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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 8098:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- addition of the terms "[3.3](#) conventional brake-lever", "[3.4](#) parallel brake-lever", and "[3.19](#) wheel and tyre assembly";
- improvement of [4.4.2](#) Minimum failure torque;
- addition of [4.7.2.3.2](#) Parallel brake-lever;
- improvement of [4.8.1](#) Handlebar — Dimensions and end fittings;
- improvement of [4.8.2](#) Handlebar grips;
- "Wheels" and "Rims, tyres and tubes" are merged as "[4.11](#) Wheels and tyre assembly";
- improvement of [4.11.2](#) Wheel and tyre assembly — Clearance;
- improvement of [4.12.6](#) Crank assembly — Fatigue tests;
- improvement of [4.14](#) Chain-wheel and belt-drive protective device.

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This corrected version of ISO 8098:2023 incorporates the following correction:

- In [4.8.2.3](#), "of 100 N" has been added to the sentence.

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## Introduction

This document has been developed in response to demand throughout the world, and the aim has been to ensure that bicycles manufactured in conformity with it will be as safe as is practically possible. The tests have been designed to ensure the strength and durability of individual parts as well as of the bicycle as a whole, demanding high quality throughout and consideration of safety aspects from the design stage onwards.

The scope has been limited to safety considerations and has specifically avoided standardization of components.

If the bicycle is used on public roads, national regulations apply.

For safety requirements for toy bicycles intended for very young children see national regulations and standards.





# Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles for young children

## 1 Scope

This document specifies safety and performance requirements and test methods for the design, assembly and testing of fully assembled bicycles and sub-assemblies for young children. It also provides guidelines for instructions on the use and care of the bicycles.

This document is applicable to bicycles with a maximum saddle height of more than 435 mm and less than 635 mm, propelled by a transmitted drive to the rear wheel.

It is not applicable to special bicycles intended for performing stunts (e.g. BMX bicycles).

**NOTE** For bicycles with a maximum saddle height of 435 mm or less, see national regulations for ride-on toys, and with a maximum saddle height of 635 mm or more, see ISO 4210-1 to ISO 4210-9[5]–[13].

## 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 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 6742-2, *Cycles — Lighting and retro-reflective devices — Part 2: Retro-reflective devices*

ISO 8124-1:2018, *Safety of toys — Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties*

ISO 11243, *Cycles — Luggage carriers for bicycles — Requirements and test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### **bicycle**

two-wheeled vehicle that is propelled solely or mainly by the muscular energy of the person on that vehicle, in particular by means of pedals

[SOURCE: ISO 4210-1:2023, 3.1.1]

### 3.2

#### **brake-lever**

lever that operates a braking device

[SOURCE: ISO 4210-1:2023, 3.4.2]