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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Classification and terminology standards are fundamental to the identification of a product for using in industrial and trade communications, education, information search, data processing, research, development, inventing, patenting, etc. It is intended that these standards be based on the latest technical achievements and classification theories, cover all viable modern equipment design types, exclude ambiguity, be adapted to easy translations into different languages by exact terms, and be flexible and open to new innovations. This Technical Report is intended to contribute essentially to obtaining these aims for a possible subsequent revision of ISO 5390.

The main modern problems in compressor classification and terminology are associated with rapid development and implementation of new design types. In addition, many manufacturers include in a single non-separable compressor package, not only an aftercooler, but also a receiver, dryer, etc.. In these conditions, it is important to establish and maintain unified patterns and principles for forming new derivative and composed terms by using a few basic original terms as well as using, as far as possible, established professional terms which have emerged spontaneously.

The problems related to the classification of compressor equipment are complicated by the wide spectrum and diversity of application fields, resulting in a great number of applicability and performance criteria, such as:

- compression principles;
- basic design features;
- energy forms used (electricity, fuel heat, etc.) and driver types;
- cooling agents (air, water, etc.) and methods;
- lubrication conditions (oil-free or contaminated with oil);
- mobility, transportability;
- prefabrication level (packaged and factory-assembled compressor, compressor plant, etc.);
- operation modes and service parameters;
- range of functions (compression, energy conversion, cooling, drying, etc.) and appropriate structural composition of the equipment.

Neither identification of the compressor equipment and its application fields nor selection of compressors for specific services and comparison of their technical and economical parameters are possible without knowledge of this information. That is why it is intended that the attributes listed in this Technical Report serve as a basis for the practical multi-dimensional classification system of compressor equipment.

Some explanatory notes and methodical approaches are presented in Annex A.

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## 1 Scope

This Technical Report gives a classification of modern compressor types and their definitions.

This Technical Report presents terms for use in technical and contractual specifications, manufacturer's literature, information searches and data processing systems, patent information, educational publications for students, service and maintenance instructions, industrial statistics and market surveys, as well as in design, quality, safety, testing and other standards, norms, regulations and codes.

It is intended that adequate technical and economical comparison and evaluation of compressor alternatives for specific application conditions be performed with identical functional, mobility, service pressures and service media classes, as well as with equal capacity ratings.

## 2 Design classes

### 2.1 General

The general hierarchy of compressor design classes is given in Figure 1.

Design classes specify the basic working principles and conceptual engineering philosophy of modern compressors being operated, marketed, manufactured, developed, investigated or invented. The classification tables in 2.2 to 2.5 contain preferred terms of basic compressor classes, their definitions and graphical illustrations. Graphical materials are presented only as examples. Non-preferred synonyms are given in parentheses. Special definitions are not given for those subclasses where the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently basic design features and attributes of the compressor types. More general high-level terms can be used in the technical documentation instead of low-level particular subclasses, such as "compressor", "compressor plant" and "compressor equipment" after the first full description of functional and design subclasses, and in all those cases where there is no possibility of confusion with other subclasses or there is no need to differentiate between specific subclasses.

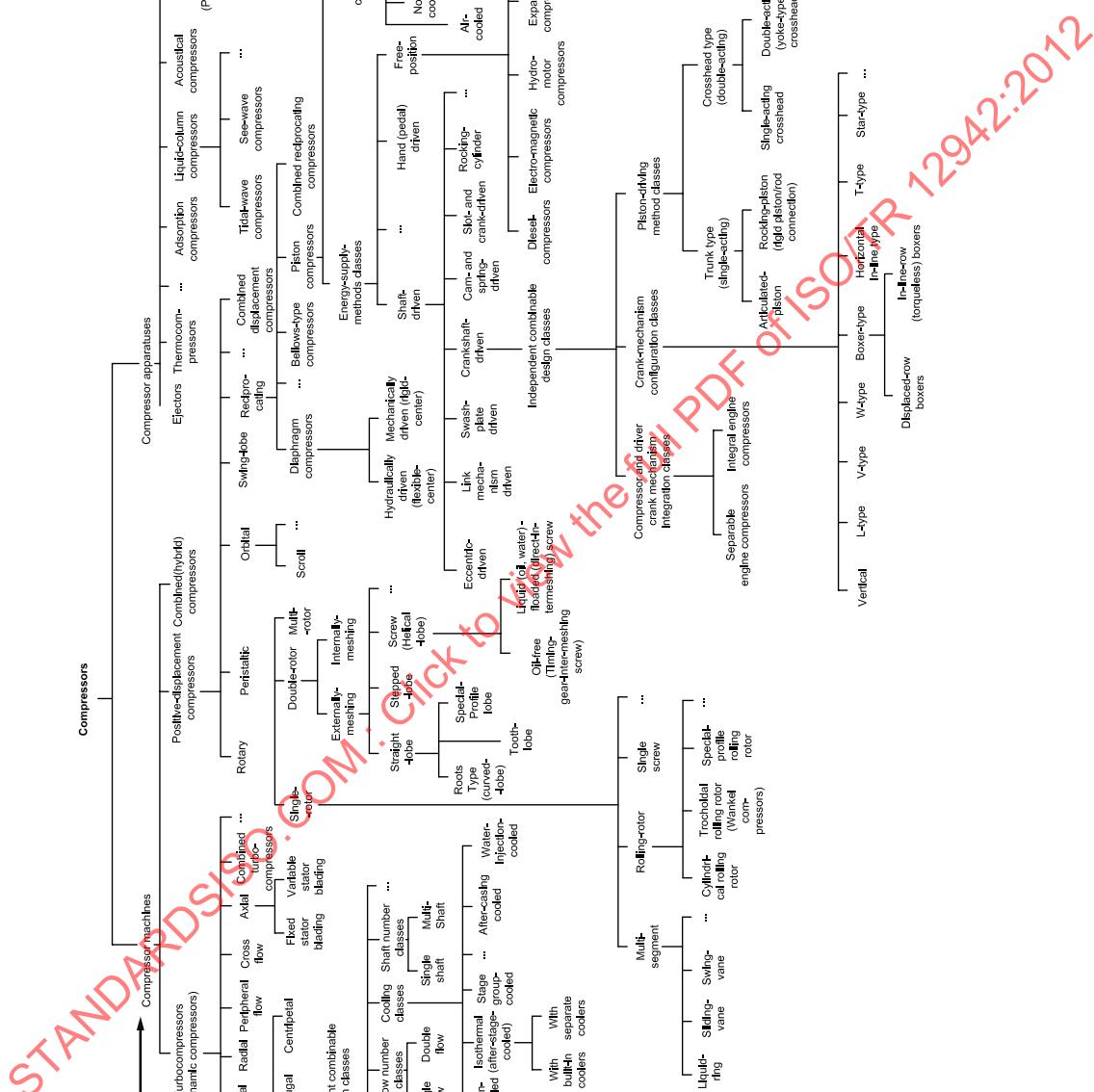
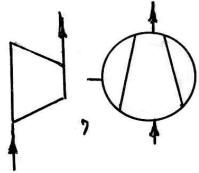
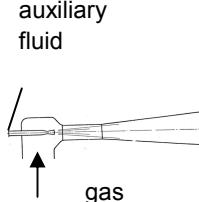
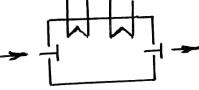
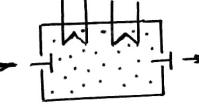


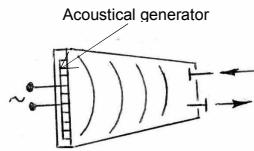
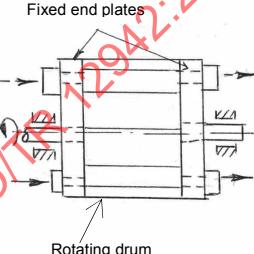
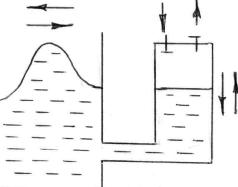
Figure 1 — Design classes of compressors

## 2.2 Classification by equipment type

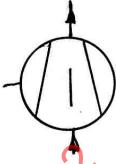
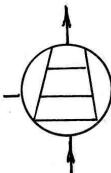
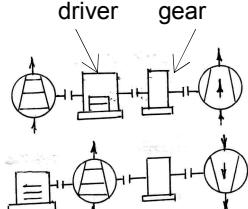
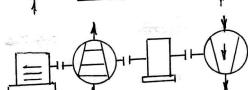
Class, term	Subclass and definition		Illustration (example only)
Compressor (generic term)		A machine or apparatus converting different types of energy into the potential energy of gas pressure for displacement and compression of gaseous media to any higher pressure values above atmospheric pressure with pressure-increase ratios exceeding 1,1.  NOTE 1 Similar equipment with pressure-increase ratio values of up to 1,1 is regarded as ventilator.	
	Compressor machine	A compressor in which conversion of different types of energy into the potential energy of gas pressure is effected by mechanical motions of solid working members.  NOTE 2 In some design types of compressor machine, intermediate liquid service media can be used for driving-force transmitting from one solid member to the other one (e.g. in electrically/hydraulically driven piston and diaphragm compressor).	See 2.3 to 2.5 for specific classes
	Compressor apparatus	A compressor in which conversion of different types of energy into the potential energy of gas pressure is effected by stationary positions of working members effecting basic energy conversion functions, mechanical motions being used only for auxiliary functions, such as gas inlet and outlet, and energy-agent supply and withdrawal.	See 2.3 to 2.5 for specific classes

## 2.3 Classification of compressor apparatuses by operation principles

Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Compressor apparatus	Ejector	A compressor apparatus of dynamic type, comprising suction chamber, cylindrical throat and diffuser, in which the gas-pressure increase is obtained in continuous flow by initial increasing its kinetic energy by mechanical action of the motive high-velocity auxiliary fluid stream entraining the gas into the accelerating mixed stream, and successive conversion of the kinetic energy into the potential energy of the mixture pressure by deceleration of the mixture flow in the diffuser, the high velocity of the motive auxiliary-fluid stream being created by its expansion in the nozzle from pressurized state to the initial or lower pressure of the gas being compressed.	
	Thermo-compressor	A compressor apparatus of displacement type in which the gas pressure increase, its discharge and gas intake are obtained by cyclically heating and cooling of the closed volumes of the gas.	
	Adsorption compressor	A compressor apparatus of displacement type in which the gas pressure increase, its discharge and gas intake are obtained by cyclical adsorption of the gas by special adsorbents such as metal hydrides and its desorption at higher pressures by changing temperature conditions.	

