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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 1496-3:1991), of which it constitutes a technical revision by the addition of types 1AAA and 1BBB as well as a load-transfer area test (see 6.10 and figure A.19) and by the suppression of grapples-arm lifting areas and attendant tests and requirements.

ISO 1496 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Series 1 freight containers — Specification and testing*:

- *Part 1: General cargo containers for general purposes*
- *Part 2: Thermal containers*
- *Part 3: Tank containers for liquids, gases and pressurized dry bulk*
- *Part 4: Non-pressurized containers for dry bulk*
- *Part 5: Platform and platform-based containers*

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Introduction

The following grouping of container types is used for specification purposes in ISO 1496:

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NOTE 1 Container types 90 to 99 are reserved for air/surface containers (see ISO 8323).

Series 1 freight containers — Specification and testing —

Part 3:

Tank containers for liquids, gases and pressurized dry bulk

1 Scope

1.1 This part of ISO 1496 specifies the basic specifications and testing requirements for ISO series 1 tank containers suitable for the carriage of gases, liquids and solid substances (dry bulk) which may be loaded or unloaded as liquids by gravity or pressure discharge, for international exchange and for conveyance by road, rail and sea, including interchange between these forms of transport.

1.2 Except where otherwise stated, the requirements of this part of ISO 1496 are minimum requirements. Tank containers to be used for the carriage of dangerous goods may be subject to additional international and national requirements as applied by competent authorities.

1.3 The container types covered by this part of ISO 1496 are given in table 1.

1.4 The marking requirements for these containers shall be in accordance with the principles embodied in ISO 6346.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 1496. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 1496 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 668:1988, *Series 1 freight containers — Classification, dimensions and ratings*.

ISO 830:1981, *Freight containers — Terminology*.

ISO 1161:1984, *Series 1 freight containers — Corner fittings — Specification*.

ISO 6346:1984, *Freight containers — Coding, identification and marking*.

Table 1 — Container types

Type of cargo and ISO type code designation ¹⁾					Minimum test pressure ²⁾ bar gauge ³⁾	Code basis			
Liquids		Gases	Dry bulk			UN MM	IMO/IMDG tank type		
Non-dangerous	Dangerous		Horizontal discharge	Tipping discharge			2	1	5
70 ⁴⁾					0,45				
71	73		85	87	1,5	+	+		
72	74		86	88	2,65	+	+	+	
	75				4	+		+	
	76				6	+		+	
		77			10 (10,5)	+		+	(+)
		78			22				
		79			Open				

NOTE — For all containers, other than 1D and 1DX, it is essential that the design requirements of 5.1.5 are also taken into consideration.

1) The ISO type code designation does not imply the approval of any competent authority for the transport of specific goods or products the tank container may carry. The type code depends only on the test pressure (see 6.13).

2) The test pressure given is the minimum value of the respective class. Any tank container with a test pressure in the range between a given minimum pressure and the next higher minimum pressure belongs to the lower class.

3) 1 bar = 100 kPa. Test pressure is expressed in bars since relevant intergovernmental codes, often implemented by national legislation, retain this unit of pressure.

4) The number 70 may, in addition, be used to designate tank containers for which the type code relevant to the test pressure is not used.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 1496, the definitions given in ISO 830, together with the following, apply. However, for practical reasons, certain definitions taken and adapted from ISO 830 are given below.

3.1 tank container: Freight container which includes two basic elements, the tank or tanks and the framework and complies with the requirements of this part of ISO 1496.

3.2 framework: Tank mountings, end structure and all load-bearing elements not present for the purposes of containing cargo, which transmit static and dynamic forces arising out of the lifting, handling, securement and transporting of the tank container as a whole.

3.3 tank(s): Vessel(s) and associated piping and fittings which are designed to contain the cargo carried.

3.4 compartment: A section of the tank formed by the shell, ends or complete bulkheads.

NOTE 2 Baffles, surge plates or other perforated plates do not form tank compartments within the meaning of this definition.

1) 300 kPa = 3 bar

3.5 gas: Fluid substance having a vapour pressure greater than an absolute pressure of 300 kPa¹⁾ at 50 °C or as otherwise defined by the competent authority.

3.6 liquid: Fluid substance having a vapour pressure not greater than an absolute pressure of 300 kPa¹⁾ at 50 °C.

3.7 dry bulk: Assemblies of separate solid particles normally substantially in contact with one another which are, or may be rendered, capable of fluid flow.

3.8 dangerous goods: Those substances classified as dangerous by the United Nations committee of experts on the transport of dangerous goods or by the competent authority as defined in 3.9.

3.9 competent authority: The authority or authorities designated as such in each country or in each specific case by the governments concerned for the approval of tank containers.

3.10 maximum allowable working pressure: That pressure assigned for operation by either a competent authority or other responsible person to a particular tank, above which that tank is not intended to be operated.

3.11 test pressure: The gauge pressure at which the tank is tested (see 6.13.2).

3.12 total capacity: That volume of water which will completely fill the tank at 20 °C.

3.13 ullage: That portion of the total capacity of the tank not occupied by its cargo, expressed as a percentage of the total capacity.

4 Dimensions and ratings

4.1 External dimensions

The overall external dimensions and tolerances of tank containers covered by this part of ISO 1496 shall be those established in ISO 668, except that tank containers may be of reduced height, in which case they shall be designated 1AX, 1BX, 1CX and 1DX. No part of the tank container, its associated fittings and/or equipment shall project beyond these specified overall external dimensions.

4.2 Ratings

The values of the rating, R , the maximum gross mass of the container, shall be those specified in ISO 668. However, taking account of the high density of many fluid cargoes, the values of the rating R chosen for the design and testing of 1BBB, 1BB, 1B, 1CC and 1C tank containers may be higher than those specified in ISO 668. For all containers in operation, such values shall in no case exceed the rating allowed for 1AAA, 1AA and 1A containers in ISO 668.

5 Design requirements

5.1 General

All tank containers shall be capable of fulfilling the following requirements for the framework, the design and construction of the tank and any optional provisions.

5.1.1 The ability of the tank container to withstand the specified design loadings shall be established by calculation or test.

5.1.2 The strength requirements for tank containers are given in diagrammatic form in annex A (these requirements are applicable to all tank containers as complete units except where otherwise stated).

2) See 6.1.1, note 6.

5.1.3 The strength requirements for corner fittings (see also 5.2) are specified in ISO 1161.

5.1.4 The tank container shall be capable of withstanding the test loads and loadings specified in clause 6.

5.1.5 Each tank container shall be designed to withstand the effects of inertia of the tank contents resulting from transport motions. For design purposes, these effects may be taken to be equivalent to loadings of $2Rg$ longitudinally, Rg laterally and $2Rg$ vertically²⁾. These loadings may be considered individually to be evenly distributed and to act through the geometric centre of the tank. Vertical loadings are total loadings including dynamic effects. It should be noted that the above loadings do not give rise to an increase in pressure in the vapour space. For design purposes, an equivalent pressure loading may be used.

5.1.6 Each tank container shall be capable of withstanding the requirements of 5.1.5 and the static head produced in the tank container while loaded to its rating R . Due regard shall be given to the liquid/dry bulk of highest density that is to be carried and to any compartmentation of the tank.

5.1.7 As the effects of loads encountered under any dynamic operating condition should only approach, but not exceed, the effects of the corresponding test loads, it is implicit that the capabilities of tank containers indicated in annex A and demonstrated by the tests described in clause 6 shall not be exceeded in any mode of operation.

