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## European foreword

This document (EN 474-4:2022) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 151 "Construction equipment and building material machines - Safety", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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For bibliographic references, see EN 474-1:2022.

EN 474 "Earth-moving machinery — Safety" comprises the following parts:

- Part 1: General requirements
- Part 2: Requirements for tractor-dozers
- Part 3: Requirements for loaders
- Part 4: Requirements for backhoe-loaders
- Part 5: Requirements for hydraulic excavators
- Part 6: Requirements for dumpers
- Part 7: Requirements for scrapers
- Part 8: Requirements for graders
- Part 9: Requirements for pipelayers
- Part 10: Requirements for trenchers
- Part 11: Requirements for earth and landfill compactors
- Part 12: Requirements for cable excavators
- Part 13: Requirements for rollers

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The main differences between this document and EN 474-4:2006+AZ:2012 are as follows:

- a) safety-related functions of control systems (excluded);
- b) requirements for attachments, multi-purpose and derivative machinery (deleted);
- c) the normative references (updated) (Clause 2);
- d) definition of compact crawler backhoe loader up to 6t (modified);
- e) requirements for lifting operation of backhoe portion (updated);
- f) verification methods table (added) (Clause 5);
- g) requirements for quick couplers (added);
- h) list of significant hazards (Annex A) (updated);
- i) Annex ZA (updated).

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## Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

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 organizations, 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.

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## 1 Scope

This document together with EN 474-1:2022 deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to backhoe loaders when used as intended and under the conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer (see Annex A) associated with the whole lifetime of the machine as described in EN ISO 12100:2010, 5.4.

The requirements of this document are complementary to the common requirements formulated in EN 474-1:2022. This document does not repeat the requirements of EN 474-1:2022 but supplements or modifies the requirements for backhoe loaders.

This document does not provide requirements for main electrical circuits and drives of machinery when the primary source of energy is an external electrical supply.

This document does not provide performance requirements for safety related functions of control system(s).

This document does not deal with demolition machinery.

This document also deals with fork application, log handling application and lifting operation application.

This document is not applicable to backhoe loaders which are manufactured before the date of publication of this document by CEN.

## 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.

EN 474-1:2022, *Earth-moving machinery — Safety — Part 1: General requirements*

EN ISO 7096:2020, *Earth-moving machinery — Laboratory evaluation of operator seat vibration (ISO 7096:2020)*

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

ISO 2330:2002, *Fork-lift trucks — Fork arms — Technical characteristics and testing*

ISO 7451:2007, *Earth-moving machinery — Volumetric ratings for hoe-type and grab-type buckets of hydraulic excavators and backhoe loaders*

ISO 7546:1983, *Earth-moving machinery — Loader and front loading excavator buckets — Volumetric ratings*

ISO 9248:1992, *Earth-moving machinery — Units for dimensions, performance and capacities, and their measurement accuracies*

ISO 9533:2010, *Earth-moving machinery — Machine-mounted audible travel alarms and forward horns — Test methods and performance criteria*

ISO 14397-1:2007, *Earth-moving machinery — Loaders and backhoe loaders — Part 1: Calculation of rated operating capacity and test method for verifying calculated tipping load*