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## **Foreword**

This document (EN ISO 13856-2:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 199 "Safety of machinery" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 114 "Safety of machinery" the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 2006/42/EC**

| Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this European Standard | Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 2006/42/EC | Qualifying remarks/Notes                                    |
|---|--|---|
| Clause 4  | Annex I, 1.2   | Control systems   |
|   | Annex I, 1.3   | Protection against mechanical hazards                       |
|   | Annex I, 1.4   | Required characteristics of (guards and) protection devices |
|   | Annex I, 1.5   | Risks due to other hazards                                  |
|   | Annex I, 1.6   | Maintenance   |
| Clauses 5 and 6                                   | Annex I, 1.7   | Information   |

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## Foreword

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ISO 13856-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 199, *Safety of machinery* and by Technical Committee CEN/TC 114, *Safety of machinery* in collaboration.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13856-2:2005), which has been technically revised.

ISO 13856 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety of machinery — Pressure-sensitive protective devices*:

- *Part 1: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive mats and pressure-sensitive floors*
- *Part 2: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars*
- *Part 3: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive bumpers, plates, wires and similar devices*

## Introduction

The structure of safety standards in the field of machinery is as follows:

- a) Type-A standards (basic safety standards) giving basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to all machinery;
- b) Type-B standards (generic safety standards) dealing with one safety aspect or one type of safeguard that can be used across a wide range of machinery:
  - Type-B1 standards on particular safety aspects (e.g. safety distances, surface temperature, noise);
  - Type-B2 standards on safeguards (e.g. two-hand controls, interlocking devices, pressure-sensitive devices, guards);
- c) Type-C standards (machine safety standards) dealing with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

This document is a type-B2 standard as stated in ISO 12100.

The requirements of this document can be supplemented or modified by a type-C standard.

For machines which are covered by the scope of a type-C standard and which have been designed and built according to the requirements of that standard, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence.

The safeguarding of machinery (see ISO 12100:2010, 3.21) can be achieved by many different means. These means include guards which prevent access to the hazard zone by means of a physical barrier (for example, interlocking guards according to ISO 14119 or fixed guards according to ISO 14120) and protective devices (for example, electro-sensitive protective equipment according to IEC 61496-1 or pressure-sensitive protective devices according to this part of ISO 13856).

Type-C standards makers and designers of machinery/installations should consider the best way to achieve the required level of safety taking into account the intended application and the results of the risk assessment (see ISO 12100).

The required solution can also be to combine several of these different means. The machinery/installation supplier and the user examine together carefully the existing hazards and constraints before making their decision on the choice of safeguarding.

Pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars are safeguards of the *mechanically-actuated trip device* type. General requirements for these safeguards (as well as others) are given in ISO 12100:2010, 6.3.1 and 6.3.2.

Pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars are used in a wide range of applications with different conditions of use relating, for example, to extremes of loading or electrical, physical and chemical environments. They are interfaced with machine controls to ensure that the machine reverts to a safe condition if the sensitive protective equipment is actuated.

This part of ISO 13856 is restricted to the design of pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars so that they can be used when the risk assessment carried out by the machine manufacturer and/or relevant type-C standard, when available, shows this to be appropriate.

Pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars can be fitted to a fixed or moving part of a machine or an obstacle to prevent trapping or crushing hazards from another part of a machine. Pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars are designed, selected, installed and/or interfaced with the control system of the machine so that the force/pressure applied to a person or parts of the body do not exceed certain limits.

Pressure-sensitive edges, pressure-sensitive bars, pressure-sensitive bumpers and similar devices have many similarities. [Table 1](#) summarizes the differences which generally apply between the two types of

pressure-sensitive protective devices covered by this part of ISO 13856 and pressure-sensitive bumpers (covered by ISO 13856-3 and gives guidance for their application).

**Table 1 — Characteristic features of pressure-sensitive edges, pressure-sensitive bars and pressure-sensitive bumpers**

| Cross-section                        | Pressure-sensitive edge | Pressure-sensitive bar | Pressure-sensitive bumper               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
|                                      | Regular                 | Regular                | Regular/irregular                       |
| Length/width ratio                   | >1                      | Any ratio              | Any ratio                               |
| Effective sensing surface            | Deforms locally         | Moves as a whole       | Deforms locally and/or moves as a whole |
| Body part(s) intended to be detected | Finger                  | Finger                 | —                                       |
|                                      | Hand                    | Hand                   | Hand                                    |
|                                      | Arm                     | Arm                    | Arm                                     |
|                                      | Leg                     | Leg                    | Leg                                     |
|                                      | Head                    | Head                   | Head                                    |
|                                      | Torso                   | Torso                  | Torso                                   |

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# Safety of machinery — Pressure-sensitive protective devices —

## Part 2: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 13856 establishes general principles and specifies requirements for the design and testing of pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars used as safeguards and not as actuating devices for normal operation.

This part of ISO 13856 is applicable to pressure-sensitive edges and pressure-sensitive bars, with or without an external reset facility, used to detect persons or body parts that can be exposed to hazards such as those caused by the moving parts of machines.

It is not applicable to

- determining the suitability of a pressure-sensitive edge or pressure-sensitive bar for a particular safeguarding application,
- selection of an appropriate performance level for safety-related parts of control systems (SRP/CSs) other than to give minimum values,
- dimensioning or configuring of the effective sensing area of pressure-sensitive edges or pressure-sensitive bars in relation to any particular application,
- stopping devices according to IEC 60204-1 used only for normal operation, including emergency stopping of machinery.

Requirements for the information to be provided by the manufacturer are given to assist in the selection of a suitable pressure-sensitive edge or pressure-sensitive bar and its application.

Additional requirements can be necessary where pressure-sensitive edges or pressure-sensitive bars are used in locations accessible to elderly or disabled people or children.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively 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 4413, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 4414, *Pneumatic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

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

ISO 13849-1:2006, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

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