5.1.8 Any closure in a tank container, which if unsecured could lead to a dangerous situation, shall be provided with an adequate securing system having, so far as may be practicable, external indication of the positive securement of that closure in the appropriate operating position.

5.1.9 Fork-lift pockets shall not be provided in tank containers.

NOTE 3 Fork-lift transport of tank containers is considered dangerous because of stability problems with loaded or partly-loaded tanks and the danger of impact damage from the forks of fork-lift trucks.

5.1.10 The tank container materials shall be suitable for, or adequately protected from, the cargo and the environment in which the tank container may be operated.

Due regard should be given to the problems of variation in ambient temperature, corrosive atmospheres, the possibility of uncontrolled cargo release in fire, etc.

5.1.11 The design of tank containers of types 1AAA and 1BBB shall take into special account the problems of the dynamic instability of these containers, compared with 1AA and 1BB tank containers, when operating in the road/rail environment in a partially laden condition.

5.2 Corner fittings

5.2.1 General

All tank containers shall be equipped with top and bottom corner fittings. The requirements and positioning of the corner fittings are given in ISO 1161. The upper faces of the top corner fittings shall protrude above the top of all other components of the tank container by a minimum of 6 mm³⁾ (see 5.3.5).

5.2.2 Doubler plates

Whenever reinforced zones or doubler plates are provided to afford protection in the vicinity of the top corner fittings, such plates and their securements shall not protrude above the upper faces of the top corner fittings. These plates shall not extend more than 750 mm³⁾ from either end of the container but may extend the full width.

5.3 Base structure

5.3.1 All tank containers shall be capable of being supported by their bottom corner fittings only.

5.3.2 All tank containers, other than 1CC, 1C, 1CX, 1D and 1DX, shall be capable of being supported only by load-transfer areas in their base structure.

1CC, 1C and 1CX tank containers may have intermediate load-transfer areas as an optional feature. If so, these tank containers shall meet the requirements in 5.3.2.1, 5.3.2.2 and annex B.

5.3.2.1 Consequently, these tank containers shall have end transverse members and sufficient intermediate load-transfer areas (or a flat underside) of sufficient strength to permit vertical load transfer to

or from the longitudinal members of a carrying vehicle, which are assumed to lie within the two 250 mm³⁾ wide zones defined by the dotted lines in figure B.1.

Special consideration shall be given in the base structure design to the risk of failure from fatigue.

5.3.2.2 The lower faces of the load-transfer areas in the container base structure, including those of the end transverse members, shall lie in one plane located

$$12,5 \text{ mm } \begin{matrix} +5 \\ -1,5 \end{matrix} \text{ mm } ^{3)}$$

above the plane of the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings of the tank container (base plane).

Apart from the bottom corner fittings and bottom side rails, no part of the container shall project below this plane. However, doubler plates may be provided in the vicinity of the bottom corner fitting to afford protection to the understructure.

Such plates shall not extend more than 550 mm³⁾ from the outer end and not more than 470 mm³⁾ from the side faces of the bottom corner fittings, and their lower faces shall be at least 5 mm³⁾ above the lower faces of the base plane of the container.

5.3.2.3 The transfer of load between the underside of any bottom side rails which may be fitted and carrying vehicles is not envisaged.

5.3.2.4 Load-transfer area requirements are given in annex B.

5.3.3 For 1D and 1DX tank containers, the level of the underside of the base structure is not specified, except insofar as it is implied in 5.3.4 and 5.3.5.

5.3.4 When the tank container is loaded to its rating *R*, no part of the tank or its associated shell fittings shall project downwards below a plane situated 25 mm³⁾ above the base plane (bottom faces of the bottom corner fittings).

5.3.5 For tank containers under dynamic conditions, or the static equivalent thereof, with the tank container loaded in such a way that the combined mass of the tank container and test load is equal to 1,8*R*, no part of the base of the tank container shall deflect more than 6 mm³⁾ below the base plane (bottom faces of the bottom corner fittings).

3) 5 mm = 3/16 in; 6 mm = 1/4 in; 12,5 mm $\begin{matrix} +5 \\ -1,5 \end{matrix}$ mm = 1/2 in $\begin{matrix} +3/16 \\ -1/16 \end{matrix}$ in; 25 mm = 1 in; 250 mm = 10 in; 470 mm = 18 1/2 in; 550 mm = 22 in; 750 mm = 29 1/2 in

5.4 End structure

For tank containers other than 1D and 1DX, the side-ways deflection of the top of the tank container with respect to the bottom of the tank container at the time it is under full transverse rigidity test conditions (see 6.8) shall not cause the sum of the changes in length of the two diagonals to exceed 60 mm⁴⁾

5.5 Side structure

For tank containers other than 1D and 1DX, the longitudinal deflection of the top of the tank container with respect to the bottom of the tank container at the time it is under full longitudinal rigidity test conditions (see 6.9) shall not exceed 25 mm⁴⁾.

5.6 Tank

5.6.1 Design and construction

5.6.1.1 Each tank or compartment thereof shall be designed and constructed to good technical practice.

5.6.1.2 Each tank or tanks shall be firmly secured to structural elements of the tank framework. The tank or tanks shall be capable of being filled and emptied without removal from the framework.

5.6.1.3 Tanks or tank compartments without vacuum relief devices shall be designed to withstand an external pressure of at least 40 kPa⁴⁾ above the internal pressure.

Tanks equipped with vacuum relief valves shall be designed to withstand an external overpressure of 21 kPa⁴⁾ or greater.

5.6.2 Corrosion allowance

In addition to the requirements of 5.1.10 an allowance for corrosion shall be taken into consideration where necessary.

5.6.3 Tank openings

5.6.3.1 All tank openings except those fitted with pressure relief devices shall be provided with adequate closures to prevent accidental escape of the contents.

5.6.3.2 Tank nozzles and outlet fittings shall be substantially made and attached to the tank in such a manner as to minimize the risk of breakage. Protective covers or housings shall be used wherever

necessary to comply with this requirement (see 4.1 and 5.3).

Wherever possible, hinged device should be fitted so that they open away from the likely vicinity of any personnel.

5.6.3.3 Any tank opening located below the normal level of the contents and fitted with a valve capable of being operated manually shall be provided with an additional means of closure on the outlet side of the valve. Such additional means of closure may be a contents-tight cap, bolted blank flange, or other suitable protection against accidental escape of the contents.

All valves, whether fitted internally or externally, shall be located as close to the tank shell as practicable.

5.6.3.4 Stop valves with screwed spindles shall be closed by clockwise motion of the handwheel.

5.6.3.5 All tank connections, such as nozzles, outlet fittings and stop valves, shall be clearly marked to indicate their appropriate functions.

5.6.4 Pressure and vacuum relief devices

5.6.4.1 Each tank or compartment thereof intended to carry non-dangerous cargo shall be fitted with a pressure relief device set to be fully open at a pressure not greater than the tank's test pressure, to prevent excessive internal overpressure. Such devices shall be connected to the vapour space of the tank and located as near to the top of the tank and as near to the tank's (or tank compartment's) mid-length as practicable.

In those cases where the tank container is used with both dangerous and non-dangerous cargo, the relief devices shall be set in accordance with 5.6.4.3.

5.6.4.2 Pressure relief devices, installed as required in 5.6.4.1, should have a minimum relief capacity of 0,05 m³/s⁴⁾ of standard air [an absolute pressure of 100 kPa⁴⁾ at 15 °C].

