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**Road vehicles — Connectors for the  
electrical connection of towing and towed  
vehicles — 15-pole connector for  
vehicles with 24 V nominal supply  
voltage**

*Véhicules routiers — Connecteurs pour liaisons électriques entre  
véhicules tracteurs et véhicules tractés — Connecteur à 15 contacts  
pour les véhicules à tension nominale de 24 V*



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## Foreword

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# Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — 15-pole connector for vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage

## 1 Scope

This International Standard gives the dimensions of, and specifies the contact allocation and tests and test requirements for, 15-pole connectors for the electrical connection of equipment other than braking systems and running gear of towing and towed vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage. It specifies a park socket used to receive and store the plug when disconnected, and a means of adaptation between 7-pole and 15-pole connectors.

## 2 Normative references

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

ISO 1185, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — 7-pole connector type 24 N (normal) for vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 3731, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — 7-pole connector type 24 S (supplementary) for vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 4009, *Commercial vehicles — Location of electrical and pneumatic connections between towing vehicles and trailers*

ISO 4091, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing vehicles and towed vehicles — Definitions, tests and requirements*

ISO 4141 (all parts), *Road vehicles — Multi-core connecting cables*

ISO 7638-1, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Part 1: Connectors for braking systems and running gear of vehicles with 24 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 7638-2, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — Part 2: Connectors for braking systems and running gear of vehicles with 12 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 11992-1, *Road vehicles — Interchange of digital information on electrical connections between towing and towed vehicles — Part 1: Physical layer and data-link layer*

ISO 11992-3, *Road vehicles — Interchange of digital information on electrical connections between towing and towed vehicles — Part 3: Application layer for equipment other than brakes and running gear*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in ISO 4091 apply.

## **4 Dimensions**

### **4.1 General**

Details not specified are at the manufacturer's discretion.

The contacts shall be floating and shall align to the datum position when plug and socket are engaged.

### **4.2 Plug**

Dimensions of the plug shall be in accordance with Figure 1. The locking lever design shall take into consideration the space required for screws used to fasten the socket (see Figure 2).

### **4.3 Socket**

Dimensions of the socket shall be in accordance with Figure 2. The cover is shown in the open position. It shall close automatically when the plug is disconnected.

### **4.4 Park socket**

Dimensions of the park socket shall be in accordance with Figure 3. The cover is shown in the open position. It shall close automatically when the plug is disconnected.

## **5 Application of the connector**

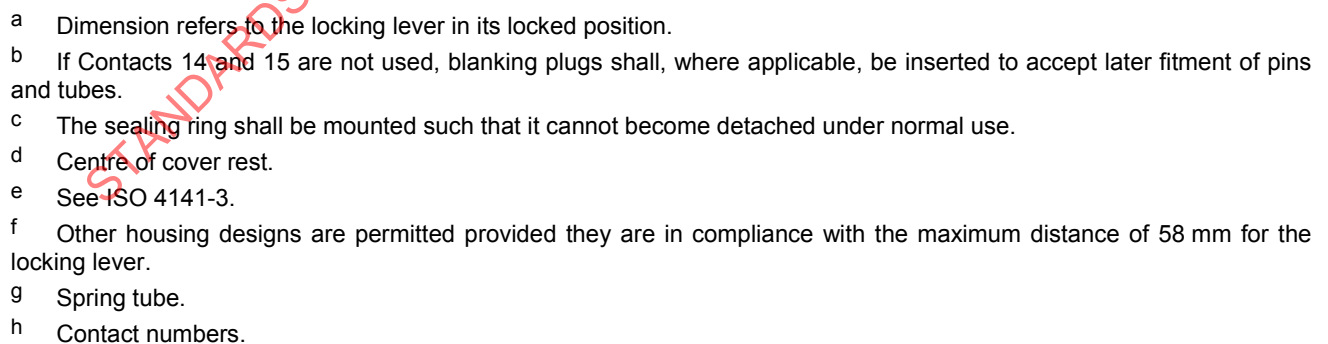
### **5.1 General**

The coiled cable assembly is fitted to the semi-trailer towing vehicle (fifth-wheel tractor) and may be connected to the electrical on-board network of the towing vehicle with or without the connection (see Figure 4).

The uncoiled cable assembly is fitted to the drawbar trailer. Therefore, the trailer towing vehicle (drawbar tractor) shall be fitted with a socket mounted at the rear of the vehicle (see Figure 4).

