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**Road vehicles — Product data  
exchange between chassis and  
bodywork manufacturers (BEP) —**

**Part 3:  
General, mass and administrative  
exchange parameters**

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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 22 *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 40, *Specific aspects for light and heavy commercial vehicles, busses and trailers*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21308-3:2007), which has been technically revised.

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

- addition of new codes based on the experiences from the first edition;
- addition of [Annex B](#) showing specific XML coding for this part.

A list of all parts in the ISO 21308 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Truck chassis manufacturers deal with configuration of chassis in infinite numbers of possible combinations, and bodywork manufacturers produce highly customized superstructures on these chassis. Bodywork manufacturers build their superstructures on chassis of several different truck brands.

The production efficiency of a specific truck chassis and its body combinations can be greatly improved by achieving the correct technical and commercial information about the specific chassis communicated in advance with the bodywork manufacturer. The information must be reliable and give the bodywork manufacturer confidence to prefabricate the body or the superstructure before the chassis is delivered. With uniform conditions, unambiguous dimensions and supplementary information can be established, transferred and correctly interpreted by the receiver. Increased information efficiency will improve the quality and reduce the lead times.

The ISO 21308 series specifies a generic system of codes for exchanging specific data between truck chassis manufacturers and bodywork manufacturers, providing a platform for efficient communication between the parties. It applies to commercial vehicles as defined in ISO 3833, having a maximum gross vehicle mass above 3 500 kg.

Exchanging codes in accordance with the ISO 21308 series is useful in various situations, for example, for design and manufacturing, technical specifications, technical drawings and leaflets.

The codes can be communicated via, for example spreadsheet or XML, or a data exchange system based on the STEP protocol.



# Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP) —

## Part 3: General, mass and administrative exchange parameters

### 1 Scope

This document provides codes for the exchange of general, mass and administrative information between truck chassis manufacturers and bodywork manufacturers.

The process of exchanging the above information can involve:

- chassis manufacturer;
- chassis importer;
- chassis dealer;
- one or more bodywork manufacturers;
- bodywork component suppliers, e.g. manufacturers of demountable bodies, cranes and loading equipment, tipping equipment.

### 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 612, *Road vehicles — Dimensions of motor vehicles and towed vehicles — Terms and definitions*

ISO 1176, *Road vehicles — Masses — Vocabulary and codes*

ISO 7656, *Commercial road vehicles — Dimensional codes*

ISO 21308-1, *Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP) — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 21308-2, *Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP) — Part 2: Dimensional bodywork exchange parameters*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 612, ISO 1176, ISO 7656, ISO 21308-2 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/>