This may be considered as providing overpressure protection under non-emergency conditions, but should not be considered as adequate protection for a tank container, or compartment thereof, against excessive overpressure under full fire exposure conditions, dry bulk dust explosion or higher dry bulk pressurization.

4) 25 mm = 1 in; 60 mm = 2 3/8 in; 21 kPa = 0,21 bar; 40 kPa = 0,4 bar; 100 kPa = 1 bar; 0,05 m³/s = 106 ft³/min

5.6.4.3 Tanks, or a compartment thereof, intended for the carriage of dangerous goods shall be provided with pressure relief devices meeting the relevant regulations to the satisfaction of the competent authority.

5.6.4.4 Each pressure relief device shall be plainly and permanently marked with the pressure at which it is set to operate.

5.6.4.5 A tank container, or a compartment thereof, with an external design pressure of less than 40 kPa⁵⁾ shall be equipped with a vacuum relief device set to relieve at an absolute pressure of 79 kPa⁵⁾, except that a lower absolute setting may be used, provided that the external design pressure is not exceeded. The vacuum relief device shall have a minimum through area of 284 mm²⁵⁾ and shall conform to the requirements of the competent authority. The use of combination pressure/vacuum relief devices is allowed.

NOTE 4 The above requirements are intended to protect against collapse of the tank or compartment thereof, during conditions of normal ambient temperature variations. They will not necessarily prevent collapse if a tank, or a compartment thereof, is, for example, closed tightly immediately after steam cleaning or discharged without opening the manhole covers.

5.6.5 Inspection and maintenance openings

Tank containers shall be provided with manholes or other openings to allow for complete internal inspection, unless exempted by the competent authority.

The size of manholes shall be a minimum of 500 mm⁵⁾ in diameter and shall be determined by the need for men and machines to enter the tank to inspect, maintain or repair the inside, taking into account the requirements of the governing competent authority.

5.6.6 Gauging devices

Gauging devices which may be in direct communication with the contents of the tank shall not be made of easily destructible material.

5.6.7 Sealing (customs requirements)

Adequate provision shall be made for the sealing of the tank in accordance with international customs agreements.

5) 40 kPa = 0,4 bar; 79 kPa = 0,79 bar; 284 mm² = 0,44 in²; 400 mm = 16 in; 500 mm = 19 3/4 in; 600 mm × 300 mm = 24 in × 12 in; 3 kN = 675 Pbf; 200 kg = 440 lb

5.7 Optional features

5.7.1 Gooseneck tunnels

Gooseneck tunnels shall be provided as mandatory features in 1AAA tank containers and may be provided as optional features in 1AA, 1A and 1AX tank containers. The dimensional requirements are specified in annex C; all other parts of the base structure shall be as specified in 5.3.

5.7.2 Walkways

Where provided, walkways shall be designed to withstand a loading of not less than 3 kN⁵⁾ uniformly distributed over an area of 600 mm × 300 mm⁵⁾.

Longitudinal walkways shall have a minimum width of 400 mm⁵⁾.

5.7.3 Ladders

Where provided, ladders shall be designed to withstand a load of 200 kg⁵⁾ on any rung.

5.7.4 Tank insulation

When insulation is provided, the design and construction shall be such that the insulation will in no way impinge on the specified requirements nor interfere with the proper function of the tank fittings.

Due regard shall be given to the requirements of 5.1.10.

5.7.5 Tank heating and refrigeration

When heating or refrigeration is provided, due consideration shall be given to the safety of the tank and its contents. Suitable safeguards shall be provided to avoid the development of excessive temperature and stresses.

6 Testing

6.1 General

Unless otherwise stated, tank containers complying with the design and construction requirements specified in clause 5 shall, in addition, be capable of withstanding the tests specified in 6.2 to 6.11. The pressure test (test No. 12) shall be applied to every

tank container and shall, where practicable, be carried out last if other tests are to be performed.

Tank containers intended for the carriage of dangerous goods shall, in addition, comply with the test requirements of the relevant regulations to the satisfaction of the competent authority.

NOTE 5 Dynamic tests are not included pending possible development of a satisfactory and reproducible test specification.

6.1.1 The symbol P denotes the maximum payload of the container to be tested, that is,

$$P = R - T$$

where

R is the rating;

T is the tare.

The symbol W denotes the container payload with the total capacity filled with water.

NOTE 6 R , P , T and W , by definition, are in units of mass. Where test requirements are based on the gravitational forces derived from these values, those forces, which are inertial forces, are indicated thus:

$$Rg, Pg, Tg, Wg$$

the units of which are in newtons or multiples thereof.

The word "load", when used to describe a physical quantity to which units may be ascribed, implies mass.

The word "loading", for example, as in "internal loading", implies force.

6.1.2 The tank container under test, unless otherwise stated, shall be loaded with a suitable fluid/dry bulk to achieve the test load or loading specified.

If the test load or loading cannot readily be met by the above method, or if such a method is undesirable, the tank container shall be loaded with a suitable fluid/dry bulk and a supplementary load or loading shall be applied. The total load or loading thus applied shall be such as to simulate uniform loading.

Variations of 20 % of the calculated bending moment diagrams of the uniformly loaded tank container shall be considered acceptable.

NOTE 7 Other alternative test load or loadings (for example for longitudinal and lateral internal restraint tests) may be used, provided that they achieve the specified test loading.

6.1.3 The test loads and loadings specified for all the following tests are minimum requirements.

NOTE 8 Special attention is drawn to the loading induced during operation of types 87 and 88.

6.1.4 The dimensional requirements to which reference is made in the requirements clause after each test are those specified in

- a) the dimensional and design requirement clauses 4 and 5 of this part of ISO 1496;
- b) ISO 668;
- c) ISO 1161.

6.2 Test No. 1 — Stacking

6.2.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a tank container to support a superimposed mass of containers, taking into account conditions aboard ships at sea and the relative eccentricities between superimposed containers.

Table 2 specifies the force to be applied as a test to each pair of corner fittings and the superimposed mass that the test force represents.

6.2.2 Procedure

The tank container, filled completely with water, shall be placed on four level pads, one under each bottom corner fitting. The pads shall be centralized under the fittings and shall be substantially of the same plan dimensions as the fittings.

The tank container shall be subjected to vertical forces applied either to all four corner fittings simultaneously, or to each pair of end fittings, at the appropriate level specified in table 2.

The forces shall be applied through a test fixture equipped with corner fittings as specified in ISO 1161, or equivalent fittings which have imprints of the same geometry (i.e. with the same external dimensions, chamfered aperture and rounded edges) as the bottom face of the bottom corner fitting specified in ISO 1161. If equivalent fittings are used, they shall be designed to produce the same effect on the container under test loads as when corner fittings are used.

In all cases, the forces shall be applied in such a manner that rotation of the planes through which the forces are applied and on which the container is supported, is minimized.

Table 2 — Forces to be applied in stacking test

Container designation	Test force per container (all four corners simultaneously)		Test force per pair of end fittings		Superimposed mass represented by test force	
	kN	lbf	kN	lbf	kg	lb
1AAA, 1AA, 1A and 1AX	3 392	763 200	1 696	381 600	192 000	423 320
1BBB, 1BB, 1B and 1BX	3 392	763 200	1 696	381 600	192 000	423 320
1CC, 1C and 1CX	3 392	763 200	1 696	381 600	192 000	423 320
1D and 1DX	896	201 600	448	100 800	50 800	112 000

NOTE — The test force of 3 392 kN per container is derived from the superimposed mass of nine-high stacking, i.e. eight containers stacked on top of one container, all being rated to 24 000 kg, and an acceleration of 1,8g. [The corner posts of such containers are known as having been tested to 86 400 kg (190 480 lb).]

