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**Reciprocating internal combustion  
engines — Exhaust emission  
measurement —**

**Part 8:  
Engine group determination**

*Moteurs alternatifs à combustion interne — Mesurage des émissions  
de gaz d'échappement —*

*Partie 8: Détermination des groupes de moteurs*



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## Foreword

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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 under field conditions*
- *Part 3: Definitions and methods of measurement of exhaust gas smoke under steady-state conditions*
- *Part 4: Steady-state test cycles for different engine applications*
- *Part 5: Test fuels*
- *Part 6: Report of measuring results and test*
- *Part 7: Engine family determination*
- *Part 8: Engine group determination*
- *Part 9: Test cycles and test procedures for test bed measurement of exhaust gas smoke emissions from compression ignition engines operating under transient conditions*
- *Part 10: Test cycles and test procedures for field measurement of exhaust gas smoke emissions from compression ignition engines operating under transient conditions*

## Introduction

Unlike engines for on-road applications, engines for non-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 objective of this International Standard is to rationalize the test methods for non-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, this International Standard embraces four concepts that are the following:

- 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 8178-4 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 can be represented by an engine within the family;
- d) incorporation of an “engine group” concept which assumes that
  - 1) engines can be adjusted or modified after 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, and
  - 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 sizes and engines produced in small number. This concept also provides the possibility for a reduction in approval testing for modifications to engines, either in production or in service.



# 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 can be included in an engine group and for the selection of the parent engine of the group.

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

### 2 Terms and definitions

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

#### 2.1 engine group

grouping of engines applicable to those engines which require adjustment or modification after test bed measurement to ensure that they comply after adjustment or modification with the emissions and performance requirements at-site (primarily for stationary applications), respectively, under reference conditions (primarily for marine applications)

Note 1 to entry: 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* (2.2) are to be agreed by the parties involved.

#### 2.2 parent engine

engine which represents an *engine group* (2.1) in terms of emission performance by agreement of the parties involved

Note 1 to entry: See [Clause 6](#).

### 3 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 shall suit the production volume of the engine manufacturer. Therefore, the parent engine can be the first unit of a production series or, in some cases, a relevant test engine.

The definition of the group and choice of the parent engine shall be agreed by the parties involved.