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General requirements for the
design and construction of
fixed and movable guards**

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Foreword

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A1 For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annexes ZA and ZB, which are integral parts of this document. **A1**

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Introduction

This European Standard specifies general principles for the design and construction of guards, both fixed and movable. It is intended for use by manufacturers, designers, standards makers and other interested parties.

A1 This document is a type B standard as stated in EN ISO 12100-1.

The provisions of this document can be supplemented or modified by a type C standard.

NOTE For machines which are covered by the scope of a type C standard and which have been designed and built according to the provisions of that standard, the provisions of that type C standard take precedence over the provisions of this type B standard. **A1**

In accordance with the requirements laid down in **A1** EN ISO 12100-1 **A1** and **A1** EN ISO 12100-2 **A1** the machine designer shall identify the hazards present at a machine, carry out a risk assessment and reduce risk by design before considering safeguarding techniques.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies general requirements for the design and construction of guards provided primarily to protect persons from mechanical hazards.

The standard applies primarily to machines which are manufactured after the date of issue of this standard.

Attention is drawn to the use of guards to minimise exposure to non-mechanical hazards.

The requirements are applicable if fixed and movable guards are used. The standard does not cover those parts of guards which actuate interlocking devices. These are covered in EN 1088.

This standard does not provide requirements for special systems relating specifically to mobility and ability to lift loads like rollover protective structures (ROPS) and falling-object protective structures (FOPS).

2 Normative references

A1 The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this European Standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies. **A1**

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EN 349, *Safety of machinery – Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body*

EN 626-1, *Safety of machinery – Reduction of risks to health from hazardous substances emitted by machinery – Part 1: Principles and specifications for machinery manufacturers*

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EN 1088, *Safety of machinery – Interlocking devices associated with guards – Principles for design and selection*