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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 7422 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 177, *Caravans*.

Annex A forms an integral part of this International Standard.

Leisure accommodation vehicles — Caravans — Habitation requirements

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies certain functional requirements for habitation aspects of caravans that conform with national and/or international regulations for road vehicles, and certain safety requirements; the clauses dealing with these latter aspects are identified by heavy type. It does not deal with leisure accommodation vehicles used for permanent residential accommodation nor with the road vehicle aspects of caravans; nor does it specify requirements for commercial trailers, trailer tents or motor caravans. It does not cover requirements relating to payloads; requirements for these will be covered at a later stage.

NOTE 1 This International Standard is one of a series for the habitation aspects of leisure accommodation vehicles.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard 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 7237:1981, *Road vehicles — Masses and dimensions of caravans — Terms and definitions.*

ISO 7418:1989, *Leisure accommodation vehicles — Vocabulary.*

ISO 7419:1991, *Leisure accommodation vehicles — Ventilation requirements.*

ISO 7420:1987, *Leisure accommodation vehicles — Oil-fired heating systems.*

ISO 7421:1991, *Leisure accommodation vehicles — Liquefied petroleum gas systems.*

ISO 8818:1988, *Leisure accommodation vehicles — Caravans — 12 V direct current extra low voltage electrical installations.*

IEC 364-7-708:1988, *Electrical installations of buildings — Part 7: Particular requirements for special installations or locations — Section 708: Electrical installations in caravan parks and caravans.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 7237 and ISO 7418 apply.

4 Construction and design

Materials used in the construction of caravans should comply with the requirements of relevant ISO standards. The structure should be rainproof both when the caravan is stationary and when it is in motion. In particular, the floor should be proof against the penetration of water thrown up from the road when the caravan is in motion and, when it is stationary, from moisture rising from the ground.

4.1 Occupancy

The occupancy of a caravan shall be designated as the number of berths provided, both basic berths and optional, additional, berths.

4.2 Rigidity

When stationary and with all corner steadies extended to the ground, an upward thrust of 1500 N applied to one corner steady shall not cause a caravan to distort to an extent that would make any door or window difficult to open.

4.3 Corner steadies

Every caravan shall be equipped with four steadies, one at each corner. These shall be retractable, adjustable in height, and each shall be capable, when extended, of carrying a load of not less than 25 % of the maximum manufacturer's total mass of the caravan. An adjusting tool shall be provided.

NOTE 2 Corner steadies, either separately or together, should not be used to raise the caravan so that one or more of its wheels are clear of the ground, unless it is stated in the User's Handbook that the steadies are designed for that purpose.

4.4 Grab handles

Four external grab handles for manoeuvring the caravan shall be fixed externally to the bodywork, one on each side at the front and rear. The hand clearance aperture shall be not less than 30 mm × 120 mm. Each grab handle when fitted shall be capable of withstanding a force of 600 N, applied to the grip at right angles to the fixing screws or attachment points, and a force of 1000 N, applied to the grip in line with the fixing screws or attachment points.

4.5 Awning attachment

4.5.1 Provision of attachment

Every caravan shall be provided with an attachment, such as an awning channel, for securing an awning.

4.5.2 Awning channel

The sizes of an awning channel shall be as shown in figure 1. The jaws shall be free from burrs which obstruct the insertion of the awning. Junctions of channels shall be aligned and shall be free from burrs.

4.6 Entrance step

If an entrance to a caravan is fitted with a step as a fixture, the step, when in position for use together with its method of fixing, shall reveal no permanent deformation after the application of a load of 2000 N on a surface of 100 mm × 150 mm, irrespective of the zone of application.