Each corner fitting or equivalent fitting shall be offset in the same direction by 25,4 mm⁶⁾ laterally and 38 mm⁶⁾ longitudinally.

In the case of tank containers with identical ends, only one end need be tested.

6.2.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.3 Test No. 2 — Lifting from the four top corner fittings

6.3.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a tank container, other than a 1D or a 1DX container, to withstand being lifted from the four top corner fittings with the lifting forces applied vertically, and the ability of a 1D or 1DX tank container to withstand being lifted from the four top corner fittings with the lifting forces applied at any angle between the vertical and 60° to the horizontal. These are the only recognized ways of lifting tank containers by the four top corner fittings.

This test shall also be regarded as proving the ability of the tank container to withstand the forces arising from acceleration of the payload in lifting operations.

6.3.2 Procedure

The tank container under test shall be loaded in such a way that the combined mass of tank container and test load is equal to 2R (see 6.1.2) and it shall be carefully lifted from all four top corners in such a way

that no significant acceleration or deceleration forces are applied.

For a tank container other than 1D or 1DX, the lifting forces shall be applied vertically.

For a 1D or 1DX tank container, lifting shall be by means of slings, the angle of each leg being at 60° to the horizontal.

After lifting, the tank container shall be suspended for 5 min and then lowered to the ground.

6.3.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.4 Test No. 3 — Lifting from the four bottom corner fittings

6.4.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a tank container to withstand being lifted from its four bottom corner fittings by means of lifting devices bearing on the bottom corner fittings only and attached to a single transverse central spreader beam above the container.

6.4.2 Procedure

The tank container under test shall be loaded in such a way that the combined mass of tank container and test load is equal to 2R (see 6.1.2), and shall be carefully lifted from the side apertures of all four bottom corner fittings in such a way that no significant acceleration or deceleration forces are applied.

6) 25,4 mm = 1 in; 38 mm = 1 1/2 in

Lifting forces shall be applied at

30° to the horizontal for 1AAA, 1AA, 1A and 1AX tank containers;

37° to the horizontal for 1BBB, 1BB, 1B and 1BX tank containers;

45° to the horizontal for 1CC, 1C and 1CX tank containers;

60° to the horizontal for 1D and 1DX tank containers.

In each case, the line of action of the lifting force and the outer face of the corner fitting shall be no further apart than 38 mm⁷⁾. The lifting shall be carried out in such a manner that the lifting devices bear on the four bottom corner fittings only.

The tank container shall be suspended for 5 min and then lowered to the ground.

6.4.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.5 Test No. 4 — External restraint (longitudinal)

6.5.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a tank container to withstand longitudinal external restraint under dynamic conditions or railway operation, which implies accelerations of 2g.

6.5.2 Procedure

The tank container shall be loaded in such a way that the combined mass of tank container and test load is equal to R (see 6.1.2), and shall be secured longitudinally to rigid anchor points through the bottom apertures of the bottom corner fittings at one end of the tank container.

A force of $2Rg$ shall be applied horizontally to the tank container through the bottom apertures of the other bottom corner fittings, first towards and then away from the anchor points.

7) 38 mm = 1 1/2 in

6.5.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.6 Test No. 5 — Internal restraint (longitudinal)

6.6.1 General

Separate tests shall be carried out to prove the ability of the tank container to withstand the effects of the inertia of the tank contents both on the tank itself and the tank-to-framework connections under the conditions of longitudinal acceleration envisaged in 5.1.

NOTES

9 The effects of vertical acceleration are deemed to be covered by tests Nos. 2 and 3.

10 Containers without longitudinal frames are deemed to be covered by test No. 4.

6.6.2 Procedure

The tank container shall be loaded in such a way that the combined mass of the tank container and test load is equal to R .

The tank container shall be positioned with its longitudinal axis vertical (a tolerance of 3° is acceptable). It shall be held in this position for 5 min either

- a) by means of supports at the lower end of the base structure of the tank container acting only through the two bottom corner fittings giving both vertical and horizontal securement, and by means of anchor devices acting through the corner fittings at the upper end of the base structure in such a manner as to provide horizontal restraint only; or
- b) by means of supports under the four downward-facing corner fittings.

Alternative procedure b) may be used only for those types of tank containers where the tank is supported solely by the base structure of the container or where, in the opinion of the competent authority, the tank container is adequately tested with respect to tank-to-framework connections by tests Nos. 4 and 8.

Tank containers which are not structurally symmetrical with respect to internal divisions or tank-to-framework connections shall be tested at both ends.

6.6.3 Requirements

On completion of the tests, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.7 Test No. 6 — Internal restraint (lateral)

6.7.1 General

Separate tests shall be carried out to prove the ability of the tank container to withstand the effects of the inertia of the tank contents both on the tank itself and the tank-to-framework connections under the conditions of lateral acceleration envisaged in 5.1.

NOTES

11 The effects of vertical acceleration are deemed to be covered by tests Nos. 2 and 3.

12 Containers without longitudinal frames are deemed to be covered by test No. 4.

6.7.2 Procedure

The tank container shall be loaded in such a way that the combined mass of the tank container and test load is equal to *R*.

The tank container shall be positioned with its transverse axis vertical (a tolerance of 3° is acceptable). It shall be held in this position for 5 min either

- a) by means of supports at the lower end of the base structure of the tank container acting only through the two bottom corner fittings given both vertical and horizontal securement, and by means of anchor devices acting through the corner fittings at the upper end of the base structure in such a manner as to provide horizontal restraint only; or
- b) by means of supports under the four downward-facing corner fittings.

Alternative procedure b) may be used only for those types of tank containers where the tank is supported solely by the base structure of the container or where, in the opinion of the competent authority, the tank

8) 150 kN = 33 700 lbf

container is adequately tested with respect to tank-to-framework connections by tests Nos. 4 and 8.

6.7.3 Requirements

On completion of the tests, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.8 Test No. 7 — Rigidity (transverse)

6.8.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a tank container, other than a 1D or a 1DX container, to withstand the transversal racking forces resulting from ship movement.

6.8.2 Procedure

The tank container in tare condition (*T*) shall be placed on four level supports, one under each corner fitting, and shall be restrained against lateral and vertical movement by means of anchor devices acting through the bottom apertures of the bottom corner fittings. Lateral restraint shall be provided only at a bottom corner fitting diagonally opposite to and in the same end frame as a top corner fitting to which force is applied.

When testing the two end frames separately, vertical restraint need only be applied at the end frame under test.

Forces of 150 kN⁸⁾ shall be applied either separately or simultaneously to each of the top corner fittings on one side of the tank container in lines parallel both to the base and to the planes of the ends of the tank container. The forces shall be applied first towards and then away from the top corner fittings.

In the case of tank containers with identical ends, only one end need be tested. Where an end is not essentially symmetrical about its own vertical centreline, both sides of that end shall be tested.

For allowable deflection under full test loading, see 5.4.

6.8.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the

dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.9 Test No. 8 — Rigidity (longitudinal)

6.9.1 General

This test shall be carried out to prove the ability of a tank container, other than a 1D or a 1DX container, to withstand the longitudinal racking forces resulting from ship movement.

