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### **Part 1: Double lane-change**

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International Standard ISO 3888-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Vehicle dynamics and road-holding ability*.

It cancels and replaces ISO/TR 3888:1975. Due to the subjective nature of the test, only the dimensions for a severe double lane-change track have been retained from ISO/TR 3888 for this part of ISO 3888. This should result in more comparable measurements when used for investigations on vehicle dynamics. The principle and examples of tests on severe lane-change manoeuvres specified in ISO/TR 3888 have been included in ISO 3888-1 for information (see annex A).

ISO 3888 consists of the following parts, under the general title, *Road vehicles — Test procedure for a severe lane-change manoeuvre*:

- *Part 1: Double lane-change*
- *Part 2: Obstacle avoidance*

Annex A of this part of ISO 3888 is for information only.

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## Introduction

The severe lane-change manoeuvre is a well-known test method which is generally used for subjective evaluation of vehicle dynamics.

The severe lane-change manoeuvre test method was previously described in a Technical Report (ISO/TR), and until now has not been dealt with in an International Standard. The reason for this was that the driver has a great influence on test results. The test method itself has now been placed in an informative annex, permitting the specification for the test track to be published as an International Standard. No closed-loop test has so far been specified in an International Standard for the purpose of investigating vehicle dynamics.

Since test performed on the severe lane-change track quantifies only a small part of complete handling characteristics, the results obtained on this test track can only be considered significant for a correspondingly small aspect of overall vehicle-dynamics behaviour. Therefore, it is not possible to use this part of ISO 3888 and test results for regulation purposes.

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## Part 1: Double lane-change

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3888 specifies the dimensions of the test track for a closed-loop test method to subjectively determine a double lane-change which is one part of the vehicle dynamics and road-holding ability of passenger cars. It is applicable to passenger cars as defined in ISO 3833. It is also applicable to light commercial vehicles up to a gross vehicle mass of 3,5 t.

### 2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 3888. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 3888 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3833:1977, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions*.

### 3 Term and definition

For the purposes of this part of ISO 3888 the following term and definition apply.

#### 3.1

##### **vehicle width**

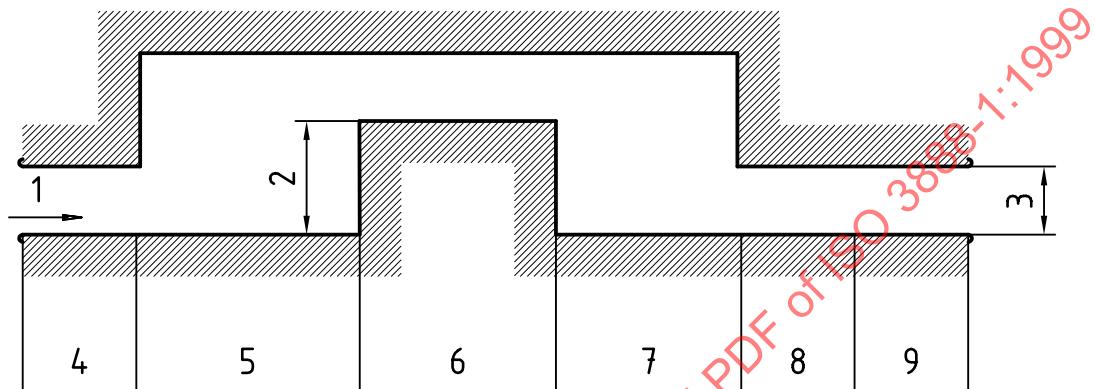
overall width of the vehicle without rear view mirrors

## 4 Specifications

### 4.1 Dimensions of the double lane-change track

Track dimensions for a double lane-change are represented in Figure 1 and specified in Table 1. The vehicle to be tested is driven through this track.

The lengths of track sections are fixed. The widths are a function of vehicle width. The total length of the track shall be 125 m.



#### Key

1	Driving direction	4	Section 1	7	Section 4
2	Lane offset	5	Section 2	8	Section 5
3	Width	6	Section 3	9	Section 6

Figure 1 — Double lane-change track and designation of sections

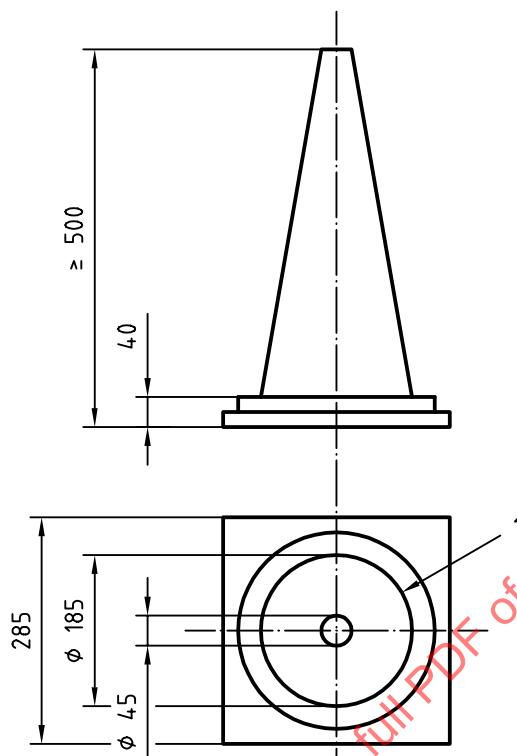
Table 1 — Dimensions of the double lane-change track

