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# Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 83, *Sports and other recreational facilities and equipment*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 8936:2007) which has been technically revised.

The main changes include the following:

a) terms and definitions updated;

b) new type of awnings "Light-weight awnings (Type L)" added;

c) roofs and walls divided into "coated and laminated" and "non-coated";

d) in 5.1.3 "Awning perimeter size", the relation between awning and vehicle clarified;

e) in 5.2.1 "General", requirements inner tents specified in regard to ISO 5912;

f) in 5.8 "Ventilation", requirements for sewn in ground sheets formulated;

g) in 5.12 "Resistance to roof loading", requirements modified;

h) in 6.6.2 "Rainshower test", test method modified;

i) in 6.6.3 "Resistance of seams and material to water ingress from pooled water (trough test)", test method for seam tightness simplified and two new figures added;

j) Clause 7 "Marking" modified and restructured;

k) Clause 8 "Information supplied by the manufacturer", modified and restructured;

l) warning notices transformed into annexes;

m) new Annex C added as an example for customer information prior to purchase.

# Introduction

## General

The principal objective of this document is to simplify it from previous editions. It combines test requirements and product requirements into one document, providing manufacturers, specifiers and consumers with a single reference point for the safety and quality performance of awnings.

The traditional frame assembly mechanism for awnings has been a system of structural tubular or sectioned metal poles. This has recently evolved to include flexible pole systems and inflatable tube systems. Over the course of revision of this document it has been possible to consider some but not all aspects of these changes. In particular no specific requirements have been given for inflatable systems. It is intended that these will be addressed if required at the next revision.

## Environmental considerations

Every product affects the environment in the course of its lifecycle from raw material acquisition through production, distribution and use, to disposal. Environmental impacts are consequences of the consumption of energy and resources and the generation of waste, as well as the emission of substances into air, water and soil. The magnitude of the environmental impacts during the various lifecycle changes depends on a number of choices made in the design of the product, such as the materials used, production methods, and considerations related to maintenance and recycling. Manufacturers and distributors of awnings for leisure accommodation vehicles should consider the environmental impact of their product by, for example:

— avoiding the use of environmentally harmful substances;

— selecting the best available technology and techniques to reduce consumption of energy and materials;

— considering use of recycled materials for product and packaging;

— encouraging responsible end of life disposal by the user including guidance on separation and identification of any recyclable components and packaging;

— using materials, components, and manufacturing facilities which have declared documented;

— environmental policies.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements, test methods and material performance characteristics for vehicle awnings. It applies to awnings intended to be pitched and struck.

This document is not applicable to:

a) sun awnings: structure detachable from the vehicle which is used to provide shelter from the sun, but is not designed or constructed to provide shelter from wind, rain or snow;

NOTE 1 A sun awning can be used with additional front and side panels to form an enclosure, but this enclosure would not meet the requirements of an awning as defined in this document.

b) external blinds: structure permanently fixed to a vehicle which is used to provide shelter from the sun, but is not designed or constructed to provide shelter from wind, rain or snow;

NOTE 2 An external blind can be used with additional front and side panels to form an enclosure, but this enclosure would not meet the requirements of an awning as defined in this document.

c) fixed awnings: permanent awning which is not designed for mobile use.

EXAMPLE Awnings equipped with square aluminium frames or timber supporting structures and the possibility to install living compartment windows and doors.

## 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 105-B02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 105-B04, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B04: Colour fastness to artificial weathering: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 105-E01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E01: Colour fastness to water*

ISO 105-X12, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part X12: Colour fastness to rubbing*

ISO 811, *Textile fabrics — Determination of resistance to water penetration — Hydrostatic pressure test*

ISO 1421, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tensile strength and elongation at break*

ISO 2081, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Electroplated coatings of zinc with supplementary treatments on iron or steel*

ISO 4675:1990, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Low-temperature bend test*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 5912:2011, *Camping tents*

ISO 6925, *Textile floor coverings — Burning behaviour — Tablet test at ambient temperature*

ISO 6941:2003, *Textile fabrics — Burning behaviour — Measurement of flame spread properties of vertically oriented specimens*

ISO 7152, *Camping tents and caravan awnings — Vocabulary and list of equivalent terms*

ISO 7771, *Textiles — Determination of dimensional changes of fabrics induced by cold-water immersion*

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

ISO 13934-1, *Textiles — Tensile properties of fabrics — Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the strip method*

ISO 13937-2, *Textiles — Tear properties of fabrics — Part 2: Determination of tear force of trouser-shaped test specimens (Single tear method)*

EN 15977:2011, *Rubber or plastic coated fabrics — Mechanical properties — Determination of the elongation under load and the residual deformation*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7152 and the following apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

**3.1**
**awning**
closable structure intended to be fixed to a stationary vehicle or to stand free of the vehicle

Note 1 to entry: Structures which are designed as awnings are considered as awnings even if they are free-standing, such as awning variations for caravans and motorised vehicles.

**3.2**
**free-standing awning**
awning that will remain erected without support from a vehicle

**3.3**
**outer awning dimensions**
dimension of the smallest rectangular pitching space required for the awning, excluding guy lines

**3.4**
**perimeter**
distance from point A, up round the awning channel, usually fitted around the edge of the vehicle and down to point B when the vehicle is parked, on level ground, with all corner steadies in contact with the ground

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.