
**Reciprocating internal combustion
engines — Vocabulary —**

**Part 1:
Terms for engine design and operation**

Moteurs alternatifs à combustion interne — Vocabulaire —

*Partie 1: Termes relatifs à la conception et au fonctionnement du
moteur*





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Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary —

Part 1: Terms for engine design and operation

1 Scope

This document defines the basic terms relating to the design and operation of reciprocating internal combustion (RIC) engines.

Further terms relating to components and systems of RIC engines are defined in ISO 7967 (all parts), and performance is defined in ISO 15550, ISO 14396 and in ISO 3046 (all parts).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Main definitions

3.1.1

reciprocating internal combustion engine **RIC engine**

mechanism delivering shaft power by the conversion of fuel chemical energy into mechanical work during combustion in one or more cylinders in which working pistons reciprocate

Note 1 to entry: When such a mechanism does not deliver shaft power, but power in the form of hot gas, the mechanism is known as a free piston gas generator.

3.1.2

rotary engine

internal combustion engine with a rotor which makes eccentric circular movements around the engine centreline and reciprocates the intake-compression-expansion-exhaust cycle between the housing

Note 1 to entry: This is not a reciprocating internal combustion engine (RIC engine). It is listed for reference.

3.2 Definitions for RIC engines classified by ignition method

3.2.1

compression ignition engine

engine in which the ignition is obtained solely from the temperature of the cylinder contents, resulting from their compression(self-ignition)