
**Drilling and foundation machinery —
Horizontal directional drilling
(HDD) machines — Commercial
specifications**

*Machines de forage et de fondation — Machines de forage horizontal
dirigé (HDD) — Spécifications commerciales*



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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- the title has been updated;
- the Scope has been updated, including machines that were previously excluded;
- the term "machine" has been replaced by "HDD machine" throughout the document;
- [Clause 2](#) has been updated with the removal of ISO 6165;
- in [Clause 3](#), several HDD machine type definitions have been added to align with [Clause 4](#); additional definitions have been added to align with the figures in [Annex A](#); definitions have been removed (for example, performance definitions) if not covered in the body text; [Clause 3](#) has been divided into sub-sections for better flow and readability;
- in [Clause 4](#), nomenclature has been removed because it was out of the scope; [Clause 4](#) now covers machine types; figures that are still appropriate have been moved to [Annex A](#);
- [Clause 5](#) for commercial specifications has been added;
- [Annex A](#) has been added to include figures and key items previously in [Clause 4](#);
- [Annex B](#) has been added to illustrate key drilling tool components;
- [Annex C](#) has been added to illustrate external structures used with large HDD machines;
- Bibliography has been added.

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1 Scope

This document establishes content for commercial specifications for horizontal directional drilling (HDD) machines.

It is not applicable to:

- soil drilling machines (see ISO 11886);
- soil/rock drilling machines (see ISO 11886);
- foundation machines (see ISO 11886);
- pile driving machines (see ISO 11886);
- rock drill rigs (see ISO 18758-1).

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 9249, *Earth-moving machinery — Engine test code — Net power*

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 General

3.1.1

horizontal directional drilling machine HDD machine

machine that uses a steerable *drill head* (3.3.1) attached to the end of a *drill string* (3.3.2) to drill through the earth in a mostly horizontal direction

Note 1 to entry: HDD machines typically apply force to the drill string using a *drill frame* (3.3.8) parallel to, or inclined up to 30° relative to, the operating earth surface.

Note 2 to entry: For examples, see [Annex A](#).