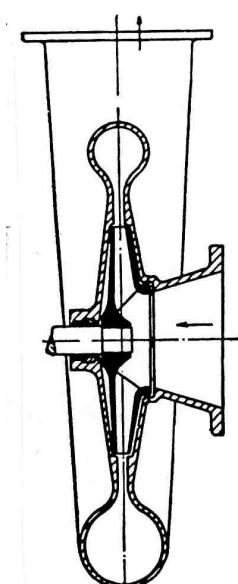
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Compressor apparatus (continued)	Acoustical compressor	A compressor apparatus of displacement type in which the gas pressure increase, its discharge and gas intake are obtained by cyclical formation of low- and high-pressure phases in the closed volumes of the gas due to actions of pressure waves emitted by an acoustical generator	
	Pressure – shock compressor (Pressure exchanger)	<p>A compressor apparatus of displacement type in which the compression of successive volumes of the gas is effected by shock waves created by the second high-pressure energy-carrying gas in several longitudinal through channels arranged circumferentially on the cylindrical drum, these channels being cyclically closed by rotation of the drum between fixed end plates having inlet/outlet ports and blind zones, the shock waves being generated by cyclical exposure of channel ends to the energy-carrying-gas manifold, and inlet/outlet of both fluids being achieved by synchronization of drum-rotating speed in respect to the fixed inlet/outlet ports with the velocity of pressure-wave propagation.</p> <p>NOTE 1 The rotating drum is not imparting any energy to the gas to be compressed. Its rotation synchronized with shock wave velocity is an auxiliary movement only ensuring control of fluid flows. The drum can be driven by an small auxiliary prime mover or any other power transmitting shaft.</p> <p>NOTE 2 The shock-wave propagation from one channel end to another one and gas compression up to pressure equalization of two fluids in the channels occur essentially faster than mixing of fluids.</p>	
	Liquid-column compressor	<p>A compressor apparatus of displacement type in which admission and compression of successive volumes of the gas are performed periodically by forced expansion and diminution of a closed space(s) in the vertical casing of any form due to displacement of the auxiliary-liquid column in said casing.</p> <p>NOTE 1 The displacement of the auxiliary-liquid column can be generated by external renewable natural-energy sources, e.g. water waves.</p> <p>NOTE 2 The liquid-displacement source subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— sea-wave driven compressors;</li> <li>— tidal-wave driven compressors.</li> </ul>	

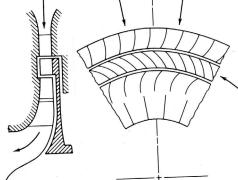
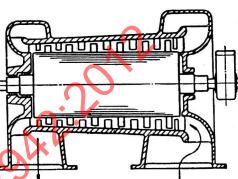
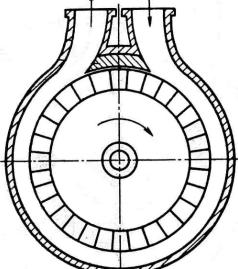
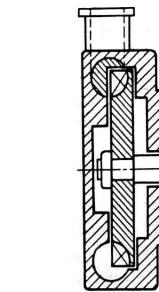
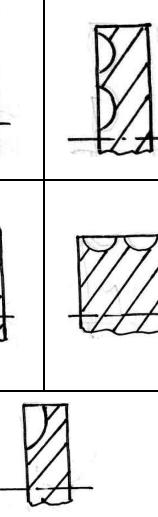
## 2.4 Classification of compressor machines by operation principles

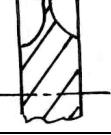
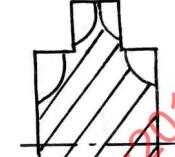
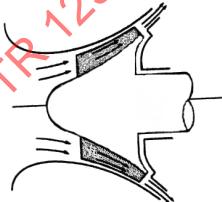
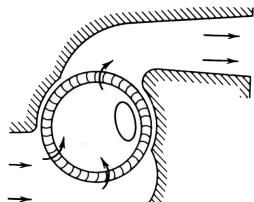
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Compressor machine	Dynamic compressor, turbocompressor	A compressor machine in which the gas pressure increase is achieved in continuous flow essentially by increasing its kinetic energy in the flow path of the machine due to acceleration to the high velocities by mechanical action of blades placed on a rapid rotating wheel and further transformation of the kinetic energy into the potential energy of the elevated pressure by successive deceleration of the said flow.	
	Positive-displacement compressor	A compressor machine in which the admission and compression of successive volumes of the gaseous medium are performed periodically by forced expansion and diminution of a closed space(s) in a working chamber(s) by means of displacement of a moving member(s) or by displacement and forced discharge of the gaseous medium into the high-pressure area.  NOTE The closed spaces with variable or displaceable volumes represent compression chambers. In one working chamber, there can be one or several variable-volume compression chambers.	
	Combined compressor machine	A compressor machine in which the compression of gaseous medium or media is performed simultaneously or successively by dynamic and positive-displacement compressors driven by a common prime mover.	<p>Simultaneous compression</p>  <p>Successive compression</p> 

## 2.5 Design classes of compressor machines

### 2.5.1 Design classes of turbo compressors (dynamic compressors)

Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Turbo compressor	Radial turbo-compressor (Radial-flow turbo-compressor)	<p>A turbo compressor in which the acceleration of the gas stream in the meridional plane is performed in radial direction with respect to the axis of rotation of the bladed wheel.</p> <p>NOTE 1 The subclasses of radial compressors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— radial centrifugal compressor;</li> <li>— radial centripetal compressor.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE 2 The broader term "radial compressor" can be used instead of "centrifugal compressor" if there is no possibility of confusion with centripetal radial compressors.</p>	
	Centrifugal compressor	<p>A radial turbo compressor in which the acceleration of the gas stream is caused essentially by centrifugal forces and performed from the centre of the rotating wheel to its periphery.</p> <p>NOTE 3 The basic specific subclasses of the centrifugal compressors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) flow-number classes of the rotating wheel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) single-flow compressor;</li> <li>2) double-flow compressor;</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) casing-design classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) horizontally split compressor;</li> <li>2) vertically split compressor with solid casing;</li> <li>3) vertically split compressor with stacked casing;</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) cooling-configuration classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) non-cooled compressor;</li> <li>2) isothermal (after-stage-cooled compressor): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) with built-in coolers;</li> <li>b) with separate coolers;</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) stage-group-cooled (sectionally cooled) compressor;</li> <li>4) after-casing cooled compressor;</li> <li>5) water-injection-cooled compressor;</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) shaft-number classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) single-shaft compressor;</li> <li>2) multi-shaft compressor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NOTE 4 Gas cooling system is a component part of the aggregated compressor equipment (compressor plant); however, in spite of this gas cooling methods influence also essentially the design of the compression mechanism (mechanical compressor).</p>	

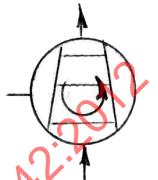
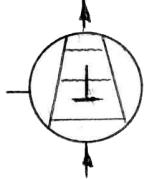
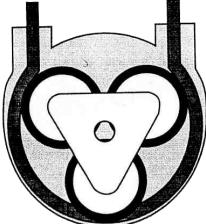
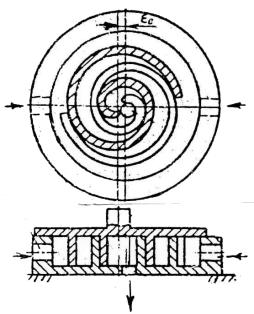
Class, term	Subclass	Definition		Illustration (example only)
Turbo compressor (continued)	Radial turbo-compressor (Radial-flow turbo-compressor) (continued)	Centripetal compressor	A radial turbo compressor in which the gas stream is accelerated essentially by centripetal forces induced by mechanical action of blades placed circumferentially on the rotating wheel and moves from its periphery to the centre.	
	Axial compressor (axial-flow compressor)		A turbo compressor in which the acceleration of the gas stream in the meridional plane is performed in the direction parallel to the axis of rotation of the bladed wheel. NOTE 5 The basic design subclasses of axial compressor are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— compressors with fixed stator blading;</li><li>— compressor with variable stator blading.</li></ul>	
	Peripheral flow compressor (periflow compressor, vortex compressor, regenerative compressor, drag compressor, tangential compressor)		A turbo compressor in which the acceleration of the gas stream is performed by its composed resulting motion in peripheral (circumferential) direction in respect of the axis of rotation of the bladed wheel. NOTE 6 The resulting peripheral motion with helical screw-type flow pattern of the gaseous medium is composed of the radial motion in the rotor pockets under the centrifugal forces, the circulatory motion in the ring-shaped peripheral stator channel caused by centrifugal pressure gradient superimposed by the circumferential motion induced by rotation of the wheel. NOTE 7 The basic subclasses of peripheral-flow compressors according to configuration and location of bladed rotor channels are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) side-channel compressor</li><li>b) peripheral-channel compressor</li><li>c) angle-channel compressor</li></ul>	   
		a) side-channel compressor	1. single-side-channel compressor 2. multi-side-channel compressor	Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently basic design features of the subclasses.
		b) peripheral-channel compressor	1. single-peripheral channel compressor 2. multi-peripheral channel compressor	
		c) angle-channel compressor		

