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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard provides performance criteria for falling-object protective structures (FOPS). It recognizes that there are various classes and sizes of machines that operate in a variety of environmental conditions. It is intended to assure operators of reasonable protection from falling objects of different sizes and masses.

Its laboratory tests are a means of evaluating the characteristics of the structures used to protect the operator from localized impact penetration and, indirectly, of the load-carrying capacity of the supporting structure to resist impact loading.

This International Standard establishes a consistent, repeatable means of evaluating characteristics of FOPS under loading and prescribes performance requirements for these structures under such loading in a representative test.

For similar tests on FOPS for excavators and excavator-based machines, see ISO 10262.