
**Ergonomic design of control centres —
Part 7:
Principles for the evaluation of control
centres**

Conception ergonomique des centres de commande —

Partie 7: Principes pour l'évaluation des centres de commande



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Foreword

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ISO 11064 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Ergonomic design of control centres*:

- *Part 1: Principles for the design of control centres*
- *Part 2: Principles for the arrangement of control suites*
- *Part 3: Control room layout*
- *Part 4: Layout and dimensions of workstations*
- *Part 6: Environmental requirements for control centres*
- *Part 7: Principles for the evaluation of control centres*

Introduction

This part of ISO 11064 establishes ergonomic requirements, recommendations and guidelines for the evaluation of control centres.

User requirements are a central theme of this part of ISO 11064 and the processes described are designed to take account of the needs of users at all stages. The overall strategy for dealing with user requirements is presented in ISO 11064-1.

ISO 11064-2 provides guidance on the design and planning of the control centre in relation to its supporting areas. ISO 11064-3 gives all the requirements and guidance on control room layout. Requirements for the design of workstations, displays and controls and the physical working environment are presented in ISO 11064-4 and ISO 11064-6.

The various parts of ISO 11064 cover the general principles of ergonomic design appropriate to a range of industries and service providers.

The users of this part of ISO 11064 are likely to include, for example, project managers, acceptance engineers, purchasers, suppliers and regulatory bodies.

The ultimate beneficiaries of this part of ISO 11064 will be the control centre operator and other users. It is the needs of these users that provide the ergonomic requirements used by the developers of International Standards. Although it is unlikely that the end user will read this part of ISO 11064, or even know of its existence, its application should provide the user with interfaces that are more usable and a working environment which is more consistent with operational demands. It should result in a solution that will minimize error and enhance productivity.

The terms "human factors" and "ergonomics" are used interchangeably in ISO 11064 and are considered as synonyms.

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Ergonomic design of control centres —

Part 7: Principles for the evaluation of control centres

1 Scope

This part of ISO 11064 establishes ergonomic principles for the evaluation of control centres. It gives requirements, recommendations and guidelines on evaluation of the different elements of the control centre, i.e. control suite, control room, workstations, displays and controls, and work environment.

It covers all types of control centres, including those for the process industry, transport systems and dispatching rooms in the emergency services. Although this part of ISO 11064 is primarily intended for non-mobile control centres, many of the principles could be relevant/applicable to mobile centres, such as those found on ships and aircraft.

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 11064-1:2000, *Ergonomic design of control centres — Part 1: Principles for the design of control centres*

ISO 13407, *Human-centred design processes for interactive systems*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

evaluation process

combined effort of all verification and validation (V&V) activities in a project using selected methods and the recording of the results

NOTE "Evaluation process" is used synonymously with "verification and validation process".

3.2

human engineering discrepancy

HED

departure from some benchmark of system design suitability for the roles and capabilities of the human operator and/or user

NOTE This may, for example, include a deviation from meeting an operator/user preference.