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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8686-3:1998) and ISO 12485:1998 which have been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- integration and rules for application of ISO 8686-1;
- integration of special rules regarding the calculation of wind loads on tower cranes in the out-of-service state;
- integration of rules regarding the calculation of rigid body stability in this document;
- integration of rules regarding the calculation of loads on crane support structure;
- integration of rules for the calculation of climbing systems;
- integration of rules for the calculation of mobile self-erecting tower cranes.

A list of all parts in the ISO 8686 series can be found on the ISO website.

# Cranes — Design principles for loads and load combinations —

## Part 3: Tower cranes

### 1 Scope

This document establishes the application of ISO 8686-1 to tower cranes for construction work as defined in ISO 4306-3, and gives specific requirements and values for factors to be used at the structural calculation.

Tower cranes for construction work are exclusively equipped with a hook as the load-handling device.

For tower cranes intended to be used for other purposes and/or with other load-handling devices, other values can be necessary according to the tower crane usage specification.

### 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 4302, *Cranes — Wind load assessment*

ISO 4306-3, *Cranes — Vocabulary — Part 3: Tower cranes*

ISO 4310, *Cranes — Test code and procedures*

ISO 8686-1:2012, *Cranes — Design principles for loads and load combinations — Part 1: General*

ISO 12488-1:2012, *Cranes — Tolerances for wheels and travel and traversing tracks — Part 1: General*

ISO 20332:2016, *Cranes — Proof of competence of steel structures*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4306-3 and ISO 8686-1 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **balancing moment**

moment at which the balance of the lifted components of the crane is achieved before starting the climbing operation

#### 3.2

##### **deviation moment**

amount by which the *balancing moment* (3.1) may deviate during a climbing sequence