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## Foreword

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## **Introduction**

In hydraulic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a liquid under pressure within an enclosed circuit. Quick-action couplings are used to join or separate fluid conductors quickly and without the use of tools or special devices.

When hydraulic quick-action couplings are used on agricultural machinery, the female coupling half is normally assembled on the tractor and the male coupling half is normally assembled on the tractor attachment.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the interface dimensions and basic performance requirements for two series of hydraulic quick-action couplings. Both series are in widespread use and have similar technological advantages. Series A is used predominantly in Europe and is preferred worldwide for agricultural and forestry machinery, and this International Standard also specifies additional requirements for Series A for use in agricultural machinery applications covered in ISO 5675. Series B is used predominantly in North America and in the chemical industry.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2944, *Fluid power systems and components — Nominal pressures*

ISO 3448, *Industrial liquid lubricants — ISO viscosity classification*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 5675, *Agricultural tractors and machinery — General purpose quick-action hydraulic couplers*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)*

ISO 18869<sup>1)</sup>, *Hydraulic fluid power — Test methods for couplings actuated with or without tools*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **coupling valve opening force**

maximum force required to fully open the hydraulic quick-action coupling valve when the pressure inside the coupling is at zero

### 3.2

#### **female half**

receptacle portion of a quick-action coupling which normally includes the mechanism to lock the two halves of quick-action coupling together

### 3.3

#### **interface**

that portion of a coupling half that establishes and controls interchangeability

### 3.4

#### **male half**

probe portion of a quick-action coupling which fits and locks into the female half

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1) This International Standard is under development.