additional front-wheel drive components required for normal use. The operator, removable ballast weights, special equipment and loads are not included.

4.3 horizontal loading test : The application of a horizontal load to the rear, front and side of the structure.

NOTE — As loading continues, the cab/frame deformation may cause the direction of loading to change. This is permissible.

4.4 crushing test : The application of a vertical load through a beam placed laterally across the uppermost members of the protective structure.

4.5 longitudinal median plane (of a vehicle) :
See ISO 612.

4.6 vertical reference plane (of a vehicle) : The vertical plane generally longitudinal to the tractor and passing through the seat reference point and the centre of the steering wheel.

NOTE — Normally this reference plane coincides with the longitudinal median plane of the tractor.

5 Symbols

- m = basic tractor mass, as defined in 4.2, in kilograms.
- m_t = reference mass which shall be not less than the basic tractor mass, m , in kilograms.
- D = deflection of the protective structure at the point of and in line with the load application, in millimetres.
- D_{\max} = total deflection of the protective structure during static test corresponding to E_i , in millimetres.
- D' = total deflection of the protective structure in an overload test corresponding to E'_i , in millimetres.
- F = static load force, in newtons.
- F_{\max} = maximum static load force occurring during loading (excluding overload), in newtons.
- F' = loading force corresponding to E'_i , in newtons.
- $F-D$ = force-deflection curve.
- E_{is} = energy input to be absorbed during side loading, in joules.
- E_{il1} = energy input to be absorbed during longitudinal loading, in joules.
- E_{il2} = energy input to be absorbed during a second longitudinal loading, in joules.
- F_r = applied force at rear in the crushing test, in newtons.
- F_f = applied force at front in the crushing test, in newtons.
- E_i = strain energy absorbed by the protective structure area under $F-D$ curve at the point where $D = D_{\max}$ (see figure 1).
- E'_i = total strain energy absorbed by the protective structure after additional loading following a crack or tear (see figure 1, area under complete curve).

6 Apparatus

6.1 Horizontal loading tests

6.1.1 Material, equipment and means of attachment to ensure that the tractor chassis is firmly fixed to the ground (and supported) independently of the tyres.

6.1.2 Means for applying a horizontal force to the protective structure, such as shown in figures 2 and 3, complying with the requirements of 6.1.2.1 to 6.1.2.4.

6.1.2.1 Provision shall be made so that the load can be uniformly distributed normal to the direction of loading and along a beam of length not less than 250 mm nor more than 700 mm an exact multiple of 50 mm.

6.1.2.2 The edges of the beam in contact with the protective structure shall be curved with a maximum radius of 50 mm.

6.1.2.3 Universal joints — or the equivalent — shall be incorporated to ensure that the loading device does not constrain the structure in rotation or translation in any direction other than the direction of loading.

6.1.2.4 Where the length of the protective structure covered by the appropriate load applying beam does not constitute a straight line normal to the direction of application of the load, the space shall be packed so as to distribute the load over this length.

6.1.3 Equipment for measuring force and deflection along the direction of application of the force and relative to the tractor chassis. To ensure accuracy, measurements shall be taken at deflection increments of 15 mm or less. The measuring devices shall be located so as to record the force and deflection at the point of, and along the line of, loading.

6.1.4 Means for proving that the clearance zone has not been entered during the test. A measuring rig as shown in figure 5 can be used.

6.2 Crushing tests

6.2.1 Material, equipment and means of attachment to ensure that the tractor chassis is firmly fixed to the ground (and supported), independently of the tyres.

6.2.2 Means for applying a downward force on the protective structure, such as shown in figure 4, including a stiff beam with a width of 250 mm.

6.2.3 Equipment for measuring the total vertical force applied.

6.2.4 Means for proving that the clearance zone has not been entered during the test. A measuring rig as shown in figure 5 can be used.

7 Preparation of tractor and protective structure

7.1 The protective structure shall be to the production specifications and shall be fitted to the appropriate tractor model chassis in accordance with the manufacturer's declared method of attachment.

7.2 The assembly shall be secured to the bedplate so that the members connecting the assembly and the bedplate do not deflect significantly in relation to the protective structure under loading. The assembly shall not receive any support under loading other than that due to the initial attachment.

7.3 A track width setting for the wheels if present shall be chosen such that no interference exists with the protective structure during the tests.

