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0 Introduction

Tests for grape-harvesting machinery are designed with a view to :

- a) assessing their performance, particularly with respect to :
 - quality of grapes and beverages produced therefrom;
 - exfoliation of grape-vines;
 - damage to vine-stock likely to affect subsequent pruning;
 - “visible” losses on grape-vine or ground;
 - loss of juice from crushed grapes;
- b) recording their performance in terms of operating time;
- c) observing their mechanical operation, reliability and performance on varying ground, and any possible effects on stake and wire arrangements.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies technical methods for testing grape-harvesting machinery, i.e. machines designed for carrying out all operations involved in grape-harvesting.

The method applies in cases where the grapes are used for wine making. It may also be applied in cases where the grapes are used for making other beverages (grape-juice, spirit-of-wine, etc.).

2 Definitions

2.1 operating time :

2.1.1 actual time : operating time of machine

2.1.2 additional time : turning, manoeuvring

2.1.3 idling time : stand-by periods, breakdowns

} = overall time

2.2 speed of travel : Length of rows travelled divided by actual time.

2.3 efficiency on site : Actual time divided by overall time.

2.4 overall time per unit of area : Overall time divided by area harvested.

2.5 output : Mass of grapes harvested divided by actual time.

3 Principle

Determination of the technological characteristics of the grape-harvesting machine under test and of the quality of the harvested grapes. Comparison of the quality of the wine obtained by appropriate means, using both chemical and sensory analyses, with that of the wine obtained from a manual harvest.

4 Apparatus

4.1 At the vineyard

The following list of apparatus is not exclusive.

4.1.1 Mechanical measurements

- reporting forms (see annexes B and C)
- revolution counter
- metre rule

4.1.2 Time measurements

- reporting forms (see annexes D, E and F)
- surveyor's plane-table
- ten-metre tape
- pegs
- chronometers
- impulse counter

4.1.3 Measurement of work quality

- reporting forms (see annexes G and H)
- impulse counter for counting damaged vines
- weighed buckets
- pruning shears
- grape containers
- roman scales
- precision scale
- bridge scale
- harvesting bins and tractors
- plastic bags
- labels
- calculators
- random tables and square tables
- camera.

4.2 At the wine-cellar

- all wine making equipment currently used in the district under consideration
- all relevant oenological apparatus.

5 Test procedure

5.1 At the vineyard

5.1.1 Mechanical measurements

With the machine at rest, carefully complete the form describing the machine (see annex B). With the machine running, record all relevant settings on the appropriate form (see annex C). Also complete the form describing the transport equipment (see annex F).

5.1.2 Time measurements

Prior to the test, complete the plot description form (see annex D), noting in particular the ground conditions (type, moisture content, slope) and draw a detailed sketch showing :

- the length of rows
- the number of vines per row
- the spacing of vines along each row and between rows
- width of headlands
- width of any service lanes
- distance from plot to cellar, indicating profile and state of track surface.

During the test, carry out a series of time measurements, recording any unusual features noted in the performance of work on the relevant form (see annex E).

During maintenance of the machine, record cleaning, lubricating, repair times, etc.

5.1.3 Measurement of work quality

5.1.3.1 Measurement of losses

For each variety of grape-vine and cultivation method to be tested, choose a plot as uniform¹⁾ as possible and count the total number of stocks (n_t)²⁾.

Assess the average produce per stock with an error $\leq 5\%$ with a probability of 95 %. For this purpose, determine the size n of the sample using the formula

$$n \geq 1\,764 \left(\frac{s}{\bar{x}} \right)^2 \quad \dots (1)$$

where $\bar{x}$ and s are the average error and the standard error obtained for a sample $n_c = 100$ stocks (at least 40), chosen at random and harvested entirely by hand, the produce from each vine being weighed separately.

Then harvest the $(n - n_c)$ vines chosen at random from the same plot, proceeding entirely by hand.

1) The method of determination of uniformity results from work of W. SNEDECOR and G. COCHRAN, *Statistical methods*, VI edition, Iowa State University Press.

2) For the purpose of this method and according to the cultivation method used, an item may be a single vine, one metre of row of vines or 1 m² of vineyard. In this International Standard, an item is taken to include one vine-stock. The test report and the annexes shall indicate which unit was used as an item in the measurements.

Check formula (1), taking the average error and the standard error obtained from the sample of n items for x and s , and repeat the procedure until the difference obtained is satisfactory. The last average obtained being taken as the required estimate, the mass of grapes per vine may be assumed to be :

$$M_0 = \bar{x}$$

Then check that

$$0,1 n_t \leq n \leq 0,2 n_t$$

where

n is the size of the sample considered;

n_t is the total number of grape-vines in the plot.

If the above condition is satisfied, calculate the significant value of the sample :

$$\frac{n}{n_t} \times 100$$

and record this value on the form (see annex I).