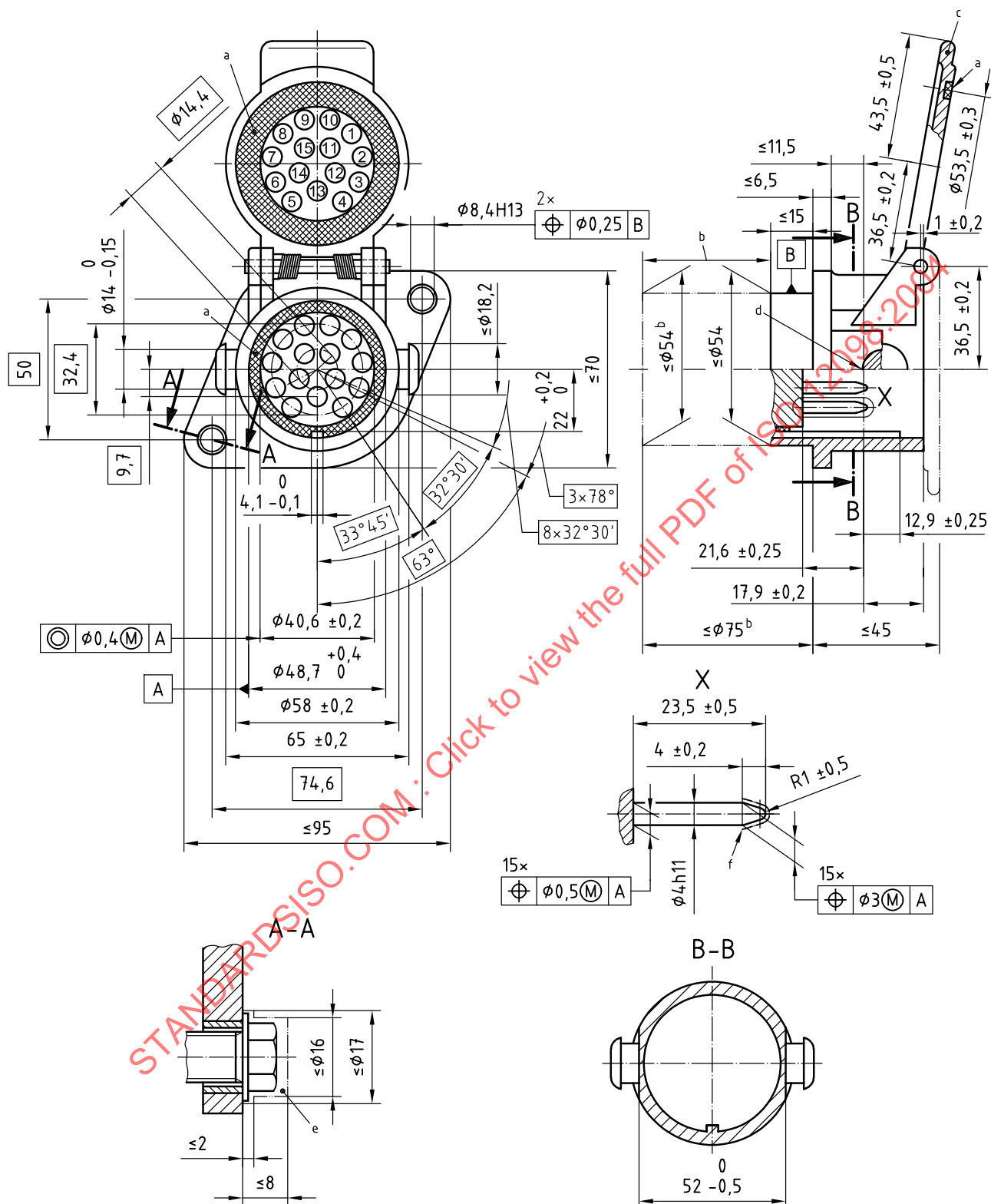
### **5.2 Connector positions and free space**

The positions of and free space around the connectors shall be in accordance with ISO 4009.



