
**Manipulating industrial robots —
Coordinate systems and motion
nomenclatures**

*Robots manipulateurs industriels — Systèmes de coordonnées et
nomenclatures de mouvements*



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Introduction

ISO 9787 is part of a series of International Standards dealing with manipulating industrial robots. Other International Standards cover such topics as safety, general characteristics, performance criteria and related test methods, terminology, and mechanical interfaces. It is noted that these standards are interrelated and are also related to other International Standards.

Annex A (informative) of this International Standard provides examples of application for different mechanical structures.

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines and specifies robot coordinate systems. It also provides a nomenclature including notation for the basic robot motions. It is intended to aid in robot alignment, testing, and programming.

This International Standard applies to all manipulating industrial robots as defined in ISO 8373.

In cases where there is no risk of confusion, nomenclatures or subscripts other than those specified in this International Standard may be used.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8373:1994, *Manipulating industrial robots — Vocabulary*.

ISO 9283:1998, *Manipulating industrial robots — Performance criteria and related test methods*.

ISO 9946:1991¹⁾, *Manipulating industrial robots — Presentation of characteristics*.

ISO 14539:—²⁾, *Manipulating industrial robots — Object handling with grasp-type clippers — Vocabulary and presentation of characteristics*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 8373 apply.

4 Defined coordinate systems and rotations

All coordinate systems described in this International Standard are defined by the orthogonal right-hand rule as shown in Figure 1.

1) Currently under revision.

2) To be published.