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interaction —**

Part 514:  
**Guidance for the application of  
anthropometric data in the ISO 9241-  
500 series**



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The use of interactive systems takes place within a physical environment. The design of the physical environment is decisive with regard to the outcome of the interaction between a variety of sizes of users and the physical environment. As described in the system concept of ISO 26800, the physical environment is embedded in an organizational and a social and cultural environment.

This document deals with the physical environment in which a physically diverse user group is assigned to one or more workplaces, or spatial environments, to accomplish a task. The entirety of the spatial environments assigned to a user is called environment of use. The relevant physical attributes of the environment of use include issues such as air quality, thermal conditions, lighting, noise, spatial layout and furniture. Specifically, this document discusses concepts for the spatial layout of workplaces so that they match the physical anthropometric characteristics of the intended user population.



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# Guidance for the application of anthropometric data in the ISO 9241-500 series

## 1 Scope

This document is intended to provide guidance in the use of anthropometric data within the ISO 9241-500 series.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

### 3.1

#### **anthropometric accommodation**

percentage of individuals in the intended user population whose anthropometric measurement values are concurrently within specified values for all anthropometric variables of interest pertinent to the design of some object

### 3.2

#### **multivariate accommodation**

percentage of individuals in the intended user population whose anthropometric measurement values are concurrently within specified values for multiple anthropometric variables

### 3.3

#### **percentile**

percentage of the measurement values that are less than the given value

### 3.4

#### **user population**

group of people having some common environment or activity

Note 1 to entry: These groups can be as diverse as geographically defined populations or specified age groups.

### 3.5

#### **univariate accommodation**

percentage of individuals in the intended user population whose anthropometric measurement values are within specified values for a single anthropometric variable