If not, select another, more uniform test plot.

Then proceed immediately to harvesting the remaining vines in the test plot using the machine under test, with all settings made by the manufacturer and checked by the tester.

On the bridge-scale, weigh the total harvest and determine the mass per stock M_1 of machine-harvested grapes.

The mass M_0 is equal to :

$$M_1 + M_2$$

where M_2 is the mass per stock of losses in various forms.

The losses M_2 can be subdivided as follows :

a) Loss directly measurable after the machine has passed, and consisting of :

- bunches or parts of bunches remaining on the grape-vine in the form of single grapes : m_0
- bunches, parts of bunches or single grapes fallen to the ground : m_1

b) Non-measurable losses consisting in juice not collected in the grape bin and lost for various reasons, mainly by dripping onto the ground or splashing onto different parts of the grape-vine, expelled leaves or the machine : m_2

M_1 , m_0 and m_1 can be accurately determined in the same way as M_0 , by calculating the size of the required sample using the method already applied in determining M_0 and checking a number of vines at random among those harvested by machine.

Determine m_2 by subtraction using the formula :

$$m_2 = M_0 - (M_1 + m_0 + m_1 + m_3)$$

where m_3 is the mass of stalks remaining on the vines.

During the mechanical harvest, take a sample of about 10 kg of grapes at the machine outlet.

From this sample, establish the percentage in mass of :

- bunches or fragments of bunches
- whole grapes
- whole stalks
- parts of stalks
- leaves
- other fragments
- free grape must.

5.1.3.2 Assessment of exfoliation

Assess exfoliation just before and immediately after the machine has passed, using the following marking system :

- 5 = foliage intact;
- 4 = slight exfoliation;
- 3 = medium exfoliation;
- 2 = severe exfoliation;
- 1 = very severe exfoliation;
- 0 = total exfoliation.

At the same time, make photographic records before and after the machine has passed.

5.1.3.3 Damage count

Count the occurrences of damage on a number of vines proportionally equivalent to 100 vines per hectare, selected at random, and report any damage likely to affect subsequent pruning operations.

5.2 At the wine-cellar

Using the machine-harvested grapes, carry out the necessary operations for making 8 hl of wine.

Compare this vinification with a simultaneous reference vinification using the same method (including transport) on the manual harvest obtained from the vines used to determine M_0 . If the harvest from these n vines does not produce the required 8 hl, carry out a further manual harvest from the same plot.

During the vinification process, carry out all oenological tests usually applied in that district, in particular the following :

- alcohol proof
- total acidity

- pH
- free acidity
- malolactic fermentation (yes/no)
- sulphur dioxide (free/total)
- dry extract
- metals content (iron, copper, sodium)
- colour (intensity, hue)
- oxygen reduction capacity
- oxydation rate
- tannin content

and complete the vinification process form, reporting in particular any change in density or temperature noted during fermentation (see annexes J and K).

On completion of the vinification process, compare the taste of the two wines.

For these oenological tests, apply the methods recognized by the Office international de la vigne et du vin (OIV), if any. Otherwise, state the methods used in the test report.

6 Expression of results

All units shall be those of the international system (SI), as applicable.

6.1 Operating time

- Overall time = $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{actual time} \\ + \\ \text{additional time} \\ + \\ \text{idling time} \end{array} \right.$
- Speed of travel

- Efficiency on site
- Overall time per unit of area
- Output.

6.2 Work quality

- Losses : total losses
loss of juice
- Exfoliation : Assessment mark 0 to 5
- Damage count, expressed in terms of 100 vines per hectare
- Matter remaining in the harvest at the machine outlet.

6.3 Oenological results

Note in particular any significant differences between the wine obtained from the mechanical harvest and the reference wine obtained from the manual harvest.

NOTE — As a rule, record all results in tabular form in order to facilitate subsequent comparisons.

7 Test report

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- a) all vineyard and cellar forms;
- b) the results obtained with an indication of their accuracy;
- c) any features not dealt with in this International Standard;
- d) any circumstances that may have affected the results, in particular any breakdowns and their duration.

In addition, the test report shall indicate the following :

- ease of cleaning and maintenance operations;
- safety performance.

Annex A

Summary of test procedure

- 1) Select the test plot.
(Complete form D.)
- 2) Record the dimensions and characteristics of the harvesting machine.
(Complete form B.)
- 3) Specify the transport facilities available.
(Complete first part of form F)
- 4) Determine the total number n_t of vines, the size of sample n and the average mass per stock M_0 .
(Complete form I.)
- 5) Transfer the manual harvest to the cellar for the reference vinification, if necessary together with the complementary harvest.
- 6) Carry out the mechanical harvest and record harvesting times (form E) and transport times (form F, second part).
- 7) During the mechanical harvesting, take the required samples and check the quality of the work (form G).
- 8) Check the losses (according to form H) by gathering by hand any grapes remaining on the mechanically harvested vines, grapes fallen to the ground, grapes on the vine (explored and non-explored areas) and any complete or broken grapeless stalks remaining on vines after the machine has passed.
- 9) Carry out the wine-making operations on both the mechanical and the manual harvests and complete the relevant forms (forms J and K).
- 10) Complete the overall results form (form L).

