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Determining Seat Index Point

This SAE Standard is technically equivalent to ISO 5353, and uses it as the guide, except without its H-Point annex.

1. Scope—This SAE Standard specifies a method and the device for use in determining the position of the Seat Index Point (SIP) for any kind of seat.

1.1 Purpose—This SAE document provides a uniform method for defining the location of the SIP in relation to some fixing point on the seat.

1.2 Field of Application—This SAE document is applicable to seats designed for off-road self-propelled machines. The SIP can be determined on a seat by itself or with the seat located in its operating environment on the machine. The SIP is a characteristic of the seat; therefore, it can be specified by the seat manufacturer.

1.3 Rationale—This document has been reaffirmed to comply with the SAE 5-Year Review policy.

2. References

2.1 Applicable Publication—The following publication forms a part of the specification to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise indicated the latest revision of SAE publications shall apply.

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

ISO 5353:1978—Earth-moving machinery, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry—Seat Index Point. Amendment 0:1981. Amendment 02:1984.

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 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 J826 MAY87—Devices for Use in Defining and Measuring Vehicle Seating Accommodations

SAE J899 DEC88—Operator's Seat Dimensions for Off-Road Self-Propelled Work Machines

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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 3462:1980—Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry—Seat reference point—Method of determination

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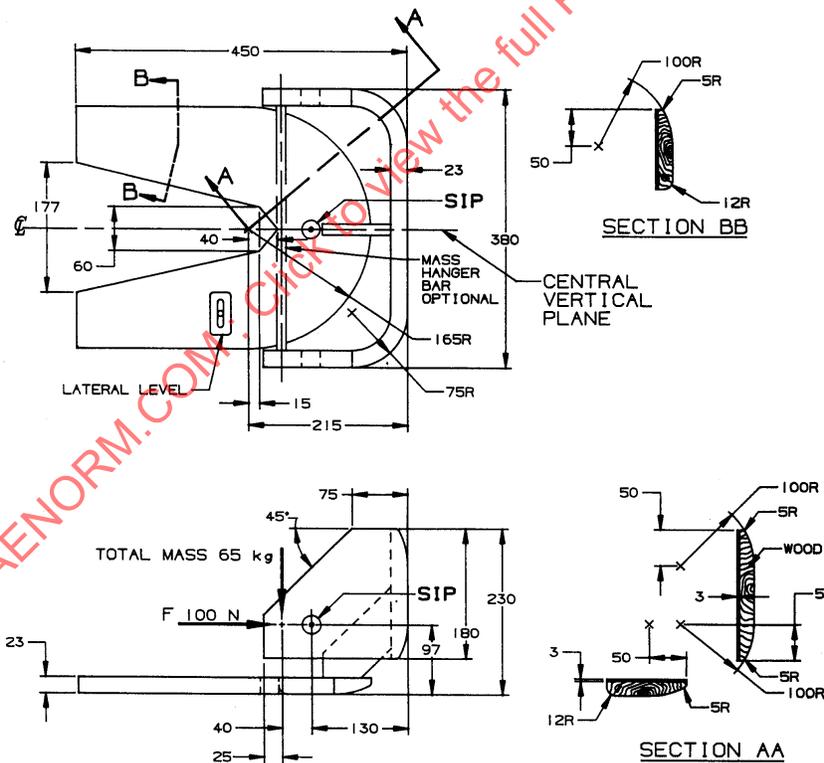
2.2.3 BRITISH STANDARDS—Available from British Standards Institute, Customer Services, 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL, United Kingdom, Tel: +44-0-20-8996-9001, www.bsi-global.com.

BSI Document 75/13289—Seat Index Point—18 December 1975

3. Definitions

3.1 **Seat Index Point (SIP)**—The point on the central vertical plane as determined by the device shown in Figure 1 when installed in the seat as specified in 4.3.

The SIP as established and defined by this SAE document can be considered, for operator work place design purposes, to be equivalent to the intersection on the central vertical plane through the seat centerline of the theoretical pivot axis between a human torso and thighs.



(LINEAR DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS)

FIGURE 1—SEAT INDEX POINT DEVICE

3.2 Fixing Point—The fixing point is a point that is specified by the manufacturer to which the SIP is referenced. See Figure 2 for an example.

