
**Connectors for fluid power and
general use — Designation and
nomenclature**

*Connecteurs pour transmissions hydrauliques et applications
générales — Désignation et nomenclature*



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Foreword

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Introduction

In fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid or gas) under pressure within an enclosed circuit. In general applications, a fluid can be conveyed under pressure.

Components can be connected through their ports by connections (connectors) and conductors (tubes and hoses). Tubes are rigid conductors; hoses are flexible conductors.

[Annexes A](#) and [B](#) are normative; [Annex C](#) is informative.

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1 Scope

This document collects the various designation and nomenclature schemes specified in International Standards for connectors and similar products standardized by ISO/TC 131/SC 4. It establishes a uniform nomenclature structure to facilitate standardization of product names used for threaded connectors, push-in connectors, flanges, hose fittings, port plugs and quick-action couplings.

The designation and nomenclature established in this document are applicable for procurement purposes when agreed to by user and supplier.

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.

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Designation and format

4.1 General

Designations use the format shown in [Figure 1](#) when specifying a part for procurement to International Standards for connectors developed by ISO/TC 131/SC 4. Tube ends are assumed, so there is no type symbol for unions. When multiple end types are required to describe a threaded connector type, use the stud end first, when applicable (e.g. SDSWS). If there is no stud end, the description of the part shall dictate the designation order (e.g. WDRDNP for a weld-on reducing nipple).