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### **Part 8:** Engine group determination

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ISO 8178 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement*:

- *Part 1: Test-bed measurement of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions*
- *Part 2: Measurement of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions at site*
- *Part 3: Definitions and methods of measurement of exhaust gas smoke under steady-state conditions*
- *Part 4: Test cycles for different engine applications*
- *Part 5: Test fuels*
- *Part 6: Test report*
- *Part 7: Engine family determination*
- *Part 8: Engine group determination*
- *Part 9: Test bed measurement of exhaust gas smoke emissions from engines used in non-road mobile machinery*

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## Introduction

Unlike engines for on-road applications, engines for off-road use are made in a much wider range of power output and configuration and are used in a great number of different applications.

The object of ISO 8178 is to rationalize the test methods for off-road engines in order to simplify and make more cost effective the drafting of legislation, the development of engine specifications and the certification of engines to control gaseous and particulate emissions.

In order to achieve its objectives, ISO 8178 embraces four concepts:

- a) grouping of engine applications in order to reduce the number of test cycles as defined in ISO 8178-4;
- b) use of observed brake power as defined in ISO 8178-1 as the basis for the expression of specific emission levels;
- c) incorporation of an "engine family" concept in which engines with similar emission characteristics and design are represented by an engine within the family;
- d) incorporation of an "engine group" concept which assumes that:
  - 1) engines may be adjusted or modified measurement on the test bed;
  - 2) engines of basically the same type or model can be classified within a group even if the engine is adjusted or modified after measurement on the test bed;
  - 3) adjusted or modified engines must comply with the applicable emission limits.

The parameters that define the engine group are more restrictive than those for an engine family.

The group concept is typically applied to large sized and engines produced in small numbers. This concept also provides the possibility for a reduction in approval testing for modifications to engines either in production or in service.

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# Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement

## Part 8:

## Engine group determination

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 8178 specifies the parameters to be applied for the determination of which engine specifications may be included in an engine group and for the selection of the parent engine of the group.

It may be applied for applications that might require modification or adjustment to suit at-site operating conditions. Such applications include stationary engines and auxiliary engines for shipping.

### 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8178. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8178 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8178-4:1996, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement — Part 4: Test cycles for different engine applications*.

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 8178, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 engine group:** Grouping of engines applicable to those engines which require adjustment or modification

after test bed measurement to ensure that they comply with the emissions and performance requirements at site.

NOTE — The engine group is a more restrictive grouping of engines than the engine family specified in ISO 8178-7. The definition of the group and choice of the parent engine should be agreed by the parties involved.

**3.2 parent engine:** Engine which represents an engine group in terms of emission performance by agreement of the parties involved (see clause 7).

### 4 General

There are engines, primarily for shipping and stationary applications, that require modification or adjustment to suit the at-site operating conditions. In these situations the option exists for the parties involved to agree to a group of engines with restrictive basic characteristics and specifications to permit limited modification and adjustment.

The selection procedure for the parent engine is preferably such that the selected engine will incorporate those features which will adversely affect the emission level of the relevant exhaust components. On the other hand, the procedure must suit the production volume of the engine manufacturer. Therefore, the parent engine might be the first unit of a production series or, in some cases, a relevant test engine.

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