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**Cranes — Classification —**

**Part 2:  
Mobile cranes**

*Appareils de levage à charge suspendue — Classification —  
Partie 2: Grues mobiles*





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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4301-2:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous edition is the introduction of the cycle-based classification for mobile cranes equipment following ISO 4301-1:2016.

A list of all parts in the ISO 4301 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

Mobile cranes play a part in the handling of materials by raising and moving loads, the mass of which is within their rated capacity. However, there can be wide variations in their duty. The design of the crane should take account of the duty in terms of conditions of service, in order to reach an appropriate level of safety and useful life which is in line with the purchaser's requirements.

Classification serves as a reference framework between purchaser and manufacturer, by which a particular mobile crane can be matched to the intended service. It also is the system used to provide a means of establishing rational bases for the design of mobile cranes.



# Cranes — Classification —

## Part 2: Mobile cranes

### 1 Scope

This document establishes a general classification of mobile cranes and related crane mechanisms based on the service conditions, mainly expressed by the following:

- the total number of working cycles to be carried out during the specified design life of the crane;
- the load spectrum factor which represents the relative frequencies of loads to be handled;
- the average load displacements.

This document is applicable for the work spectrum between moderate to very heavy number of work cycles as described in [Table 2](#).

### 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 4301-1, *Cranes — Classification — Part 1: General*

ISO 4306-1, *Cranes — Vocabulary — Part 1: General*

ISO 4306-2, *Cranes — Vocabulary — Part 2: Mobile cranes*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4301-1, ISO 4306-1 and ISO 4306-2 apply.

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

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

### 4 Classification

#### 4.1 General

For the purpose of classification, a crane working cycle is a sequence of movements which begins when the crane is ready to hoist the load and ends when the crane is ready to hoist the next load within the same task. A task can be characterized by a specific combination of crane configuration and sequence of intended movements.