The assembly shall be supported and secured or modified so that all the test energy is absorbed by the protective structure and its attachment to the rigid components of the tractor.

7.4 All detachable windows, panels and removable non-structural fittings may be removed so that they do not contribute to the strength of the protective structure.

NOTE — In cases where it is possible to fix doors and windows open or remove them during work, they shall be either removed or fixed in the open position for the test, so that they do not add to the strength of the protective structure. It shall be noted whether, in this position, they would create a hazard for the driver in the event of overturning.

7.5 The protective structure shall be instrumented with the necessary equipment to obtain the required force-deflection data.

8 Procedure

8.1 General

8.1.1 The test shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures given below and in the following sequence :

a) longitudinal loading,

for a tractor with at least 50 % of its basic tractor mass on the rear wheels, the longitudinal loading shall be applied from the rear. For other tractors the longitudinal loading shall be applied from the front;

b) first crushing test,

the first crushing test shall be applied at the same end of the protective structure as the longitudinal loading;

c) loading from the side,

in the case of an offset seat and/or non-symmetrical strength of the protective structure, the side loading shall be on the side most likely to lead to infringement of the zone of clearance;

d) second crushing test,

the second crushing test shall be applied at the opposite end of the protective structure to the longitudinal loading;

NOTE — In the case of two-post designs, it may be at the same point as in b) above.

e) second longitudinal loading,

a second longitudinal loading shall be applied to tractors fitted with a protective structure designed to be tilted when the longitudinal loading in a) above was not applied in the direction in which the protective structure is designed to tilt.

8.1.2 All tests shall be performed on the same protective structure. No repairs or straightening of any member shall be carried out between any part of the test and the ensuing one.

8.1.3 Elastic and permanent deflections of the protective structure shall be measured and recorded for each test.

After each part test in 8.1.1, the protective structure shall be inspected visually with the load removed. If cracks or tears have occurred during loading other than during the second crushing test, the overload test specified in 12.1.3 shall be carried out before proceeding to the next loading in the sequence given in 8.1.1.

8.2 Horizontal loading from the rear, front and side

8.2.1 General provisions for horizontal loading tests

8.2.1.1 The loads applied to the protective structure shall be distributed by means of a stiff beam, complying with the requirements of 6.1.2, located normal to the direction of load application; the stiff beam may be equipped with a means of preventing its being displaced sideways. The rate of load application shall be such that it can be considered static. As the load is applied, F and D shall be recorded simultaneously at deflection increments of 15 mm or less, to ensure accuracy. Once the initial application has commenced, the load shall not be reduced until the test has been completed; but it is permissible to cease increasing the load if desired, for example, to record measurements.

NOTE — The rate of load application can be considered static if the rate of deflection under loading is not be greater than 5 mm/s.

8.2.1.2 If the structural member to which the load is to be applied is curved, the requirements of 6.1.2.4 shall be complied with. The application of a load shall, however, comply with the requirements of 8.2.1.1 and 6.1.2.

8.2.1.3 If no structural cross member exists at the point of application, a substitute test beam which does not add strength to the structure may be utilized to complete the test procedure.

8.2.2 Longitudinal loading

The load shall be applied horizontally and parallel to the longitudinal median plan of the tractor, on the same side of the tractor as the side load and from the rear or front as required by 8.1.1 a).

It shall be applied to the uppermost transverse structural member of the protective structure (i.e. that part which would be likely to strike the ground first in an overturning incident).

The point of application of the load shall be located at one sixth of the width of the top of the protective structure inwards from the outside corner. The width of the protective structure shall be taken as the distance between two lines parallel to the longitudinal median plane of the tractor and touching the outside extremities of the protective structure in the horizontal plane touching the top of the uppermost transverse structural members.

The length of the beam shall be not less than one third of the width of the protective structure (as described above) and not more than 49 mm more than this minimum.

The test shall be stopped when :

- a) the strain energy absorbed by the protective structure is equal to or greater than the required input energy (E_{i1}) where

$$E_{i1} = 1,4 m_t, \text{ in joules;}$$

or,

- b) the protective structure infringes on the clearance zone (see clause 10) or leaves the clearance zone unprotected.

8.2.3 Loading from the side

The load from the side shall be applied horizontally normal to the longitudinal median plane. It shall be applied to the upper extremity of the protective structure at a point generally 300 mm forward of the seat reference point (see clause 9).

