
**Road vehicles — Product data exchange
between chassis and bodywork
manufacturers (BEP) —**

**Part 4:
Mapping to STEP application
protocol 239**

*Véhicules routiers — Échange de données de produit entre les
fabricants de châssis et de carrosseries (BEP) —*

*Partie 4: Élaboration en accord avec le protocole d'application 239
de STEP*

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Foreword

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ISO/TS 21308 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Road vehicles — Product data exchange between chassis and bodywork manufacturers (BEP)*:

- *Part 1: General principles* [Publicly Available Specification]
- *Part 2: Dimensional bodywork exchange parameters*
- *Part 3: General, mass and administrative exchange parameters*
- *Part 4: Mapping to STEP application protocol 239* [Technical Specification]

Introduction

0.1 General

Truck chassis manufacturers deal with the configuration of chassis in infinite numbers of possible combinations, and bodywork manufacturers produce highly customized superstructures on these chassis. Bodywork manufacturers build their superstructures on chassis of several different truck brands.

The production efficiency of a specific truck chassis and its body combinations can be greatly improved by ensuring that the correct technical and commercial information about the specific chassis is communicated with the bodywork manufacturer in advance. The information needs to be reliable such that the bodywork manufacturer has sufficient confidence to prefabricate the body or the superstructure before the chassis is delivered. With uniform conditions, unambiguous dimensions and supplementary information can be established, transferred and correctly interpreted by the receiver. Increased information efficiency improves quality and reduces lead times.

The ISO 21308 series specifies a system of codes to exchange specific data between chassis and bodywork manufacturers, providing a platform for efficient communication between the parties. The process of exchanging data according to the ISO 21308 series is not dependent on the degree of IT sophistication. Any medium can be used, from fax or e-mail to a STEP (standard for the exchange of product model data) protocol.

Exchanging codes in accordance with the ISO 21308 series is useful in various situations, e.g. for design and manufacturing, technical specifications, technical drawings and leaflets.

The codes provide the basic information level, and are also the basic input parameters for a data exchange system based on the STEP protocol. This Technical Specification covers the mapping of these data to STEP application protocol 239 (STEP AP 239).

0.2 Intentions of this Technical Specification

This Technical Specification is aimed at those parties interested in using STEP for their transmission of product data. STEP can be implemented in different ways when used for the exchange of BEP (bodywork exchange parameter) data. The intention with this Technical Specification is to create a basis for compatible STEP applications when used for exchanging BEP data. In order to achieve this, it is necessary to map the BEP properties to the STEP application in a uniform way. This Technical Specification specifies the general principles of this mapping and shows examples of mapping of specific properties, as well as a complete STEP file for the transmission of data.

This Technical Specification is intended for use by implementation and software design experts with in-depth knowledge of the ISO 10303 series on STEP product data. Special knowledge of object-oriented syntaxes and the data descriptive language of STEP, EXPRESS and EXPRESS-G (the graphical notation) is necessary for the understanding and assimilation of this Technical Specification.

0.3 Relationship with STEP

The product data model schema of main interest is the ARM (application reference model) contained in STEP application protocol 239 (ISO 10303-239), published in 2005.

In addition, complementary standards and documentation are developed within OASIS (a part of W3C) to further assist in a successful usage and implementation of STEP AP 239 based solutions, referred to as data exchange sets (DEXs).