6.9.2 Procedure

The tank container in tare condition (*T*) shall be placed on four level supports, one under each corner fitting, and shall be restrained against longitudinal and vertical movement by means of anchor devices acting through the bottom apertures of the bottom corner fittings. Longitudinal restraint shall be provided only at a bottom corner fitting diagonally opposite and in the same side frame as a top corner fitting to which the force is applied.

Forces of 75 kN⁹⁾ shall be applied either separately or simultaneously to each of the top corner fittings on one end of the tank container in lines parallel both to the base of the tank container and to the planes of the sides of the tank container. The force shall be applied first towards and then away from the top corner fittings.

In the case of a tank container with identical sides, only one side need be tested. Where a side is not essentially symmetrical about its own vertical centreline, both ends of that side shall be tested.

For allowable deflections under full test loadings, see 5.5.

6.9.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.10 Test No. 9 — Load-transfer area test

6.10.1 General

This test shall be carried out to simulate, statically, the known dynamic condition when the load-transfer

areas are only partially in contact with the carrying vehicle, within the space provided between the twistlock and the bottom corner fitting.

This test only confirms the strength of the structure in relation to static load-carrying ability.

6.10.2 Procedure

The tank container shall be loaded in such a way that the combined mass of the tank container and test load is equal to $2R$, and it shall be supported by means of four supports, each with a supporting area of 150 mm × 150 mm⁹⁾. The supports shall be positioned at the inner ends of the allowable transverse support area.

The tank container shall remain supported in this way for a minimum of 5 min.

Repeat the test with the supports positioned at the outer ends of the allowable transverse support area.

In the case of tank containers with symmetrical load-transfer areas, only one end need be tested. Where the load-transfer areas are not symmetrical, both ends shall be tested.

6.10.3 Requirements

Upon completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage, permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

6.11 Test No. 10 — Walkways (where provided)

6.11.1 General

This test shall be carried out on all walkways, where provided on a tank container, to prove the ability of the walkway to withstand the loads imposed by persons working thereon.

6.11.2 Procedure

A concentrated load of not less than 300 kg⁹⁾ shall be uniformly distributed over an area of 600 mm × 300 mm⁹⁾ located at the weakest area of the walkway.

9) 75 kN = 16 850 lbf; 150 mm × 150 mm = 6 in × 6 in; 600 mm × 300 mm = 24 in × 12 in; 300 kg = 660 lb

6.11.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the walkways shall show neither undue deformation nor any abnormality which renders them unsuitable for use.

6.12 Test No. 11 — Ladders (where provided)

6.12.1 General

This test shall be carried out on all ladders, where provided on a tank container, to prove the ability of the ladder to withstand the loads imposed by persons working thereon.

6.12.2 Procedure

A load of 200 kg¹⁰⁾ shall be positioned at the centre of the widest rung.

6.12.3 Requirements

On completion of the test, the ladders shall show neither undue deformation nor abnormality which would render them unsuitable for use.

6.13 Test No. 12 — Pressure test

6.13.1 General

This test shall be carried out on every tank container to prove the ability of the tank to withstand the specified internal pressure. Where practicable, it shall be carried out last if other tests are to be performed, but before the addition of thermal insulation, if any.

Shot-blasting or other preparation normally required prior to applying lining or insulation need not be performed prior to this test.

6.13.2 Procedure

The tank shall be hydraulically tested.

If the liquid/gas tank is provided with compartments, in addition to hydraulic testing, each compartment shall be tested with the adjacent compartments empty and at atmospheric pressure.

The test pressure shall be measured at the top of the tank or compartment with the tank container in its

normal position. The test pressure shall be maintained for as long as is necessary to enable a complete examination of the tank and its fittings to be made, but in any case for not less than 30 min.

Relief devices, where fitted, shall be rendered inoperative or removed for the purpose of this test.

The pressure at which the tank is tested shall be selected with regard to the intended use of the tank, in accordance with the regulations applied by the competent authority and the requirements of 5.1.6. This pressure will determine the type code designation of the tank container in accordance with table 1.

6.13.3 Requirements

During the test, the tank shall show no leakage. On completion of the test, the tank container shall not show leakage or permanent deformation or abnormality which will render it unsuitable for use, and the dimensional requirements affecting handling, securing and interchange shall be satisfied.

7 Identification and marking

7.1 The marking requirements of these tank containers shall be in accordance with the principles embodied in ISO 6346 for the identification and marking of freight containers.

7.2 At least the following data allowing tank identification shall be permanently attached to the tank in a readily accessible position. These data shall be permanently marked by stamping, embossing or other means and shall not be painted so as to obscure the markings:

- a) date of original hydraulic test, year and month;
- b) test pressure, in kilopascals and bars;
- c) maximum allowable working pressure, in kilopascals and bars;
- d) total capacity, in litres;
- e) date of hydraulic re-test, year and month;
- f) type code designation (optional mark).

10) 200 kg = 440 lbf

7.3 As far as possible, the data plate shall include the information required by the competent authorities, thus reducing to a minimum the number of separate plates required. All data plates should be located as close to one another as possible.

If any of the required data is included on other data plates, it need not be duplicated in order to satisfy the requirements of this part of ISO 1496.

Annex A (normative)

Diagrammatic representation of capabilities appropriate to all types and sizes of tank containers, except where otherwise stated

NOTES

- 13 The externally applied forces shown below are for one end or one side only. The loads shown within the containers represent uniformly distributed internal loads only, and such loads are for the whole container.
- 14 The figures in this annex correspond to the tests described in 6.2 to 6.12 only where marked.
- 15 For definitions of *R*, *P*, *T* and *W*, see 6.1.1.

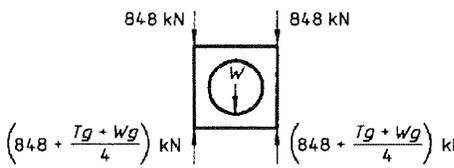
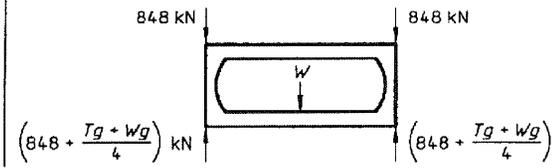
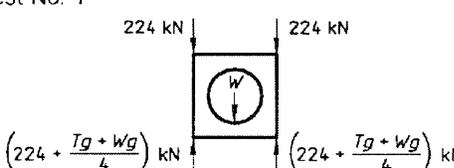
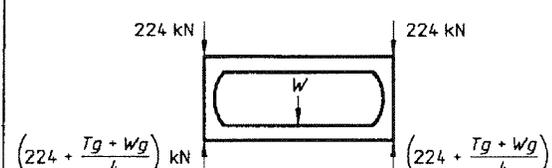
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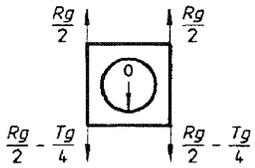
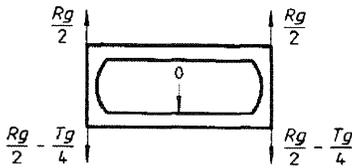
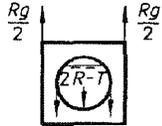
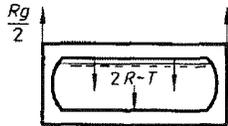
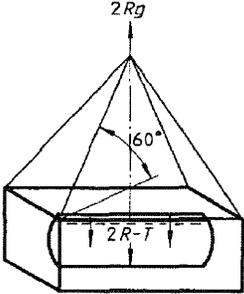
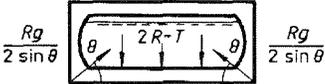
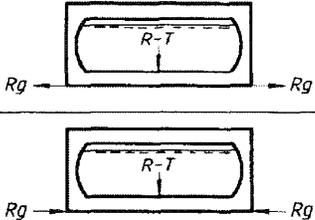
Figure No.	End elevations	Side elevations
A.2	Top lift 	
A.3	Top lift Test No. 2 	 Not applicable to 1D and 1DX containers
A.4	Top lift Test No. 2  Applicable to 1D and 1DX tank containers only	
A.5	Bottom lift Test No. 3 	 Applicable to all tank containers
A.6	External restraint (longitudinal) Test No. 4 Applicable to all tank containers	