If it is certain that any particular part of the cab side will touch the ground first when the tractor overturns sideways, the loading shall be applied at that point, provided that this permits the uniform distribution of the load specified in 8.2.1. In the case of a two-post structure, side loading shall be applied at the structural member uppermost on the side, regardless of the seat reference point.

The length of the beam shall be as long as practicable subject to a maximum of 700 mm

The test shall be stopped when :

- a) the strain energy absorbed by the protective structure is equal to or greater than the required input energy (E_{is}), where

$$E_{is} = 1,75 m_t, \text{ in joules;}$$

or,

- b) the protective structure infringes on the clearance zone (see clause 10) or leaves the clearance zone unprotected.

8.3 Crushing tests

8.3.1 Crushing at the rear

The beam shall be positioned across the rear uppermost structural members and the resultant of crushing forces shall be located in the vertical reference plane. The force F_r shall be applied, where $F_r = 20 m_t$, in newtons. This force shall be maintained for at least 5 s after the cessation of any visually detectable movement of the protective structure.

Where the rear part of the protective structure roof will not sustain the full crushing force, the force shall be applied until the roof is deflected to coincide with the plane joining the upper part of the protective structure with that part of the rear of the tractor capable of supporting the vehicle's mass when overturned. The force shall then be removed and the tractor or loading force repositioned so that the beam is over that point of

the protective structure which would then support the front of the tractor when completely overturned and the full force applied.

8.3.2 Crushing at the front

The beam shall be positioned across the front uppermost structural members and the resultant of crushing forces shall be located in the vertical reference plane. The force F_f shall be applied where $F_f = 20 m_t$, in newtons. This force shall be maintained for at least 5 s after the cessation of any visually detectable movement of the protective structure.

Where the front part of the roof of the protective structure will not sustain the full crushing force, the force shall be applied until the roof is deflected to coincide with the plane joining the upper part of the protective structure with that part of the front of the tractor capable of supporting the vehicle's mass when overturned. The force shall then be removed and the tractor or loading force repositioned so that the beam is over that part of the protective structure which would then support the rear of the tractor when completely overturned and the full force applied.

8.4 Second longitudinal loading

It shall be applied in the opposite direction to and at the corner furthest from the longitudinal loading in 8.2.2 but otherwise as described in 8.2.1.

The test shall be stopped when :

- a) the strain energy absorbed by the protective structure is equal to or greater than the required input energy (E_{i2}), where

$$E_{i2} = 0,35 m_t, \text{ in joules;}$$

or,

- b) the protective structure infringes on the clearance zone (see clause 10) or leaves the clearance zone unprotected.

9 Seat reference point

The seat reference point shall be determined, in accordance with ISO 3462, with the seat adjusted to its rearmost and uppermost position.

For a suspended seat the seat shall be set to the mid-point of the suspension travel, unless this is contradictory to clearly stated instructions by the manufacturer of the seat. Where special instructions for the seat setting exist, these shall be observed.

10 Clearance zone

The clearance zone is illustrated in figures 5, 6 a) and 6 b). Referring to the figures, the zone is defined in relation to the vertical reference plane (see 4.6). This reference plane shall be assumed to move horizontally with the seat and steering wheel during loading but to remain perpendicular to the tractor or the floor of the protective structure.

The clearance zone is defined as follows when the tractor is standing on its wheels on a horizontal surface and, where applicable, the steering wheel is adjusted to the mid-position for seated driving :

- a) a horizontal plane ($A_1 B_1 B_2 A_2$) 900 mm above the seat reference point;
 - b) an inclined plane ($G_1 G_2 I_2 I_1$) perpendicular to the reference plane and including the rearmost point of the seat backrest and the extension of which passes through a point 900 mm directly above the seat reference point;
 - c) a cylindrical surface ($A_1 A_2 I_2 I_1$) perpendicular to the reference plane, with a radius of 120 mm tangential to the planes defined in a) and b) above;
 - d) a cylindrical surface ($B_1 C_1 C_2 B_2$) perpendicular to the reference plane, having a radius of 900 mm extending forward for 400 mm from and tangential to the plane defined in a) above at a point 150 mm forward of the seat reference point;
 - e) an inclined plane ($C_1 D_1 D_2 C_2$) perpendicular to the reference plane, joining the surface defined in d) above at its forward edge and passing 40 mm from the rim of the steering wheel;
 - f) a vertical plane ($D_1 E_1 E_2 D_2$) perpendicular to the reference plane 40 mm forward of the rim of the steering wheel;
 - g) a horizontal plane ($E_1 F_1 F_2 E_2$) through the seat reference point;
 - h) a surface ($G_1 F_1 F_2 G_2$), curved if necessary, from the bottom limit of the plane defined in b) above to the horizontal plane defined in g) above following the general direction of, and in contact with, the rear surface of the seat backrest;
 - j) vertical planes ($J_1 E_1 F_1 G_1 H_1$ and $J_2 E_2 F_2 G_2 H_2$) not less than 250 mm on either side of the reference plane;
- The distance $E_1 E_2$ shall be equal to the diameter of the steering wheel plus 40 mm on each side of the rim of the wheel or 500 mm, whichever is the greater;
- k) parallel planes ($A_1 B_1 C_1 D_1 H_1 I_1$ and $A_2 B_2 C_2 D_2 H_2 I_2$) inclined so that the upper edge of the plane on the side on which the load is applied is at least 100 mm from the reference plane.

