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O. FOREWORD

- 0.1 This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 27 February 1976, after the draft finalized by the Pallets Sectional Committee had been approved by the Marine, Cargo Movement and Packaging Division Council.
- **0.2** This standard is prepared for the guidance of users of various types of materials handling equipment and also continuous mechanical handling equipment using unit load system of handling the various products.
- **0.3** The term 'unit loads' when used in handling includes all objects considered as units in transportation and, components which are specifically designed to interlink with one another to form a composite unit load.
- **0.3.1** It is consequently normal that the following are also considered as unit loads:
 - a) Bulk materials, liquid or gaseous products located in containers or tanks;
 - b) Cargo units made up with several unit loads assembled (strapped, wrapped or bundled, under retractable coating, instability, tiedup, nested, etc); and
 - c) Packed bulk materials.
- 0.4 This standard is based on Doc: ISO/TC 101 (Secr-186) 290 'Draft ISO proposal for continuous mechanical handling equipment Classification of unit loads', issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard specifies the classification and symbolization of unit loads.

2. TERMINOLOGY

2.1 For the purpose of this standard, the terms as given in IS: 3971-1967* shall apply.

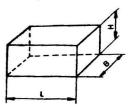
^{*}Glossary of terms on pallets.

3. CLASSIFICATION

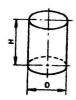
3.1 Classification According to Shape of Unit Loads

3.1.1 Basic Forms (Geometric)

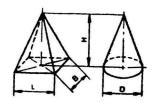
a) Rectangular, cubic (for instance: parcels, cases, containers, sheets, bars) (see figure below).



b) Cylindrical (that is, drums, pulleys, disks, round bars, etc) (see figure below).



c) Pyramidal, conical (see figure below).



d) Spherical (see figure below).



3.1.2 Typical or Usual Forms

a) Pallets [special form of 3.1.1(a)] as shown in the figure below.



b) Plate, containers, box-pallet on stands (see figure below).



c) Bales.



d) Sacks.



3.1.3 Irregular Forms

a) Irregular form with flat base (that is, assembly unit, irregular plates, etc) as shown in the figure below.



b) Unit loads with flat base dimensions smaller than overall dimensions, for instance: conical tanks with projecting side parts, such as handle and rims; conveyed product wider than container, pallets, etc, as shown in the figure below.



c) Unit loads on wheels, rollers, etc.



d) Irregular and uneven.



3.2 Classification According to Position and Centre of Gravity (Stability) of the Load

- 3.2.1 Position of Load with Respect to Direction of Transportation
 - a) Length of load parallel,
 - b) Length of load perpendicular, and
 - c) Length of load angled.

NOTE:

L = length = overall dimension of base surface,

B = width = overall dimension of base surface perpendicular to the axis of the length,

H = height = overall dimension above base, and

M = mass.

3.2.2 Position of Centre of Gravity with Respect to Base of Load

- a) D < B/2
- b) D > B/2 mention, if possible, tilting angle.
- c) D > L/2

- d) The centre of gravity does not comply with the geometric centre of base.
- e) The centre of gravity may move in case of container with liquid, dry sand, etc.

3.3 Classification According to Mass per Unit (m)

- a) 0 < m < 2.5 kg
- b) 2.5 < m < 20 kg
- c) 20 < m < 50 kg
- d) 50 < m < 125 kg
- e) 125 < m < 500 kg
- f) 500 < m < 1500 kg
- g) 1500 < m < 5000 kg
- h) m > 5000 kg

3.4 Classification According to Volume per Unit ()

- a) $0 < v < 10 \text{ cm}^3$
- b) $10 < v < 100 \text{ cm}^3$
- c) $100 < v < 1000 \text{ cm}^3$
- d) $1 < v < 10 \,\mathrm{dm}^3$
- e) $10 < v < 100 \text{ dm}^3$
- f) $100 < v < 1000 \text{ dm}^3$
- g) $l < v < 10 \text{ m}^3$
- h) $v > 10 \text{ m}^3$.

3.5 Type of Material in Contact with Conveying Systems — See Note under 3.8.2.

- a) Metal;
- b) Wood;
- c) Paper cardboard;
- d) Textiles;
- e) Rubber, plastics and similar materials;
- f) Glass, porcelain ceramics and similar materials; and
- g) Other materials.

3.6 Shape and Properties of Base Surface of Unit Load — See Note under 3.8.2.

3.6.1 Geometric Properties

a) Flat;

- b) Rounded, concave;
- c) Rounded convex;
- d) Warped, dented, irregular, uneven;
- e) With circular rim;
- f) With grooves, ribs, mouldings parallel to direction of travel;
- g) With grooves, ribs, mouldings, perpendicular to direction of travel;
- h) With grooves, ribs, mouldings oblique to direction of travel;
- j) With projecting parts, nails, screws, splinters, etc; and
- k) Other shapes.

3.6.2 Physical Properties

- a) Smooth, slippery;
- b) Rough, not slippery;
- c) Deformable, soft, flexible;
- d) Durable, hard, firm, robust, non-deformable;
- e) Elastic, rebounding; and
- f) Other remarkable properties.

3.7 Specific Properties of Unit Loads — See Note under 3.8.2.

3.7.1 Preponderant Physical Properties

- a) Abrasive;
- b) Corrosive, aggressive;
- c) Dust emitting;
- d) Damp, wet;
- e) Greasy, oily;
- f) Hot (over 100°C);
- g) Cold (under -5°C);
- h) Fragile, disintegrating [see also 3.8.1 (a) to (e)]; and
- j) With cutting, sharp, hard edges.

3.7.2 Other (that is, Chemical) Properties

- a) Easily inflammable;
- b) Explosive;
- c) Hygroscopic;
- d) Sticky;

- e) Toxic;
- f) Obnoxious;
- g) Radioactive, radiating;
- h) Generates static electricity;
- j) Conveyed product modified (shape, weight and consistency) during transport for instance due to hardening, drying up, etc; and
- k) Other remarkable properties.

3.8 Unit Loads Specially Sensitive - See Note under 3.8.2.

3.8.1 Preponderant Mechanical Influences

- a) Pressure;
- b) Shock, falling;
- c) Vibration;
- d) Change of position, overturning, tilting, etc;
- e) Acceleration, declaration; and
- f) Air turbulence.

3.8.2 Other Influences

- a) Cold;
- b) Heat;
- c) Light, sunrays;
- d) Radiation;
- e) Damp, water (not resistant to damp);
- f) Drying up;
- g) Impurities, pollution; and
- h) Ageing, alternation.

Note — Unit load may have a combination of several properties of the same section as described in 3.5 to 3.8.

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI UNITS)

Base Units			
QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL	
Leagth	metre	m	
Mass	kilogram	kg	
Time	become	•	
Electric current	ampere	A	
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K	*
Luminous intensity	candels	cd	
Amount of substance	mole	mol	
Supplementary Units			
QUANTITY	Unit	SYMBOL	
Plane angle	radian	rad	
Solid angle	eteradian	87	
Derived Units			
QUANTITY	Unit	SYMBOL	DEFINITION
Force	newton	N	$1 N = 1 \text{ kg.m/e}^3$
Energy	joule	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	w	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	Wb	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesia	T	$1 T = 1 Wb/m^3$
Prequency	hertz	H ₂	1 Hz = 1 c/s (s-1)
Electric conductance	siemens	S	1 S = 1 A/V
Electromotive force	volt	V	1 V = 1 W/A
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	$1 Pa = 1 N/m^2$

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