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**Rubber and plastics hoses and hose  
assemblies — Guidelines for selection,  
storage, use and maintenance**

*Tuyaux et flexibles en caoutchouc et en plastique — Lignes directrices  
pour la sélection, le stockage, l'utilisation et la maintenance*



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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 8331:2014), which has been technically revised with the following change:

- 4.9 has been deleted.



# Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Guidelines for selection, storage, use and maintenance

## 1 Scope

This document sets out recommendations designed to maintain rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies, prior to use, in a condition as close as possible to the condition they were in when they were received and to obtain the expected service life.

NOTE It is intended that this document be used in conjunction with any applicable national statutory regulations.

## 2 Normative references

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 1402, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Hydrostatic testing*

ISO 2230, *Rubber products — Guidelines for storage*

ISO 8031, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Determination of electrical resistance and conductivity*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8330 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 General recommendations

### 4.1 Selection criteria

It is in the best interests of the user to select hoses or hose assemblies complying with national or international standards whenever such standards exist for the intended application. For applications outside the scope of such standards, needing special requirements or for which the necessary information is not available, the hose manufacturer or trade association should be consulted.

The following points should be taken into consideration when selecting a hose or hose assembly for a specific application:

- a) Operational environment:
  - ambient temperature;
  - atmospheric conditions;
  - contact with chemically aggressive liquids;