11 Tolerances

Measurements during the tests shall be made to the following tolerances :

- a) dimensions of the protective structure and clearance zone : ± 3 mm;
- b) deflection : ± 3 mm;
- c) tractor mass : ± 20 kg;

- d) force applied in horizontal and crushing tests : ± 2 %;
- e) deviation from the direction of the applied force :
 - at start of test (under zero load) : $\pm 2^\circ$;
 - during test (under load) : $+ 10^\circ$ above and $- 20^\circ$ below the horizontal;

NOTE — The test rig should be designed to keep these deviations to the minimum possible.

12 Conditions for acceptance

12.1 For the protective structure to be accepted it shall fulfil the conditions in 12.1.1 to 12.1.6 during and after the tests.

12.1.1 No part shall enter the clearance zone as defined in clause 10. No part may strike the seat during the tests. Furthermore, the clearance zone shall not be outside the protection of the protective structure, as defined in 4.1. For this purpose, it shall be considered to be outside the protection of the protective structure if any part of it would have come in contact with flat ground if the tractor had overturned towards the direction from which the load was applied. For estimating this, the tyres and track width setting shall be the smallest standard fitting specified by the manufacturer.

12.1.2 All structural members, joints, attaching brackets and parts of the tractor which transmit the loads shall be free from cracks and tears detectable by visual inspection, except in the following cases in which they are permitted :

- if they are not detrimental to the structural integrity of the protective structure, for example, in a cladding panel or in a spot or tack weld used for the attachment of cladding panels;
- if they occur in the last crushing test [(see 8.1.1.d)];
- if an overload test, as in 12.1.3, is satisfactorily carried out following their occurrence.

12.1.3 If during a horizontal loading test, a crack or a tear occurs, the load for that part of the test shall be increased so that the energy $E'_i = 1,20 E_i$, where $E_i = E_{is}$, E_{i1} , E_{i2} , as appropriate. At the point at which E'_i is absorbed, the force F' shall be not less than $0,8 F_{max}$, where F_{max} is the maximum force occurring in the F - D diagram. These conditions shall not apply to tears not detrimental to the structural integrity of the protective structure, for example in a cladding panel.

Additional cracks or tears and/or entry of the clearance zone or lack of protection of the clearance zone are permitted during this overload test.

12.1.4 There shall be no protruding member or component which would be likely to cause serious injury during an overturning accident or which, through the deformation occurring, might trap the operator, for example, by the leg or foot.

12.1.5 There shall be no other components presenting a serious hazard to the operator.

12.1.6 If the protective structure is claimed to meet cold weather embrittlement properties, the manufacturer shall state the standard met and this shall be included in the report.

12.2 In the case of a protective structure which has fulfilled the conditions required for acceptance and which is designed to be used on other models of tractors, the test as specified in clause 8 need not be carried out on each model of tractor, provided that the protective structure and tractor comply with the conditions specified in 12.2.1 to 12.2.4.

In such cases, the test report shall contain a reference to the previous test report.

12.2.1 The basic tractor mass shall not exceed the reference mass by more than 5 %.

12.2.2 The method of attachment and the tractor components to which the attachment is made shall be identical or of equivalent strength.

12.2.3 Any components, such as mudguards and bonnet, which may provide support for the protective structure shall be identical or judged to give at least the same support.