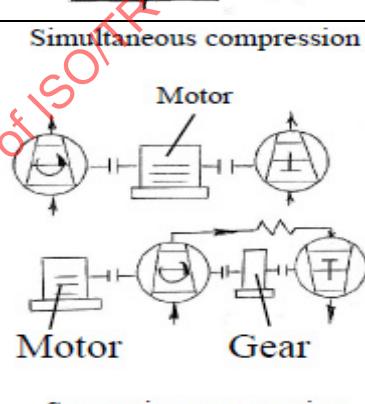
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Turbo compressor (continued)	Peripheral flow compressor (periflow compressor, vortex compressor, regenerative compressor, drag compressor, tangential compressor) (continued)	d) double-angle-channel compressor	
		e) stepped-channel compressor	
Diagonal-flow compressor (mixed-flow compressor)		A turbo compressor in which the acceleration of the gas stream in the meridional plane is performed at acute angles between axial and radial directions to the axis of rotation of the bladed wheel.	
Cross-flow compressor (transverse- flow compressor, diametrical compressor)		A turbo compressor in which the acceleration of the gas stream is performed in diametrical, cross-direction with respect to the axis of rotation of the bladed wheel thus action of two blade rows on the stream is achieved.	
Combined turbo- compressor		A turbo compressor in which the compression of gaseous medium or media is performed simultaneously or successively in different types of turbo compressors driven by a common prime mover.	
		NOTE 8 Fixed deflectors can be used inside the bladed wheel for better flow guidance between two rows of blades.	
		NOTE 9 Subclasses of combined turbo compressors can be:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— axial-radial turbo compressor;</li> <li>— diagonal-radial turbo compressor;</li> <li>— radial-peripheral turbo compressor, etc.</li> </ul>	

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## 2.5.2 Design classes of positive displacement compressors

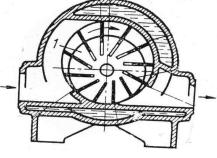
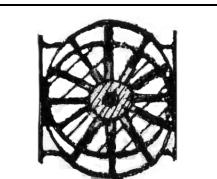
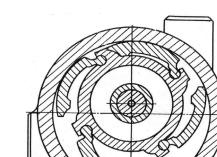
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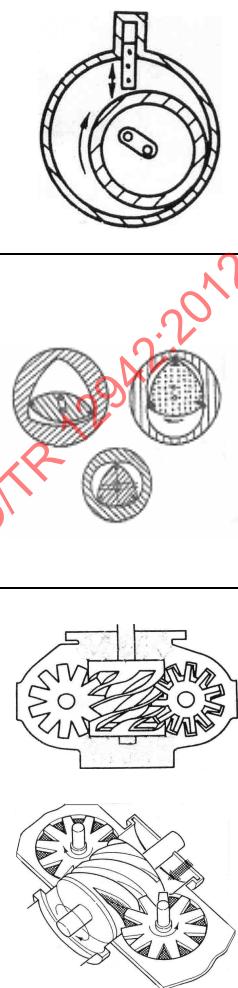
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Positive displacement compressor	Rotary compressor	<p>A displacement compressor in which gas admission and diminution of its successive volumes or its forced discharge are performed cyclically by rotation of one or several rotors in a compressor casing.</p> <p>NOTE 1 The rotor-number subclass are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Single-rotor compressor,</li> <li>— Double-rotor compressor,</li> <li>— Multi-rotor compressor.</li> </ul>	
	Reciprocating compressor	<p>A displacement compressor in which gas admission and diminution of its successive volumes are performed cyclically by straight-line alternating movement of a moving member(s) in a compression chamber(s).</p> <p>NOTE 2 Design subclasses of reciprocating compressors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— piston compressor;</li> <li>— diaphragm compressor;</li> <li>— bellows-type compressor.</li> </ul>	
	Peristaltic compressor	<p>A displacement compressor in which admission of the gas volumes and their forced discharge are performed cyclically by local squeezing of sections of a flexible pipe rested on arc-shaped support by rollers of an external rotor and by displacing the trapped gas volumes from low-pressure side to high-pressure area.</p> <p>NOTE 3: The inner flexible-pipe surface driven by the rollers represents the working member in the peristaltic compressors.</p>	
	Orbital compressor	<p>A displacement compressor in which gas admission and diminution of their successive volumes are performed cyclically by plain-parallel non-rotating orbital motion of the working member along the circular or other closed-curve path in the working chamber.</p> <p>Subclass: scroll compressor</p>	
	Scroll compressor	<p>An orbital compressor in which closed-space compression chambers are formed between two identical spiral bands inserted eccentrically in each other and their flat end cover plates, the volumes of said spaces being cyclically decreased and increased from periphery to the centre by orbital non-rotating plane-parallel motion of one spiral band inside the fixed one along the circular path.</p>	

Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Positive displacement compressor (continued)	Swing-lobe compressor (oscillating-lobe compressor)	A displacement compressor in which gas admission and diminution of its successive volumes are performed by angular swinging (rocking) motion of one or several lobes around their axes in an cylindrical or partly cylindrical casing.	
	Combined positive-displacement compressor	A positive displacement compressor in which the compression of gaseous medium or media is performed simultaneously or successively in different types of positive displacement compressors driven by a common prime mover.	 <p>Simultaneous compression</p> <p>Motor</p> <p>Successive compression</p> <p>Motor</p> <p>Gear</p>

#### 2.5.2.2 Design classes of single-rotor compressors

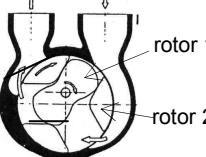
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Single-rotor compressor	Multi-segment compressor	<p>A single-rotor compressor in which the compressor chambers constitute circle segments in cross-section, their expansion and diminution being obtained by passing through the variable-height crescent-shaped space between the inner surface of the casing and eccentrically mounted rotor of the smaller diameter.</p> <p>NOTE 1 The design subclasses of multi-segment compressors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— liquid-ring compressor;</li> <li>— sliding-vane compressor;</li> <li>— swing-vane compressor.</li> </ul>	
	Liquid-ring compressor	A multi-segment compressor in which segment-shaped compression chambers are formed between the radial or forward-curved vanes of the eccentric rotor and rotating liquid layer created and maintained by rotating vanes and pressed concentrically to the inner surface of the casing by centrifugal forces.	

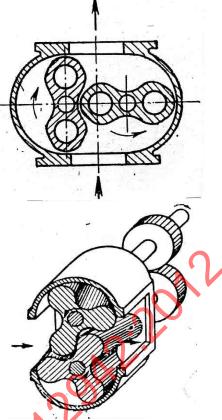
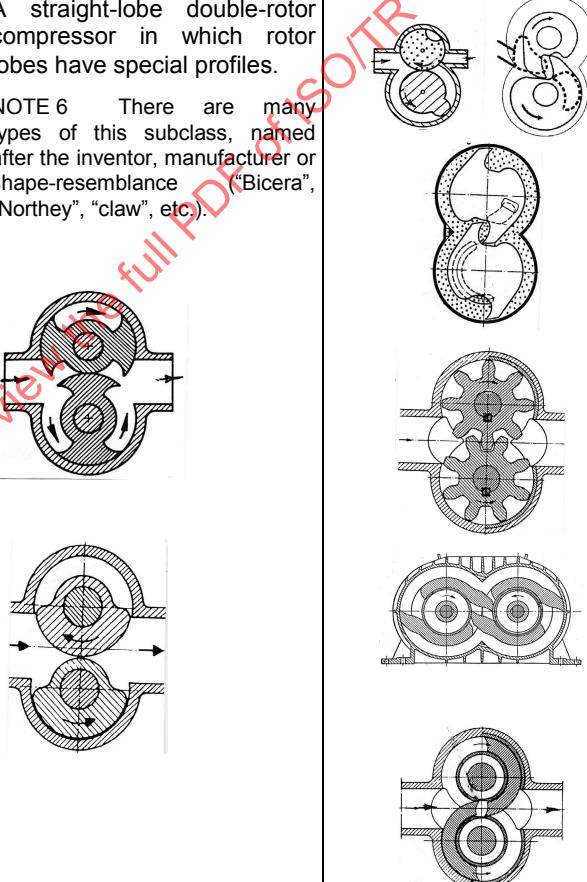
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Single-rotor compressor (continued)	Multi-segment compressor (continued)	<p>Liquid-ring compressor (continued)</p> <p>Single-acting compressor</p> <p>Double-acting compressor (with two crescent-shaped spaced in the oval-type casing)</p>	 
	Sliding-vane compressor	<p>A multi-segment compressor in which segment-shaped compression chambers are formed between the inner surface of the cylindrical casing and flat solid vanes sliding in radial or cord-shaped slots of the eccentric rotor and being constantly pressed to said surface by centrifugal forces.</p> <p>NOTE 2 The design subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— single-acting compressor;</li> <li>— double-acting compressor.</li> </ul>	 
	Swinging-vane compressor	<p>A multi-segment compressor in which segment-shaped compression chambers are formed between the inner surface of the cylindrical casing and curvilinear flexible or solid vanes rigidly connected or correspondingly pivoted by one of their ends to the rotor and being constantly pressed to the casing surface by centrifugal forces.</p> <p>NOTE 3 The design subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— single-acting compressor;</li> <li>— double-acting compressor.</li> </ul>	
	Rolling-rotor compressor	<p>A single-rotor compressor in which the expansion and diminution of variable-volume compression chambers are performed by rolling of the eccentric rotor along the inner surface of the casing of the larger size, the axis of the rotor being circulating by its rotation around the casing axis.</p> <p>NOTE 4 The rotor-profile subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— cylindrical-rolling-rotor compressor;</li> <li>— trochoidal-rolling-rotor compressor;</li> <li>— special profile rolling-rotor compressor.</li> </ul>	

