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**Safety of machinery — Laser  
processing machines —**

**Part 1:  
Laser safety requirements**

*Sécurité des machines — Machines à laser —*

*Partie 1: Exigences de sécurité laser*



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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Laser and electro-optical systems*, in collaboration with IEC/TC 76, *Optical radiation safety and laser equipment*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11553-1:2005), which has been technically revised with the following main changes:

- the terms "beam delivery systems", "beam path components", "beam shaping components", "beam switching components" and "fibre optic cable" and "fibre connector" were added;
- the document was restructured;
- the Title was adapted;
- other hazards than laser radiation hazards are not considered in this document but are described in [Annex A](#);
- operating modes (automatic mode, setting mode, manual intervention mode, service mode) and the operating mode selector switch were added;
- [Clause 5](#) is separated in requirements regarding different locations and the different modes of operation;
- in [Clause 6](#) the verification procedures were described in more detail;
- Annex B was deleted.

A list of all the parts of ISO 11553 can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

The Machinery Safety Directive issued by the European Parliament and the Council of the EC outlines essential and mandatory requirements that must be met in order to ensure that machinery is safe. In response, CEN/CENELEC initiated a programme to produce safety standards for machines and their applications. This document is one in that series.

It has been prepared as a harmonized standard to provide a means of conforming to the essential safety requirements of the Machinery Directive and associated EFTA Regulations.

This document is a type B standard as stated in ISO 12100. The provisions of this document may be supplemented or modified by a type C standard.

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

The purpose of this document is to prevent injuries to persons by

- listing potential laser radiation hazards generated by machines containing lasers,
- specifying safety measures and verifications necessary for reducing the risk caused by specific hazardous conditions,
- providing references to pertinent standards, and
- specifying the information which is to be supplied to the users so that they can establish proper procedures and precautions.



# Safety of machinery — Laser processing machines —

## Part 1: Laser safety requirements

### 1 Scope

This document describes laser radiation hazards arising in laser processing machines, as defined in 3.7. It also specifies the safety requirements relating to laser radiation hazards, as well as the information to be supplied by the manufacturers of such equipment (in addition to that prescribed by IEC 60825).

Requirements dealing with noise as a hazard from laser processing machines are included in ISO 11553-3:2013.

This document is applicable to machines using laser radiation to process materials.

It is not applicable to laser products, or equipment containing such products, which are manufactured solely and expressly for the following applications:

- photolithography;
- stereolithography;
- holography;
- medical applications (per IEC 60601-2-22);
- data storage.

### 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 3864 (all parts), *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs*

ISO 11145:2018, *Optics and photonics — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13849-2:2012, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Validation*

ISO 13850:2012, *Safety of machinery — Emergency stop function — Principles for design*

IEC 60204-1:2016, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60825-1:2014, *Safety of laser products — Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60825-4:2006, *Safety of laser products — Part 4: Laser guards*

IEC 62061:2005, *Safety of machinery — Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems*