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National foreword

This Subsection of this Part of BS AU 50 has been prepared by Technical Committee AUE/4 and supersedes BS AU 50-1-1.1a:1995, which is withdrawn. It is identical with ISO 4000-1:1995 *Passenger car tyres and rims — Part 1: Tyres (metric series)*, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

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- *Part 2: Wheels and rims;*
- *Part 3: Valves;*
- *Part 4: Rim profiles and dimensions.*

Cross-references

International standard	Corresponding British Standard
ISO 31-0:1992	BS 5775 <i>Specification for quantities, units and symbols</i> Part 0:1993 <i>General principles</i> (Identical)
ISO 4000-2:1994	BS AU 50 <i>Tyre and wheels</i> Part 4 <i>Rim profiles and dimensions</i> Section 1 <i>Car rims</i> Subsection 1.1:1995 <i>Specification for metric series rims</i>

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This standard has been updated (see copyright date) and may have had amendments incorporated. This will be indicated in the amendment table on the inside front cover.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4000 specifies the designation, dimensions and load ratings of the metric series of tyres primarily intended for passenger cars. ISO 4000-2 deals with requirements for rims.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 4000. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 4000 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

- ISO 31-0:1992, *Quantities and units — Part 0: General principles.*
- ISO 3877-1:1978, *Tyres, valves and tubes — List of equivalent terms — Part 1: Tyres.*
- ISO 4000-2:1994, *Passenger car tyres and rims — Part 2: Rims.*
- ISO 4223-1:1989, *Definitions of some terms used in the tyre industry — Part 1: Pneumatic tyres.*

3 Definitions

For definitions of terms relating to tyres, see ISO 4223-1; equivalent terms are given in ISO 3877-1.

4 Tyre designation

4.1 Size and construction

The characteristics shall be indicated as follows:

Nominal section width	Nominal aspect ratio	Tyre construction code	Nominal rim diameter code
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4.1.1 Nominal section width

The nominal section width of the tyre shall be indicated in millimetres, ending either in 0 or 5, so that in any one series of tyres with the same nominal aspect ratio, the values shall all end with 0 or all end with 5.

For sizes mounted on 5° tapered (code-designated) rims, the nominal section width shall end with 5.

4.1.2 Nominal aspect ratio

The nominal aspect ratio shall be expressed as a percentage and shall be a multiple of 5.

4.1.3 Tyre construction code

The tyre construction code shall be as follows:

- B for bias-belted construction;
- D for diagonal construction;
- R for radial ply construction.

NOTE 1 Radial tyres designed for some existing vehicles with maximum speed capabilities in excess of 210 km/h or 240 km/h may be designated and marked differently. See annex C.

In the case of tyres designed for vehicles having a maximum speed capability in excess of 240 km/h, the code-letters “ZR” may be indicated in the dimensional and constructional characteristics for radial ply tyres in place of the tyre construction code R. (See also 4.2.)

For speeds in excess of 300 km/h, the tyres shall be marked with the code-letters “ZR”. (See annex C.)

NOTE 2 The use of another code letter (for example, in the case of a new construction type) should first be remitted to ISO for acceptance.

4.1.4 Nominal rim diameter code

For tyres mounted on 5° tapered (code-designated) rims, the code shall be as given in Table 1.

For tyres requiring new concept rims, for safety reasons especially concerning mounting, the code number shall be equal to the nominal rim diameter (D_r), expressed as a whole number of millimetres.

Table 1 — Nominal rim diameter code

Nominal rim diameter code	Nominal rim diameter, D_r mm
10	254
12	305
13	330
14	356
15	381
16	406
17	432
18	457
19	483

4.2 Service description

The service description shall be indicated as follows:

- Load index
- Speed symbol

For the special case of tyres designed for vehicles having a maximum speed capability in excess of 300 km/h, the indication of the service description is not required. For the maximum speed capability and the load capacity of the tyres, the tyre manufacturer concerned shall be consulted.

4.2.1 *Load index*

The maximum tyre load capacity corresponding to the service conditions specified by the tyre manufacturer shall be indicated by a load index taken from Table 2. This indication is understood to be per tyre for a single mounting.

4.2.2 *Speed symbol*

The speed category is assigned to a tyre to denote the maximum speed for which use of the tyre is rated.

The speed symbol shall be indicated by a letter taken from Table 3 corresponding to the speed category.

4.3 Other service characteristics

4.3.1 The word “TUBELESS” shall appear on the tyre to characterize tyres that can be used without a tube.

4.3.2 The letter “T” immediately in front of the tyre size designation shall be used to characterize high-pressure special temporary-use spare tyres.

4.3.3 Specific indications, if required, may be added to indicate:

- the type of vehicle for which the tyre is primarily designed, using the symbol “P”¹⁾;
- the temporary use of certain spare tyres using indications such as “TEMPORARY USE ONLY”;
- the bias-belted construction with the words “BIAS-BELTED”;
- the radial ply construction with the word “RADIAL”;
- the direction of mounting;
- the direction of rotation;
- the type of tread pattern;
- other characteristics.

¹⁾ This symbol may be used where there may be ambiguity regarding the tyre type. Where this optional marking is used, it should be so positioned that confusion cannot result from its proximity to any other service condition marking.

Table 2 — Correlation between load index (LI) and tyre load-carrying capacity (TLCC)

LI	TLCC kg	LI	TLCC kg	LI	TLCC kg	LI	TLCC kg
50	190	70	335	90	600	110	1 060
51	195	71	345	91	615	111	1 090
52	200	72	355	92	630	112	1 120
53	206	73	365	93	650	113	1 150
54	212	74	375	94	670	114	1 180
55	218	75	387	95	690	115	1 215
56	224	76	400	96	710	116	1 250
57	230	77	412	97	730	117	1 285
58	236	78	425	98	750	118	1 320
59	243	79	437	99	775	119	1 360
60	250	80	450	100	800	120	1 400
61	257	81	462	101	825		
62	265	82	475	102	850		
63	272	83	487	103	875		
64	280	84	500	104	900		
65	290	85	515	105	925		
66	300	86	530	106	950		
67	307	87	545	107	975		
68	315	88	560	108	1 000		
69	325	89	580	109	1 030		

NOTE 1 The maximum tyre load capacity corresponding to the load index applies for speeds up to and including 210 km/h. For speed symbol V tyres (between 210 km/h and 240 km/h), the maximum load capacity per tyre is to be reduced to the value corresponding to the following percentage:

- 100 % at 210 km/h;
- 97 % at 220 km/h;
- 94 % at 230 km/h;
- 91 % at 240 km/h.

Between these speeds, linear interpolation is permitted.

NOTE 2 In the case of speed symbol W and Y, the maximum load capacity per tyre corresponding to the load index applies for speeds up to and including 240 km/h for W and 270 km/h for Y.

For speed symbol W tyres (between 240 km/h and 270 km/h), the maximum load capacity per tyre is to be reduced to the value corresponding to the following percentage:

- 100 % at 240 km/h;
- 95 % at 250 km/h;
- 90 % at 260 km/h;
- 85 % at 270 km/h.

Between these speeds, linear interpolation is permitted.

For speed symbol Y tyres (between 270 km/h and 300 km/h), the maximum load capacity per tyre is to be reduced to the value corresponding to the following percentage:

- 100 % at 270 km/h;
- 95 % at 280 km/h;
- 90 % at 290 km/h;
- 85 % at 300 km/h.

Between these speeds, linear interpolation is permitted.

For ZR marked tyres and/or for speeds over 300 km/h, consult the tyre manufacturer concerned for the maximum tyre load capacity permitted in relation to the maximum speed allowed for the tyre.

Table 3 — Correlation between speed symbol and speed category

Speed symbol	Speed category km/h
J	100
K	110
L	120
M	130
N	140
P	150
Q	160
R	170
S	180
T	190
U	200
H	210
V	240
W	270
Y ^a	300
NOTE This list is not restrictive; other categories may be added later.	
^a Radial ply tyres designed for operations at speeds in excess of 300 km/h are to be identified by means of code-letters ZR in the “dimensional and constructional” characteristics in place of the tyre construction code. For these tyres, consult the tyre manufacturers concerned for the maximum speed capability.	

5 Marking

The marking shall consist of:

- the designation of the size and construction;
- the designation of service condition characteristics;²⁾
- the designation of other service characteristics.

The location of the marking of the load and speed characteristics shall be distinct, but near the marking of the size and construction.

No location is specified for the markings related to other service characteristics (see 4.3).

EXAMPLE 1

A tyre having

- a size and construction of:
 - nominal section width 165 mm,
 - nominal aspect ratio 80,
 - radial ply construction,
 - nominal rim diameter code 15;

b) service description of:

- load index (LI) 87, corresponding to a tyre load-carrying capacity of 545 kg,
- speed symbol H, corresponding to a speed category of 210 km/h;

c) other service characteristics:

- TUBELESS: tyre to be used without a tube; shall be marked as follows:

**165/80 R 15 87 H
TUBELESS**

NOTE 3 See annex D for other existing size markings.

EXAMPLE 2

A tyre marked

225/45 ZR 16

has the following characteristics:

- nominal section width 225 mm;
- nominal aspect ratio 45;
- radial ply construction tyre designed for operations at speeds in excess of 240 km/h (code letters “ZR”);
- nominal rim diameter code corresponding to 406 mm (code 16).

NOTE 4 See annex C for special cases of radial tyres designed for speeds in excess of 210 km/h.

6 Tyre dimensions

Except for the cases in 6.1.1 and 6.1.2, the formula-derived values for tyre dimensions are to be rounded to the nearest millimetre. For rounding, see ISO 31-0.

NOTE 5 Dimensions are expressed in millimetres.

6.1 Calculation of “design tyre” dimensions

6.1.1 Theoretical rim width, R_{th}

The theoretical rim width, R_{th} , is equal to the product of the nominal section width, S_N , and the rim/section ratio, K_1 :

$$R_{th} = K_1 S_N$$

For tyres mounted on 5° rims (code-designated) with nominal rim diameter expressed by a two-figure code,

$K_1 = 0,7$ for tyres having nominal aspect ratio (H/S) from 50 to 95 inclusive;

$K_1 = 0,85$ for tyres having nominal aspect ratio (H/S) from 30 to 45 inclusive.

Other K_1 values will be defined later for other tyre and rim types.

²⁾ See special cases in 4.1.3 and 4.2.