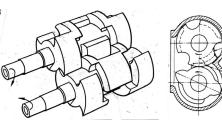
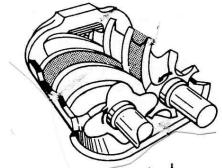
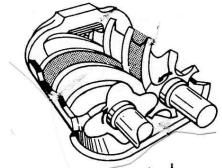
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Single-rotor compressor (continued)	Rolling-rotor compressor (continued)	Cylindrical-rolling-rotor compressor	A rolling-rotor compressor in which the rotor and casing are accomplished by cylindrical profiles, low- and high-pressure areas of the crescent-shaped compression chambers between the rotor and casing being separated by a gate plate constantly pressed to the rotor and sliding radially in a slot of the casing or swinging around the pivot on the casing.
		Trochoidal rolling-rotor compressor (trochoidal compressor, Wankel compressor)	A rolling-rotor compressor in which two- or multi-apex rotor and casing are accomplished by conjugated trochoidal profiles and several variable-volume gas-admission and compression chambers are separated from each other by adjacent rotor apices continuously sliding along the casing surface.  NOTE 5 There can be profiles with apexes on the casing surface along which the rotor profile slides.
	Single- screw compressor	A single-rotor compressor in which compression chambers constitute spaces between cylindrical casing, helical grooves on the screw rotor and lobes of two gate rotors mounted symmetrically and perpendicular on both sides of the screw rotor and meshing with it, said chambers being increased and then decreased by displacing from one end of the screw rotor to the other end due to rotation.	

### 2.5.2.3 Design classes of double-rotor compressors

Class, term	Definition and subclass	Illustration (example only)
Double-rotor compressor	A rotary compressor with two intermeshing lobed or toothed non-touching counter-rotating rotors driven in proper phase by external timing gears and rotating around the parallel axes in which the intermeshing zone separates low- and high-pressure areas, the volumes of the gas being trapped on low-pressure side between the lobes (teeth) and casing, transported through the non-meshing zone circumferentially along the cylindrical walls to the high-pressure area and compressed simultaneously by transportation or instantly by discharging.	

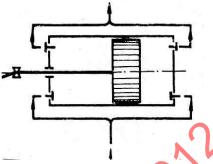
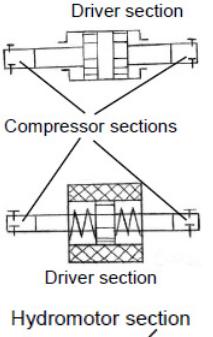
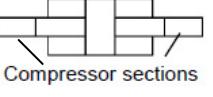
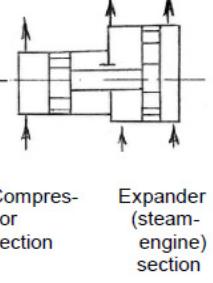
Class, term	Definition and subclass		Illustration (example only)
Double-rotor compressor (continued)	Internally meshing double-rotor compressor	<p>A double-rotor compressor with cylindrical casing in which intermeshing of two conjugated rotors takes place outside the straight line connecting the axes of their rotation.</p> <p>NOTE 1 In this type of compressor, one rotor is positioned inside the other.</p>	
	Externally meshing double-rotor compressor	<p>A double-rotor compressor with a figure eight-shaped casing in which intermeshing of two conjugated rotors takes place on the straight line connecting axes of their rotation.</p> <p>NOTE 2 Lobe-configuration subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— straight-lobe compressor;</li> <li>— stepped-lobe compressor;</li> <li>— screw (helical-lobe) compressor.</li> </ul> <p>Straight-lobe double-rotor compressor</p> <p>An externally meshing double-rotor compressor in which the rotors have straight lobes parallel to their axes of rotation, profiles of the rotors being invariable along their length.</p> <p>NOTE 3 Only transportation of closed gas volumes from the low-pressure area to the high-pressure area (without internal compression) is performed as a rule in the working chambers of these compressors.</p> <p>After opening of the working chamber to the discharge pipe, the transported gas is mixed with the gas contained in the discharge pipe and then compressed jointly as a mixture by further movement of the lobes towards each other, this movement bringing to diminution of the combined mixture volume of the working chamber and the discharge pipe between the compressor and the check valve or compressed air user.</p> <p>NOTE 4 Lobe-profile subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Roots compressor (curved-profile double-rotor compressor);</li> <li>— special-profile double-rotor compressor.</li> </ul>	

Class, term	Definition and subclass				Illustration (example only)
Double-rotor compressor (continued)	Externally meshing double-rotor compressor (continued)	Straight-lobe double-rotor compressor (continued)	Roots compressor (blower), (Curved-profile straight-lobe double-rotor compressor)	<p>A straight-lobe double-rotor compressor in which rotor lobes have circular, cycloid or other second-power-curved (or curvilinear) profiles.</p> <p>NOTE 5 The lobe-number subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— two-lobe Roots compressor;</li> <li>— three-lobe Roots compressor;</li> <li>— multi-lobe Roots compressor.</li> </ul>	
				Special-profile straight-lobe double-rotor compressor	<p>A straight-lobe double-rotor compressor in which rotor lobes have special profiles.</p> <p>NOTE 6 There are many types of this subclass, named after the inventor, manufacturer or shape-resemblance ("Bicera", "Northey", "claw", etc.).</p> 

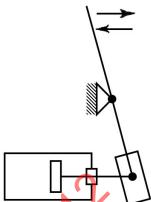
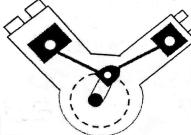
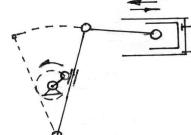
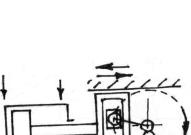
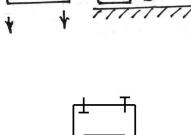
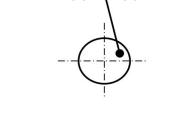
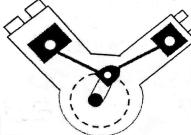
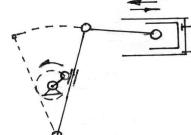
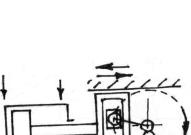
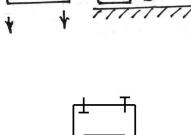
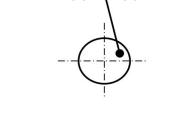
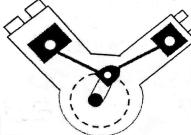
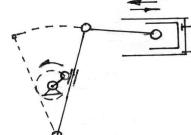
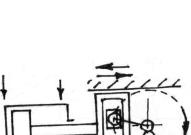
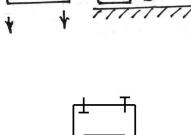
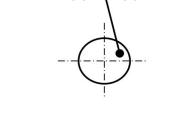
Class, term	Definition and subclass			Illustration (example only)
Double-rotor compressor (continued)	Externally meshing double-rotor compressor (continued)	Stepped-lobe double-rotor compressor (continued)	<p>An externally meshing double-rotor compressor in which rotors have two or more different-profile straight lobes along the length of the rotors, the lobes being parallel to their axis of rotation and having invariable profiles within each step.</p> <p>NOTE 7 In the stepped-lobe double-rotor compressor, internal compression of the gaseous medium can be performed.</p>	
	Screw compressor		<p>An externally meshing double-rotor compressor in which the rotors have helical lobes and grooves, volumes of said grooves being cyclically decreased and increased by engagement and disengagement of each groove-lobe pair, and their simultaneous shifting from low-pressure rotor end to the high-pressure end due to their synchronized rotation.</p> <p>NOTE 8 The force-transmitting subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— oil (water)-flooded screw compressor;</li> <li>— oil-free screw compressor</li> </ul>	
		Oil (water)-flooded screw compressor (direct-inter-meshing screw compressor)	<p>A screw compressor in which the mechanical energy from the first rotor driven by the prime mover is transmitted to the second rotor essentially by direct contact of rotor lobes through the oil (water) film between them, the oil (water) being injected in the compression chamber and serving simultaneously as a lubricating, cooling and sealing medium.</p>	
		Oil-free screw compressor (timing-gear- intermeshing screw compressor)	<p>A screw compressor in which the mechanical energy from the first rotor driven by the prime mover is transmitted to the second rotor by the timing gear provided between two rotor shafts.</p>	