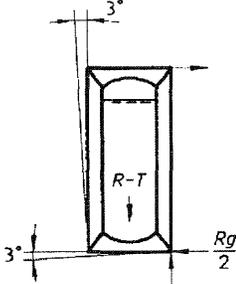
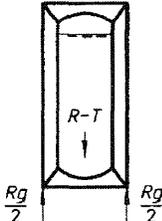
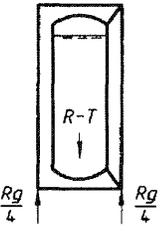
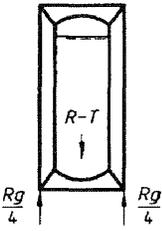
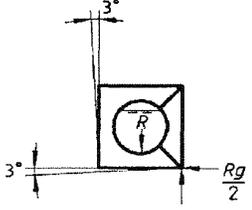
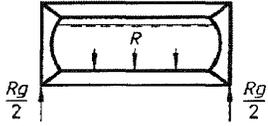
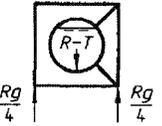
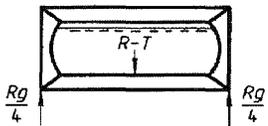
Figure No.	End elevations	Side elevations
<p>A.7</p>	<p>Internal restraint (longitudinal) Test No. 5 [see 6.6.2 a)]</p>  <p>Tank-frame connections through all corner fittings</p>	
<p>A.8</p>	<p>Internal restraint (longitudinal) Test No. 5 [see 6.6.2 b)]</p>  <p>Tank-frame connections through bottom structure only</p>	
<p>A.9</p>	<p>Internal restraint (lateral) Test No. 6 [see 6.7.2 a)]</p> 	
<p>A.10</p>	<p>Internal restraint (lateral) Test No. 6 [see 6.7.2 b)]</p>  <p>Tank-frame connections through bottom structure only</p>	

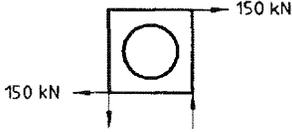
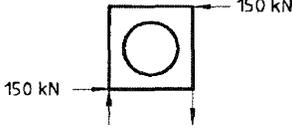
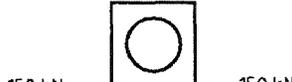
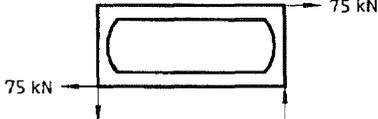
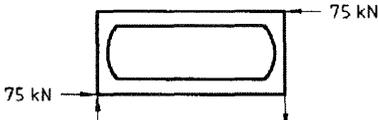
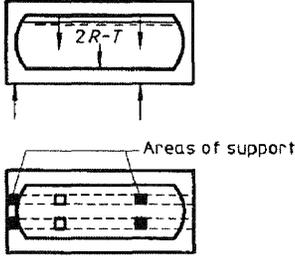
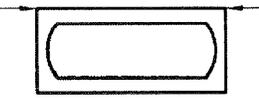
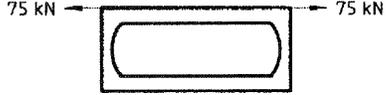
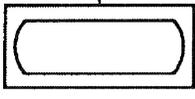
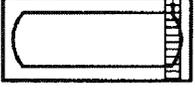
Figure No.	End elevations	Side elevations
A.11	Rigidity (transverse) Test No. 7 	Applicable to all tank containers except 1D and 1DX
A.12	Rigidity (transverse) Test No. 7 	
A.13	Lashing/securement 	
A.14	Lashing/securement 	
A.15	Lashing/securement 	
A.16	Lashing/securement 	
A.17	Rigidity (longitudinal) Test No.8	
A.18	Applicable to all tank containers except 1D and 1DX	
A.19	Load-transfer area tests  End zones  Intermediate zones	 Areas of support

Figure No.	End elevations	Side elevations
A.20	Lashing/securement (This type of loading is not permissible except as applied in clause 4.)	
A.21	Lashing/securement	

Optional features

A.22	Walkways Test No. 10 300 kg (660 lb) per specified area  Applies to all tank containers (where walkways are provided)	
A.23	Ladders Test No. 11 200 kg (440 lb) on any rung  Applies to all tank containers (where ladders are provided)	

Annex B (normative)

Details of requirements for load-transfer areas in base structures of containers

B.1 The base structures of containers, i.e. the end transverse members and such intermediate members as may be fitted (or such flat undersides as may be provided) to constitute load-transfer areas, shall be capable of transferring load to or from the longitudinal members of a carrying vehicle which are assumed to lie within the two 250 mm¹¹⁾ wide zones defined (by the dashed lines) in figure B.1.

B.2 Containers having transverse members spaced more than 1 000 mm¹¹⁾ apart (and not having a flat underside) shall have load-transfer areas as indicated in figures B.2, B.3 and B.4 capable of meeting the following requirements.

B.2.1 Each pair of load-transfer areas associated with an end transverse member shall be capable of transferring loads of not less than R , i.e. the loads which may occur when a container is placed onto a carrying vehicle of the kind which does not support the container by its corner fittings.

Furthermore, each pair of intermediate load-transfer areas shall be capable of transferring loads of not less than $2R/n$, where n is the number of pairs of intermediate load-transfer areas, i.e. loads which may occur during transport operations.

B.2.2 The minimum number of pairs of intermediate load-transfer areas is:

For 1CC, 1C and 1CX containers (if fitted)	2
For 1BBB, 1BB, 1B and 1BX containers	2
For 1AA, 1A and 1AX containers	3
For 1AAA, 1AA, 1A and 1AX containers fitted with a non-continuous gooseneck tunnel	4

Where a greater number of pairs of load-transfer areas are provided, these should be approximately equally spaced along the length of the container.

B.2.3 The spacing between the end transverse member and the nearest intermediate pair of load-transfer areas shall be:

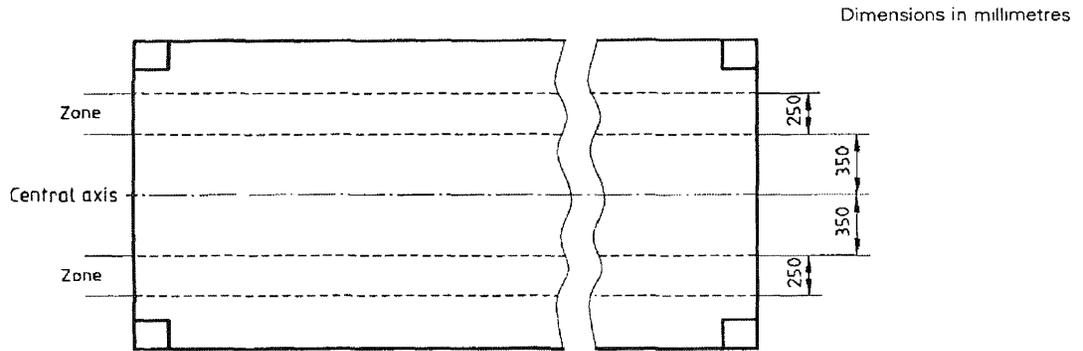
- 1 700 mm to 2 000 mm¹¹⁾ for containers having the minimum number of pairs of load-transfer areas for the container concerned;
- 1 000 mm to 2 000 mm¹¹⁾ for containers having one more pair of load-transfer areas than the minimum required for the containers concerned.