12.2.4 The position and critical dimensions of the seat in the protective structure and the position of the protective structure relative to the tractor shall be such that the clearance zone would have remained within the protection of the deflected structure throughout all the tests.

13 Test report

The test report shall be in accordance with annexes A and B.

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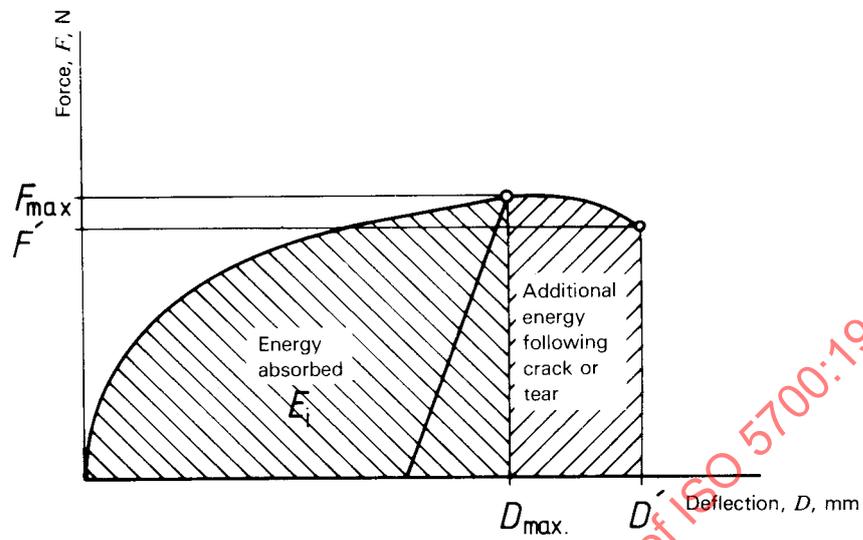