## 2.5.2.4 Design classes of reciprocating compressors

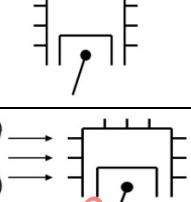
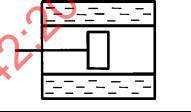
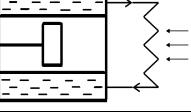
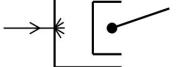
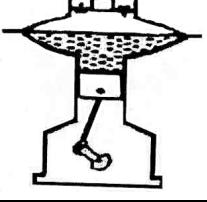
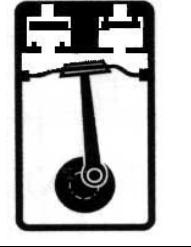
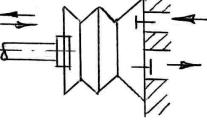
## 2.5.2.4.1 General

Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Reciprocating compressor	Piston compressor	<p>A reciprocating compressor in which the moving member constitutes a piston reciprocating in a cylinder</p> <p>Subclasses of piston compressors by energy-supply methods to the piston:</p>	
	Free-piston compressor	<p>A piston compressor in which a built-in prime mover creating straight-forward driving forces is used these forces acting directly on the piston body or its reverse side.</p> <p>Subclasses of free-piston compressors by driver types:</p>	
	free-piston diesel-compressor		
	free-piston electromagnetic compressor (free-piston linear-motor-compressor)	Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently the basic design features of subclasses.	
	free-piston hydromotor-compressor		
	free-piston expander-compressor		
	free-piston steam-engine-compressor		

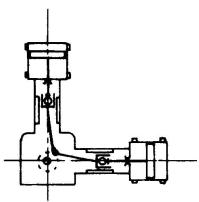
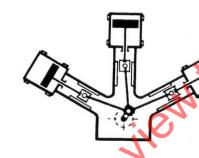
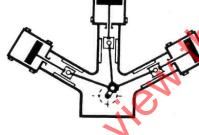
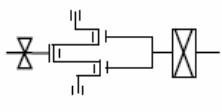
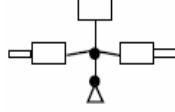
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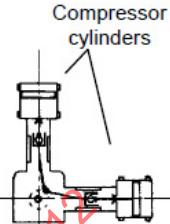
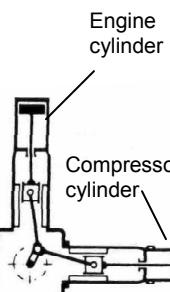
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Reciprocating compressor (continued)	Piston compressor (continued)	<p>Man-driven piston compressor</p> <p>A piston compressor in which the piston is driven by the muscle forces of the service personnel by means of auxiliary details or mechanisms (levers, hand wheels, rods, etc.).</p> <p>NOTE 1 Design subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— pedal driven;</li> <li>— hand driven.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE 2 Man-driven compressors are mostly used for emergency situations in transport-mounted installations, e.g. as ship-board emergency compressor.</p>																							
	Shaft-driven piston compressor	<p>A piston compressor in which the mechanical energy from the driver is initially supplied to the rotating compressor shaft and transformed into the straightforward alternating movement of the compressor piston by means of auxiliary mechanical gearing.</p> <p>Subclasses of shaft-driven piston compressors by auxiliary mechanical-gearing types:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="706 988 1160 1861"> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 988 864 1055">1) crankshaft-driven</td> <td data-bbox="864 988 1160 1179" rowspan="4">Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently the basic design features of subclasses.</td> <td data-bbox="1160 988 1198 1033">1)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1033 1436 1179">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 1055 864 1156">2) link-mechanism driven</td> <td data-bbox="1160 1179 1198 1224">2)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1224 1436 1381">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 1156 864 1246">3) swash-plate driven</td> <td data-bbox="1160 1381 1198 1426">3)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1381 1436 1538">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 1246 864 1336">4) cam-and-spring driven</td> <td data-bbox="1160 1538 1198 1583">4)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1538 1436 1695">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 1336 864 1426">5) slot-and-crank driven</td> <td data-bbox="1160 1695 1198 1740">5)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1695 1436 1852">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 1426 864 1516">6) rocking cylinder</td> <td data-bbox="1160 1852 1198 1897">6)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1852 1436 2010">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="706 1516 864 1605">7) eccentric-driven</td> <td data-bbox="1160 2010 1198 2055">7)</td> <td data-bbox="1198 2010 1436 2167">  </td> </tr> </table>	1) crankshaft-driven	Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently the basic design features of subclasses.	1)		2) link-mechanism driven	2)		3) swash-plate driven	3)		4) cam-and-spring driven	4)		5) slot-and-crank driven	5)		6) rocking cylinder	6)		7) eccentric-driven	7)		
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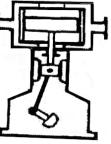
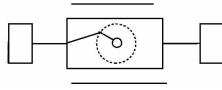
Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)	
Reciprocating compressor (continued)	Piston compressor (continued)	Subclasses of piston compressors by compression-chamber sealing methods:		
	Labyrinth-piston compressor	<p>A piston compressor in which the barrier to the compressed-gas leakages from the cylinder through the gap between the piston and cylinder wall is obtained by labyrinth system representing a plurality of successive constrictions and expansions formed by grooves on the piston or cylinder surfaces, this system ensuring the loss of the flow energy along the gap because of multiple throttling process.</p> <p>NOTE 3 The piston rod in the labyrinth piston compressor is guided in an additional bearing besides the crosshead to ensure contactless movement of the piston and piston rod in the cylinder.</p>		
	Piston-ring compressor	<p>A crosshead-type piston compressor in which the barrier to the compressed-gas leakages from the cylinder through the gap between the piston and cylinder wall is achieved by means of elastic low-friction sealing rings placed in the circumferential piston grooves and pressed to the cylinder wall basically by their natural elasticity and overlapping the gap between the piston and cylinder wall.</p> <p>NOTE 4 In some designs, the piston ring can represent a piston cup or collar ring.</p>		
	Plunger compressor	<p>A crosshead-type piston compressor in which the barrier to the compressed-gas leakages from the cylinder through the gap between the piston and cylinder is obtained by means of packing surrounding the plunger-type piston in which segments of low-friction composed sealing rings are pressed to the smooth piston surface by ring-type springs these segments overlapping the gap between the plunger and cylinder wall.</p>		
	Rolling-diaphragm compressor	<p>A piston compressor in which the barrier to the compressed-gas leakages from the cylinder through the gap between the piston and cylinder is obtained by means of a flexible impermeable cylindrical diaphragm with two end collars clamped by one end to the cylinder wall and by other end to the piston body and rolling in the gap between the piston and cylinder wall and hermetically isolating the cylinder inner volume.</p>		

Class, term	Subclass	Definition	Illustration (example only)
Reciprocating compressor (continued)	Piston compressor (continued)	Subclasses of piston compressors by compression-chamber cooling methods	
		Non-cooled	Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently the basic design features of subclasses.
		Air-cooled	
		Water-cooled	
		Water-air cooled (closed-loop cooled)	
		Water-injection cooled	
Diaphragm compressor (membrane compressor)		A reciprocating compressor in which the moving member constitutes a peripherally clamped and sealed flexible membrane or diaphragm in essentially concavo-concave compression chamber.	
		NOTE 5 The basic diaphragm design subclasses are:	
		— hydraulically driven (flexible-centre) diaphragm compressor;	
		— mechanically driven (rigid-centre) diaphragm compressor.	
		Subclasses of diaphragm compressors by energy-supply methods to the diaphragm.	
		Hydraulically driven (flexible-centre) diaphragm compressor	
		Mechanically driven (rigid-centre) diaphragm compressor	
		Bellows-type compressor	

## 2.5.2.4.2 Design classes of crankshaft-driven piston compressors

Class, term	Subclass and definition	Illustration (example only)
Crankshaft-driven piston compressor	Subclasses of crankshaft-driven piston compressors by crank-mechanism configuration types:	
	a) vertical	Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently the basic design features of subclasses.
	b) L-type	
	c) V-type	
	d) W-type	
	e) horizontal-opposed (boxer type)	<p>e 1) displaced-row (torque-generating) boxers</p>  <p>e 2) in-line-row (coaxial-row, torqueless) boxers</p> 
	f) horizontal in-line type	
	g) T-type	
	h) star-type	

Class, term	Subclass and definition		Illustration (example only)
Crankshaft-driven piston compressor (continued)	Subclasses of crankshaft-driven piston compressors by compressor and driver crank mechanism integration grades:		
	Separable crankshaft-driven engine-compressor	A crankshaft-driven piston compressor with an individual crank mechanism which can be connected to the power-output shaft of any prime-mover through an external coupling.	
Crankshaft-driven piston compressor	Integral crankshaft-driven engine-compressor	A crankshaft-driving piston compressor integral with a driving reciprocating internal-combustion engine and having common crankshaft and crankcase both for compressor and engine crank mechanisms.	
Subclasses of crankshaft-driven piston compressors by piston-driven methods:			
Trunk type (single-acting) crankshaft-driven piston compressor	A crankshaft-driven piston compressor in which the connecting rod of the crankshaft mechanism is connected directly to one side of the piston and only its other side is used for the compression process in the cylinder.		
	Subclasses of trunk-type crankshaft-driven piston compressors by piston/connecting rod conjunction methods:		
	Trunk-type crankshaft-driven articulated-piston compressor	A trunk-piston compressor in which the piston is articulated to the connecting rod by means of radial bearing.	
	Trunk-type crankshaft-driven rocking-piston compressor	A trunk-piston compressor in which the piston is rigidly secured to the connecting rod and performs simultaneous angular rocking motions by reciprocating in the cylinder.	

