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Structuring principles and reference
designations —**

**Part 3:
Application rules for a reference
designation system**

*Systèmes industriels, installations et appareils, et produits industriels —
Principes de structuration et désignations de référence —*

*Partie 3: Règles d'application pour un système de désignation de
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Foreword

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- *Part 3: Application rules for a reference designation system* [Technical Specification]

IEC 81346 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products — Structuring principles and reference designations*:

- *Part 1: Basic rules*
- *Part 2: Classification of objects and codes for classes*

Further parts on sector-specific rules are under consideration.

Introduction

This International Standard is the basic standard for structuring principles and reference designation. IEC 81346-1 provides a number of possibilities for the construction of reference designations. For most applications, however, only a subset of the possibilities given in IEC 81346-1 needs to be used. IEC 81346-1 does not restrict the use of the reference designation system to a specific area. It is sometimes necessary to incorporate further basic requirements, and it is recommended that these be specified and explained in supporting documentation.

To enhance an efficient implementation of those basic rules and to ensure a consistent interpretation of those rules, an easily understandable system is necessary. Consequently, ISO/TS 81346-3:

- offers broadly based, general solutions with rules for a practice-oriented and consistent application;
- fulfils the requirements for ergonomics and occupational safety;
- takes into account memorability, labelling, and processing in common office- and CAx-tools;
- summarizes in a single document all technical designation tasks (reference designations according to function, product and location aspect as well as designation of connections, signals, documents);
- recommends decoupling of reference designation activities of plant designers and of equipment suppliers, by use and allocation of different aspects;
- introduces the “conjoint designation” for higher level objects without specific aspect;
- supports the handling of computer programs and parts of such programs as technical products;
- forms the basis for sector-specific solutions and specifications in further parts, in order to achieve a consistent designation across different technical fields.

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Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products — Structuring principles and reference designations —

Part 3: Application rules for a reference designation system

1 Scope

This part of ISO 81346 establishes comprehensive and practice-oriented principles and rules for the designation of technical objects within a system, as well as for the designation of connections, signals and documents in accordance with the corresponding basic standards.

The principles of this part of ISO 81346 apply to all technical fields for all industries and can be applied in all phases of the life cycle of a technical object.

The designation of types, individuals, cost-centres, projects, etc. is not covered by this part of ISO 81346.

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 9355-1, *Ergonomic requirements for the design of displays and control actuators — Part 1: Human interactions with displays and control actuators*

ISO 9355-2, *Ergonomic requirements for the design of displays and control actuators — Part 2: Displays*

ISO 12100, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

IEC 61175, *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products — Designation of signals*

IEC 61355-1, *Classification and designation of documents for plants, systems and equipment — Rules and classification tables*

IEC 61666, *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products — Identification of terminals within a system*

IEC 81346-1:2009, *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products — Structuring principles and reference designations — Part 1: Basic rules*

IEC 81346-2:2009, *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products — Structuring principles and reference designations — Part 2: Classification of objects and codes for classes*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

aspect

specific way of viewing an object

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.2

building

construction works that has the provision of shelter for its occupants or contents as one of its main purposes, and which is usually partially or totally enclosed and designed to stand permanently in one place

[ISO 6707-1:2004]

3.3

designation

generation of task-specific reference designations for technical objects in accordance with fixed rules

3.4

document

information on a data medium

NOTE 1 Normally a document is designated in accordance with the type of information and the form of presentation, for example overview diagram, connection table, function chart.

NOTE 2 Information can appear in static manner on paper and microform, or dynamically on (video) display devices.

[IEC 61082-1:2006]

3.5

document kind

type of document defined with respect to its specified content of information and form of presentation

NOTE Sometimes the term document type is used for the same concept.

[IEC 61355-1:2008]

3.6

document kind class

group of document kinds having similar characteristics concerning the content of information independent of the form of presentation

[IEC 61355-1:2008]

3.7

documentation

collection of documents assigned to a specific object

NOTE This can include technical, commercial and/or other documents.

[IEC 61082-1:2006]

3.8

function

intended or accomplished purpose or task

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.9

infrastructure

system of facilities, equipment and services required for the operation of an organization

[ISO 9000:2005]

3.10

multi-level reference designation

reference designation consisting of concatenated single-level reference designations

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.11

object

entity treated in a process of development, implementation, usage and disposal

NOTE 1 The object may refer to a physical or non-physical "thing", i.e. anything that might exist, exists or did exist.

NOTE 2 The object has information associated to it.

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.12

plant

complete set of technical equipment and facilities for solving a defined technical task

NOTE A plant includes apparatus, machines, instruments, devices, means of transportation, control equipment and other operating equipment.

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

3.13

process

sequence of chemical, physical or biological operations for the conversion, transport or storage of material or energy

[ISO 10628:1997]

NOTE 1 Different processes or process steps can be carried out in the same process plant or plant section at different times.

NOTE 2 A process can also be regarded as an entirety of interacting events in a system through which material, energy or information are transformed, transported or stored.

3.14

product

intended or accomplished result of labour, or of a natural or artificial process

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.15

reference designation

identifier of a specific object formed with respect to the system of which the object is a constituent, based on one or more aspects of that system

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.16
signal

unit of information conveyed from one object to another

NOTE Messages (units of signals) may be sent in a communication network in the form of telegrams. Such messages may represent one or several signals.

[IEC 61175:2005]

3.17
single-level reference designation

reference designation assigned with respect to the object of which the specific object is a direct constituent in one aspect

NOTE A single-level reference designation does not include any reference designations of upper level or lower level objects.

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.18
structure

relations among the elements of a system

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

3.19
system

set of interrelated objects considered in a defined context as a whole and separated from their environment

NOTE 1 A system is generally defined with the view of achieving a given objective, e.g. by performing a definite function.

NOTE 2 Elements of a system may be natural or man-made material objects, as well as modes of thinking and the results thereof (e.g. form of organisation, mathematical methods, programming languages).

NOTE 3 The system is considered to be separated from the environment and from the other external systems by an imaginary surface, which cuts the links between them and the system.

NOTE 4 The term "system" should be qualified when it is not clear from the context to what it refers, e.g. control system, colorimetric system, system of units, transmission system.

NOTE 5 When a system is part of another system, it may be considered as an object as defined in this standard.

[IEC 81346-1:2009]

3.20
terminal

point of access to an object intended for connection to an external network

NOTE 1 The connection may refer to:

- a physical interface between conductors and/or contacts, or piping and/or duct systems to provide a signal, energy or material flow path;
- an association of functional nature established between logical elements, software modules, etc. for conveying information.

NOTE 2 The external networks may be of different nature and accordingly they may be classified. IEC 81714-3 provides such classifications.

[IEC 61666:2010]

4 Designation systematics

4.1 General

4.1.1 Designation systematics is a well-ordered and methodical process of forming designations on the basis of simple rules, ensuring compliance with the following requirements:

- a) consistency in all phases (e.g. engineering, operation and decommissioning) and engineering disciplines (e.g. process, civil, mechanical and electrical engineering) of a project;
- b) fulfilment of ergonomic principles in accordance with ISO 12100, ISO 9355-1 and ISO 9355-2, with regard to occupational health and safety (hazard analysis, fault tracing, job orders, equipment release procedures, etc.), e.g.
 - simple structure of designation,
 - easy-to-remember representation,
 - clear legibility and easy memorability,
 - error-free interpretation;
- c) improvement of information management and information quality control, e.g. by establishing:
 - identifiers for data and document management systems,
 - identifiers for configuration and quality management systems,
 - clear cross-references between physical application and documentation.

The designation shall clearly and unambiguously identify all objects and associated information according to their function, implementation and location.

The designation shall describe the real structure of an object and its relations to other objects.

The designation of the parts of a system shall be generic to such an extent that the system can be incorporated in any other system, without the need for changing the reference designations in any of the systems involved.

4.1.2 IEC 81346-1 provides a number of possibilities for the construction of reference designation. For most applications, however, only a subset of the possibilities given in IEC 81346-1 needs to be used. For a consistent application in practice, this part of ISO 81346 establishes clear and easily understandable rules and guidelines as well as well-defined specifications for the following:

- tasks of designation (see Clause 5);
- general and sector neutral construction of designation (see Clause 6).

4.1.3 This part of ISO 81346 stipulates only basic rules. Detailed and specific requirements are given in the sector-specific parts, in order to cover the specific needs of different application fields. These specific requirements comprise:

- a relevant subset of designation possibilities;
- letter codes for infrastructure objects;
- a reference designation that identifies the object unambiguously (main aspect);

- transitions between different aspects;
- a sector-specific designation structure;
- the allocation of structural levels to letter code tables;
- additional aspects.

4.1.4 Furthermore, the following specifications need to be established and documented for each project:

- conjoint allocation;
- notation, e.g. in documents, on labels, on displays.

4.1.5 The chosen structure, with corresponding reference designations, shall be documented not only in relevant object describing documents, but also in a separate document describing the structure.

For a specific project, the general rules shall be listed at the start of the designation process and documented complete with specific requirements in separate instructions.

4.1.6 An example of a designation process within a project is given in Annex A. Application examples are given in Annex B. Other terms and definitions that are used in the context of a "designation system" and will be helpful for the elaboration of sector-specific parts of this International Standard are given in Annex C.

4.2 Designation process

The designation process comprises the following sub-processes.

Starting from process flow diagrams, overview diagrams, site plans, etc. used to describe the structure of the overall project in accordance with IEC 81346-1, the overall object shall be broken down according to different viewpoints. For instance, a location with industrial facilities can be divided into specific areas (e.g. manufacture, power plant). These objects shall be defined as top-level nodes of the overall structure and shall serve as starting point for subdivisions into lower-level aspect-oriented structures (see 5.3.1).

At an early stage in the planning, the task-oriented representations of the object of interest shall be translated into a hierarchical tree-like structure under a functional aspect. In subsequent phases, the products that fulfil the tasks of the partial objects viewed under functional aspects shall be defined and structured. To designate the location of the products, the overall object shall be structured under the location aspect. Structuring shall be performed in compliance with the principle of constituency, i.e. an object is a constituent of a single higher object, but can comprise several sub-objects (hierarchical structural model). The subdividing process is completed with the smallest object of interest for the defined purpose.

Partial objects shall be defined and classified during the structuring process. To classify partial objects, it is possible to use IEC 81346-2:2009, Table 1, for non aspect-specific purposes and/or sector- or project-specific letter code tables structured in accordance with IEC 81346-2:2009, Table 2. In cases where both methods are used, the allocations of the structural level to the corresponding letter code level shall be defined. The parts of an object shall be classified in accordance with their location in the structure (structural level), as specified by the agreed tables.

The prefix for the aspect, the letter code of the object class and an additional number form the single-level reference designation. The number is used to distinguish between objects belonging to the same class and to the same overall object. The multi-level reference designation is created by concatenating the single-level reference designations represented in the path beginning with the top-most one.

To establish a unique designation, it is necessary to create task-specific designation combinations (in relation to technical objects, signals, connections, documents), as described in Clause 6.

The designation shall be used for labelling technical objects in the plant, for designating documents and for identifying the representation of objects in documents.

Reference designations with different aspects can be used in databases to network object information in different records ("pragmatic relations"). This yields a large number of task-related evaluation options, e.g. information about the location of products performing a function and which are reported as defective.

Figure 1 shows the schematic representation of the designation process.

