

USER INFORMATION

These questions and answers may be of assistance in using ASABE Standards 2017 Digital Media

• WHAT ARE ASABE STANDARDS?

ASABE Standards are consensus documents developed and adopted by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers to meet standardization needs within the scope of the Society; principally agricultural field equipment, farmstead equipment, structures, soil and water resource management, turf and landscape equipment, forest engineering, food and process engineering, electric power applications, plant and animal environment, and waste management.

• HOW ARE ASABE STANDARDS DEVELOPED?

Documents are developed by ASABE task groups and committees in accordance with due process, consensus procedures adopted by the responsible ASABE committee (see Table of Contents for Standardization Procedures). ASABE's procedures are accredited by the American National Standards Institute, ANSI. Task groups and committees are open to participation by qualified individuals from substantially interested producer, consumer, and general interest groups. Contact ASABE for information about technical committees involved with the development of Standards.

• HOW ARE DOCUMENTS ORGANIZED WITHIN THIS DIGITAL MEDIA?

ASABE standards are listed in numerical order on the Table of Contents which contains direct links to the standards. As an alternate, open Windows Explore and navigate to the DVD drive containing your ASABE Standards Digital media. The individual standards are located within subject area folders. The folders are titled:

General Engineering
Agricultural Equipment
Turf and Landscape
Electrical and Electronic Systems
Food and Process Engineering
Structures, Livestock, and Environment
Soil and Water Resource Management

• HOW ARE DOCUMENTS CLASSIFIED?

ASABE documents are classified as Standards, Engineering Practices, or Data. Classifications are defined in the Standardization Procedures published herein.

• WHAT DO THE ALPHA-NUMERIC DESIGNATIONS MEAN?

The capital letters S, EP, and D designate the document classifications of Standard, Engineering Practice, and Data, respectively. The base 3-digit number has no significance. The base number was assigned when development of the standard began as an ASABE project. The digit following the decimal identifies a specific technical revision of the original document. The month-year designation represents the most recent action, adoption or revision, on the document. Parentheses following the month-year indicate the year the document was last reaffirmed.

Examples:

D271.2 APR1979 (R2014):	D = data	271 = base number
	.2 = second technical revision	APR1979 adoption or last revision
	(R2014) = last reaffirmation	

ISO Adaptions:

ASABE ISO adoptions are designated by AD (Adoption with deviations) or ISO (identical adoption). The base number is the ISO document number. The 4-digit number following the ISO number is the year the version of the ISO document adopted. The month-year designation represents the most recent ASABE action, adoption or revision of the document. Parentheses following the month-year indicate the year the document was last reaffirmed.

ASAE/ISO 9190:1990 OCT2001 (R2017)	ISO = identical adoption	9191 = ISO document adopted
	1990 = version of ISO adopted	OCT2001 = adoption/last revision
	(R2017) = last reaffirmation	

• HOW CAN THE HISTORY OF A DOCUMENT BE TRACKED?

The brief paragraph at the beginning of each document provides a chronological history of the document's development, adoption, revision and reaffirmation. All ASABE documents are reviewed every five years unless technically revised in the interim.

• WHAT STANDARDS ARE BEING DEVELOPED BY ASABE?

A listing of current ASABE standardization projects is included (see Table of Contents). Persons interested in providing input to any of these projects should contact the ASABE Standards Department.

• HOW SHOULD STANDARDS IMPROVEMENTS OR NEEDS BE REPORTED?

Your feedback is welcome and important. Reporting errors or suggesting specific improvements and identifying areas where new standards are needed is essential to maintain quality published standards. Correspondence should be sent to the Director of Standards, ASABE, Standards Department, 2950 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085-9659 USA; or hq@asabe.org .

• ARE THERE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES?

A listing of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Technical Committees, such as ISO/TC 23, Tractors and Machinery for Agriculture and Forestry, is included (see Table of Contents).

• IS RELATED TECHNICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM ASABE?

Approximately 1,400 technical papers are presented annually at ASABE meetings. Peer reviewed manuscripts are published in ASABE's four journals. The ASABE online Technical Library contains over 30,000 documents that relate directly or indirectly to the scope of specific standards, engineering practices, and data. This searchable Library is located at <https://elibrary.asabe.org/>

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