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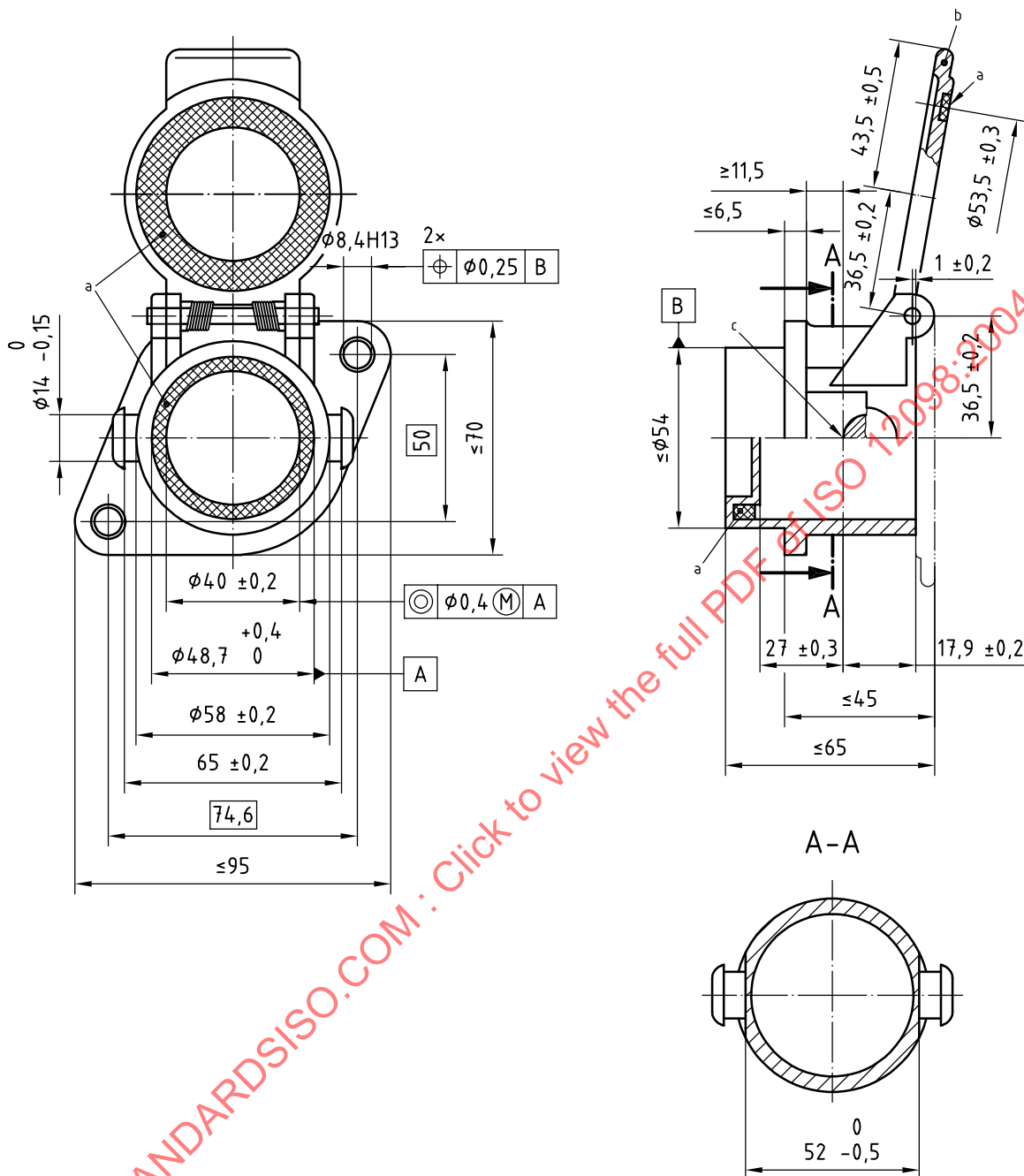


- a The sealing ring shall be mounted such that it cannot become detached under normal use.
- b For existing products for which the cable outlet is mounted from the rear, the outside diameter of the outlet may be larger with the vehicle manufacturer's agreement. However, to ensure socket exchangeability, future applications should have a maximum outside diameter of 54 mm over a maximum length of 75 mm.
- c Opening angle  $\geq 120^\circ$ .
- d Reference point for engaged locking lever.
- e Minimum space required for screws used to fasten the socket.
- f This area shall be smooth and burr-free.