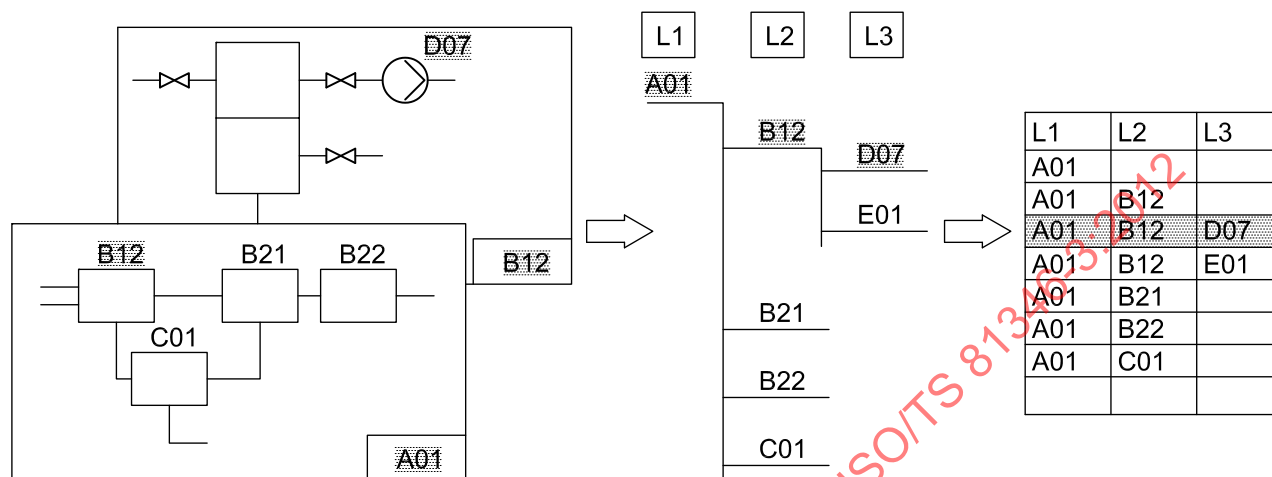


Figure 1 — Schematic representation of the designation process

5 Tasks of designation

5.1 General

A reference designation shall

- identify an object,
- provide information regarding the class to which the object belongs, and
- provide information on where the object is located within a structure.

5.2 Conjoint designation

It is recognized that on a site different plants may exist. In order to address these plants with respect to the site, it may be necessary to apply a conjoint designation. A conjoint designation is a reference designation of a plant/system with respect to the site, which is not related to one of the defined aspects.

NOTE In IEC 81346-1, the aspect type "other aspect" (for aspects see 5.3.1.1) is introduced together with the prefix sign "#". Conjoint designation is considered as one of the "other aspect" types.

The use of the conjoint designation is optional. The application, structure and number of data characters shall be defined project-specifically.

If this designation is used as part of the identifier (see 6.1), the systems, objects and products which fulfil the same task in different plants can have the same reference designation. Unambiguous designations are obtained by means of the different conjoint designations. There is a significant ergonomic advantage in adopting this approach. Even if the equipment is moved from plant to plant, the necessary changes of its designation are limited. The same principle applies to designations of locations.

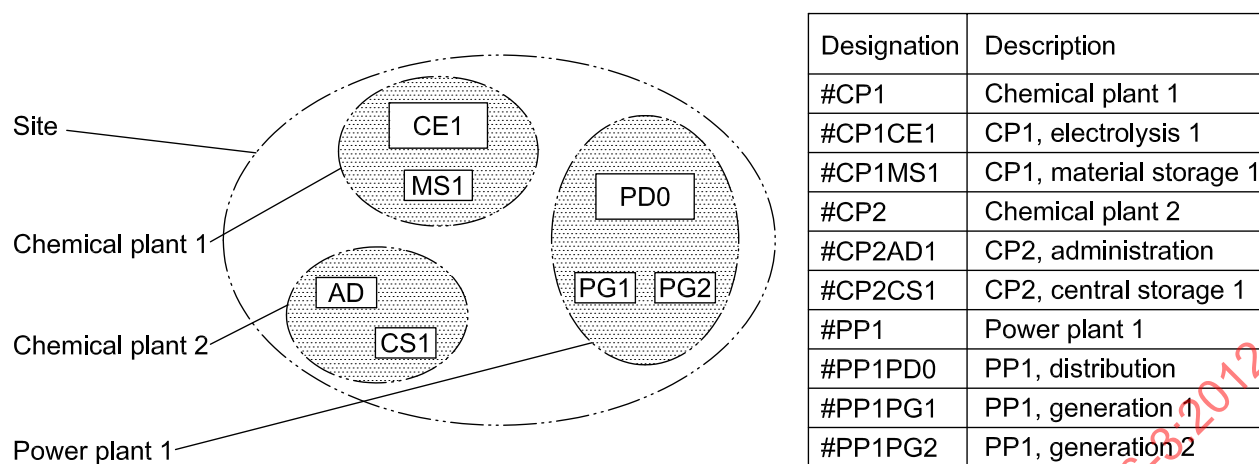


Figure 2 — Conjoint designation, designation principle

5.3 Designation of technical objects

5.3.1 Reference designation

5.3.1.1 Aspects

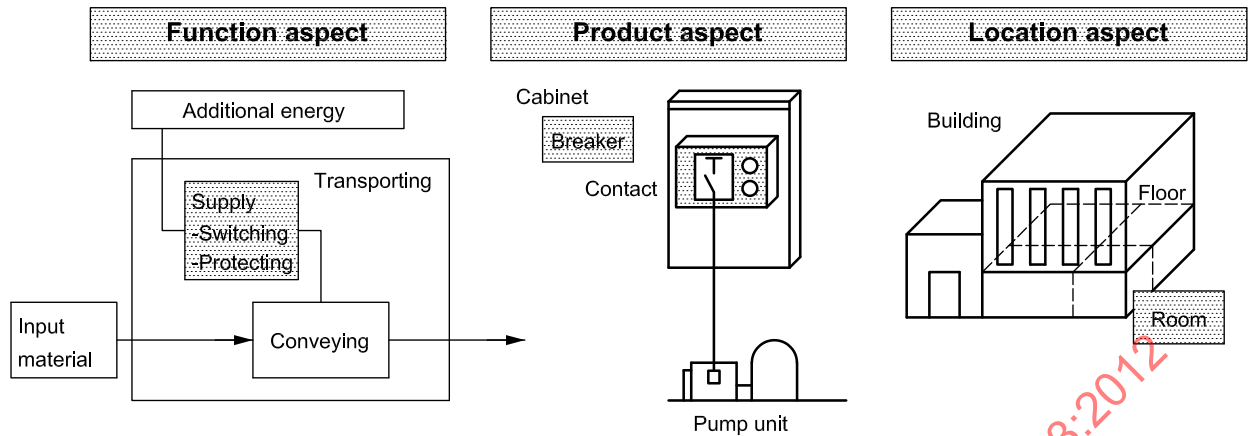
The reference designation identifies objects for the purpose of correlating information about an object among different kinds of documents and the products implementing the system.

A system, and each constituent object, can be viewed in many ways, called “aspects” (see Figure 3).

Questions:

- What does the object do? (function aspect)
- How is the object constructed? (product aspect)
- Where is the object located? (location aspect)

NOTE In IEC 81346-1, the aspect type “other aspect” is introduced together with the prefix sign “#”. This aspect type is applied in this part of ISO 81346 as “conjoint designation”, see 5.2.



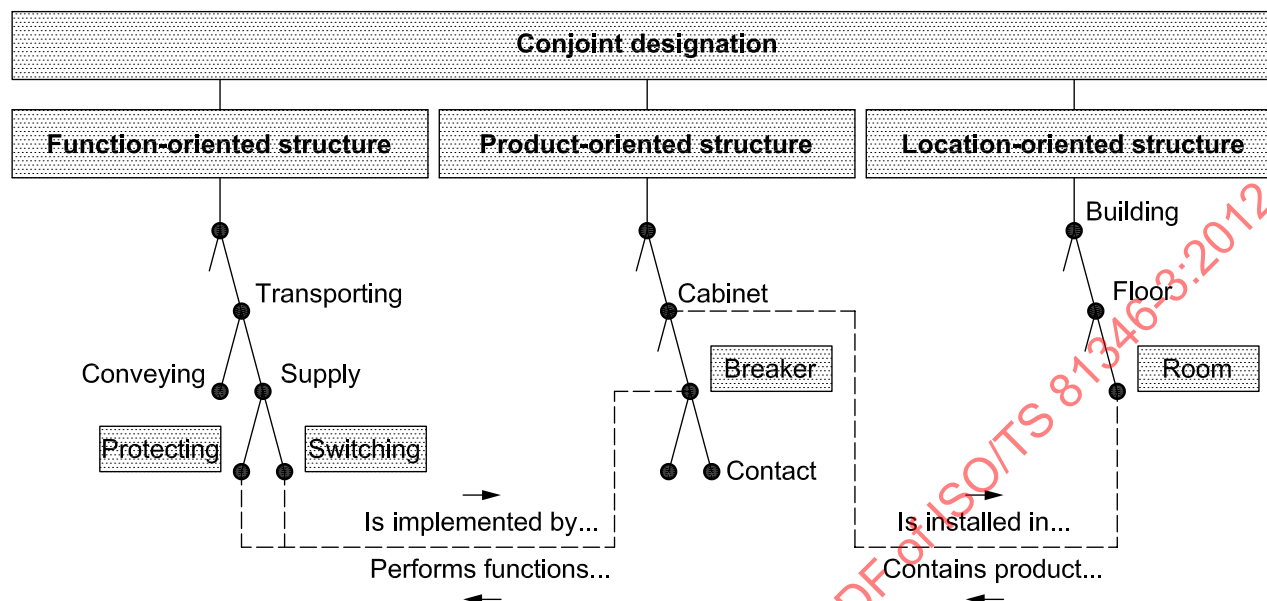
Explanations:

- Materials are to be conveyed in a transport process. This task requires electrical energy, which shall be switched by a control. The equipment shall be protected from the effects of short circuit and overload (function aspect).
- A breaker with contacts is part of a cabinet (product aspect).
- A building with floors contains a number of rooms (location aspect).

Figure 3 — Aspects

5.3.1.2 Structures

With respect to the three types of aspects considered in 5.3.1.1, and following the rule of constituent objects, three independent structures can be generated (see Figure 4).



Explanations:

The relations of objects (represented by nodes) within one structure tree are partitive relations, e.g.

- the cabinet consists of the breaker, etc.; the breaker consists of contacts, etc.;
- the contact is a constituent of the breaker, the breaker is a constituent of the cabinet.

The relations of objects (represented by nodes) between different structure trees are associative (pragmatic) relations (indicated by dotted lines); these open numerous options for the extraction of comprehensive information regarding the plant, e.g.

- the basic tasks of switching and protecting are implemented with a breaker: this device is part of a cabinet, which is installed in a certain room on a floor of a building;
- a room contains cabinets with breakers, one of which performs the functions of switching and protecting within the transporting process.

Figure 4 — Structures and relations

5.3.2 Designation of function-oriented structure

The function aspect shall be based on the purpose of the system, without necessarily taking into account the products used to fulfil this purpose or their location.

An additional aspect of the function type enables distinction to be drawn between, e.g.:

- functional units with dynamic effects,
- the control function view,
- the energy supply function view.

A precise definition shall be documented in the sector-specific parts of this International Standard.

The designation based on the function aspect is preferably performed in the early planning phase of a project without taking implementation into account. Normally, this type of designation is first used by the planner of the overall process (top-down approach).

5.3.3 Designation of product-oriented structure

The product aspect shall be based on the way in which a system is implemented, constructed or delivered, without necessarily taking into account functions and/or locations.

The designation based on the product aspect is, for example, used for assemblies, indicating the way an assembly is built up from its parts without necessarily taking into account the functions and/or locations.

An additional aspect of the product type enables a distinction to be made for purposes to be defined in supporting documentation.