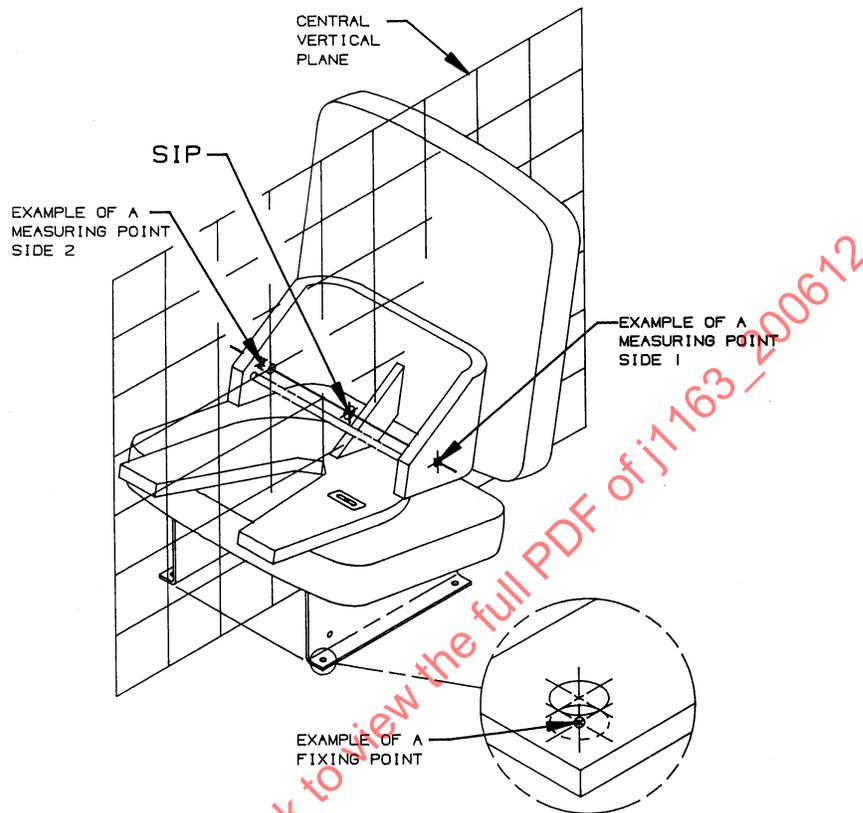


FIGURE 2—SEAT WITH SIP DEVICE

3.3 Multiple Function Seats—Some seats are designed to locate and fix an operator to perform more than one function with a given machine, e.g., Backhoe/Loader, where, facing in one direction the loading function is performed and in a rotated position, the backhoe function is performed.

4. Technical Requirements

4.1 Device for Determining of Seat Index Point (SIP)—The device for determining the SIP shall comply with Figure 1. The mass of the device shall be $6 \text{ kg} \pm 1 \text{ kg}$. The work surfaces of the device shall be of hardwood that has been sanded with 200 or finer grit paper or the equivalent and polished to provide minimum friction with the muslin cloth mentioned in 4.3.1.3.

4.2 Adjustment of Seat When Determining the Seat Index Point—When the relevant adjustments are a part of the seat and its suspension, the seat shall be adjusted according to the following sequential steps before determining the SIP:

4.2.1 SEAT ADJUSTMENT—All fore, aft, vertical, and angular adjustments shall be placed in their center position. When no center position is possible, the nearest adjustment that will move the SIP device upward or rearward of center shall be used.

4.2.2 SUSPENSION SYSTEM—Block the suspension system according to the manufacturer's instruction. If such instruction is not provided, block the suspension system at the midpoint of its oscillation range.

4.3 Method of Determining the Seat Index Point (SIP)—The SIP shall be determined by using the device illustrated in Figure 1 and applying the following procedures:

4.3.1 SEAT CUSHION PREPARATION—Allow sufficient time to insure the seat reaches a room temperature of $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ before starting the measurement procedure.

4.3.1.1 The seat shall be on a level surface.

4.3.1.2 A 68 to 79 kg person shall sit in the seat twice for 1 min intervals to flex the seat and back cushions. The seat should remain unloaded for a minimum period of 30 min before starting the measurement procedure.

4.3.1.3 Cover the seat with a single layer of muslin cloth of sufficient size to prevent direct contact and minimize friction between the cushion surfaces and the measurement device. Care must be taken to prevent the cloth from influencing the positioning of the device.

4.3.2 DEVICE PLACEMENT—Place the device, without additional masses, laterally central on the seat cushion, pushing against the back cushion. See Figure 2.

4.3.2.1 Add masses to bring the total mass of the device from $6\text{ kg} \pm 1$ to $26\text{ kg} \pm 1$; the vertical force center of the added masses shall be 40 mm in front of the SIP mark on the horizontal section of the device. See Figure 1.

4.3.2.2 To obtain a good fit between the seat cushion, the back cushion, and the SIP measuring device, alternately apply and release a horizontal and rearward force of approximately 100 N at the location noted in Figure 1, and rock the device from side to side.

4.3.2.3 Add further masses to bring the total mass of the device from $26\text{ kg} \pm 1$ kg to $65\text{ kg} \pm 1$ kg.

NOTE—A 75 kg operator approximates the 65 kg weighted device on the seat.

4.3.2.4 Repeat the alternate loading, releasing, and the rocking of the device as defined in 4.3.2.2, checking to make sure the device is laterally central and level on the seat.

4.3.3 MEASUREMENT—Measurements shall be made on each side of the SIP measuring device at points equal distance from the central vertical plane. See Figure 2. Average the values. Record within ± 1 mm the coordinate dimensions of the SIP from the fixing point on the seat assembly, see Figure 3, that is defined by the manufacturer.

4.3.4 MULTIPLE FUNCTION SEATS—If the location of the SIP relative to the fixing point cannot be readily calculated, then repeat 4.2 and 4.3 for each of the positions.

4.4 Report—The report shall include the following information:

- a. Reference to this SAE document.
- b. Any test conditions or adjustments different from those specified in this SAE document shall be fully described.
- c. A drawing or sketch of the seat assembly showing the coordinate dimensions between the fixing point and the SIP. See Figure 3 for an example.
- d. Description of the seat adjustment ranges available relevant to 4.2.