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**Industrial furnaces and associated  
processing equipment — Secondary  
steelmaking — Machinery and  
equipment for treatment of liquid  
steel**

*Fours industriels et équipements associés — Sidérurgie secondaire —  
Machines et équipements pour le traitement de l'acier liquide*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance etc.).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or type-B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

# Industrial furnaces and associated processing equipment — Secondary steelmaking — Machinery and equipment for treatment of liquid steel

## 1 Scope

This document:

- specifies the general safety requirements for secondary steelmaking machinery and equipment (SSME) as defined in [3.1](#) to treat liquid steel;
- deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events pertinent to SSME, when used as intended and under conditions foreseen by the manufacturer, but also includes foreseeable misuse, faults and malfunctions;
- specifies the requirements to ensure the safety of persons which are to be met during the design, pre-assembly, transport, sites assembly, commissioning, operation, maintenance, decommissioning and dismantling/ disassembling of the equipment;
- assumes that SSMEs are operated and maintained by adequately trained and competent personnel. Manual intervention for setting, adjustment and maintenance is accepted as part of the normal use of the equipment.

This document applies to SSME involved in the treatment process of liquid steel under vacuum or atmospheric pressure and covers:

- LF, ladle furnace,
- VD, vacuum degassing,
- VOD, vacuum oxygen decarburization,
- RH (OB), Ruhrstahl Heraeus (oxygen blowing),
- process related interfaces/interactions (e.g. according to design, controls) to:
  - a) process media,
  - b) primary and secondary gas cleaning plant,
  - c) material handling systems,
  - d) transfer cars for steel ladle, and
  - e) crane and ladle.

NOTE 1 Due to the variety of secondary metallurgical processes, there are other variants (e.g. VODC – vacuum oxygen decarburization converter, CAS, CAS - OB) in addition to the main processes discussed in this document. Most countries require that applicable safety requirements, specific to this equipment be implemented.

This document does not cover safety requirements for the following equipment:

- cranes;
- transfer cars, e.g. ladle transfer cars, tank cars, maintenance cars;
- fork lift trucks or other transporting equipment;

- ladles;
- equipment for relining and preheating in the relining area;
- burners according to ISO 13577-2 (the burner lances for RH vessels are covered by ISO 13577-2 except for maximum main burner ignition time, see [5.2.26.2](#));
- cleaning and treatment of dust and fume exhaust systems;
- process media (e.g. air separation, boiler house, steam generation system);
- material handling systems.

NOTE 2 Significant hazards and hazardous situations due to transporting/positioning of heavy components, e.g. by cranes (e.g. ladles, vessels, covers) are considered in this document (see [5.2.3](#)).

This document is not applicable to SSMEs and associated equipment manufactured before the date of its publication.

## 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.

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

ISO 3864-3, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 3: Design principles for graphical symbols for use in safety signs*

ISO 4413, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 4414, *Pneumatic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Registered symbols*

ISO 7731, *Ergonomics — Danger signals for public and work areas — Auditory danger signals*

ISO 8995-1, *Lighting of work places — Part 1: Indoor*

ISO 11064-1, *Ergonomic design of control centres — Part 1: Principles for the design of control centres*

ISO 11202, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions applying approximate environmental corrections*

ISO 11428, *Ergonomics — Visual danger signals — General requirements, design and testing*

ISO 11429, *Ergonomics — System of auditory and visual danger and information signals*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13732-1, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Methods for the assessment of human responses to contact with surfaces — Part 1: Hot surfaces*

ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13850:2015, *Safety of machinery — Emergency stop function — Principles for design*

- ISO 13854, *Safety of machinery — Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body*
- ISO 13857, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*
- ISO 14119, *Safety of machinery — Interlocking devices associated with guards — Principles for design and selection*
- ISO 14120, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*
- ISO 14122-1, *Safety of machinery — Permanent means of access to machinery — Part 1: Choice of fixed means and general requirements of access*
- ISO 14122-2, *Safety of machinery — Permanent means of access to machinery — Part 2: Working platforms and walkways*
- ISO 14122-3, *Safety of machinery — Permanent means of access to machinery — Part 3: Stairs, stepladders and guard-rails*
- ISO 14122-4, *Safety of machinery — Permanent means of access to machinery — Part 4: Fixed ladders*
- ISO 16069, *Graphical symbols — Safety signs — Safety way guidance systems (SWGS)*
- ISO 20816-1, *Mechanical vibration — Measurement and evaluation of machine vibration — Part 1: General guidelines*
- ISO 80079-36, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 36: Non-electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres — Basic method and requirements*
- EN 811, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent danger zones being reached by the lower limbs*
- EN 1088, *Safety of machinery — Interlocking devices associated with guards - Principles for design and selection*
- EN 13463-1:2001, *Non-electrical equipment for potentially explosive atmospheres — Part 1: Basic method and requirements*
- IEC 60079(all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*
- IEC 60204-1:2016, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements*
- IEC 60519-4:2021, *Safety in electroheat installations — Part 4: Particular requirements for arc furnace installations*
- IEC 60730-2-5, *Automatic electrical controls — Part 2-5: Particular requirements for automatic electrical burner control systems*
- IEC 61310-1, *Safety of machinery — Indication, marking and actuation — Part 1: Requirements for visual, acoustic and tactile signals*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100:2010 and the following apply.

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

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