Section	Length	Lane offset	Dimensions in metres	
			Width	
1	15	—	$1,1 \times \text{vehicle width} + 0,25$	
2	30	—	—	
3	25	3,5	$1,2 \times \text{vehicle width} + 0,25$	
4	25	—	—	
5	15	—	$1,3 \times \text{vehicle width} + 0,25$	
6	15	—	$1,3 \times \text{vehicle width} + 0,25$	

### 4.2 Marking of the double lane-change track

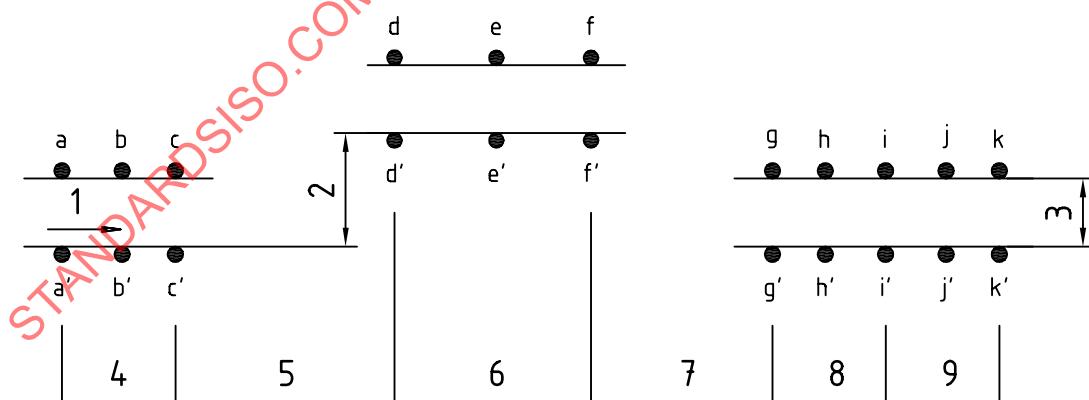
The double lane-change track shall be marked with cones of minimum height 500 mm; suitable cones are depicted in Figure 2. The cones shall be placed at points specified by Figure 3, and the track limits shall be tangential to the base circles of the cones.

Dimensions in millimetres

**Key**

1 Base circle of cone

**Figure 2 — Cone used for marking double lane-change track**

**Key**

1 Driving direction	4 Section 1	7 Section 4
2 Lane offset	5 Section 2	8 Section 5
3 Width	6 Section 3	9 Section 6

**Figure 3 — Placing of cones for marking the double lane-change track**

## Annex A (informative)

### Test method

#### A.1 Severe double lane-change manoeuvre

##### A.1.1 Principle

The severe double lane-change manoeuvre is a dynamic process consisting of rapidly driving a vehicle from its initial lane to another lane parallel to the initial lane, and returning to the initial lane, without exceeding lane boundaries.

##### A.1.2 Use as an evaluation method for certain aspects of road-holding ability

The basic idea in the choice of the severe lane-change manoeuvre in the year 1970 was to create a test method for transient road-holding ability with which the closed control loop could be tested in a situation encountered in traffic.

Originally the proposed test seemed to be suitable for this purpose since the driver was not only to observe the given lanes but also to select the vehicle path within the track limits.

This process, which could be described as a type of anticipatory control, is of great importance for the behaviour of the system "driver-vehicle-environment" in actual driving situations. Here, the task is nearly always to select a proper course and to keep on it with certain accuracy given the situation.

##### A.1.3 Problems

In trying to keep the test method as simple as possible, the passing time through the course was first proposed as the sole evaluation criterion. Numerous comparative tests in different countries led to the conclusion that this criterion was insufficient. For this reason, numerous measurements were subsequently made in which the vehicle input values and the relevant responses of the vehicle, together with the subjective evaluation by the drivers, were covered by different criteria.

The evaluation of all tests gave in detail the following results and demonstrated the following problems:

- although the test was developed for testing lateral dynamics, it was found that the longitudinal dynamics (usability of the engine power) had a strong influence, which explained a considerable amount of scatter in the data and thus reflected on the results;
- the elimination of longitudinal dynamics did not lead to the desired result in the correlation between individual measured values and subjective evaluation criteria;
- the different paths followed in different tests also brought about a considerable amount of scatter in the data and thus the results.

##### A.1.4 Consequences

For the reasons given in A.1.2 to A.1.3, this International Standard defines only the dimensions of the test track for subjective evaluation of vehicle dynamics.