Class, term	Subclass and definition		Illustration (example only)
Crankshaft-driven piston compressor (continued)	Crosshead-type (double-acting) crankshaft-driven piston compressor	A crankshaft-driven piston compressor in which the piston is driven by a piston rod extending through a packing gland to a crosshead which, in turn, is driven through the connecting rod of the crank mechanism, compression process taking place in the cylinder on both sides of the piston.	
Subclasses of crosshead-type crankshaft-driven piston compressors by crosshead functions:			
	Single-acting-crosshead-type crankshaft-driven piston compressor	A crosshead-type crankshaft-driven piston compressor in which only one piston rod can be connected to the crosshead body.	
	Double-acting (yoke-type) crosshead type crankshaft-driven piston compressor	A crosshead-type crankshaft-driven piston compressor in which the crosshead has a yoke-type frame externally embracing the crank mechanism and is capable of driving simultaneously two opposite piston rods or plungers.	

### 3 Functional classes of the compressor equipment, terms and definitions

#### 3.1 General

Functional classes define the level/extent of basic structural and functional component parts included in compressor equipment regardless of specific design features and should be used for technical and economical comparison and evaluation of different compressor alternatives. Basic technical and economical parameters of compressor equipment: specific power consumption, reliability factors, mass, dimensions, prices, etc. of compressor options should be compared by identical extent of functional components of compressor equipment regardless of design and integration features of components.

Basic functional classes define the amount/extent of component parts included for the typical case of the gradual increasing of functional items when supplied, from the minimum to the maximum amount of component parts, according to the following equipment sequence chain: mechanical compressor – motion-converting mechanism – speed-adjusting gear – driver – auxiliary gas-processing equipment – aftercooler – packaging base – dryer – receiver - enclosure.

Derivative functional classes define any other amount of component parts using all other random combinations of components due to omitting any part(s) according to specific contractual supply conditions.

Derivative functional classes are presented in matrix form as a cross-combination of driver-compressor functional subclasses with compressor supply variants.

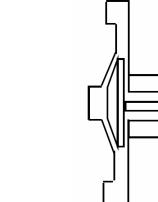
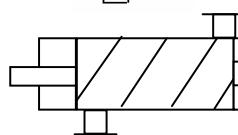
If other new functional parts should be taken into account for differentiation of specific compressor equipment dependent on requirements of particular supply or operation conditions, deviations from the combinations presented should be considered additional lower subclasses and specified by introduction of particular attributes reflecting new properties and components or by listing new additional functions.

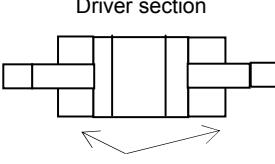
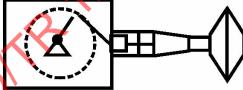
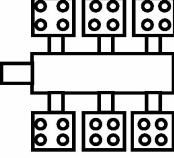
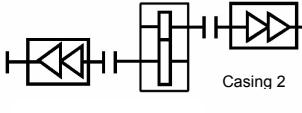
The shortened terms (e.g. "compressor", "compressor plant" or their abbreviated terms) may be used in the descriptive technical documentation after the first full designation of the functional classes and special notice about it, if there is no danger of their multi-semantic interpretation.

There can be some freedom in the choice of sequence of words in composite terms and their coupling forms as long as basic key words and euphony are maintained (e.g. the terms “packaged aftercooled compressor plant” and “aftercooled packaged compressor plant” are considered equivalent).

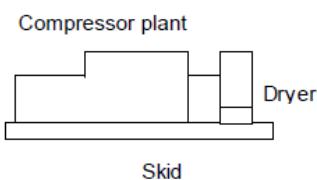
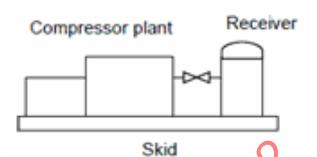
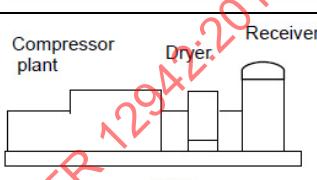
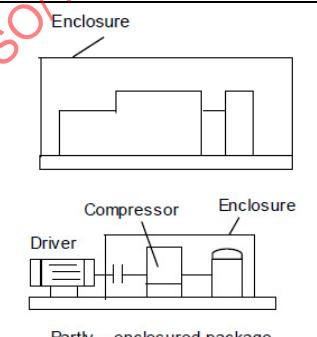
Dryers and receivers are included in the aggregated compressor equipment only through their factory assembly and mounting on the common baseplate or by using the receiver for mounting the compressor equipment in the extent of supply. For separate supply of dryers and receivers intended for stand-alone mounting and operation, they should be considered independent individual items of gas-processing apparatuses.

### 3.2 Basic functional classes of compressor machines

Number	Term	Definition	Illustration (example only)
1.	Compressor equipment (generic term)	Basic or auxiliary structural elements of the compressor installation: machines, apparatuses, piping and valving, control and instrumentation, their parts or combinations participating in admission, compression, processing and delivery of the gaseous medium, taken totally or partly, in general, regardless of design, extent or quantity.	
2.	Mechanical compressor	<p>A compressor machine constituting essentially one or several working members movable in compression chambers and common built-in mechanism for conversion of external energy supply motion of the driver to the required working member motion, and being operable by supply of external mechanical energy from the power output shaft, or motion rod or piston of the driver or speed-adjusting driving gear.</p> <p>NOTE 1 The mechanical compressor contains necessary auxiliary devices for performing the gas compression process in the working chambers: applicable gas inlet and outlet valves, gas flow paths, seals, lubrication system, capacity control means, measuring instruments etc., but it does not contain driver, speed-adjusting gear, gas processing apparatuses and piping or compressor equipment packaging and mounting facilities and enclosures.</p> <p>NOTE 2 By the same character of motions of driver power-output shaft (rod, or piston) and compressor working members (e.g. both are rotating or both are reciprocating) the mechanical compressor does not contain the motion conversion mechanism (e.g. as in axial, centrifugal, rotary compressors).</p>	<p><b>Motion converting mechanism</b></p>  <p><b>Centrifugal compressor</b></p>  <p><b>Screw compressor</b></p> 

2. (continued)	Mechanical compressor (continued)	<p>NOTE 3 In some compressor design types, the mechanical compressor can be integrated with the driver in a single non-separable unit if the motions of the driver output shaft (rod or piston) and the compressor working members are of the same speed and character (e.g. as in integral engine-compressors or in free-piston compressors).</p>	 <p>Driver section</p> <p>Mechanical compressor sections</p> <p>Driver section      Compressor section</p>
		<p>NOTE 4 In some design types, the mechanical compressor can use several steps for converting externally applied mechanical energy.</p> <p>EXAMPLE 1 The mechanical centrifugal compressor has two energy conversion stages according to the scheme: mechanical energy of the rotating shaft → kinetic energy of the gas stream → potential energy of the gas pressure.</p> <p>EXAMPLE 2 The mechanical diaphragm compressor can have four energy conversion stages: mechanical energy of the rotating shaft → mechanical energy of reciprocating piston → potential energy of the oil pressure → mechanical energy of the reciprocating diaphragm and potential energy of the gas pressure.</p>	 <p>Diaphragm compressor</p>
		<p>NOTE 5 By compressing gases to high pressures, the mechanical compressor can be used as a multistage or multi-casing compressor train containing several cylinders driven by common power-input shaft and connected together by coupling, speed-adjusting gear or common motion-converting mechanism.</p> <p>NOTE 6 Auxiliary mechanisms for conversion of rotating motion into reciprocating, orbital, angular- swinging, flexible-pipe-peristaltic motions are mostly used in compressors.</p> <p>NOTE 7 Large multistage mechanical compressors can be supplied as two or more separate parts: as mechanical compression devices (e.g. diaphragm or piston/cylinder blocks) and motion-converting mechanism ("frame") to be assembled into the complete mechanical compressor at the place of operation.</p>	 <p>Multistage mechanical compressor</p> <p>Stage 1   Stage 2   Stage 3</p>  <p>Multi-casing mechanical compressor</p> <p>Casing 1      Gear      Casing 2</p>

3.	Geared mechanical compressor	A mechanical compressor with a speed-adjusting gear for matching driver power-output and compressor power input shaft (rod, piston) motions.		Gear	Mechanical compressor	
4.	Driver-compressor (generic term; subclasses – according to energy forms used and driver types)	<p>A mechanical compressor with a driver, including its auxiliary systems (lubrication, cooling etc.) and connected directly by coupling.</p> <p>NOTE 8 A contracted term "driver-compressor" is used instead of the formal "driver-mechanical compressor" because all drivers for compressor machines produce mechanical energy so the word "mechanical" is superfluous.</p> <p>NOTE 9 For specific compressor equipment with known driver types, the generic term "driver-compressor" can be replaced by subclass terminology according to the kind of available external primary energy (motor-compressor, engine-compressor, etc.).</p>		Driver	Mechanical compressor	
5.	Geared driver-compressor	A mechanical compressor with a driver and speed-adjusting gear connected by a coupling.		Driver	Gear	Mechanical compressor
6.	Compressor plant	<p>A compressor (mechanical compressor, driver-compressor, etc.) furnished with gas-admission, processing and delivery facilities, pre- and post-compressor and interstage gas piping, instrumentation, control, automation and safeguarding means for ensuring safe compression of the gaseous medium up to the required end pressure both by single-stage and multistage compression.</p> <p>NOTE 10 The compressor plant can include apparatuses, vessels, pipes and fittings for performing following gas-processing operations: filtration, water and condensate separation, gas transportation, pre-compressor and interstage cooling, oil separation, attenuation of gas pulsations, etc.</p> <p>NOTE 11 The term "compressor plant" does not include driver system (as non-processing gas directly) and additional or optional equipment supplied for specific operating or mounting conditions such as dryer, aftercooler, skid, receiver, as well as silencing, weather protecting or sealing enclosures. These components can be used as single common units for several compressors or supplied as separate process equipment. The presence of additional processing equipment can be expressed by application of additional terms such as "aftercooled" or "packaged" or "enclosed plant" and "motor-compressor plant/dryer".</p>		Compressor	Processing section	
7.	Aftercooled compressor plant	A compressor plant furnished with aftercooler.		Compressor	After-cooler	
8.	Packaged compressor equipment (compressor, compressor plant)	Compressor equipment (plant) mounted in the extent of supply on the steel skid, receiver, coolers, etc. and supplied as a self-contained, factory-assembled, fully piped and wired unit.		Compressor	Skid	