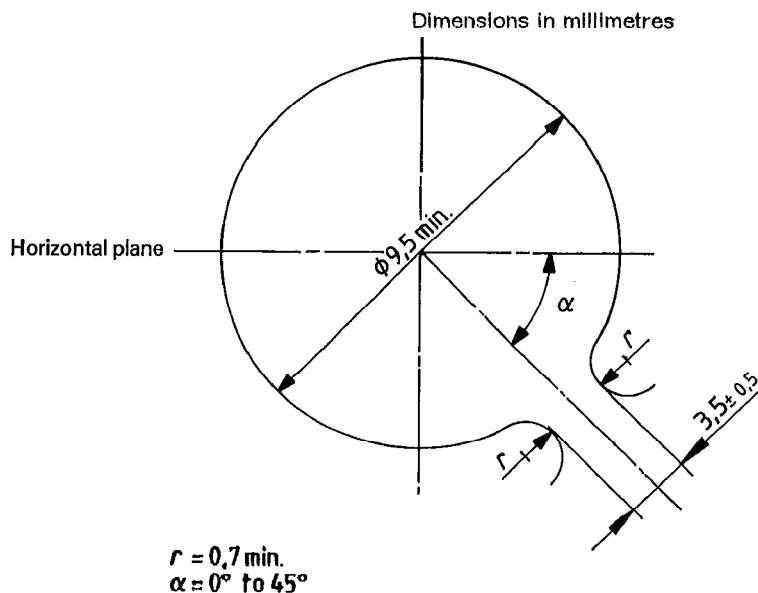


Figure 1 — Sizes of awning channel

4.7 Doors

4.7.1 Sizes

Door openings shall have a minimum clear height of 1650 mm and a minimum clear width of 500 mm, except for folding caravans for which the minimum clear height shall be 1360 mm.

4.7.2 Securing of doors

All doors, including sliding doors, both external and internal, shall be equipped with a securing or locking device capable of keeping the door closed when subjected to all forces caused by movement of the caravan. Single-leaf doors in the side of a caravan shall be hinged on the forward edge.

4.7.3 Double doors

When hinged double doors are fitted on the side of a caravan, the forward leaf shall overlap the rear leaf, which shall be fitted with a locking bolt.

4.7.4 Positioning of entrance doors

If a caravan has only one entrance door, it shall be fitted at the rear end of the caravan or on the side furthest from the centre of the highway (depending on the country of sale) when the caravan is being towed. If a caravan has more than one exterior door, then at least one door shall be fitted in one or other of those positions.

4.7.5 Childproof locks

An entrance door which is on the side nearest to the centre of the highway (depending on the country of sale) when the caravan is being towed shall be fitted with a childproof lock.

4.8 Rooflights

Rooflights and their fittings shall be such that they cannot work loose when the caravan is in motion. A mosquito net shall be provided internally.

4.9 Floor openings

Openings in a floor, for example for ventilation, shall be protected to prevent the ingress of water sprayed up from below.

5 Internal equipment (when provided)

5.1 Beds and bunks

5.1.1 Sizes

The length and width of all bed and bunk mattresses, when in position ready for use, shall be stated clearly in the manufacturer's catalogue. These sizes shall have a tolerance of ± 20 mm. Where bunks are provided without mattresses, the overall size of the length and width of the bunk shall be stated.

When the shape of the mattress is irregular, it should be illustrated, with relevant sizes indicated.

5.1.2 Vertical spacing of bunks

When the height between floor and ceiling is less than 1900 mm, no more than one bunk shall be installed above another.

5.1.3 Clearances for bunks

The minimum width of bunks between supports shall not be less than 500 mm and the minimum clear height between the top of a lower mattress and the base of an upper bunk shall be 500 mm. The checking of the clear height shall be carried out with a uniformly distributed mass of 75 kg on the mattress.

5.1.4 Upper bunks

Steps shall be provided to give access to upper bunks and a guard-rail shall be fitted along the outer side of an upper bunk for a distance of 600 mm from the head of the bunk.

5.2 Food storage

5.2.1 Capacity

Storage for foods shall be by means of a cupboard, ventilated to the external air, of a capacity of not less than 50 l, by a refrigerator of similar capacity, fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, or by a cupboard or refrigerator with a combined total capacity of not less than 50 l.

5.2.2 Space for refrigerator

When a refrigerator is not provided but space is allowed for one to be fitted, this shall be stated in the User's Handbook, together with the sizes of the space and details of any provisions made for the connection of a refrigerator to the gas and/or electricity installation.

5.3 Wardrobes

5.3.1 Design

Wardrobes shall be designed to prevent damage to clothes.

5.3.2 Capacity

Except for semi-rigid folding caravans, the horizontal dimension at right angles to the rail shall have a minimum size of 500 mm. Beneath the hanging rail, for at least 200 mm along its length, there shall be a clear height of 1 100 mm. Caravans described as "all seasons" shall have a minimum size of 390 mm for the horizontal dimension along the hanging rail, plus 70 mm for each additional person over three.

5.4 Shelves and dividers

5.4.1 High-level cupboards

Storage shelves in kitchens and in high-level cupboards elsewhere, shall have a means of preventing the contents from sliding out.

5.4.2 Roof lockers

Roof lockers exceeding 1,25 m in length shall be fitted with dividers such that each compartment so formed does not exceed 1,25 m.

5.5 Tables

A table or tables shall provide at least as many places as there are berths, including optional ones. A width of 450 mm per place shall be allowed.