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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- references to ISO 4009 removed;
- corrections to [Figure 2](#) socket.

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# Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Connectors for electronically monitored charging systems with 12 V or 24 V nominal supply voltage

## 1 Scope

This document specifies dimensional characteristics, contact allocation, tests and requirements of 7-pole connectors for electrical connections of electronically monitored charging systems of towing and towed vehicles. The electronic monitoring system is designed to detect 12 V and 24 V nominal supply voltage and to limit the current to 50 A, and this is a connector without any braking capacity.

This electrical connection is intended for use with separable truck-trailer combinations in order to connect an additional battery pack of the trailer with the generator of the truck using an electronically monitored charging system. Additional battery packs in trailers are basically used with tailgate lifts, electrical forklifts or other technical equipment with high current consumption.

This document further specifies a park socket used to receive and store the plug when it is disconnected.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4141 (all parts), *Road vehicles — Multi-core connecting cables*

ISO 4091, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Definitions, tests and requirements*

ISO 7638-1, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Part 1: Connectors for braking systems and running gear of vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 7638-2, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Part 2: Connectors for braking systems and running gear of vehicles with 12 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 12098, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — 15-pole connector for vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage*

IEC 60512-13-5, *Connectors for electronic equipment — Tests and measurements — Part 13-5: Mechanical operation tests — Test 13e: Polarizing and keying method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4091 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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