9.	Packaged compressor plant/dryer	A compressor plant and compressed-gas dryer supplied as a single package on the common base (skid, etc.)	 <p>Compressor plant Dryer Skid</p>
10.	Packaged compressor plant/receiver	A compressor plant and compressed-gas receiver supplied as a single package on the common base (skid, etc.)	 <p>Compressor plant Receiver Skid</p>
11.	Packaged compressor plant/dryer/receiver	Compressor plant, compressed air dryer and receiver supplied as a single package on the common base (skid, etc.)	 <p>Compressor plant Dryer Receiver Skid</p>
12.	Enclosed compressor equipment (compressor, compressor plant)	Packaged compressor equipment with soundproof, or weather-protected or hermetically sealed (encapsulated) partial or full-volume enclosure.	 <p>Enclosure Compressor Driver Enclosure Partly – enclosed package</p> <p>Encapsulated compressor plant</p>

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### 3.3 Formation principles of derivative functional classes for compressor machines

NOTE For visual demonstration of formation principles of **derivative classes**, key attributes of compressor **plant** functional classes in vertical columns are marked in **bold**, and key attributes of compressor and driver-compressor functional classes in horizontal lines are stressed by underlining.

Basic functional structural <b>component</b> parts of the compressor equipment added successively to the previous extent of supply on the left-hand side of each column					
Functional classes of compressors and driver-compressors	Gas admission, interstage cooling, separation, piping, dampening, control, instrumentation, etc.	Aftercooler: (+) - included, (-) – not included	Mounting skid, slide etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Compressed-gas dryer: (+) - included, (-) – not included	Compressed-gas receiver
Compressor (Generic term)	Compressor plant	<b>Basic</b> functional classes of the compressor plants regardless of the design classes and subclasses of compressors or driver-compressors			Enclosure
	(+)			(+)	
	<b>Aftercooled</b> compressor plant		Packaged aftercooled compressor plant/ <b>dryer</b>	Packaged aftercooled compressor plant/dryer/receiver	
			(-)		Packaged aftercooled compressor plant/receiver
				(See the previous column on the left)	Packaged aftercooled <b>enclosed</b> compressor plant/receiver
	(-)			(+)	Packaged aftercooled <b>enclosed</b> compressor plant/receiver
			Packaged compressor plant/ <b>dryer</b>	Packaged compressor plant/dryer/receiver	
			(-)	(see the previous column on the left)	Packaged compressor plant/receiver
					Packaged <b>enclosed</b> compressor plant/receiver

Functional classes of compressors and driver-compressors		Basic functional structural component parts of the compressor equipment added successively to the previous extent of supply on the left-hand side of each column			
Gas admission, interstage cooling, separation, dampening, piping, control, instrumentation etc.		Aftercooler: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Mounting skid, slide, etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Compressed-gas dryer: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Compressed-gas receiver Enclosure
Mechanical compressor	Mechanical compressor plant	Derivative functional classes of mechanical compressor plants (+) <b>Aftercooled mechanical compressor plant</b>	Packaged aftercooled mechanical compressor plant/dryer (-) (See the previous column on the left)	Packaged aftercooled mechanical compressor plant/dryer/receiver (-) Packaged aftercooled mechanical compressor plant/receiver (+) <b>Packaged mechanical compressor plant/dryer</b> (-) (see the previous column on the left)	Packaged aftercooled enclosed mechanical compressor plant/dryer/receiver Packaged aftercooled enclosed mechanical compressor plant/dryer Packaged aftercooled mechanical compressor plant/receiver Packaged enclosed mechanical compressor plant/dryer/receiver Packaged mechanical compressor plant/receiver

Functional classes of compressors and driver-compressors		Basic functional structural component parts of the compressor equipment added successively to the previous extent of supply on the left-hand side of each column			
Gas admission, interstage cooling, separation, dampening, piping, control, instrumentation, etc.	Aftercooler: (+) included, (-) not included	Mounting skid, slide etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Compressed-gas dryer: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Compressed-gas receiver	Enclosure
<u>Geared mechanical</u> compressor	<u>Geared mechanical</u> compressor plant	Derivative functional classes of <u>geared mechanical</u> compressor plants			
	(+) <u>Aftercooled geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant	(+) <u>Geared</u> mechanical aftercooled <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant	Packaged aftercooled <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/ <b>dryer</b>	Packaged aftercooled <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/dryer/receiver	Packaged aftercooled <u>enclosed</u> <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/dryer/receiver
	(-)	(-) (see the previous column on the left)	(-) (see the previous column on the left)	Packaged aftercooled <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/receiver	Packaged aftercooled <u>enclosed</u> <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/receiver
	(-) (see the previous column on the left)	(+) <u>Packaged</u> <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant	Packaged <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/ <b>dryer</b>	Packaged <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/dryer/receiver	Packaged <u>enclosed</u> <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/dryer/receiver
		(-) (see the previous column on the left)	(-) (see the previous column on the left)	Packaged <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/receiver	Packaged <u>enclosed</u> <u>geared</u> <u>mechanical</u> compressor plant/receiver

Functional classes of compressors and driver-compressors		Basic functional structural component parts of the compressor equipment added successively to the previous extent of supply on the left-hand side of each column			
Gas admission, interstage cooling, separation, dampening, piping, control, instrumentation, etc.		Aftercooler: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Mounting skid, slide, etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Compressed-gas dryer: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Compressed-gas receiver Enclosure
Driver-compressor		Derivative functional classes of driver-compressor plants			
Driver-compressor plant		(+) <u>Aftercooled driver-compressor plant</u>	Packaged aftercooled driver-compressor plant/dryer	Packaged aftercooled driver-compressor plant/dryer/receiver	Packaged aftercooled <u>enclosed driver-compressor</u> plant/dryer/receiver
				(-) (see the previous column on the left)	Packaged aftercooled <u>driver-compressor receiver</u>
				(+) <u>Packaged driver-compressor plant/dryer</u>	Packaged <u>driver-compressor</u> plant/dryer/receiver
				(-) (see the previous column on the left)	Packaged <u>driver-compressor receiver</u>

Functional classes of compressors and driver-compressors		Basic functional structural component parts of the compressor equipment added successively to the previous extent of supply on the left-hand side of each column			
Gas admission, interstage cooling, separation, dampening, piping, control, instrumentation, etc.	Aftercooler: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Mounting skid, slide etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Compressed-gas dryer: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Compressed-gas receiver	Enclosure
Geared driver-compressor	Geared driver-compressor plant	Derivative functional classes of <b>geared driver – compressor</b> plants	(+) Geared aftercooled driver-compressor plant	Geared aftercooled packaged driver-compressor plant/dryer	Geared aftercooled packaged <b>enclosed</b> driver-compressor plant/dryer/receiver
			(-) (see the previous column on the left)	Geared aftercooled packaged driver-compressor plant/receiver	Geared aftercooled packaged <b>enclosed</b> driver-compressor plant/receiver

### 3.4 Functional classes of compressor apparatuses

**NOTE** For specific types of compressor apparatuses, in this table, the generic term "compressor plant" is replaced by concrete terms identifying the corresponding specific design subclass, e.g. "thermo compressor plant", "adsorption compressor plant", "ejector plant".

Functional parts of compressor plants added successively to the previous extent of supply given on the left-hand side of each column							
		Gas admission, processing, delivery facilities and piping and control and instrumentation necessary for safe operation of the compressor equipment	Aftercooler: (+) - included, (-) - not included	Skid, baseplate etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Dryer (+) - included, (-) - not included	Receiver	Enclosure
Compressor apparatus: compression chamber(s) with integrated energy supply/conversion means for activating compression process; auxiliary devices (inlet and outlet valves, etc.)							
Ejector	Ejector body with inlet nozzles for auxiliary pressurized fluid and gas to be compressed and outlet diffuser	General functional classes of compressor apparatuses regardless of their design classes	(+) Aftercooled compressor plant (e.g. thermocompressor plant)	Packaged aftercooled compressor plant (e.g. packaged aftercooled thermocompressor plant)	(+) Packaged aftercooled compressor plant/dryer (e.g. packaged aftercooled thermocompressor plant/dryer)	Packaged aftercooled compressor plant/dryer/receiver	Packaged aftercooled enclosed compressor plant/dryer/receiver
Thermo-compressor	Thermocompression chamber with integrated heaters and coolers						
Adsorption compressor	Compression chamber filled with adsorbent (e.g. metal hydride cassettes) and integrated with heaters and coolers						