Figure 1 — Force-deflection ($F-D$) curve

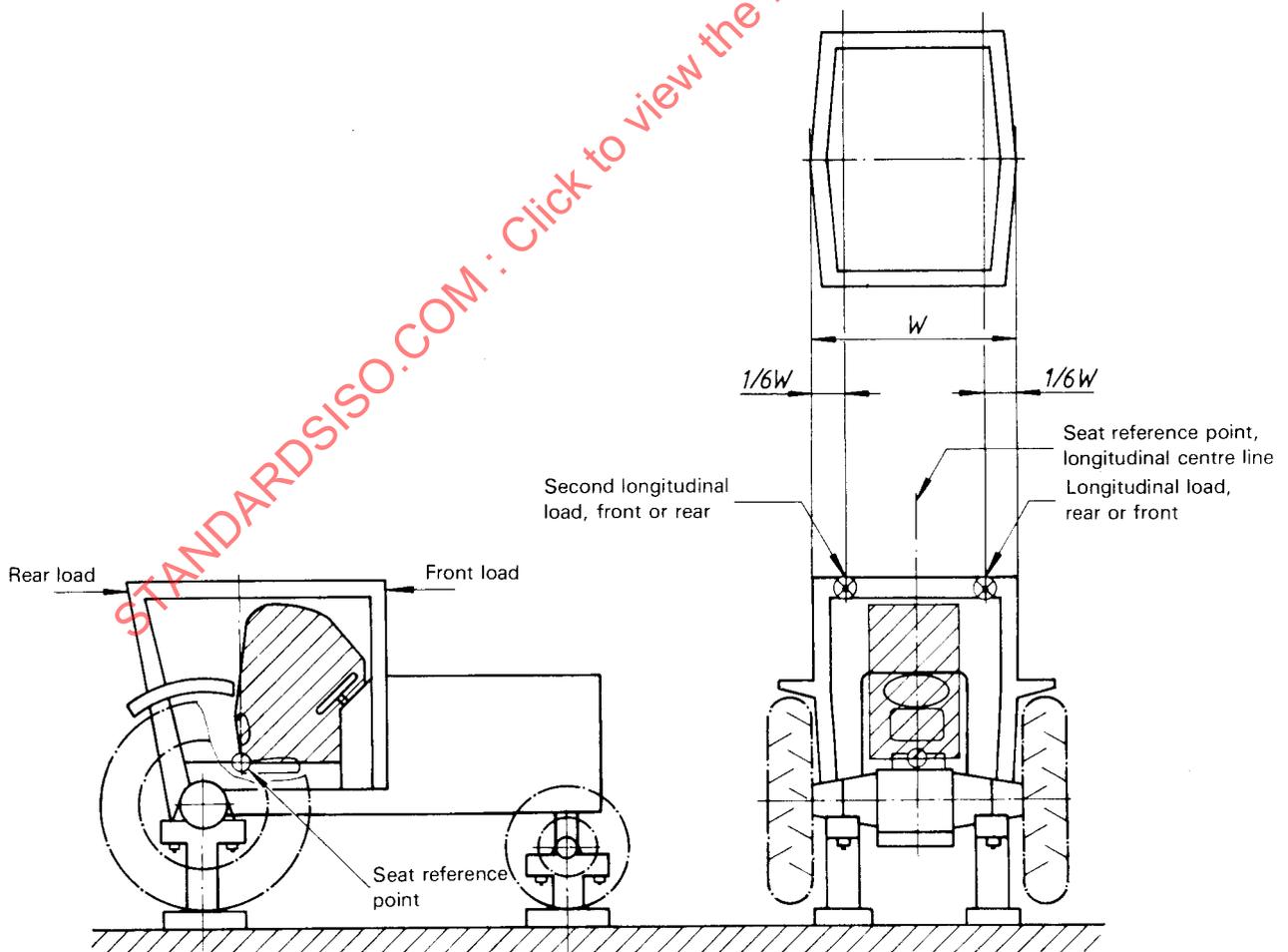


Figure 2 — Front and rear load applications

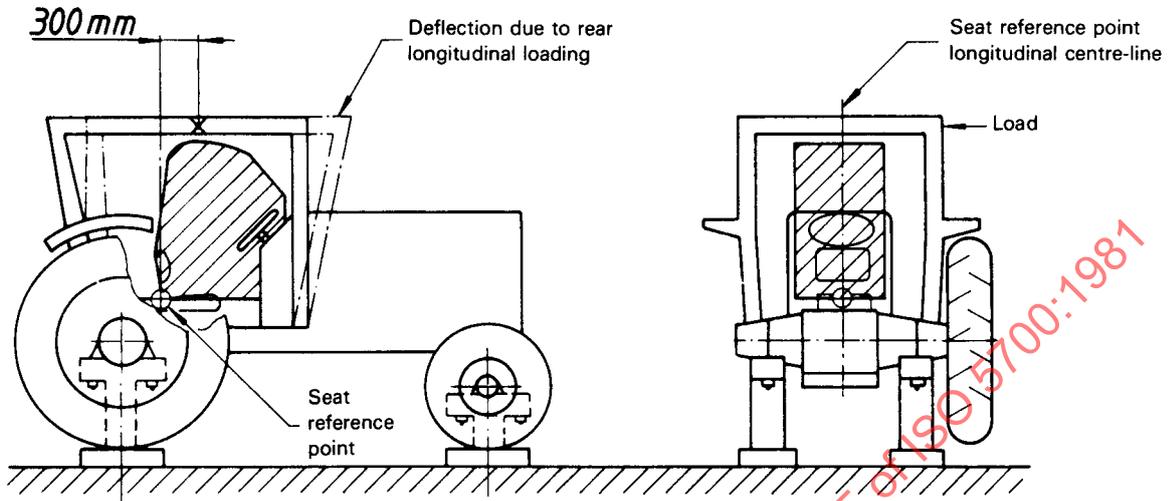


