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A Standard always has the following parts:

(i) The Preface states who developed the Standard, what the Standard is aiming to do, and how it relates to other documents.

(ii) The Scope states what the Standard is about, what it covers and what it does not cover.

(iii) The Normative references clause lists other documents that are referenced in the Standard as part of requirements.

(iv) The Terms and definitions clause defines important terms to help with understanding the Standard.

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(2) An informative appendix provides additional information or guidance. They usually do not contain requirements. If an informative appendix does contain requirements, the Standard will explain when those requirements apply.

(3) A Bibliography lists documents referenced in the Standard but not as part of requirements.

Many Standards include notes. Notes provide recommendations and/or guidance only. They never contain requirements.

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The changes to the international text are shown in boxes in the text. These boxes have the heading "National Variations".

To use this Standard in Australia/New Zealand, the changes in the national variation boxes need to be followed.

Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-026, Industrial Trucks.

The objective of this document is to specify the method of energy consumption measurement for the following types of industrial trucks as defined in AS ISO 5053.1:

(a) Variable-reach container handler.

(b) Counterbalance container handler.

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 23308-3:2020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— the list of truck types in the Scope truck types has been adapted to align with ISO 5053-1;

— a new Clause 6 on documentation has been added.

A list of all parts in the ISO 23308 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user’s national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

The ISO 23308 series deals with the energy efficiency of industrial trucks including batteries and battery chargers.

ISO 23308-1:2025 contains the procedures to determine the efficiency of trucks, traction batteries and battery chargers. The other parts of the ISO 23308 series provide specific test cycles for different truck types.

NOTE The test cycles are based on the VDI 2198 guideline.[3] This guideline was widely accepted by industry and was used to measure the energy consumption of electric industrial trucks and internal combustion (IC) industrial trucks. The guideline has been in place since 1996 and it is widely used. This approach provides procedures for the evaluation of the energy efficiency of trucks by comparison.

Annex C of ISO 23308-1:2025 includes information on calculation of the greenhouse gas equivalent.

The content of this document is of relevance for the following stakeholder groups:

— machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);

— market surveillance authorities;

— machine users (small, medium and large enterprises);

— service providers, e.g. for consulting activities.

The stakeholder groups above have been given the opportunity to take part in the drafting process of this document. The machines concerned are indicated in the scope of this document. This document provides specifications for testing. The machine instruction handbook includes information for the user, such as energy consumption.

Typical users of this document are technical experts involved in testing and/or simulation/calculation of the energy consumption of industrial trucks in the scope of this document.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the method of energy consumption measurement for the following types of industrial trucks as defined in ISO 5053-1:

— variable-reach container handler;

— counterbalance container handler.

2 Normative references

NATIONAL VARIATIONS

1. In Clause 2, after the first paragraph, *add* the following:

The Australian Standards listed below are modified adoptions of, or not equivalent to, the ISO normative references and are required for the application of this document. All references in the source text to those ISO normative references shall be replaced by references to the corresponding Australian Standards.

Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standards that are identical adoptions of international normative references may be used interchangeably.

2. *Delete* "ISO 22915-9:2014, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability — Part 9: Counterbalanced trucks with mast handling freight containers of 6 m (20 ft) length and longer*" and *replace* with the following:

AS 22915.9:2018, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability, Part 9: Counterbalanced trucks with mast handling freight containers of 6 m (20 ft) length and longer (ISO 22915-9:2014, MOD)*

3. *Delete* "ISO 22915-12:2015, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability — Part 12: Industrial variable-reach trucks handling freight containers of 6 m (20 ft) length and longer*" and *replace* with the following:

AS 22915.12:2018, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability, Part 12: Industrial variable-reach trucks handling freight containers of 6 m (20 ft) length and longer (ISO 22915-12:2015, MOD)*

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 668, *Series 1 freight containers — Classification, dimensions and ratings*

ISO 5053-1, *Industrial trucks — Vocabulary — Part 1: Types of industrial trucks*

ISO 23308-1:2025, *Energy efficiency of Industrial trucks — Test methods — Part 1: General*

ISO 22915-9:2014, *Industrial trucks — Verification of stability — Part 9: Counterbalanced trucks with mast handling freight containers of 6 m (20 ft) length and longer*