5.3.4 Designation of location-oriented structure

The location aspect shall be based on the topographical layout of a system, without necessarily taking into account products and/or functions.

An additional aspect of the location type enables a distinction to be drawn between

- the designation of locations within design modules (installation aspect) as well as designation of locations on machinery components (mounting aspect), and
- the designation of the plant topology (erection aspect).

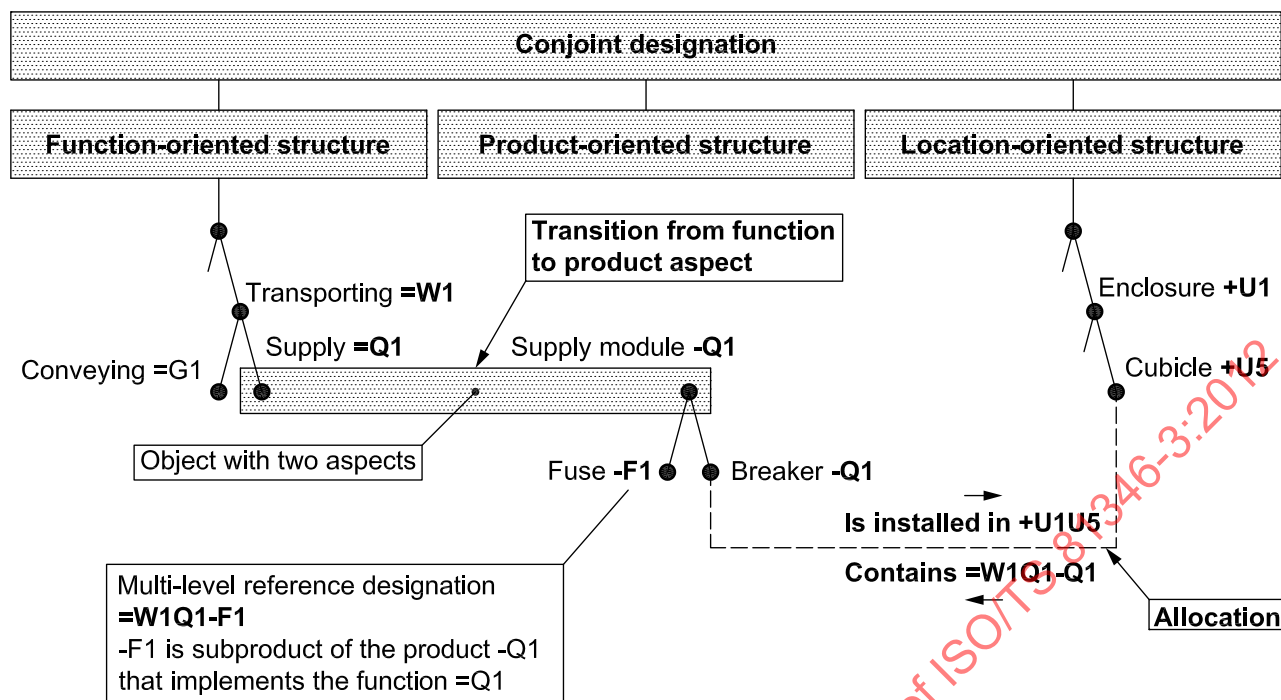
The designation based on the location aspect is preferably used for the designation of objects which fulfil the task of providing locations for other objects. The plant designer normally uses this type of designation for assigning the equipment parts to their locations (i.e. installation, mounting, set-up).

5.3.5 Designation of objects using different aspects

It is often expedient to use different aspects for the same object. Different aspects of successive objects may be used by making a transition from one aspect to another.

The most frequent application of this method is the transition from the function to the product aspect when a function is completely implemented by a product, and when there is no sub-product that by itself completely implements the function.

Figure 5 shows the transition from the function aspect to the product aspect, and presents the difference between transition and allocation.



Explanation:

The product-oriented designation -F1 of the sub-product “fuse” is added to the function-oriented designation =Q1 of the function “supply” (in the sense of “is a constituent of”) and, in this combination, forms a clear and unambiguous designation.

Figure 5 — Transition from function aspect to product aspect

Application of this method enables product-specific assignment of designations for independent products by the manufacturer, which can then be easily attached to existing function-oriented structures and designations.

Further guidelines on the application of transitions are given in the sector-specific parts of this International Standard.

5.4 Designation of other objects

5.4.1 Designation of signals

If a designation is required, signals shall be designated unambiguously (see 6.4.3).

A signal represents information that is transferred between objects independent of the medium used for the transfer.

The signal designation is an important means of co-ordinating the data flow and serves as a pathfinder in technical control documentation.

5.4.2 Designation of terminals

If a designation is required, terminals shall be designated unambiguously (see 6.4.4).

Terminals are points of access to an object for connection to different kinds of external networks. In addition to electrical networks, terminals of products may also provide facilities for a connection to piping systems, for the flow of material or energy, signals, etc.

Electrical, mechanical and functional terminals of different objects shall be clearly designated.

5.4.3 Designation of documents

If a designation is required, documents shall be designated unambiguously (e.g. by drawing number).

Documents provide information necessary for different activities and purposes during the life cycle of a plant, system or equipment.

The document designation helps to provide clear addresses on and in documents, and is also a unique address in document management systems.

If, in addition to an unambiguous designation, a designation with respect to the object represented in the document is required, the rules given in 6.4.5 shall apply.

6 Construction of designation

6.1 Syntax overview

The variety of industrial systems, installations, equipment and industrial products, as well as the different aspects they are viewed from, necessitates different designations that reflect this variety accordingly. The solution is an identifier that consists of three main parts (see Figure 6), which are constructed differently according to their purpose and task.

The three parts of the identifier are:

- conjoint designation (see 6.2);
- reference designation (see 6.3);
- specific designation (see 6.4).

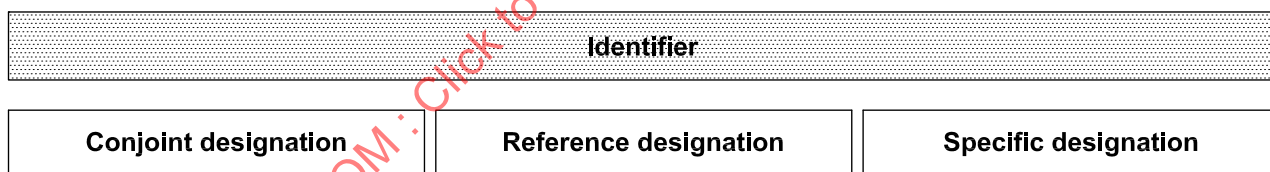


Figure 6 — Parts of the identifier

NOTE For documents, "reference designation" is called "object designation" (see 6.4.5).

Because of the designation needs in different technical fields, the combinations of the identifier parts can be numerous. Table 1 shows some frequently-occurring examples. In most cases, the reference designation is an integral part of the identifier, while the conjoint designation is an optional element and the specific designation is used where appropriate.

Table 1 — Examples of combinations of the parts of the identifier

Conjoint designation		
Conjoint designation	Reference designation	
Conjoint designation	Reference designation	Specific designation
Conjoint designation		Specific designation
	Reference designation	
	Reference designation	Specific designation

6.2 Conjoint designation

The conjoint designation shall consist of the prefix “#” followed by a sequence of characters (letters and/or numbers) which should not exceed 12. In the case of letters, capital Latin letters shall be used. The letters “I” and “O” should not be used if there is the possibility of confusion with the digits “1” and “0”. In the case of numbers, the Arabic digits “1” to “9” and “0” (zero) shall be used.

If the conjoint designation is used, it shall form the first part of the identifier.

The structure of the conjoint designation is given in Figure 7.

Section	0	1
Data character	#	A...N

Prefix

Designation of site, factory, plant complex,
power plant unit, extension stage, etc.

Figure 7 — Structure of the conjoint designation

6.3 Reference designation

6.3.1 Single-level reference designation

IEC 81346-1 allows three variants for the construction of a single-level reference designation. A single-level reference designation assigned to an object shall consist of a prefix followed either by:

- a letter code;
- a letter code followed by a number;
- a number.

If requirements for ergonomics and occupational safety (e.g. legibility, memorability, error-free interpretation) are to be fulfilled, the single-level reference designation shall be constructed as shown in Figure 8.

Section	0	1	2
Data character	= - +	A	N

Prefixes (see 6.3.3)

Letter codes (see 6.3.4)

Numbers (see 6.3.5)

Figure 8 — Structure of a single-level reference designation

To satisfy the needs of legibility and memorability, there should not be more than three letters or numbers.

6.3.2 Multi-level reference designation

A multi-level reference designation is a coded representation of the path from the top of a structure down to the object of interest. It shall be constructed by concatenating the single-level reference designation for each object represented in the path, beginning with the top-most one.

If the prefix for a single-level reference designation is the same as for the preceding single-level reference designation, the prefix may be omitted within the multi-level reference designation for the presentation, provided that the preceding designation ends with a number and the following designation starts with a letter code.

6.3.3 Prefixes

Because of its function to indicate the aspect, the prefix is an essential part of the reference designation and shall always be shown. In accordance with IEC 81346-1, if additional views of an aspect are required, the designation shall be formed by doubling, tripling, etc. the prefix (see Table 2).

Table 2 — Prefixes for reference designation

Prefix	Aspect
=	Function
==	Function (another aspect)
—	Product
--	Product (another aspect)
+	Location
++	Location (another aspect)

6.3.4 Letter codes

The letters of the reference designation indicate the object or the class of objects according to purpose or task.

IEC 81346-2:2009 offers three tables with letter codes and rules for subclasses for coequal application.

- Tables 1 and 2 define classes of objects and associated letter codes generally for all applications.
- Table 3 provides a frame for setting up classification schemes and gives examples for classes of infrastructure objects.

The use of IEC 81346-2:2009, Table 1, is mandatory. If supplementary subclasses are necessary, they shall be in accordance with Table 2 of IEC 81346-2:2009.

If Tables 1 and 2 together with Table 3 are used, an indication shall be made of the table from which a certain reference level is implemented.

Letter codes shall be formed using capital Latin letters, excluding “I” and “O” because of possible confusion with the digits “1” (one) and “0” (zero). Mnemotechnical and local characters shall be omitted to enhance international usability.

6.3.5 Numbers

Numbers serve to differentiate between objects with the same preceding designation elements.

The Arabic digits “1” to “9” and “0” (zero) shall be used.

6.4 Specific designation

6.4.1 General

The specific designation shall designate:

- signal names, in accordance with IEC 61175;
- electrical, mechanical and functional terminals, in accordance with IEC 61666;
- document kinds, in accordance with IEC 61355-1.

NOTE In ISO terminology, “document kinds” are referred to as “document types”.

The specific designation may consist of

- the prefix (see 6.4.2 and Table 2),
- letter codes,
- numbers,

and shall be constructed as shown in Figure 9.

Section	0	1
Data character	; : &	A...N

Prefixes (see 6.4.2)

Letter codes and/or numbers for

- Signal names (see 6.4.3)
- Terminals (see 6.4.4)
- Document kinds (see 6.4.5)

Figure 9 — Structure of the specific designation

Within a system/plant, this part of the identifier is only unambiguous in connection with the reference designation/object designation or/and conjoint designation.

6.4.2 Prefixes

For prefixes for specific designations, see Table 3.

Table 3 — Prefixes for specific designation

Prefix	Task
;	Signal designation
: ^a	Terminal designation
&	Document designation

^a In IEC 61666, a colon is used as a separator between the reference designation and the terminal designation and not as part of the terminal designation.

6.4.3 Signal designation

Signals shall be identified with respect to the object, by means of an unambiguous and valid signal name and a signal designation in accordance with IEC 61175 (see Figure 10).