B.2.4 Each load-transfer area shall have a longitudinal dimension of at least 75 mm¹¹⁾.

B.3 Minimum requirements for load-transfer areas in the vicinity of the gooseneck tunnel are shown in figure B.5.

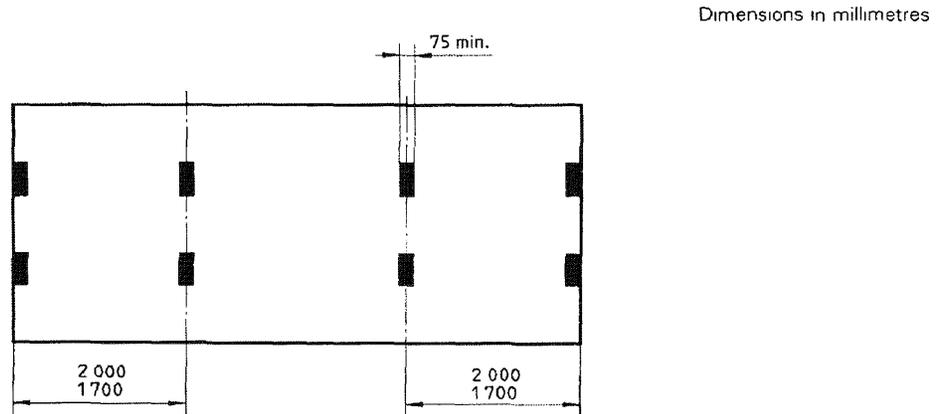
NOTE 16 In figures B.2, B.3 and B.4, the load-transfer areas associated with the container base are shown in black. Gooseneck tunnel transfer areas are also shown in black in figure B.5.

11) 75 mm = 3 in; 250 mm = 10 in; 350 mm = 14 in; 1 000 mm = 39 3/8 in; 1 000 mm to 2 000 mm = 39 3/8 in to 78 3/4 in; 1 700 mm to 2 000 mm = 66 15/16 in to 78 3/4 in; 3 150 mm to 3 500 mm = 124 1/4 in to 137 7/8 in; 1 250 mm² = 2 in²



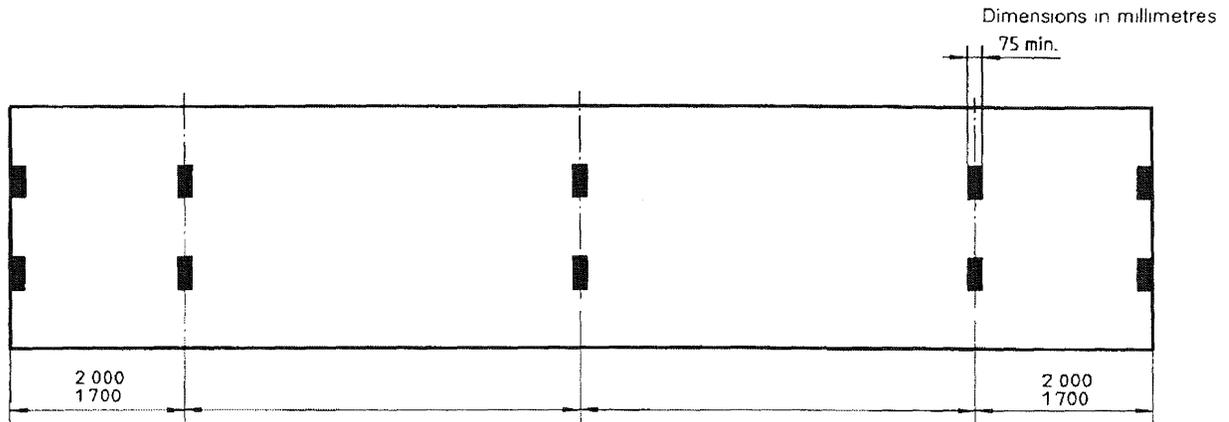
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Figure B.1 — Zones for longitudinal members



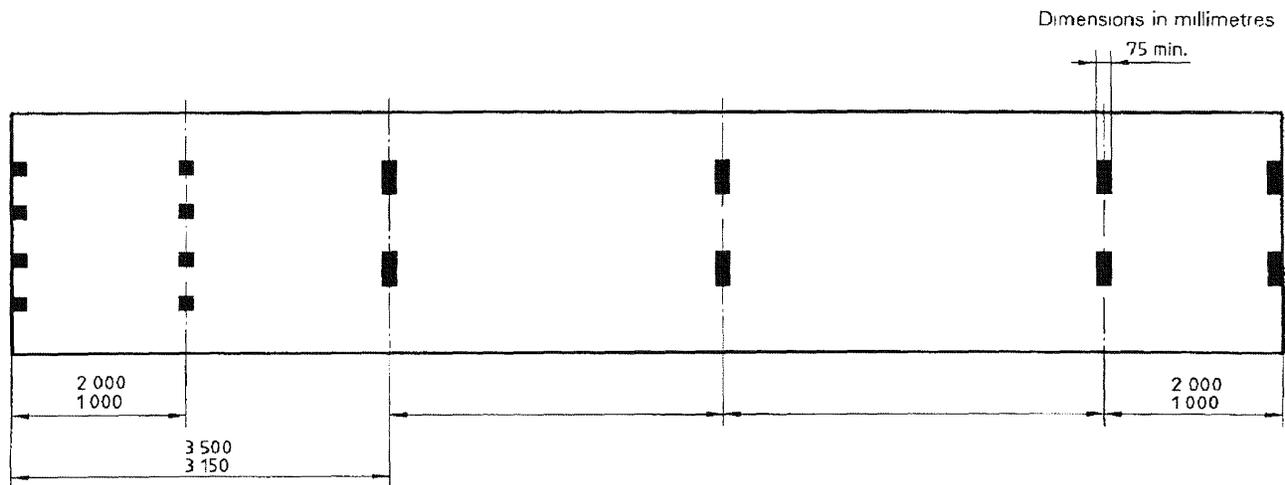
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Figure B.2 — Minimum number of pairs of load-transfer areas — 1CC, 1C and 1CX containers (if fitted), and 1BBB, 1BB, 1B and 1BX containers



NOTE — See footnote 11) for conversion of dimensions to inches.

