

# MANUAL

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 SCOPE

This DEP, which replaces the DEP of the same number dated March 1985, specifies requirements for, and gives guidance on, the expression of quantities in SI units.

This DEP is based on International Standards ISO 31 (Parts 0 through 13) and ISO 1000, **both of which are adopted without amendment.**

ISO 31-0 gives general information about the principles concerning physical quantities, equations, quantity and unit symbols, and coherent unit systems, especially SI. Recommendations for the expression of quantities and units are included.

ISO 31-1 through ISO 31-13 give the names and symbols for quantities and units for use in various fields of science and technology, and include conversion factors where appropriate.

ISO 1000 describes the SI units, including the base units, derived units and supplementary units. It recommends selected decimal multiples and sub-multiples of SI units and includes certain other non-SI units which may be used with SI.

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#### 1.3.1 General definitions

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The word **should** indicates a recommendation.

### **1.3.1 Abbreviations**

**SI** The International System of Units

## **2. INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS APPROVED FOR USE**

The following standards are approved for use, without any Group amendments:

ISO 31 (Parts 0 through 13).

ISO 1000.

NOTE: In the measurement of crude petroleum and its products, both liquid and gaseous, the standard reference conditions of pressure and temperature should be in accordance with ISO 5024.

### 3. REFERENCES

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#### SHELL STANDARDS

Index to DEP Publications and Standard Specifications DEP 00.00.05.05-Gen.

#### INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Quantities and units -

Part 0: General principles	ISO 31-0
Part 1: Space and time	ISO 31-1
Part 2: Periodic and related phenomena	ISO 31-2
Part 3: Mechanics	ISO 31-3
Part 4: Heat	ISO 31-4
Part 5: Electricity and magnetism	ISO 31-5
Part 6: Light and related electromagnetic radiations	ISO 31-6
Part 7: Acoustics	ISO 31-7
Part 8: Physical chemistry and molecular physics	ISO 31-8
Part 9: Atomic and nuclear physics	ISO 31-9
Part 10: Nuclear reactions and ionizing radiations	ISO 31-10
Part 11: Mathematical signs and symbols for use in the physical sciences and technology	ISO 31-11
Part 12: Characteristic numbers	ISO 31-12
Part 13: Solid state physics	ISO 31-13

SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units ISO 1000

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