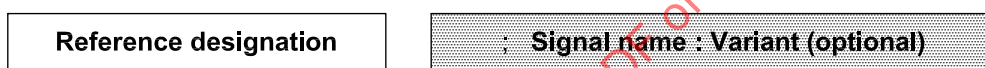


Figure 10 — Signal designation

6.4.4 Terminal designation

Terminals shall be identified with respect to the object to which they belong and in accordance with IEC 61666 (see Figure 11).

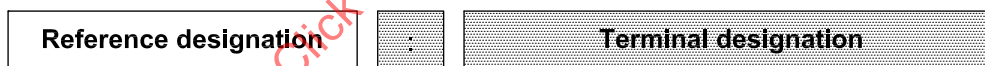


Figure 11 — Terminal designation

6.4.5 Document designation

Documents may be identified with respect to the object to which the document is assigned and with a classification code independent of supplier-specific numbering systems in accordance with IEC 61355-1 (see Figure 12).

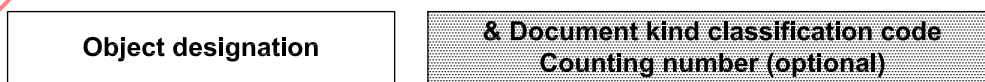


Figure 12 — Document designation

The reference designation is generally used as the object designation.

Annex A (informative)

Designation process within a project

A.1 General

This Annex shows, by means of a sample project, the designation process within a project:

- implemented project-related stipulations (see A.2);
- application examples for different project disciplines, e.g. civil, process, electro- and control engineering (see A.3);
- an example of a database analysis and its representation (see A.3.6).

A.2 Project-related stipulations

At the beginning of a project, the designation-relevant stipulations indicated in Table A.1 should be respected.

Table A.1 — General stipulations

Subject	Stipulations (examples)
Designation range	Conjoint designation (#), function (=), product (-), point of installation (+), document (&)
Main aspect	Function (=)
Allowed transitions	From function aspect to product aspect
Additional aspects	Location (++)
Counting directions	From south to north, from west to east

If the conjoint designation is to be used in the project, the overall plant structure should be considered and the structure of the conjoint designation should be fixed accordingly. The structure of the conjoint designation (see examples in Table A.2) and the project-related application rules should be written down in a project-specific designation management document.

Table A.2 — Examples of conjoint designation

Conjoint designation	Description
#WORK1 AD1	Administration 1
#WORK1 CP1	Chemical plant 1
#WORK1 CP2	Chemical plant 2
#WORK1 CP3	Chemical plant 3
#WORK1 PP1	Power plant 1

The configuration of the reference designation structural levels should be decided in accordance with this structure. For each level, the classification should be allocated in accordance with IEC 81346-2:2009, Tables 1 to 3 or the sector-specific classification tables. Table A.3 gives an example of such a structuring and classification allocation.

Table A.3 — Structural levels, allocation of classifications and alphanumerical structure

Level	L1	L2	L3	L4
Data type	AN	AANN	AANN	AANN
Corresponding table	Table A.4	Table A.5	Table A.5	Table A.5

The classes of infrastructure objects (level L1 in Table A.3) are based on the rules of IEC 81346-2:2009, 5.3 and Table 3. Table A.4 gives examples of infrastructure objects of a chemical plant according to IEC 81346-2:2009, Table 4.

Table A.4 — Infrastructure objects

Letter code	Description
D1	Crushing plant
E1	Dissolution plant
E2	Reaction plant
E3	Concentration plant
G1	Recovery plant
F1	Distillation
H1	Waste scrubbing plant
S1	Electrical power system

For levels L2, L3 and L4 in Table A.3, the object classes according to IEC 81346-2:2009, Table 2, should be used. Table A.5 gives examples of letter codes for the classification of aspect-oriented structures.

Table A.5 — Classes of aspect-oriented object structures

Letter code	Function aspect (function unit)	Product aspect (design unit)
BT	Temperature	Temperature sensor
CM	Closed storage of material at fixed location (collection, housing)	Tank, silo
EP	Generation of heat by convection	Condenser, heat exchanger
FL	Protection against hazardous pressure condition	Safety valve
GP	Initiation of a flow of liquid or flowable substances driven by an energy supply	Pump
HP	Separation of mixtures of substances by thermal processes	Distillation column
HQ	Separation of mixtures of substances by filtering or classification	Fluid filter
KF	Processing of electrical and electronic signals	Controller
MA	Driving by electromagnetic force	Electric motor
PG	Visible presentation of values of discrete variables	Flow meter, thermometer
QA	Switching and variation of electrical energy circuits	Circuit breaker
QC	Earthing of electrical energy circuits	Grounder
QM	Switching of flow of flowable substances in closed enclosure	Shutoff valve
QN	Varying of flow of flowable substances in closed enclosure	Control valve
SF	Providing an electrical signal	Switch, set point adjuster
TA	Converting electrical energy while retaining the energy type and energy form	Transformer
TF	Converting signals (retention of information content)	Amplifier
UC	Enclosing and supporting electrical energy equipment	Switch panel, cubicle

For classes of location aspect oriented objects (++, see Table A.1), the codes given in Table A.6 are used in the application examples in Clause A.3.

Table A.6 — Location aspect oriented infrastructure objects

Location aspect-oriented structure	Description
++E1	Building for reaction and concentration
++F1	Distillation building
++S1	Switch gear building

A.3 Application examples

A.3.1 Conjoint designation

At this highest designation level, the complexes of objects are identified. Figure A.1 shows the overall layout of the plant WORK1. The designations are in accordance with Table A.2.

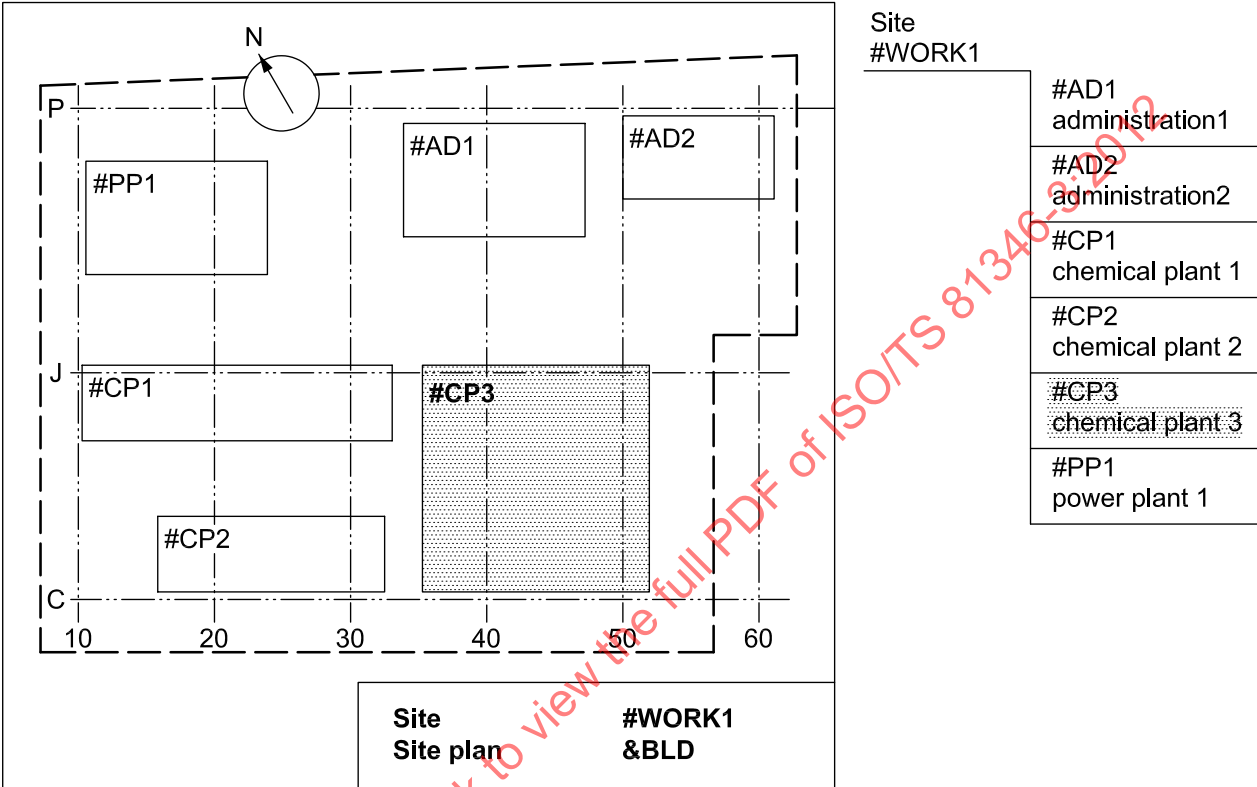


Figure A.1 — Site plan WORK1

A.3.2 Civil engineering

At structural level L1 (see Table A.3) of the reference designation, all buildings are designated according to the location aspect. The designations are in accordance with Table A.6. Figure A.2 shows the site layout of chemical plant 3.

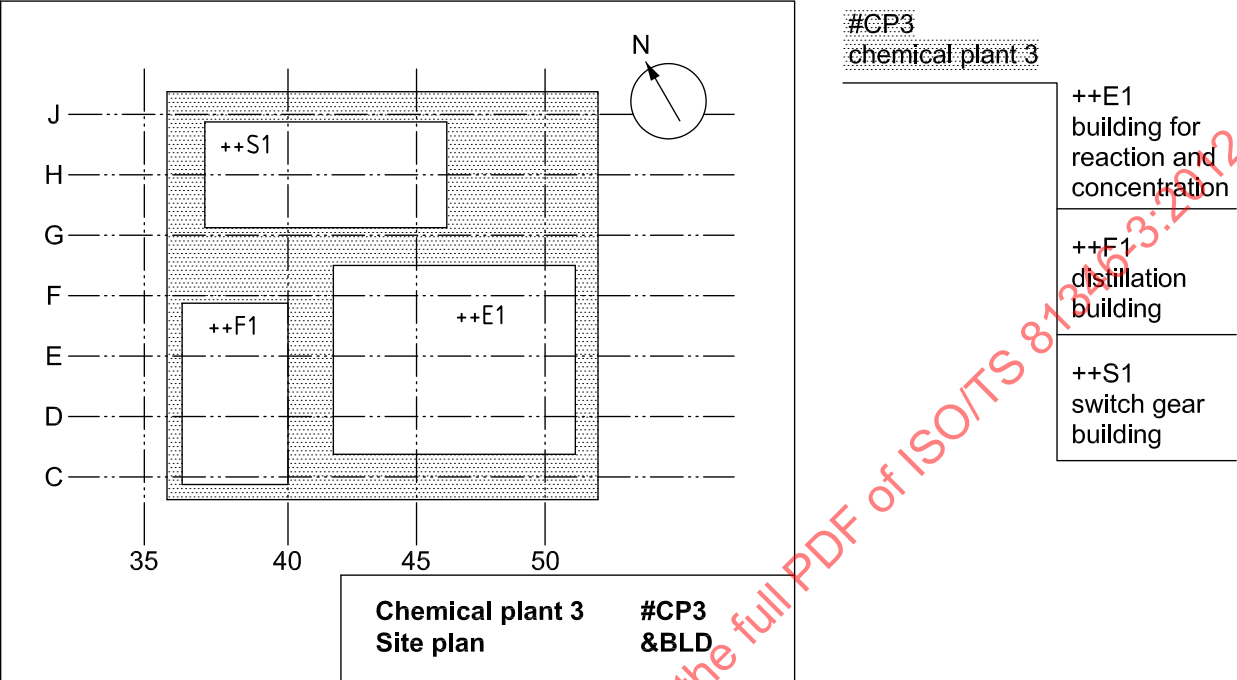


Figure A.2 — Site layout plan of chemical plant 3 (#CP3)

A.3.3 Process engineering

The function aspect is the dominant aspect in the structuring of process engineering. The structuring and designation process are in accordance with ISO 10628. Figure A.3 shows the whole production process flow of chemical plant 3.