Annex B

Machine description form¹⁾

Manufacturer : Model : Serial No. :

Type :

— Straddler

☐

— Between rows

☐

a) Self-propelled

☐

b) Trailed, with power take-off

☐

c) Trailed, with auxiliary engine

☐

d) Half-carried

☐

e) Carried

☐

f) Other

☐

(Provide sketch of machine²⁾ giving characteristic dimensions, in particular the following) :

Dimensions²⁾

— Overall length :

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— Overall width :

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— Total height

max. :

min. :

— Ground clearance :

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— Headland circle :

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— Turning circle :

.....

Position of centre of gravity²⁾

— Height above ground :

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— Distance in front of

☐

the vertical plane containing

behind

☐

the drive wheels :

.....

or,

.....

— Distance from the plane parallel to and equidistant from

the median planes of both drive wheels :

.....

Total mass²⁾ :

Chassis frame

Tilt control

automatic

☐

manual

☐

Protective cabin

yes

☐

no

☐

1) Tick the appropriate boxes.
2) In the case of a carried or half-carried machine, the information provided (sketches, mass, dimensions, etc.) shall refer to the machine mounted on the appropriate tractor.

Engine (Types a, c)

Manufacturer and type :

Serial No. :

— Max. power of engine :

— at nominal speed of :

— Fuel type : petrol ☐
diesel ☐

— No. of cylinders :

— Tank capacity :

— Cooling system : water ☐
air ☐

Transmission (type a) mechanical ☐

— Clutch :

Gear box

No. of forward speeds :

No. of reverse speeds :

Rear axle :

locking differential : yes ☐ no ☐

Drive and steering system¹⁾

— Crawler ☐

— No. of segments :

Dimensions :
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— Track width :

— Track length :

— Assisted steering : yes ☐

Tractor (Types b, c, d, e, f)

Manufacturer and type :

Serial No. :

Crawler ☐ Wheels ☐

— Max. power of engine :

— at nominal speed of :

— Fuel type : petrol ☐
diesel ☐

— No. of cylinders :

— Tank capacity :

— Cooling system : water ☐
air ☐

combined ☐ hydraulic ☐

mechanical ☐ hydraulic ☐

Hydraulic motor

in the wheels : yes ☐ no ☐

Hydraulic cooling system :

yes ☐ no ☐

Capacity of transmission fluid tank :

— Wheels ☐

— No. of drive wheels :

Tyre characteristics :

Rated pressure :

— No. of wheels steered front :
rear :

Tyre characteristics :

Rated pressure :

— Front track width :

— Rear track width :

— Wheel base :

no ☐

1) In the case of a carried or half-carried machine, the information provided (sketches, mass, dimensions, etc.) shall refer to the machine mounted on the appropriate tractor.

Lighting

In the case of machines powered by a tractor :

Brakes

Brakes controlled from tractor seat : yes ☐ no ☒

Power take-off

Torque limiter yes ☒ no ☐

Harvesting elements

— Type of action : (shaking, vibrating, suction, blasting, cutting, etc.)
.....
.....

— Type of harvesting element :
.....

— No. of elements :
.....

— Dimensions :
.....

— Actuation : mechanical ☐ hydraulic ☐

Adjustable : yes ☐ no ☐

Operating speed of frequency : min. : max. :

Means for checking : yes ☐ no ☐

Setting readjustable during operation : yes ☐ no ☐

— Height of crop :
.....

— Height adjustment :
.....

— Other adjustments :
.....

Harvest collector elements

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**Harvest
cleaning
elements**Harvest handling elements : Slat belt ☐ Dimensions :Conveyor belt ☐ Dimensions :Screw ☐ Dimensions :Actuation : mechanical ☐hydraulic ☐Provision for adjustment : yes ☐ no ☐Cleaning system : automatic ☐ manual ☐— Stalk separator : manual ☐ automatic ☐

type (wire mesh, slat belt, etc.) :

— Leaf separator : mechanical ☐ pneumatic ☐

In the case of pneumatic system

Type (blower, suction, etc.) :

Number of ventilator units :

Actuation : mechanical ☐ hydraulic ☐Speed adjustment : yes ☐ no ☐Adjustable during operation : yes ☐ no ☐**Harvest
removal
elements**— Storage on machine : yes ☐ no ☐

Tubs

Number :

Capacity :

Tipping height :

Tipping method : backwards ☐ sideways ☐ forward ☐

— Cyclone separator

Dimensions :

Capacity :

— Storage on trailer : yes ☐ no ☐By conveyor belt ☐ slat conveyor ☐ screw ☐

Vertical reach : min. : max. :

Direction : left ☐ right ☐ rear ☐Lateral adjustment yes ☐ no ☐

Materials used in the construction of the machine (steel, stainless steel, plastics, tin plate, etc.)