**Figure 2 — Socket**

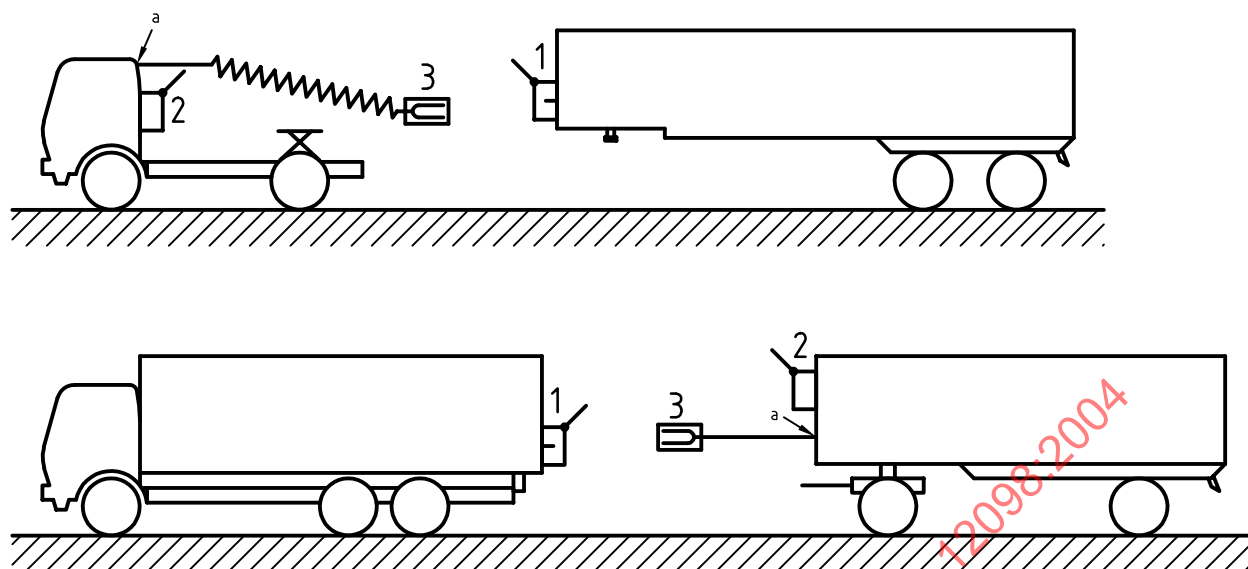
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Dimensions in millimetres



- a The sealing ring shall be mounted such that it cannot become detached under normal use.
- b Opening angle  $\geq 120^\circ$ .
- c Reference point for engaged locking lever.

Figure 3 — Park socket

**Key**

- 1 socket
- 2 park socket
- 3 plug

<sup>a</sup> See 5.1.

**Figure 4 — Electrical connection positions**

### 5.3 Contact allocation

The contact allocation shall be in accordance with Table 1.

### 5.4 Contact designation

The contact designation numbers shall be permanently marked on the inside of the socket cover, and on the terminal faces of both plug and socket.

The character size shall not be less than 2 mm. However, where limited space is available, a smaller size may be used on the terminal face.

### 5.5 Terminals

The terminals at the rear side of the pins and tubes shall be capable of accepting cables with the following nominal cross-sectional areas.

- Contacts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15: 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Contacts 4, 9 and 13: 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup>

Terminals accepting cables of a different cross-sectional area shall be as agreed between manufacturer and user.

### 5.6 Connecting cable

The connecting cable shall meet the requirements of the applicable part of ISO 4141.

Table 1 — Contact allocation

| Contact No. | Function                                                                                                                  |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Left-hand direction indicator light                                                                                       |
| 2           | Right-hand direction indicator light                                                                                      |
| 3           | Rear fog light                                                                                                            |
| 4           | Common return for contacts 1 to 3 and 5 to 12                                                                             |
| 5           | Left-hand rear positions light(s), left-hand marker lights and rear registration plate illumination <sup>a</sup>          |
| 6           | Right-hand rear position light(s), right-hand marker lights and rear registration plate illumination <sup>a</sup>         |
| 7           | Stop lights                                                                                                               |
| 8           | Reversing light                                                                                                           |
| 9           | Permanent power supply (+ 24 V)                                                                                           |
| 10          | Reverse lock release for inertia brake, and locking of steering axle                                                      |
| 11          | Starting-traction control system                                                                                          |
| 12          | Axle lifting device                                                                                                       |
| 13          | Common return for Contact Nos. 14 and 15                                                                                  |
| 14          | CAN_H according to ISO 11992-1 and 11992-3, for data interchange of equipment other than braking systems and running gear |
| 15          | CAN_L according to ISO 11992-1 and 11992-3, for data interchange of equipment other than braking systems and running gear |

<sup>a</sup> The rear registration plate illumination device shall be connected such that no lamp of the device has a common connection with both Contacts 5 and 6.