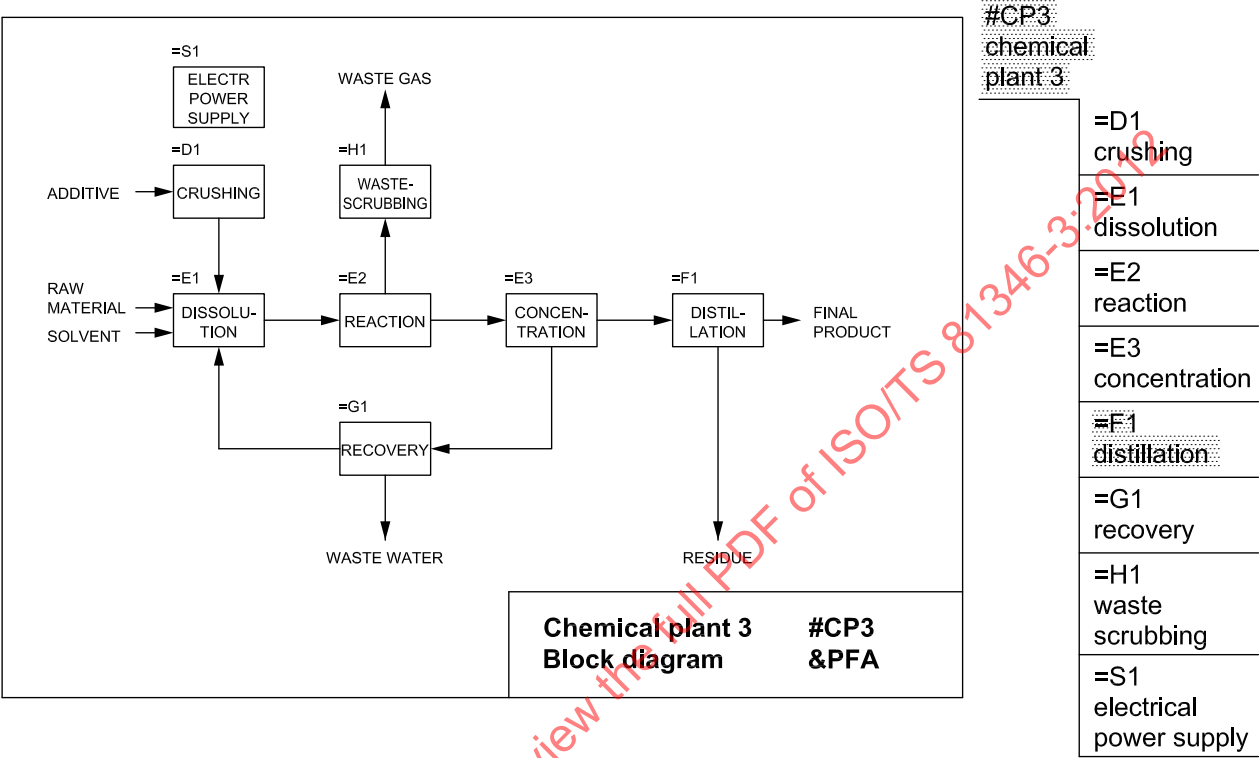


Figure A.3 — Block diagram of chemical plant 3 (#CP3)

Figure A.4 shows a part-process distillation (=F1 in Figure A.3) as a process flow diagram. It shows the structural levels L1 and L2 as specified in Table A.3.

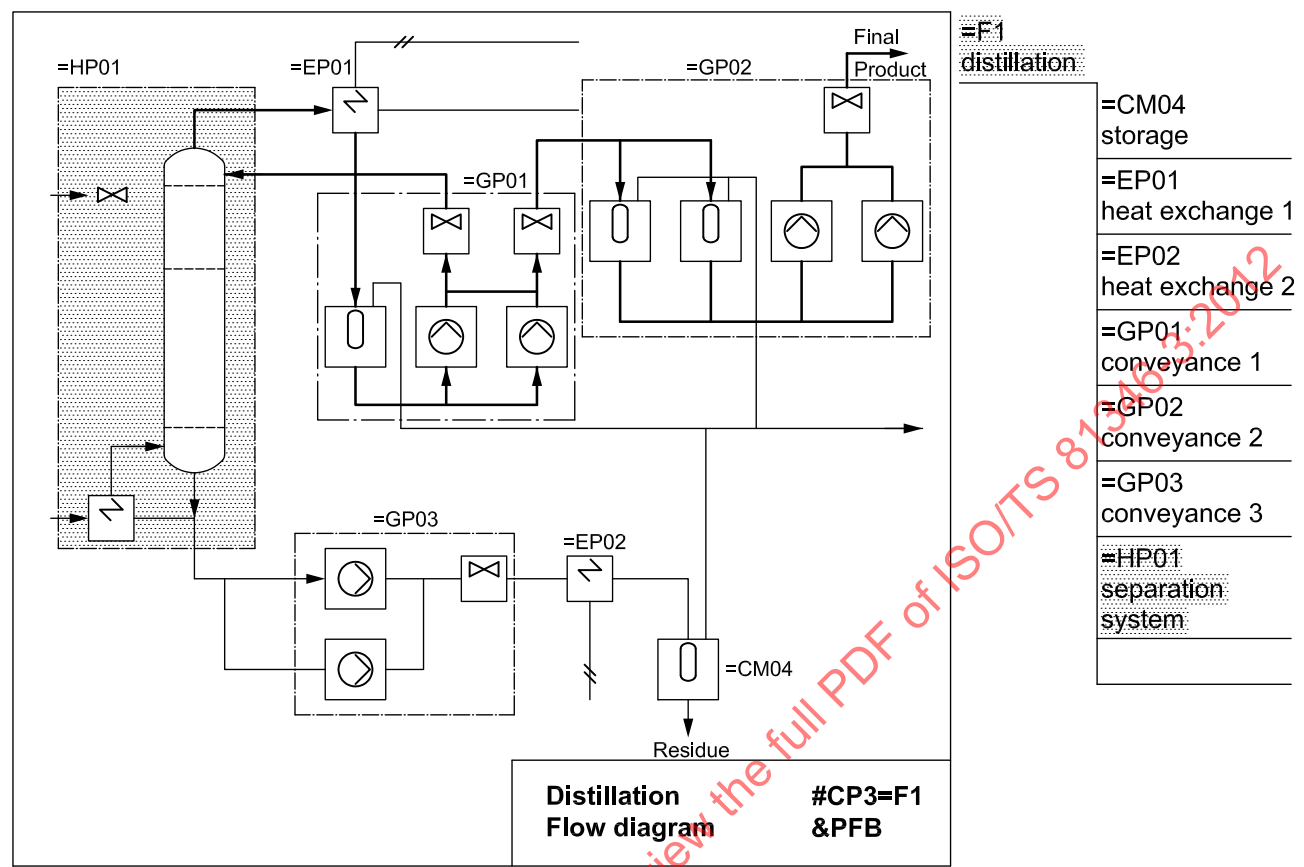


Figure A.4 — Process flow diagram distillation =F1 of chemical plant 3 (#CP3)

Figure A.5 shows the “separation system” on the structural level L3 as a constituent system of the part-process distillation =F1 of chemical plant 3 (#CP3), in the form of a piping and instrument diagram (P & ID).

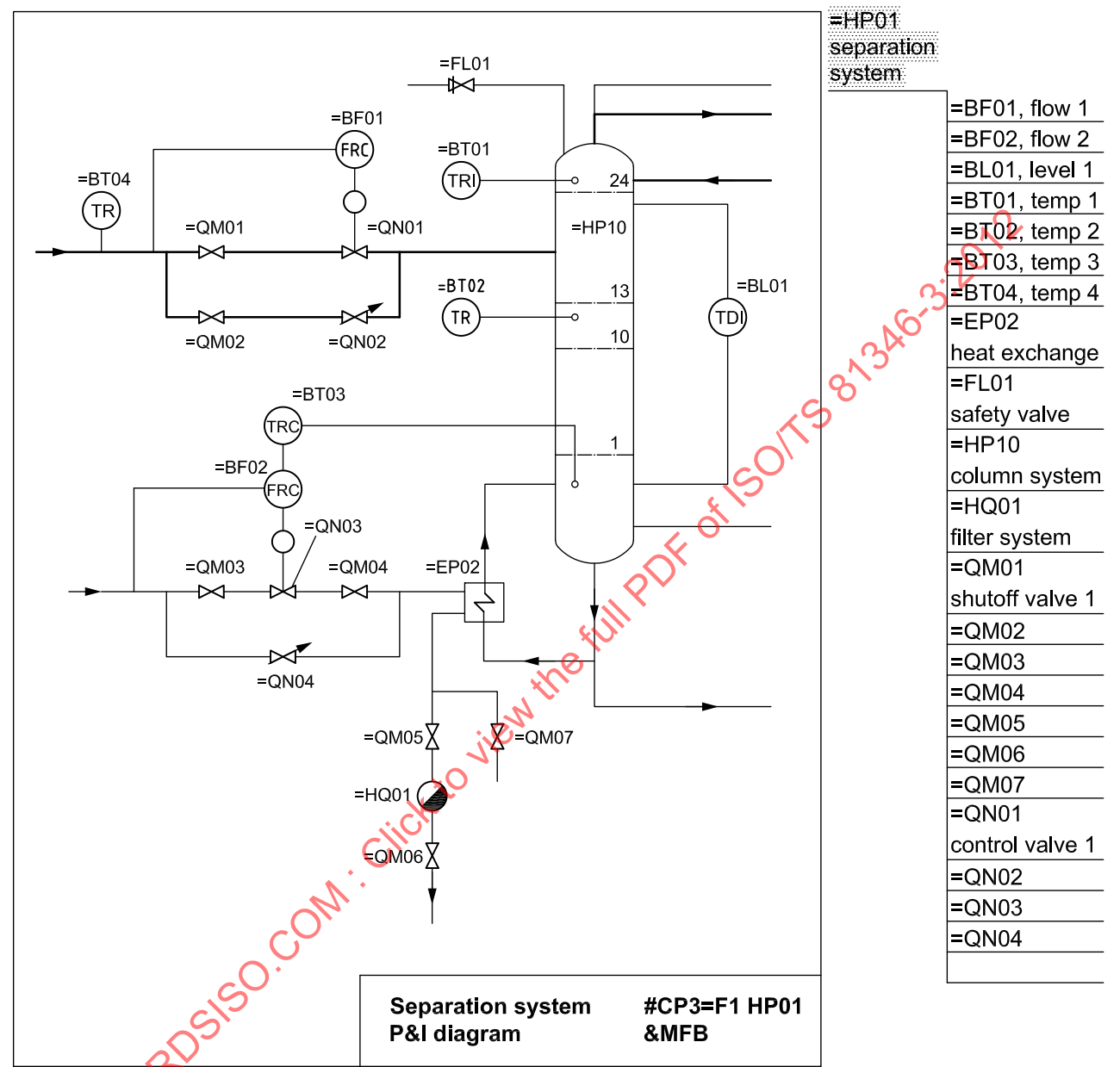


Figure A.5 — P & ID of separation system =HP01

A.3.4 Electrotechnology

Figure A.6 shows a part of a power supply system (distribution, transformation). The structuring levels L1 and L2 including the conjoint designation (#CP3) are represented, as well as distribution in the part-process distillation (=F1).

