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**Tractors and machinery for agriculture  
and forestry — Safety-related parts of  
control systems —**

**Part 1:  
General principles for design and  
development**

*Tracteurs et matériels agricoles et forestiers — Parties des systèmes de  
commande relatives à la sécurité —*

*Partie 1: Principes généraux pour la conception et le développement*



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## Foreword

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ISO 25119 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems*:

- *Part 1: General principles for design and development*
- *Part 2: Concept phase*
- *Part 3: Series development, hardware and software*
- *Part 4: Production, operation, modification and supporting processes*

## Introduction

ISO 25119 sets out an approach to the design and assessment, for all safety life cycle activities, of safety-relevant systems comprising of electrical and/or electronic and/or programmable electronic components (E/E/PES) on tractors used in agriculture and forestry, and on self-propelled ride-on machines and mounted, semi-mounted and trailed machines used in agriculture. It is also applicable to municipal equipment. It covers the possible hazards caused by the functional behaviour of E/E/PES safety-related systems, as distinct from hazards arising from the E/E/PES equipment itself (e.g. electric shock, fire, nominal performance level of E/E/PES dedicated to active and passive safety).

The control system parts of the machines concerned are frequently assigned to provide the critical functions of the *safety-related parts of control systems* (SRP/CS). These can consist of hardware or software, can be separate or integrated parts of a control system, and can either perform solely critical functions or form part of an operational function.

In general, the designer (and to some extent, the user) will combine the design and validation of these SRP/CS as part of the risk assessment. The objective is to reduce the risk associated with a given hazard (or hazardous situation) under all conditions of use of the machine. This can be achieved by applying various protective measures (both SRP/CS and non-SRP/CS) with the end result of achieving a safe condition.

ISO 25119 allocates the ability of safety-related parts to perform a critical function under foreseeable conditions into five performance levels. The performance level of a controlled channel depends on several factors, including system structure (category), the extent of fault detection mechanisms (diagnostic coverage), the reliability of components (mean time to dangerous failure, common-cause failure), design processes, operating stress, environmental conditions and operation procedures. Three types of failures are considered: systematic, common-cause and random.

In order to guide the designer during design, and to facilitate the assessment of the achieved performance level, ISO 25119 defines an approach based on a classification of structures with different design features and specific behaviour in case of a fault.

The performance levels and categories can be applied to the control systems of all kinds of mobile machines: from simple systems (e.g. auxiliary valves) to complex systems (e.g. steer by wire), as well as to the control systems of protective equipment (e.g. interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices).

ISO 25119 adopts a customer risk-based approach for the determination of the risks, while providing a means of specifying the target performance level for the safety-related functions to be implemented by E/E/PES safety-related channels. It gives requirements for the whole safety life cycle of E/E/PES (design, validation, production, operation, maintenance, decommissioning), necessary for achieving the required functional safety for E/E/PES that are linked to the performance levels.

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# Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems —

## Part 1: General principles for design and development

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 25119 sets out general principles for the design and development of safety-related parts of control systems (SRP/CS) on tractors used in agriculture and forestry, and on self-propelled ride-on machines and mounted, semi-mounted and trailed machines used in agriculture. It can also be applied to municipal equipment (e.g. street-sweeping machines). It specifies the characteristics and categories required of SRP/CS for carrying out their safety functions.

This part of ISO 25119 is applicable to the safety-related parts of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic systems (E/E/PES). As these relate to mechatronic systems, it does not specify which safety functions or categories are to be used in a particular case.

It is not applicable to non-E/E/PES systems (e.g. hydraulic, mechanic or pneumatic).

NOTE See also ISO 12100 for design principles related to the safety of machinery.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 25119-2:2010, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Concept phase*

ISO 25119-3:2010, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 3: Series development, hardware, software*

ISO 25119-4:2010, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 4: production, operation, modification and supporting processes*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### agricultural performance level

##### AgPL

level which specifies the ability of safety-related parts to perform a safety-related function under foreseeable conditions

NOTE For the purposes of ISO 25119, the performance for each hazardous situation is divided into five levels, a, b, c, d and e, where the functional safety contributed by the SRP/CS in “a” is low and in “e” is high.