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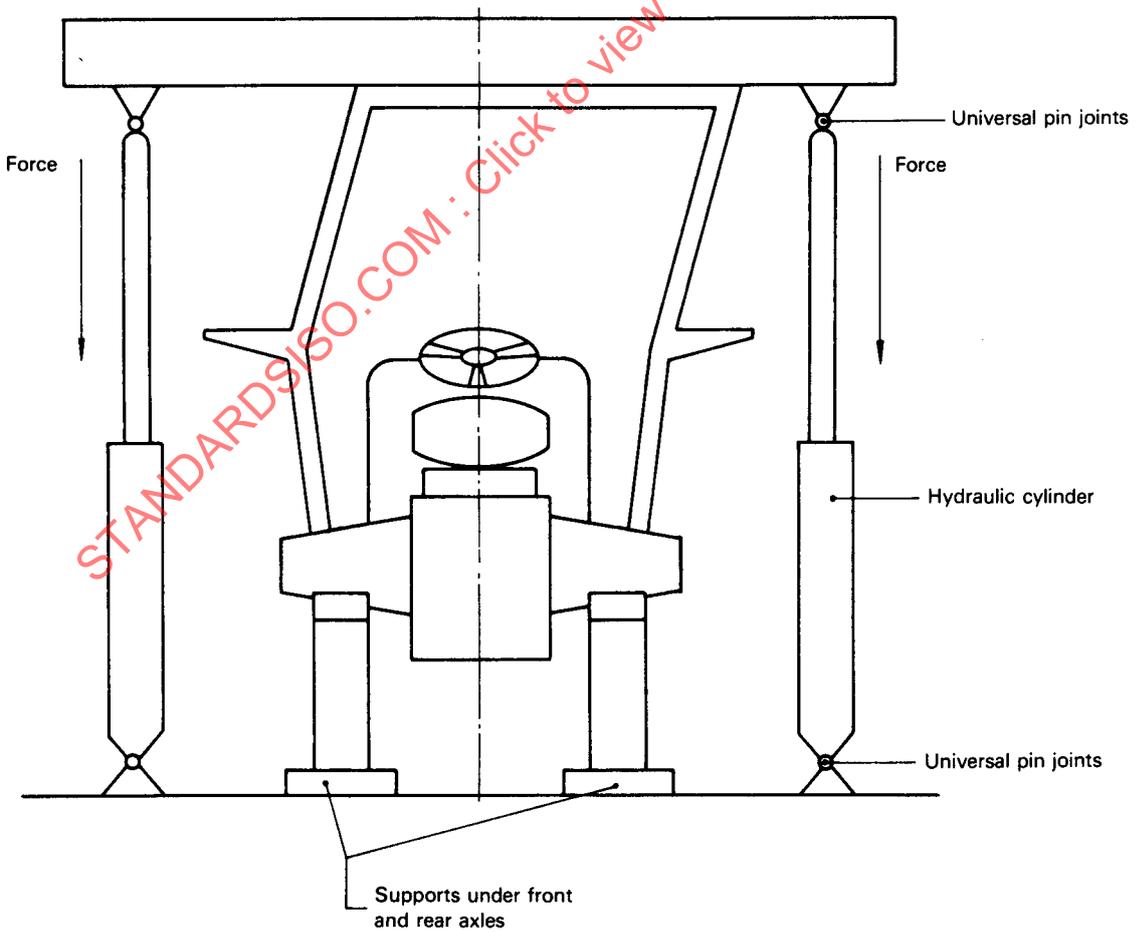
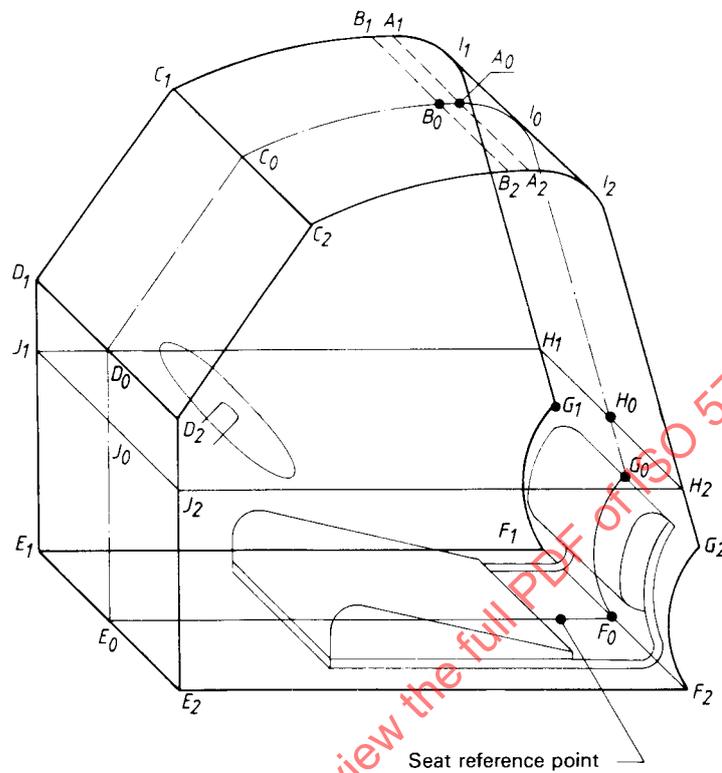


