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## **Introduction**

The code identification system presented in this International Standard is a means of facilitating assembly, servicing, trouble-shooting and restoration of electrical circuits within earth-moving machines.

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# Earth-moving machinery — Electrical wires and cables — Principles of identification and marking

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the fundamental items of an identification code system and marking for electrical wires and cables used to connect components in the electrical circuits of earth-moving machines.

It does not cover the wires and cables located within electrical components, e.g. alternator (a.c. generator), relay instrument.

This International Standard applies to earth-moving machinery as defined in ISO 6165.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 6165:1987, *Earth-moving machinery — Basic types — Vocabulary*.

ISO 6749:1984, *Earth-moving machinery — Preservation and storage*.

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 electrical circuit:** Number of electrical components connected by cables, leading from the electrical energy source to the functional component(s) and back to the energy source.

**3.2 electrical component:** Self-contained element intended to store, generate, distribute, alter or consume electrical energy or effect an electrical junction.

**3.3 electrical cable:** Insulated stranded electrical conductor used to establish a single current path.

**3.4 electrical wire:** Insulated non-stranded electrical conductor used to establish a single current path.

## 4 Coding system of electrical wires and cables

Wires and cables shall be identified by numbers, colour, letter symbols or combinations of these, as specified in 4.1 to 4.4.

### 4.1 Identification numbering

Identification of wires and cables may be by the use of numbers, i.e. numerals and letters. For additional identification, a capital letter shall be combined with the numerals. Letters which could cause possible misreading with numerals shall be omitted, i.e. B, D, I, O, Q.

The identification shall be identical at both ends of each one wire or cable, but each number — or combination of letter and numerals — shall be used only once for a machine. The identification shall be changed either as to the number or letter when an electric wire or cable is routed through an electrical component.

### 4.2 Identification colour

**4.2.1** Identification of wires and cables may be by the use of coloured insulation over the whole length or by coloured banding at each end of the wire or cable. Different colours shall be used for proper identification. If additional identification is required, a colour trace, non-conductive banding or tags, in