
**Fuel injection equipment —
Vocabulary —**

**Part 5:
Common rail fuel injection system**

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- additional terms, already in use worldwide, have been added to [Clause 3](#).

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Introduction

Since this document was published in 2004, the common rail fuel injection system has updated its functions or component performances to improve diesel engine performance and exhaust after treatment with respect to driveability, engine power, emission, fuel consumption, noise, vibration and so on. New terms are defined to describe this updated functionality.

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Part 5: Common rail fuel injection system

1 Scope

This document establishes a vocabulary for common rail (CR) fuel injection systems for diesel (compression-ignition) engines and their components. The terms defined in this document are unique to common rail fuel injection systems, terms and definitions relating to other fuel injection systems are found in the other parts of the ISO 7876 series.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

common rail fuel injection system

common rail injection system

CR fuel injection system

common rail system

CRS

high-pressure fuel injection system, comprised of the *high pressure supply pump* (3.3), the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10), and the *CR injectors* (3.5).

Note 1 to entry: It is also characterized by the following features:

- the fuel pressure of a *rail* (3.9) or a *distribution block* (3.10) may be varied independently from engine speed and load and is electronically controlled;
- the start and the end of the injections are controlled by an electrical valve at the *CR injector* (3.5);
- the energy for the injections is supplied to the *CR injectors* (3.5) from a *rail* (3.9) or a *distribution block* (3.10) with highly pressurized fuel;
- The injected fuel is supplied from a *rail* (3.9) or a *distribution block* (3.10).

3.2

fuel feed pump

low-pressure pump delivering fuel from the tank via one or several filters to the high-pressure-generating components

3.3

high-pressure supply pump

mechanically driven pump of any configuration (gear pump, piston pump, etc.) which is able to deliver the necessary amount of fuel at the highest required pressure

Note 1 to entry: This pump may include a device or devices for regulating the delivered quantity of fuel to the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10).

Note 2 to entry: For the definition of conventional injection pump, see ISO 7876-1.

Note 3 to entry: The word “high-pressure” can be omitted providing there can be no misunderstanding.

3.4

internal transfer pump

pre-supply pump (e.g. vane type pump, gear pump) integrated in the housing of the *high-pressure supply pump* (3.3) and driven by the same shaft

3.5

CR injector

CR fuel injector

fuel injector that includes some features of a conventional fuel injector and, additionally, a device for controlling the start and end of the injection, e.g. by means of a valve driven by solenoid or piezo actuator

Note 1 to entry: The *CR injector* (3.5) may or may not contain a pressure amplifier for the injection pressure; the amplifier is actuated by highly pressurized fuel.

Note 2 to entry: For the definition of conventional fuel injector, see ISO 7876-2.

3.6

pressure control valve

electrically actuated spill valve in the high-pressure system designed to control and vary the pressure in the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10) to the required values depending on speed and load of the engine

3.7

inlet control valve

inlet throttling device

inlet flow control valve

inlet metering valve

inlet flow metering unit

suction control valve

device designed to throttle the fuel flow at the inlet of the *high-pressure supply pump* (3.3) in order to control the quantity of the highly pressurized fuel delivered to the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10)

3.8

outlet control valve

outlet flow control valve

outlet metering valve

electrical suction valve

device designed to control the amount of fuel spilled back into the inlet during a pumping event of the *high-pressure supply pump* (3.3) in order to control the quantity of the highly pressurized fuel delivered to the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10)

3.9

rail

high-pressure storage chamber with a tube-type long shape that supplies the *CR injector* (3.5) with fuel

Note 1 to entry: It may be manufactured as a separate part (e.g. a tubular device) attached to the engine or may be a channel integrated within the cylinder head.

3.10**distribution block**

high-pressure storage chamber with the function of supplying the *CR injector* (3.5) with fuel, and it doesn't have a long shape

3.11**flow limiter**

device located between the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10), and each *CR injector* (3.5) designed to shut off the fuel flow in the pipe if the maximum permitted flow is exceeded

3.12**flow damper**

device located between the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10), and each *CR injector* (3.5) designed to moderate the fuel pressure pulsation in the pipe caused by each injection

Note 1 to entry: This damper may also act as a *flow limiter* (3.11).

3.13**CR pressure sensor**

sensor designed to measure the pressure within the *rail* (3.9) or the *distribution block* (3.10), providing an electrical signal to the *electronic control unit* (3.15)

Note 1 to entry: The word "CR" can be omitted providing there can be no misunderstanding.

3.14**pressure limiter**

pressure limiting valve

safety valve designed to limit the operating pressure to the maximum permitted pressure

3.15**electronic control unit**

device that controls the *high-pressure supply pump* (3.3), the *CR injectors* (3.5) and other valves, e.g. the *pressure control valve* (3.6), depending on the speed and load of the engine and on other operating conditions (air temperature, coolant temperature, boost pressure, etc.)

3.16**multiple injection**

fuel injection performed multiple times during a single engine combustion cycle in a controlled state

3.17**main injection**

parts of the *multiple injection* (3.16) that contribute most to the combustion generating a force to depress the piston

3.18**pre injection**

pilot injection

small amount of fuel injection that takes place in a controlled manner before the *main injection* (3.17), with a clear non-injection period between the pre-injection and the main injection

3.19**post injection**

after injection

fuel injection that takes place in a controlled manner again after the *main injection* (3.17), with a clear non-injection period between the main injection and the post injection