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Lighting and Marking of Construction, Earthmoving Machinery

This SAE Standard differs technically from ISO 12509 in Scope and Application.

1. Scope

This SAE Standard establishes minimum requirements for lighting and marking earthmoving construction machinery as defined in SAE J1116, 1.1 Self-Propelled Construction Machines—Earthmoving (excluding excavators).

(Construction machinery is normally operated off-highway, and therefore this SAE document is not intended to be used as a basis for regulations by those having authority over on-highway motor vehicles.)

1.1 Rationale

Purpose—The Standard was revised to delete cited documents that have been cancelled since the last rewrite and to add clarity to Table 1.

2. References**2.1 Applicable Publications**

The following publications form a part of the specification to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise indicated the latest revision of SAE publications shall apply.

2.1.1 SAE PUBLICATIONS

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or 724-776-4970 (outside USA), www.sae.org.

SAE J585—Tail Lamps (Rear Position Lamps) for Use on Motor Vehicles Less than 2032 mm in Width

SAE J586—Stop Lamps for Use on Motor Vehicles Less than 2032 mm in Overall Width

SAE J594—Reflex Reflectors

SAE J1116—Categories of Off-Road Self-Propelled Work Machines

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2.2 Related Publications

The following publications are provided for information purposes only and are not a required part of this document.

2.2.1 ANSI/ASAE PUBLICATION

Available from either ASABE, 2950 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085-9659, Tel: 269-429-0300, www.asabe.org or from ANSI, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036-8002, Tel: 212-642-4900, www.ansi.org.

ANSI/ASAE S276.5—Lighting and Marking of Agricultural Equipment on Highways

2.2.2 ISO PUBLICATIONS

Available from ANSI, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036-8002, Tel: 212-642-4900, www.ansi.org.

ISO 3450—Earth-moving machinery—Braking systems of rubber tyred machines—Systems and performance requirements and test procedures

ISO 12509—Earth-moving machinery—Lighting, signaling and marking lights, and reflex-reflector devices

3. Requirements

3.1 Forward Lighting

3.1.1 This section applies to the lighting requirements for illuminating the area directly ahead of the machine when operated in its normal direction of travel at its maximum level surface speed.

3.1.2 At least two headlamps: two general service lamps or two floodlamps shall be used. They shall be so located as to be visible from the entire length of a line located 15 m in front of, and extending 7 m to either side of the centerline of the machine.

3.1.3 Forward lighting shall provide adequate illumination for a distance that exceeds the machine stopping distance. Adequate forward visibility with various work tool attachments shall be considered when positioning the forward lighting on the machine. Stopping distance from the machine maximum level surface speed shall include the distance traveled during the operator reaction time interval added to the braking distance. The distance traveled during a 1.5 s operator reaction time interval can be computed by Equation 1:

$$\text{Distance (m)} = 0.4167 \times \text{km/h} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

3.1.4 Candela requirements for stopping from machine maximum level surface speed for headlamps shall be equal to or greater than the values stated in Table 1. Headlamps shall be aimed so that the portion of highest intensity of the beam intercepts the terrain at that distance ahead of the machine that equals the stopping distance from the maximum machine level surface speed.

**TABLE 1—CANDELA REQUIREMENTS FOR STOPPING FROM MACHINE
MAXIMUM LEVEL SURFACE SPEED⁽¹⁾**

Stopping Distance in meters from Maximum Machine Rated Speed	Minimum Required Candela cd
Up to 30	2493
Up to 45	5609
Up to 60	9972
Up to 75	15581
Up to 90	22437
Up to 105	30539
Up to 120	39888
Up to 135	50483
Up to 150	62325

1. This table was derived from the formula:

$$[\text{Stopping Distance (m)}]^2 \times 2.77 \text{ (lux)} = \text{Minimum Candela}$$

In general, the effective candela of two lamps will be nearly equal to the sum of the candela of the two lamps if both are carefully aimed to intercept the terrain at the same distance. When four lamps are used with provision for dimming, the low beams are normally aimed for a distance closer to the machine than the high beams. When this scheme is used, only the high beam candela portion should be considered to satisfy the value of Table 1.

- 3.1.5 When lamp units are used as dedicated high beams (aimed for optimum distance vision) provision for dimming is recommended to restrict glare to acceptable limits.

3.2 Work Area Lighting

- 3.2.1 The following guidelines should be used by the manufacturer, distributor, and end user to select lamps for proper illumination of the work area and the intended machine work application.
- 3.2.2 Flood lamps are recommended for general illumination of the work tool area of the machines.
- 3.2.3 General service lamps are recommended for general illumination of areas a short distance from the machine. Typical usage: Rubber-tired loader and backhoe loader, grader, and tractor front lamp.
- 3.2.4 On certain machines capable of reversing speeds equal to or greater than forward maximum level surface speeds, rear work area lighting may include lamps that meet the general requirements in 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5.

3.3 Rear Lighting Equipment

- 3.3.1 This section specifies the types of lighting equipment to be used to identify rubber-tired machines when at their normal job site. Lighting equipment should have performance equal to or greater than that specified by SAE J586 for stop lamps and SAE J585 for tail lamps.