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Part 5: Specification for VDT workstations

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Foreword

This Part of BS 7179 has been produced under the direction of the Personal Safety Equipment Standards Policy Committee.

This Part of BS 7179 specifies the ergonomics requirements for visual display terminals (VDT) workstations used in office tasks. Its purpose is to promote the health and safety of VDT users and to ensure that they can operate VDT equipment efficiently and comfortably. In practice, this can only be achieved by careful design of the VDTs themselves, the workstations and working environments in which they are used and the way the VDT work is designed, organized and managed.

The overall design of the workstation, if designed appropriately, can facilitate efficient operation of the VDT and encourage the user to adopt a comfortable and healthy working posture. This Part of BS 7179 is concerned with the design of the workstation immediately surrounding and supporting the VDT equipment.

Other Parts of this standard are:

- *Part 1: Introduction;*
- *Part 2: Recommendations for office VDT tasks;*
- *Part 3: Specification for visual displays;*
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