Figure 4 — Example of an arrangement for crushing test



Dimensions	mm	Remarks
A_1A_0 B_1B_0	100	Minimum
A_1A_2 B_1B_2 C_1C_2	500	{ Minimum or equal to the diameter of the steering wheel plus 80 mm, whichever is the greater
D_1D_2 E_1E_2	500	
F_1F_2 G_1G_2 H_1H_2 I_1I_2 J_1J_2	500	
E_1E_0 E_2E_0	250	{ Minimum or equal to the radius of the steering wheel plus 40 mm, whichever is the greater
J_0E_0 F_0G_0 I_0G_0 C_0D_0 E_0F_0	300 - - - -	} Depending on the tractor

NOTE — For other dimensions see figures 6a) and 6b).

Figure 5 — Clearance zone

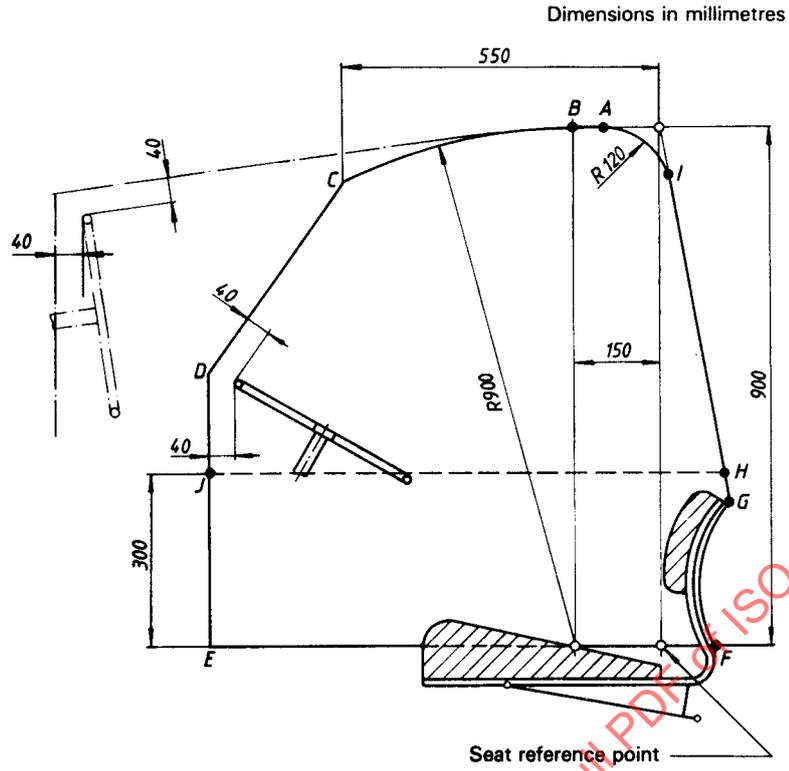


Figure 6a) – Clearance zone from the side

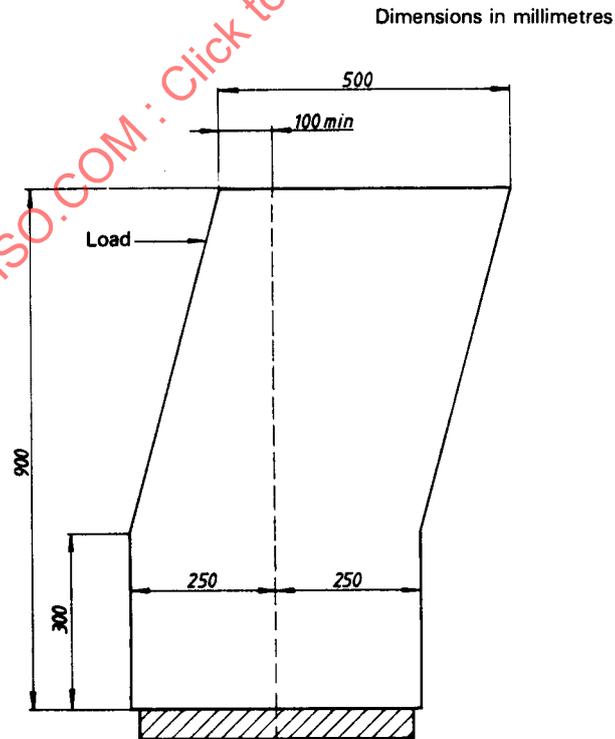


Figure 6b) – Clearance zone from the front/rear, 150 mm in front of the seat reference point