## 6 Tests and specific requirements

### 6.1 General

Connectors according to this International Standard shall be tested in accordance with ISO 4091, whose requirements they shall meet except where specified differently in the following subclauses.

### 6.2 Mismatching

It shall be impossible to make contact between any tube or pin of the plugs and sockets according to this International Standard and the pins and tubes of connectors according to ISO 7638-1 and ISO 7638-2 without the use of excessive force.

### 6.3 Connection and disconnection

The connection and disconnection forces shall not exceed 100 N when tested in accordance with ISO 4091.

## **Annex A**

(normative)

### **Adaptation between 7-pole 24 N and 24 S connectors and the 15-pole connector**

#### **A.1 General**

Commercial road vehicles with nominal 24 V supply voltage may be equipped with 7-pole 24 N or 24 S electrical connectors in accordance with ISO 1185 or ISO 3731, or with a 15-pole connector in accordance with this International Standard.

Satisfactory adaptation between 7-pole and 15-pole connectors is only feasible when the vehicles involved are equipped with connectors which fully conform to the specifications of these International Standards.

In order to ensure interchangeability between vehicles equipped with the 7-pole connectors and those equipped with the 15-pole connector, an adapter designed in accordance with the following requirements shall be used.

#### **A.2 Basic requirement**

The end of the adapter to be used for connection of the towing or towed vehicle shall be clearly identified on the adapter.

#### **A.3 Mechanical requirements**

To ensure adapter mechanical compatibility, the mating parts of the appropriate adapter shall be in accordance with the relevant dimensions and mechanical requirements specified in ISO 1185, ISO 3731 and this International Standard (see Figure A.1).

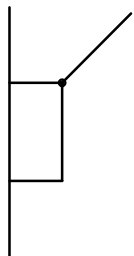
#### **A.4 Electrical interchangeability**

**CAUTION — Care shall be taken as to possible effects arising from the connection of Contacts 4 and 6 of the 24 S connector by the adapter.**

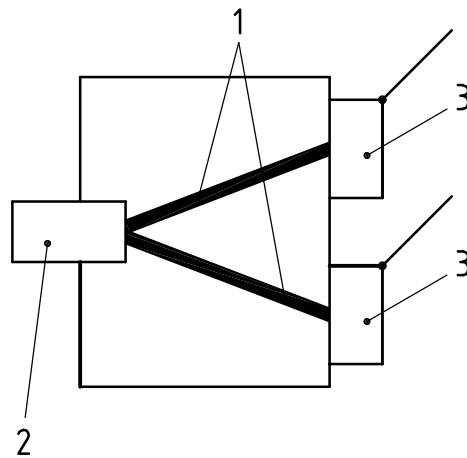
To ensure electrical interchangeability, the internal wiring of the appropriate adapter (Type A or B) shall be in accordance with Figures A.1 to A.3.

**Towing vehicle**

15-pole socket



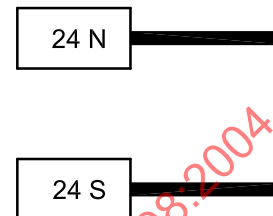
**Adapter**



**a) Type A**

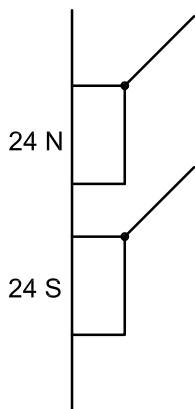
**Towed vehicle**

7-pole plugs with connecting cables

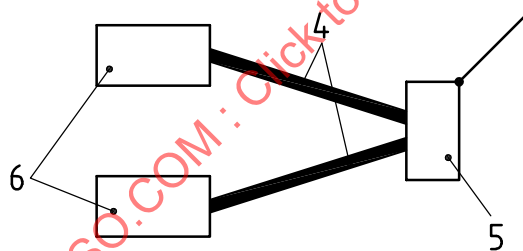


**Towing vehicle**

7-pole sockets



**Adapter**



**b) Type B**

**Towed vehicle**

15-pole plugs with connecting cable



**Key**

- 1 connection of contacts according to Figure A.2
- 2 mating part according to plug dimensions of Figure 1
- 3 mating parts according to socket dimensions of ISO 1185 and ISO 3731
- 4 connection of contacts according to Figure A.3
- 5 mating part according to socket dimensions of Figure 2
- 6 mating parts according to plug dimensions of ISO 1185 and ISO 3731

**Figure A.1 — Adapter configuration**