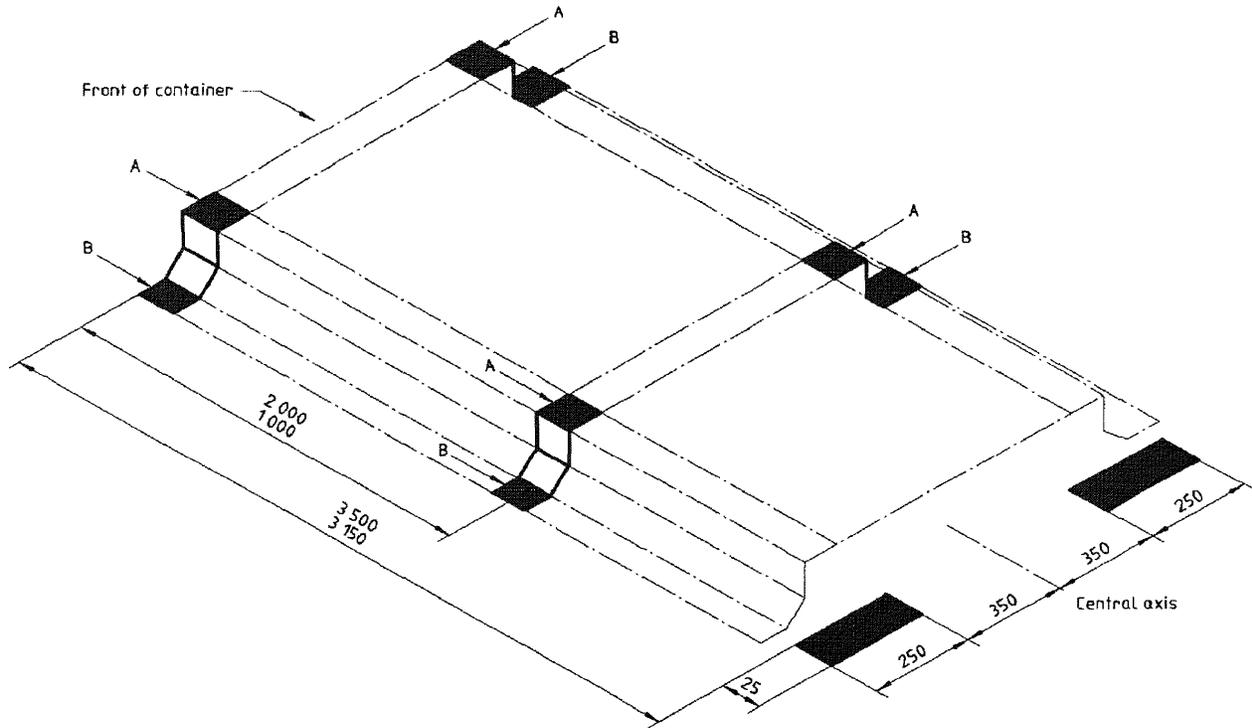
Figure B.3 — Minimum number of pairs of load-transfer areas — 1AA, 1A and 1AX containers without gooseneck tunnel



NOTE — See footnote 11) for conversion of dimensions to inches.

Figure B.4 — Minimum number of pairs of load-transfer areas — 1AAA, 1AA, 1A and 1AX containers with gooseneck tunnel (with minimum localized structure)

Dimensions in millimetres



Each load-transfer area at the tunnel has two components, an upper component (A) and a lower component (B). This paired set, A and B, shall be taken as one load-transfer area and the sum of the two components, A + B, shall be equal to or greater than 1 250 mm².

(See annex C for details of tunnel section.)

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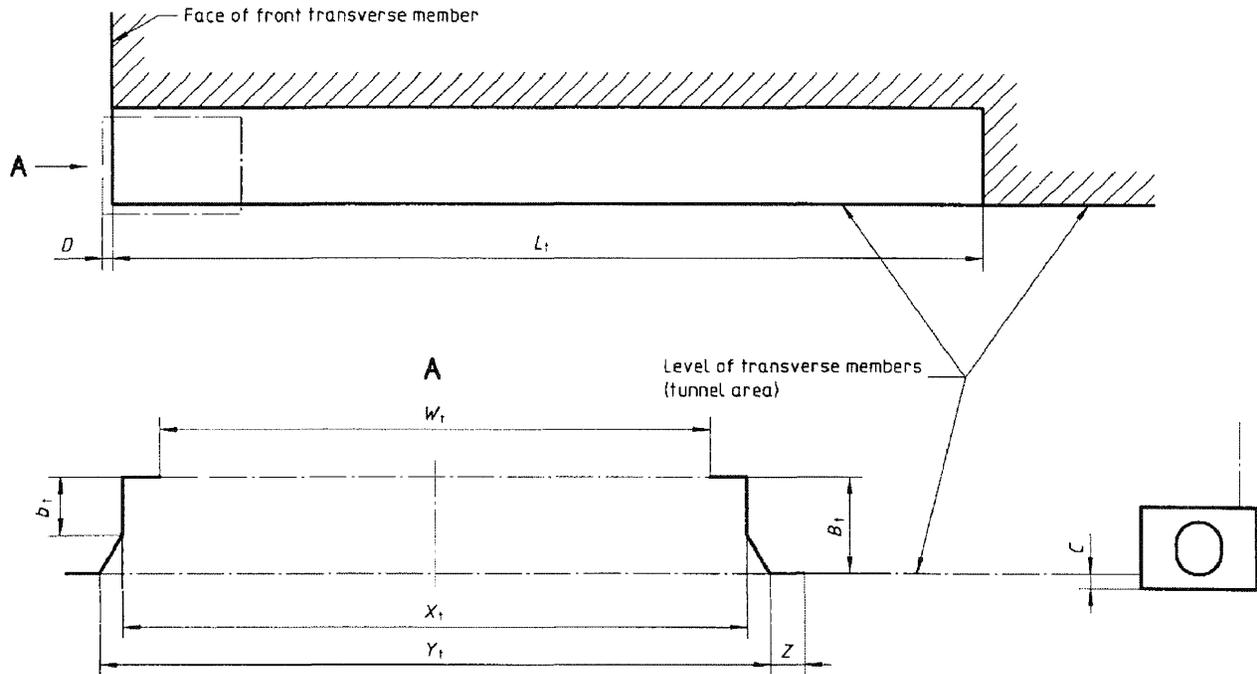
- 1 Where continuous tunnel side members are provided, the load transfer areas situated between 3 150 mm and 3 500 mm from the end of the container may be omitted.
- 2 See footnote 11) for conversion of dimensions to inches.

Figure B.5 — Minimum requirements for load-transfer areas near the gooseneck tunnel

Annex C
(normative)

Dimensions of gooseneck tunnels (where provided)

See 5.7.2. The space required to constitute a gooseneck tunnel into which the gooseneck of a trailer may fit is shown in figure C.1.



Dimensions	Length		Width				Height		
	L_1	D	W_t , max.	X_t	Y_t	Z , min	B_1	b_t	C
mm	3 500 3 150	6 $^{+1}_{-2}$	930	1 029 $^{+3}_{0}$	1 130 1 070	25	120 $^{0}_{-3}$	70 35	12,5 $^{+5}_{-1,5}$
in	137 7/8 124 1/4	1/4 $^{+3/64}_{-3/32}$	36 5/8	40 1/2 $^{+1/8}_{0}$	44 1/2 42 1/8	1	4 23/32 $^{0}_{-1/8}$	2 3/4 1 3/8	1/2 $^{+3/16}_{-1/16}$

NOTES

- 1 Tolerance B_1 shall be measured in the back part of the tunnel, over a length of about 600 mm (23 5/8 in).
- 2 The tunnel structure may be formed by continuous members having the minimum length specified in the table and the internal dimensions given for the thick lines in the figure or, alternatively, localized structures may be provided at the positions shown in black in figure B.5.

Figure C.1

Annex D
(informative)

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