Bodywork :.....

Scales :

Belts :

Slats :

Trough :

Remarks

Note the existence of any instruction manual provided by the manufacturer.

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Annex C

Form for reporting test settings and conditions

1 — MACHINE SETTINGS

Harvesting elements

- Type, number, characteristic dimensions and working position :
- Operating settings (frequency, speed, etc.) :
- Zone explored (width, height above ground, other dimensions) :

Harvest handling elements

(adjustments made) :

Harvest cleaning equipment

(rotational speed of ventilators, other settings) :

Tyres

(rated pressure) :

Forward speed of machine in operation

(in accordance with form D) :

2 — WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Wind (force, direction) :
- Temperature :
- Humidity :

3 — STATE OF GROUND

4 — REMARKS

Annex D

Plot description form¹⁾

— **Description of vineyard**

Proprietor :

Location of plot (borough, county, place-name, land registry references, etc.) :

Wine district :

Method of cultivation :

Distance between rows :

Distance between vines :

Plot on level ☐

on slope ☐ slope :

opposite slope :

Arrangement of rows : following the slope ☐

level along the slope ☐

Planted area :

Stock variety :

Training method :

Age :

State of health of vines :

Percentage of vines missing : 50

Plantation density :

— Remarks :

- **Sketches to be included**

- a) Extract of map or sketch giving location of cellar.
- b) Scale map of plot giving the following mandatory particulars : orientation, numbering of rows, service paths, intermediate lanes, headlands (state, width), length of each row (from first to last stock), distance between rows, distance between vines.
- c) Scale sketch of wire and stake arrangements with all information concerning the wire and fasteners used.
- d) Scale sketch of fruit-bearing zones with respect to the wiring, indicating the minimum height of bunches above the ground.
- e) Sketch of training method.

1) Tick the appropriate boxes.

Annex E

Worksite form

— **Date :**

— **Name of observer :**

— **Time of operations :**

Beginning : End :

Actual time, T_e :
Additional time, T_a :
Unloading time, T_v :
Idle time, T_m : } Overall time, T_g :

— **Average speed of progression :**

— **Worksite efficiency, T_e/T_q :**

Timing record

Row		Actual work t_e	Additional (turning and manoeuvring) t_a	Unloading time t_v	Necessary idling time t_{mo}	Overall time t_g	Unnecessary idling time t_{mno}	Speed l/t_e	Remarks
Number n	Length l								

Overall times						Average speed	Efficiency T_e/T_g
T_e	T_a	T_v	T_{mo}	T_g	T_{mno}		

Annex F

Transport form¹⁾

- **Date** :
- **Name of observer** :
- **Distance from plot to cellar** :

Transport equipment	Transport train number		
	1	2	3
Tractor (make, type)			
Trailer (make, type)			
— trailed	☐	☐	☐
— half-carried, carried	☐	☐	☐
— platform dimensions			
Containers on trailer (make and type)			
— number			
— internal surface material			
— dimensions			
— capacity			
— inert gas protection			
— type of gas			
— unloading method			
Tubs (make and type)			
— trailed			
— semi-trailed			
— carried			
— internal surface material			
— capacity			
— inert gas protection			
— type of gas			
— unloading method (tipping, screw, self-unloading system, etc.)			
Other equipment			

- **Type of receiving facilities at cellar** :
- **Timing record** :

For each of the transport trains, complete a time-sheet as follows :

Transport cycle number	Journey to cellar	Idle period before unloading	Unloading	Return journey	Idle period before loading	Loading	Overall time	Mass transported
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¹⁾ Tick the appropriate boxes.

Annex G

Work quality form¹⁾

— **State of vineyard**

(Observations covering a number of grapevines corresponding to 100 vines per hectare, selected at random)

Items observed		Before harvest	After harvest
State of health of crop			
State of vegetation	Damage count		
	Exfoliation		
State of supporting structure	Wires		
	Stakes		
Others			

Remarks :

- **Composition of the harvested crop**

Mass as a percentage of the sample A = . . . kg taken at the machine outlet

Bunches or fragments of bunches	Grapes		Stalks		Leaves	Other fragments	Free must
	whole	crkshed	whole	fragments			

Remarks :

Sampling carried out for separate vinification : yes ☐ no ☐

Number of samples :

- at machine outlet :
- from transport tub :
- on arrival at the cellar :

1) Tick the appropriate boxes.