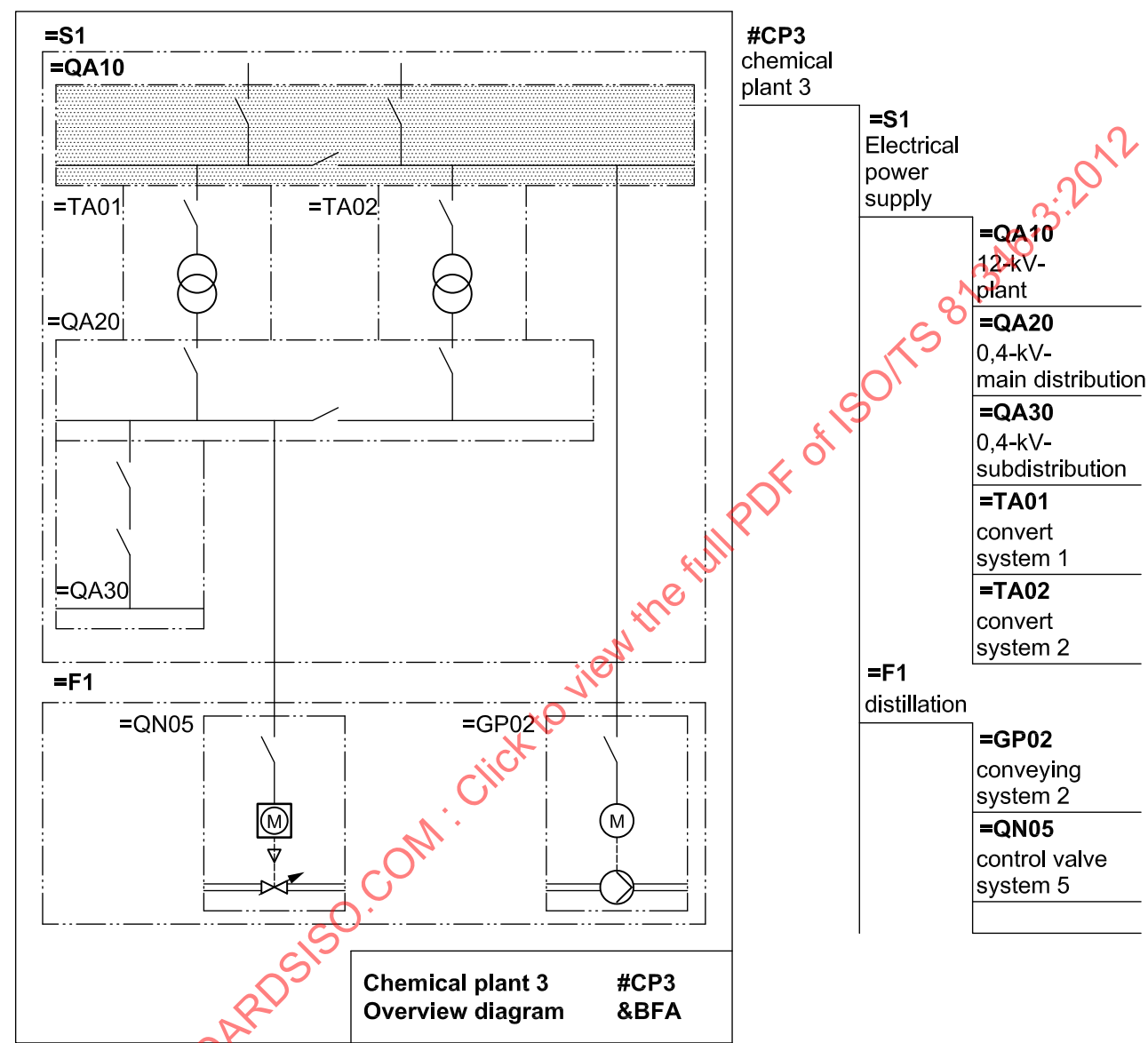


Figure A.6 — Electrical power supply overview diagram for chemical plant 3 (#CP3)

Figure A.7 shows the overview diagram of a “12-kV-system” as a function-oriented system. The structural levels L2 and L3 are represented.

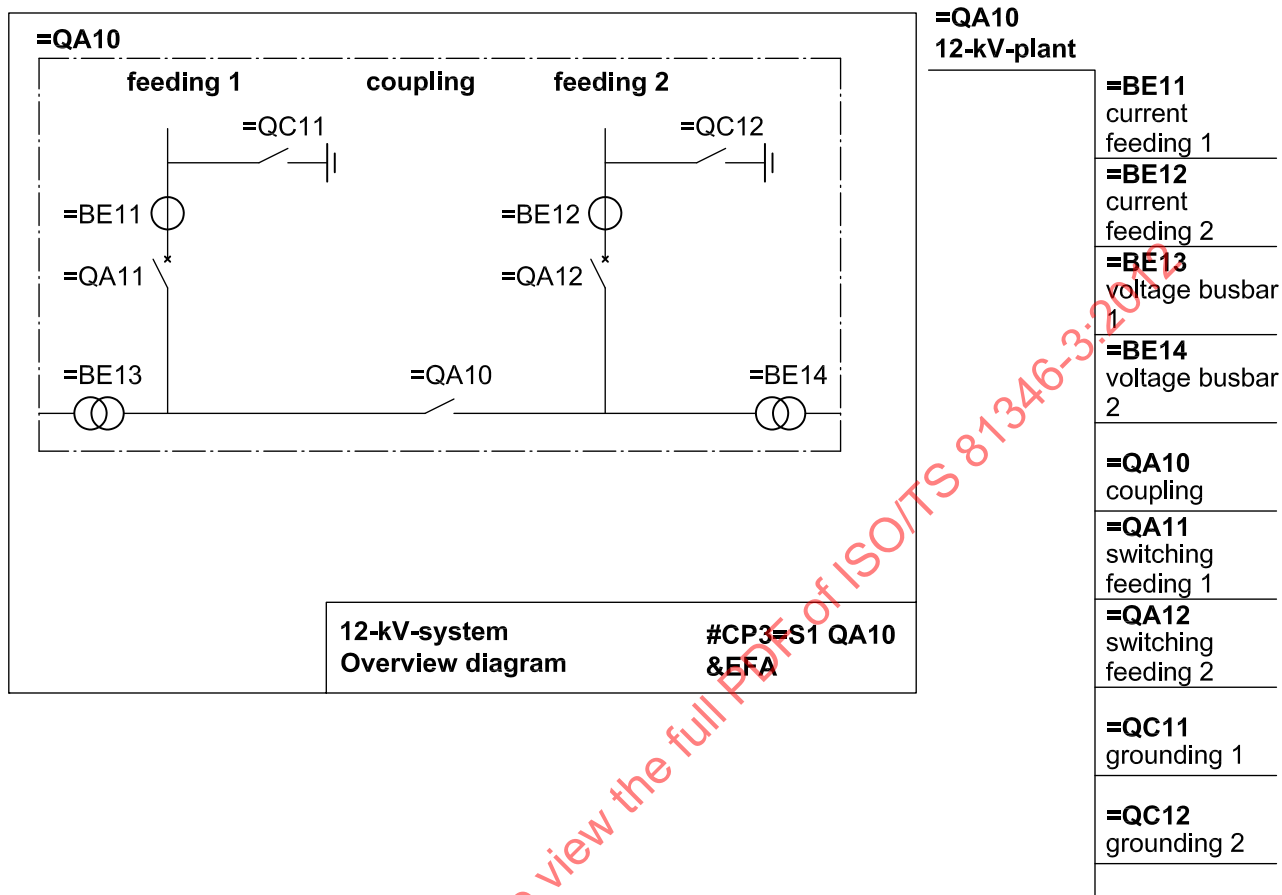


Figure A.7 — Electrical overview diagram, 12-kV-system, =QA10

Figure A.8 shows the power supply system under the aspect “point of installation” (+).

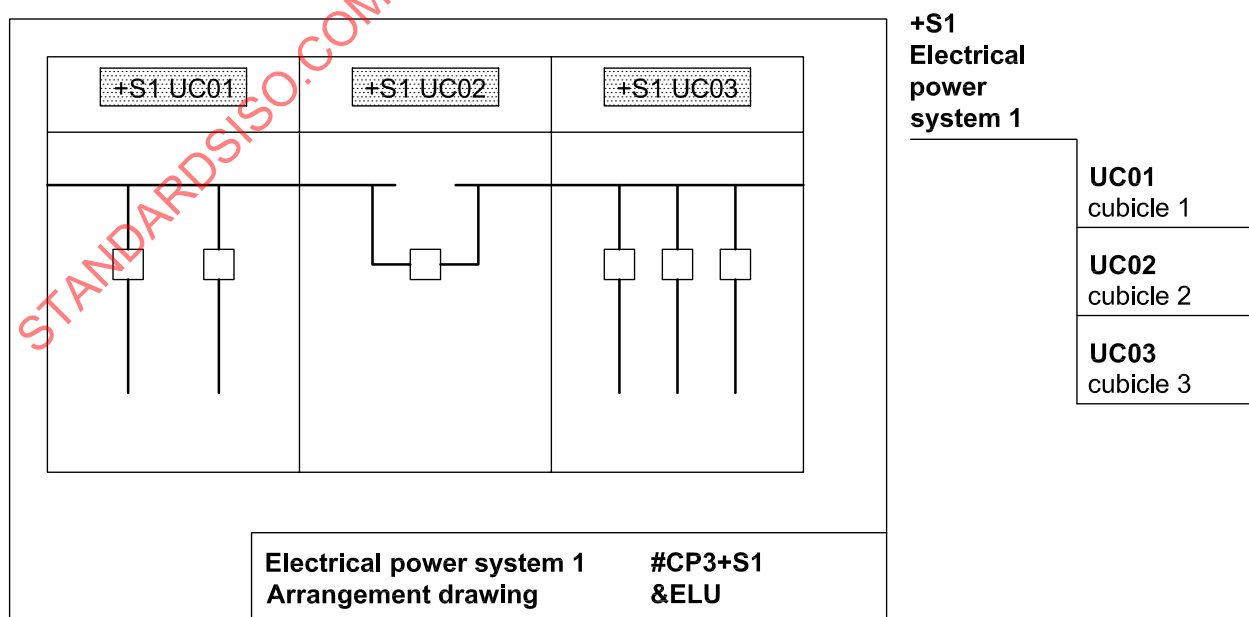


Figure A.8 — Arrangement drawing of a power supply system +S1

A.3.5 Control technology

Figure A.9 shows the measured data acquisition in the process, the signal processing and process control as a function diagram. The structural levels L3 and L4 are represented, as well as a transition from function to product aspect.

