
**Refuse collection vehicles — Safety
of manual and rear-loaded refuse
collection vehicles**

*Véhicules de collecte de déchets — Sécurité des véhicules de collecte
de déchets à chargement manuel et arrière*



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Foreword

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Introduction

Manual and rear-loaded refuse collection vehicles (RCVs) are used for waste collection when waste is loaded into vehicles manually, without lifting devices.

Manual and rear-loaded RCVs present specific risks to humans. Accidents have been reported during the operation of manual and rear-loaded RCVs, such as operators' bodies getting caught in vehicle parts while handling waste or maintaining the vehicle. Thus, there is a need for information on safety methods specifically for manual and rear-loaded RCVs. While there are International Standards on safety of machinery which provide safety requirements, there are alternative methods for when such International Standards do not fit with the situation and/or conditions of the operation of manual and rear-loaded RCVs.

This document provides support, advice and guidance to owners, waste-service providers, vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, maintenance providers, consultants, authorities and others related to manual and rear-loaded RCVs to improve the safety of waste-collection operators.

NOTE National or regional standards can specify more detailed requirements for specific markets.

Refuse collection vehicles — Safety of manual and rear-loaded refuse collection vehicles

1 Scope

This document provides general requirements, recommendations and examples of safety methods to ensure the safety of operation of manual and rear-loaded refuse collection vehicles (RCVs).

This document applies to manual and rear-loaded RCVs with rotating plate loading systems, compression plate loading systems and rotating drum loading systems, and covers methods for ensuring safety with regard to the loading systems and discharge systems.

This document applies to the design and manufacture of manual and rear-loaded RCVs to ensure that they can be operated, adjusted and maintained such that they function properly.

This document is not applicable to the handling of loads the nature of which can lead to dangerous situations (e.g. hot refuse, acids and bases, radioactive materials, contaminated refuse, especially fragile loads, explosives).

2 Normative references

ISO 24161,¹⁾ *Waste collection and transportation management — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 24161 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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

bodywork

assembly of all components fitted to the chassis of a refuse collection vehicle, which includes the *body* (3.4) itself

Note 1 to entry: The bodywork can be fixed or interchangeable. The bodywork also includes either a loading system or a footboard(s) or any combination of the two.

[SOURCE: EN 1501-1:2021, 3.4, modified — Note 1 to entry revised.]

3.2

cab

enclosure mounted on the chassis in front of the *bodywork* (3.1) where the operator drives and controls the refuse collection vehicle and where other potential operator(s) can sit

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