

Glossary of

Building and civil engineering terms —

Part 1: General and miscellaneous —

Section 1.3 Parts of construction
works —

Subsection 1.3.4 Stairs and circulation
elements

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Foreword

This Subsection of Part 1 of BS 6100 has been prepared under the direction of the Basic Data and Performance Criteria for Civil Engineering and Building Structures Standards Policy Committee.

This Subsection replaces BS 5578-1:1978 *“Building construction — Stairs”*, Part 1, *“Vocabulary”* which has been withdrawn and which was identical with ISO 3880-1, *“Building construction — Stairs — Vocabulary — Part 1”*. Some of the definitions given in this Subsection differ from those that were given in BS 5578-1, and where this occurs the new definitions will form the basis for the UK input for the forthcoming revision of ISO 3880-1.

A general introduction to and explanation of the glossary is given in Part 0 of BS 6100 which itemizes the Parts, Sections and Subsections into which the glossary is divided and provides a general alphabetical index of all the terms in the Sections and Subsections already published.

The other Sections of this Part are as follows.

- 1.0 General
- 1.1 Types of building
- 1.2 Spaces
- 1.4 Materials
- 1.5 Operations; associated plant and equipment
- 1.6 Persons
- 1.7 Characteristics and performance
- 1.8 Environmental and physical planning

The other Subsections of this Section are as follows.

- 1.3.0 External works
- 1.3.1 Walls and cladding
- 1.3.2 Roofs and roofing
- 1.3.3 Floors and ceilings
- 1.3.5 Doors, windows and openings
- 1.3.6 Jointing products, hardware and accessories
- 1.3.7 Finishings
- 1.3.8 Fittings

Terms are listed alphabetically in the index and are referred to by numbers which are found against the terms in the body of the Subsection. They are arranged in a classified order, each term having an individual number consisting of seven digits in two parts, the first of three digits, the second of four. The first three digits represent the number of the Part, Section and Subsection. The fourth digit represents the group of terms, the fifth digit represents the subgroup of terms, and the last two digits represent the place within the subgroup.

Alternative terms are given in medium type below the preferred terms with their status indicated, e.g. “deprecated”. These terms are not individually numbered, but are included in the index with a reference to the preferred term. Terms of more than one word, e.g. “turning stair” are written in a direct style, not as “stair, turning”. The inverted term is included in the index with a reference to the direct term.

In the preparation of this document it was recognized that there are many types of stair that are variants of those included, for example, types of turning stair and quarter turn stair, half turn stair, three-quarter turn stair, double half turn stairs. In the same way combinations of types of stair exist and are not included. Similarly variations apply to steps, strings and other parts and characteristics of stair. Only the most important commonly used terms are included.