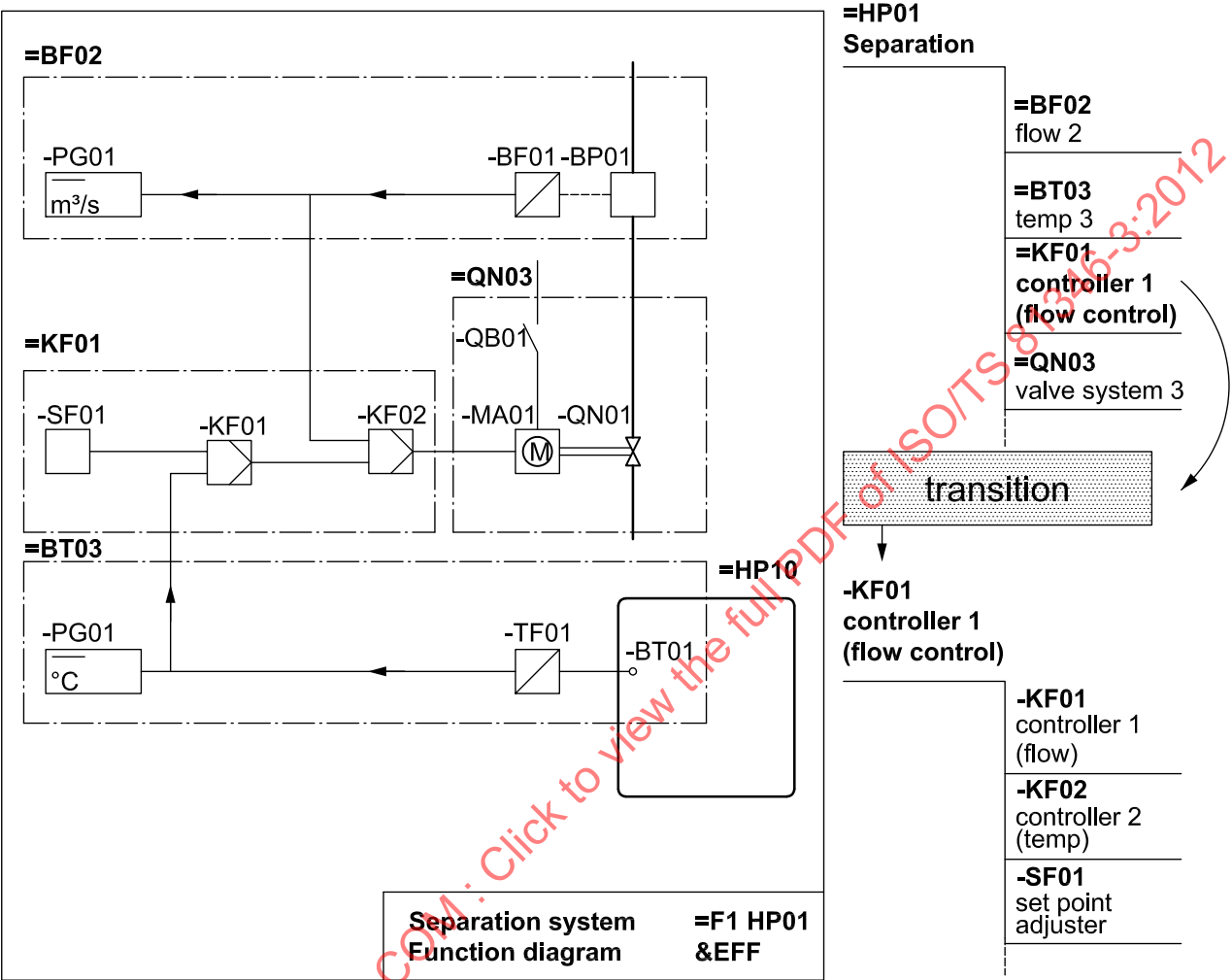


Figure A.9 — Function diagram of separation system =F1 HP01

A.3.6 Database analysis

Figure A.10 presents the data allocated to objects of the part-process distillation (=F1) and its electrical power supply (=S1) in form of a table. Not only attributes, but also relations and allocations, can be attached to the object identified. Many different data analyses can be conducted using the reference designation as a navigation tool.

Identifier	Attributes		Allocations/Relations			
	Description	Data	Type	Loc. 1	Loc. 2	Source
=F1	Distillation					
=F1 GP02	Conveyance 2					
=F1 GP02GP01	Pump system					
=F1 GP02GP01-QA01	Circuit breaker	36 A		+S1 UC03	++S1 UZ08	=S1 QA10QA12
=F1 HP01	Separation system					
=F1 HP01BF02	Flow measuring	0...5 m ³ /s				
=F1 HP01BT03	Temp measuring	0...120 °C				
=F1 HP01BT03-BT01	Temp sensor	0...600 °C	PT100		++F1 UZ01	=F1 HP01HP10
=F1 HP01BT03-TF01	Amplifier	4...20 mA	7ABC12		++F1 UZ02	
=F1 HP01HP10	Distillation column				++F1 UZ01	
=F1 HP01KF01	Control					
=F1 HP01KF01-KF01	Controller					=F1 HP01BT03
=F1 HP01KF01-KF02	Controller					=F1 HP01BF02
=F1 HP01KF01-SF01	Set point adjuster	0...10 %				
=F1 HP01QN03	Control valve system					=F1 HP01KF01
=F1 HP01QN03-MA01	Actuator	40 W	RA4712			
=F1 HP01QN03-QB01	Load switch	25 A				=S1 QA21
=S1	Electr. power supply					
=S1 QA10	12-kV-system					
=S1 QA10QA11	Feeding 1	540 A				
=S1 QA10QA11-QA01	Circuit breaker	630 A		+S1 UC01	++S1 UZ08	
=S1 QA10QC11-QC01	Grounding switch					

Figure A.10 — Database analysis in form of a table

Annex B (informative)

Application examples

B.1 Conjoint designation

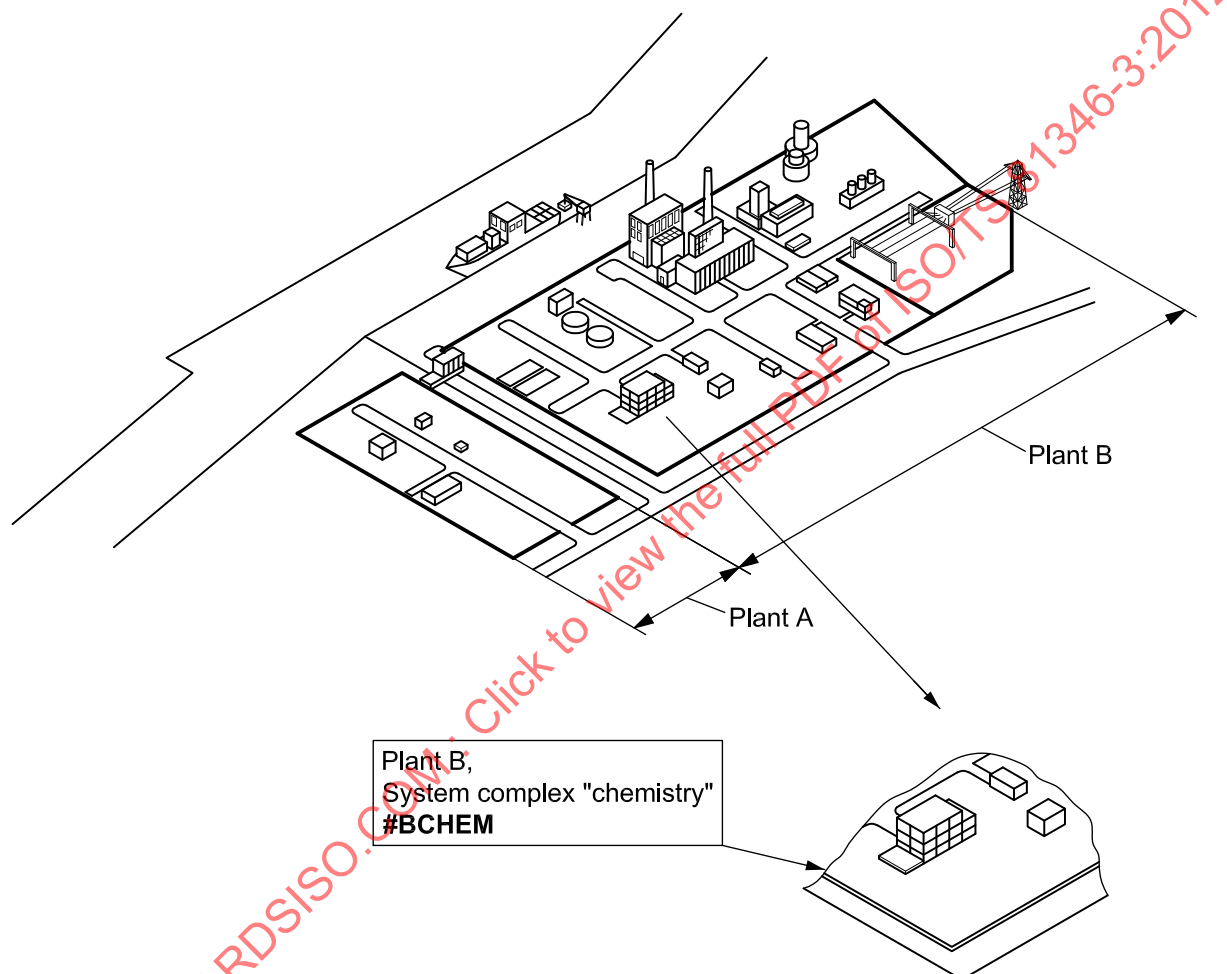


Figure B.1 — Industrial site; plant B, complex “chemistry”

B.2 Function-oriented reference designation with transition to the product aspect

General	System	Task	Part
Specific	Spray deluge system	Pressure measurement	Gauge
Designation	=F10	=BP011	-P1

