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## Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 1161:1984), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- added ISO 148-1 in [Clause 2](#);
- added mechanical properties and reference to heat treatment in [Clause 4](#);
- revised design load values for top, bottom and intermediate fittings in [5.1.1](#) to [5.1.3](#) in accordance with the maximum superimposed mass represented in ISO 1496-1;
- added [5.1.4](#);
- added interior walls, top and bottom plates as new compulsory features in [5.2](#);
- added new compulsory markings in [Clause 7](#);
- added [Clause 8](#);
- added interior wall thickness and bottom plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 1 a](#));
- added interior wall thickness and bottom plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 2 a](#));
- added interior wall thickness and top plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 3 a](#));
- added interior wall thickness and top plate thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 4 a](#));
- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 1 b](#));
- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 2 b](#));
- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 3 b](#));

- added wall thickness, hitherto unspecified in [Figure 4 b](#));
- revised diagram for internal lashing in [Figure 5](#);
- removed existing [Annex A](#), “Examples of overall dimensions of box-shaped corner fittings”;
- added new [Annex A](#), “Testing methodology”;
- removed Annex C “Guide on the choice of sizes for, and the positioning of, twistlock tie-down devices for securing series 1 freight containers to carrying vehicles” (intent to transfer to ISO 3874 as more appropriate home for this information).

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 1161:1984/Amd 1:2007 and the Technical Corrigendum ISO 1161:1984/Cor 1:1990.

## Introduction

This International Standard on corner fittings is the result of the efforts of technical and operational personnel drawn from all phases of the transportation industry. The figures show the fittings for the top and bottom corners of series 1 freight containers which will provide compatibility in interchange between transportation modes. Care has been taken to limit consideration only to those details vital to this function.

The size and configuration of corner and intermediate fitting apertures are specified. The faces of the corner and intermediate fittings having apertures for the engagement of handling and securing devices have specified thickness and tolerances as shown in [Figures 1 to 4](#). The minimum thickness of the blank walls is specified even though they are not involved in the engagement of the handling and securing devices; they can be thicker than the minimum provided that their inner surfaces do not protrude into the corner fitting cavity reserved for the engaging device.

The purpose of this International Standard is to define some details of design vital to container interchange in automatic, semi-automatic and conventional systems.

The strength and testing requirements specified in this International Standard do not take any account of the stresses which can result from the practice of end-to-end coupling of containers.

NOTE The requirements of this International Standard do not preclude the Provision of additional facilities for lifting either from the top or at the base of the freight container.

# Series 1 freight containers — Corner and intermediate fittings — Specifications

## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the basic dimensions and the functional and strength requirements of corner and intermediate fittings for series 1 freight containers, i.e. containers which conform to ISO 668 and ISO 1496 (all parts) with the exception of air mode containers (see ISO 8323).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1496-1, *Series 1 freight containers — Specification and testing — Part 1: General cargo containers for general purposes*

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

## 3 Dimensional requirements

### 3.1 General

**3.1.1** The dimensions and tolerances of the corner and intermediate fittings shall conform to [Figures 1](#) to [4](#).

Each series 1 container shall have two right-hand top corner fittings (on the right as the observer faces either end of the container) and two left-hand top corner fittings which are the mirror image of the right-hand fittings.

The bottom corner fittings shall have a similar configuration except in respect of the end aperture.

Apart from the above, 45 ft containers shall have four top intermediate fittings in the 40 ft position [see [Figures 1](#) b) and [2](#) b)] and four bottom intermediate fittings in the 40 ft position [see [Figures 3](#) b) and [4](#) b)].

The corner fittings shown in [Figures 1](#) to [4](#) illustrate right-hand top and bottom fittings only; for the left-hand corner fittings, the dimensions are simply transposed.

### 3.2 Detailed dimensional and manufacturing requirements

**3.2.2** Where the dimensions are not specified for inner and outer edges of apertures, these edges shall be given a radius of:

$$3^{0}_{-1,5} \text{ mm} \left( 1 / 8^{0}_{-1/16} \text{ in} \right) \quad (1)$$

**3.2.3** At the junction of the two 6 mm (1/4 in) outside edge radii with the 14,5 mm (9/16 in) edge radius, the corner should be rounded by blending the radiused edges, removing minimum amounts of material from the flat outer faces and walls.