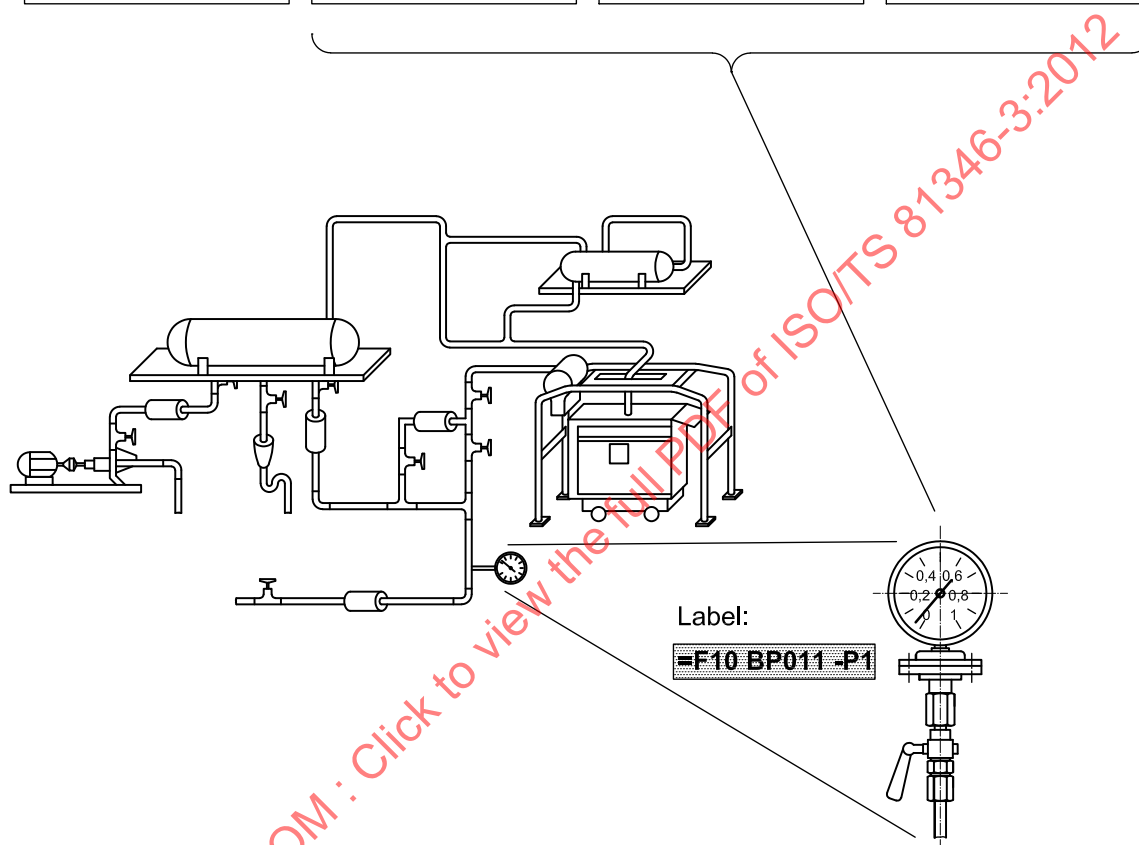


Figure B.2 — Spray deluge system with pressure measurement as a subtask

B.3 Functional allocation

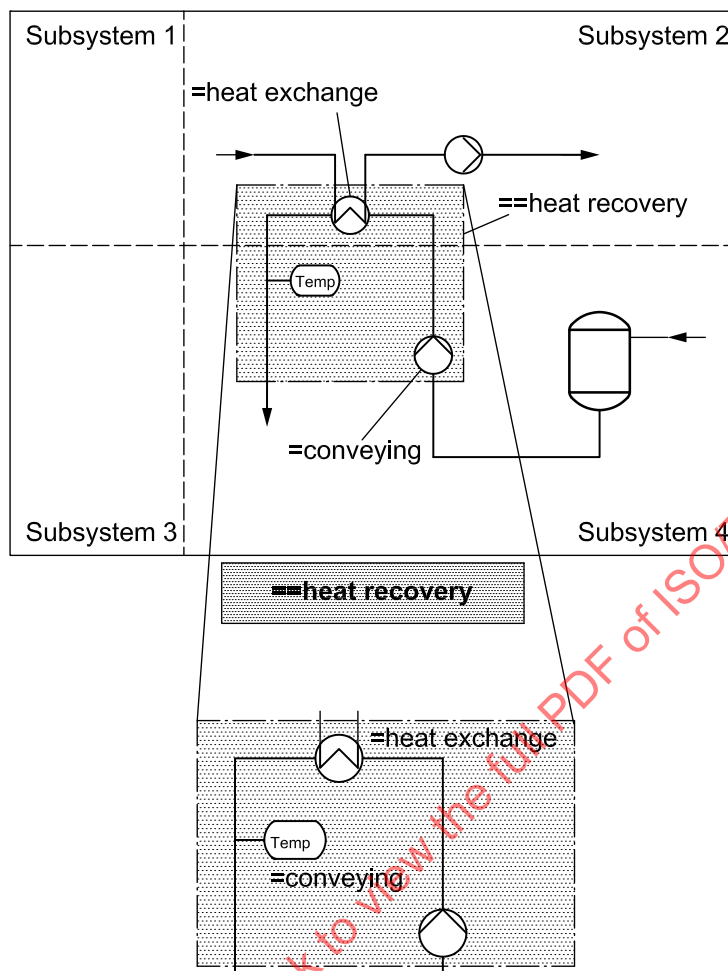


Figure B.3 — Functional unit “heat recovery” consisting of the subtasks “heat exchange” and “conveying” (objects of subsystem 2 and subsystem 4)

B.4 Terminal designation

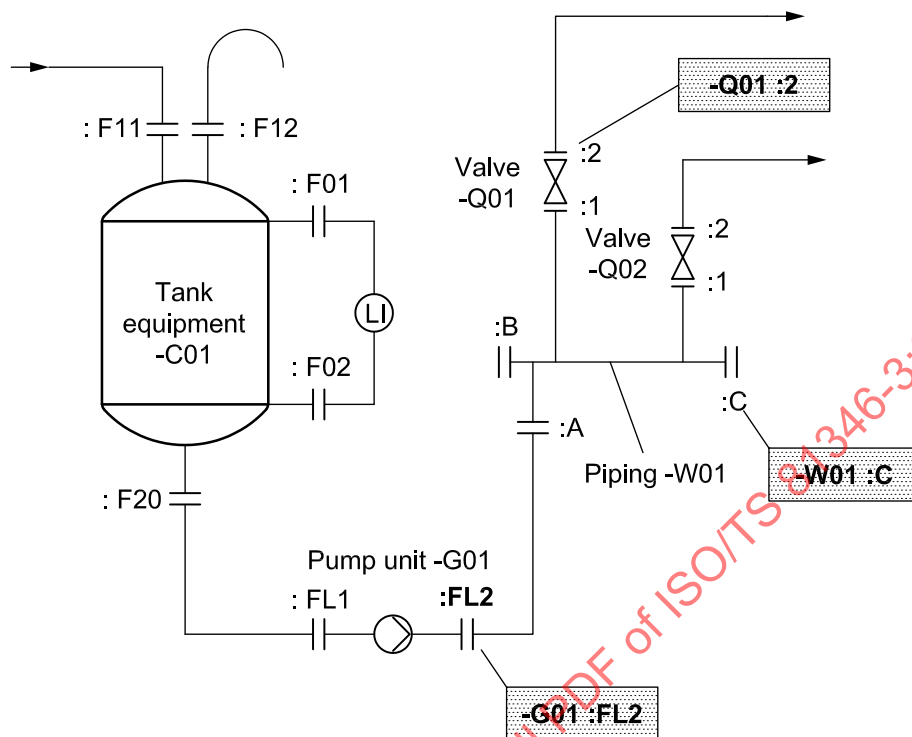


Figure B.4 — Subsystem with terminals on tank, pump, valves and piping

Annex C (informative)

Other helpful terms and definitions for a “designation system”

The following terms and definitions are used in the context of a “designation system” and will be helpful for the elaboration of the sector-specific parts of this International Standard.

C.1

actuating drive

physical unit used for driving mechanically actuated final controlling elements

NOTE 1 Examples of actuating drives are electric, hydraulic or pneumatic actuating devices, diaphragm systems or piston actuators.

NOTE 2 No actuating drive is required for a final controlling element if the manipulated variable at the controller output is capable of directly influencing the mass flow of energy flow, i.e. without any mechanical intermediate variable (quantity).

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.2

actuator

functional unit that generates from the controller output variable the manipulated variable required to drive the final controlling element

NOTE If the final controlling element is mechanically actuated, it is controlled via an actuating drive. The actuator drives the actuating drive in this case.

EXAMPLE A practical example of an actuator acting directly on the final controlling element is a d.c. drive. The control unit takes the function of an actuator. The final controlling element is formed by the thyristor assembly that delivers an variable d.c. voltage as an output variable. The control unit and the thyristor assembly together form the final controlling equipment.

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.3

apparatus

finished product with an intrinsic function intended for the final user, and intended to be placed on the market or put into service as a single commercial unit

[EN 50178:1997]

C.4

assembly

product that is decomposable into a set of components or other assemblies from the perspective of a specific application

[ISO 10303-1:1994]

C.5

associative relation

pragmatic relation

relation between two concepts having a non-hierarchical thematic connection by virtue of experience

NOTE An associative relation exists between the concepts “education” and “teaching”, “baking” and “oven”.

[ISO 1087-1:2000]

C.6**attribute**

any one of the properties to describe any entity, possibly involving one or more entities

[IEC 61360-1:2009]

C.7**automation**

conversion of processes or equipment to automatic operation or the result of the conversion

[ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993]

C.8**character**

member of a set of elements that is used for the representation, organization or control of data

[ISO/IEC 2382-4:1999]

C.9**characteristic**

abstraction of a property of an object or of a set of objects

NOTE Characteristics are used for describing concepts.

[ISO 1087-1:2000]

C.10**civil engineering works****civil engineering project US**

construction works comprising a structure, such as a dam, bridge, road, railway, runway, utilities, pipeline or sewerage system, or the result of operations, such as dredging, earthwork, geotechnical processes, but excluding a building and its associated site works

NOTE Associated site works are included in US civil engineering projects.

[ISO 6707-1:2004]

C.11**class**

set of elements having at least one characteristic in common

[ISO 5127:2001]

C.12**classification**

arrangement of symbols indicating concepts into classes and their subdivisions to express generic relations or other types of relations between them

[ISO 5127:2001]

C.13**classification system**

indexing language with assigned notations

[ISO 5127:2001]

C.14

**closed-loop control
feedback control**

process whereby one variable (quantity), namely the controlled variable, is continuously measured, compared with an other variable (quantity), namely the reference variable, and influenced in such a manner as to adjust to the reference variable

NOTE Characteristic for closed-loop control is the closed action in which the controlled variable continuously influences itself in the action path of the closed loop.

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.15

**code
coding scheme**

collection of rules that maps the elements of a first set onto the elements of a second set

NOTE 1 The elements of either set may be characters or character strings.

NOTE 2 The first set is called coded set and the second set is called code set.

NOTE 3 Each element of the code set can be related to more than one element of the coded set but the reverse is not true.

[ISO/IEC 2382-4:1999]

C.16

component

industrial product which serves a specific function or functions, which is not decomposable or physically divisible and which is intended for use in a higher order assembled product

[IEC 61360-1:2009]

C.17

computer resource

any element of a data processing system needed to perform required operations

EXAMPLES Storage devices; input/output units; one or more processing units; data; files and programs.

[ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993]

C.18

configuration

interrelated functional and physical characteristics of a product defined in product configuration information

[ISO 10007:2003]

C.19

connection

intentional electric contact between conductors or intentional junction between waveguides including optical fibres

[IEC 60050-581:2008]

C.20

connections

threaded ports, flanges or similar means for connecting to the pipelines

[ISO 5598:2008]

C.21

construction works

construction US

everything that is constructed or results from construction operations

[ISO 6707-1:2004]

C.22

control

purposeful action on or in a process to meet specified objectives

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.23

control chain

set of elements or systems which act upon one another in a series structure

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.24

control equipment

entirety of devices and programs and, in a broader sense, all instructions and programs used for the task of controlling

NOTE 1 Control equipment also comprises the process control station, and instructions include operating manuals.

NOTE 2 Providing a process with control equipment is denoted as process automation.

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.25

control level

entirety of all control equipment of the same rank within a control hierarchy

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.26

control system

system constituted by a controlled system, its controlling system, the measuring element and the associated transducing elements

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.27

controlled system

functional unit which is to be influenced according to the control task

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.28

controlling system

totality of the functional units appointed to influence the controlled system according to the control task

[IEC 60050-351:2006]

C.29
designation
designator

representation of a concept by a sign which denotes it

NOTE In terminology work, three types of designations are distinguished: symbols, appellations and terms.

[ISO 1087-1:2000]

C.30
designation system

entirety of the stipulated regulation for generating designations for a bounded area

C.31
device

material element or assembly of such elements intended to perform a required function

NOTE A device may form part of a larger device.

[IEC 60050-151:2001]

C.32
document designation

identifier of a specific document in relation to an object to which the document is assigned

[IEC 61355-1:2008]

C.33
electric equipment

item used for such purposes as generation, conversion, transmission, distribution or utilization of electric energy, such as electric machines, transformers, switchgear and controlgear, measuring instruments, protective devices, wiring systems, current-using equipment

[IEC 60050-826:2004]

C.34
electric network

electric circuit or set of electric circuits, interconnected or having intentional capacitive or inductive coupling between them [702-09-05 MOD]

NOTE 1 An electric network can form part of a larger electric network.

NOTE 2 In IEC 60050-131, the term "electric network" has another meaning relative to circuit theory.

[IEC 60050-151:2001]

C.35
electrical installation

assembly of associated electric equipment having coordinated characteristics to fulfil specific purposes

[IEC 60050-826:2004]

C.36
electronic equipment
EE

electrical equipment, the main function of which is performed by the use of components using electron or ion conduction in semiconductors, in vacuum or in gases

NOTE 1 Electronic equipment contains data processing equipment and/or power electronics equipment according to its main function. It can contain non-electronic components or equipment.

NOTE 2 This includes sub-assemblies and equipment, such as assembled printed circuit boards, plug-in units and cubicles.

[EN 50178:1997]