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Functional parts of compressor plants added successively to the previous extent of supply given on the left-hand side of each column						
		Aftercooler:	Skid, baseplate etc. for factory assembly and packaging	Dryer (+) - included, (-) – not included	Receiver	Enclosure
Compressor apparatus: compression chamber(s) with integrated energy supply/conversion means for activating compression process; auxiliary devices (inlet and outlet valves, etc.)	Gas admission, processing, delivery facilities and piping and control and instrumentation necessary for safe operation of the compressor equipment	(+) - included, (-) – not included				
Acoustical compressor	Compression chamber with integrated acoustical wave generator	Compressor plant (e.g. thermocompressor plant)	(-) (see the previous column on the left)	Packaged compressor plant (e.g. packaged thermocompressor plant)	Packaged compressor plant/dryer/receiver (e.g. packaged thermocompressor plant/dryer)	Packaged enclosed compressor plant/dryer/receiver
Pressure-shock compressor (Pressure exchanger)	Compression chambers of a pressure exchanger with rotating drum, fixed end plates and auxiliary driver					
Liquid-column compressor	Compression chambers, conduits connecting them with oscillating-pressure water sources, inlet/outlet valves, etc.		(-) (see the previous column on the left)		Packaged compressor plant/receiver	Packaged enclosed compressor plant/receiver

## 4 Design classes of the aggregated compressor equipment, terms and definitions

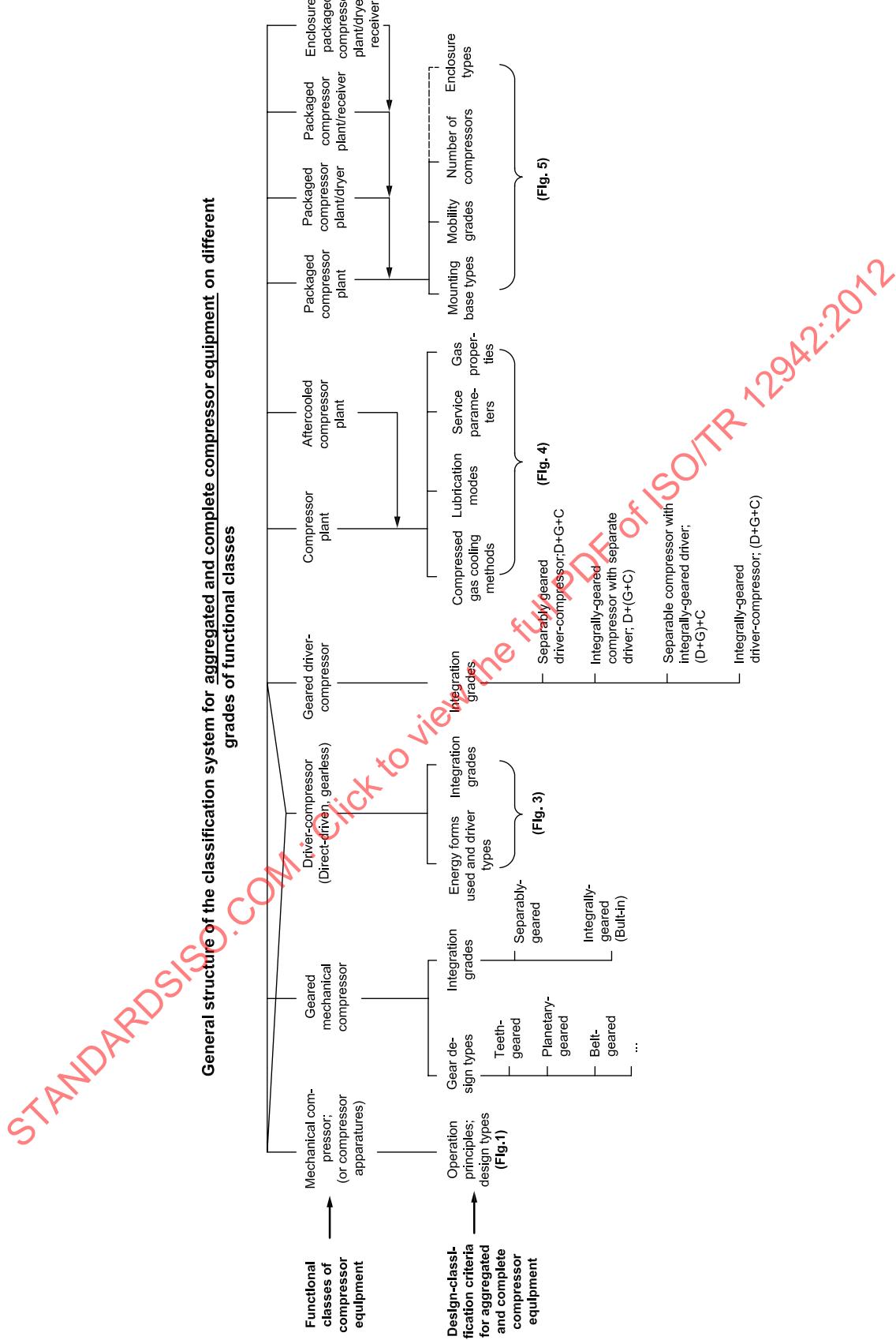
### 4.1 General

The classification of aggregated compressor equipment incorporates a variety of design features of auxiliary structural components of complete compressor installations as well as diversity in their combination principles with other components (separable, integral, built-in, etc.).

The typical functional classification chain (see 3.1) is accepted as a base for the development of the general classification system of the aggregated compressors. The general structure of the system with the classification criteria of different grades of functional classes is presented in Figure 2.

Classification trees for driver-compressors, compressor plants and packaged compressor plants are presented in Figures 3, 4 and 5, respectively

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**Figure 2 — General structure of the classification system of aggregated and complete compressor equipment of different grades of functional classes**

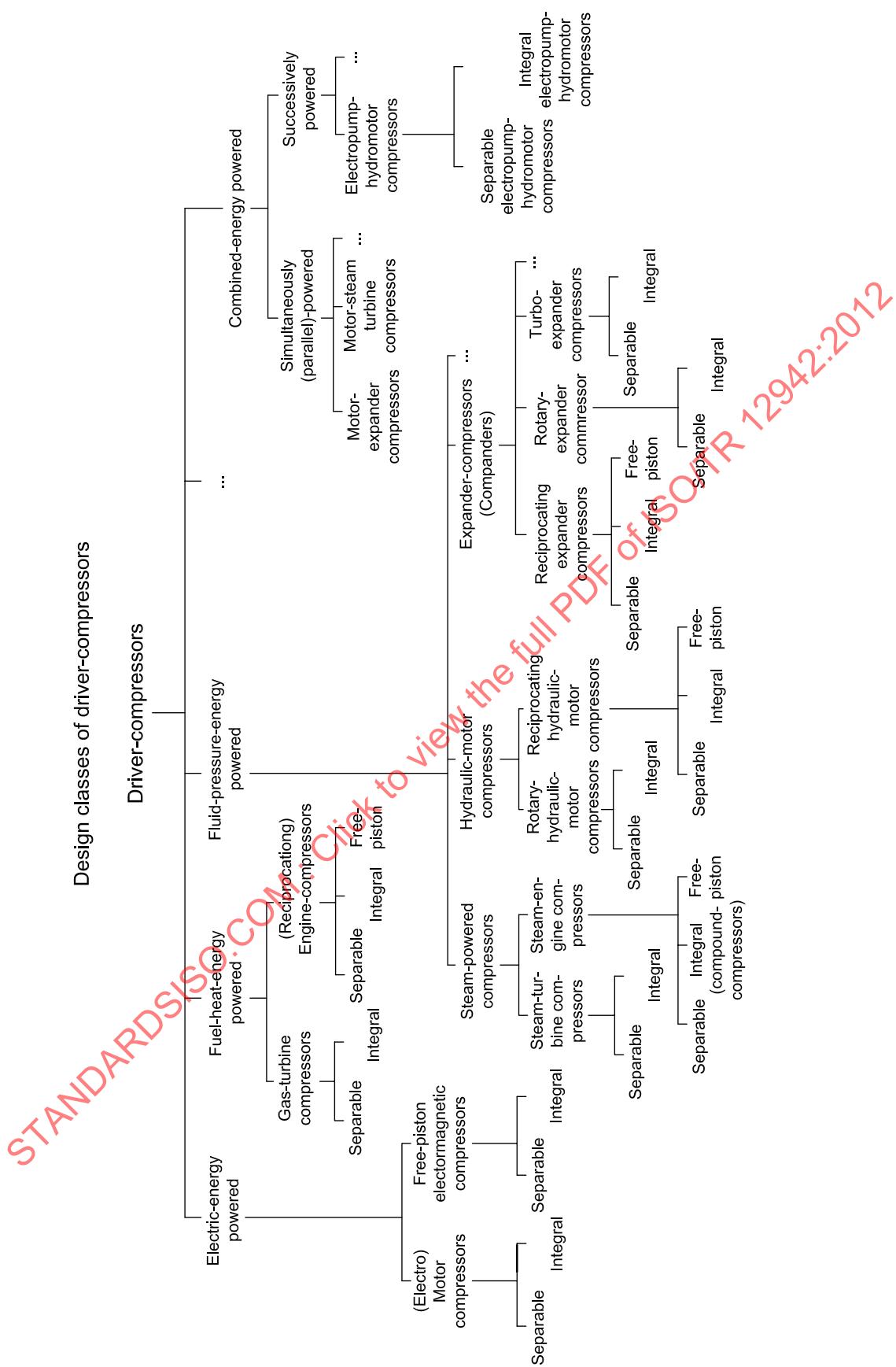


Figure 3 — Design classes of driver-compressors

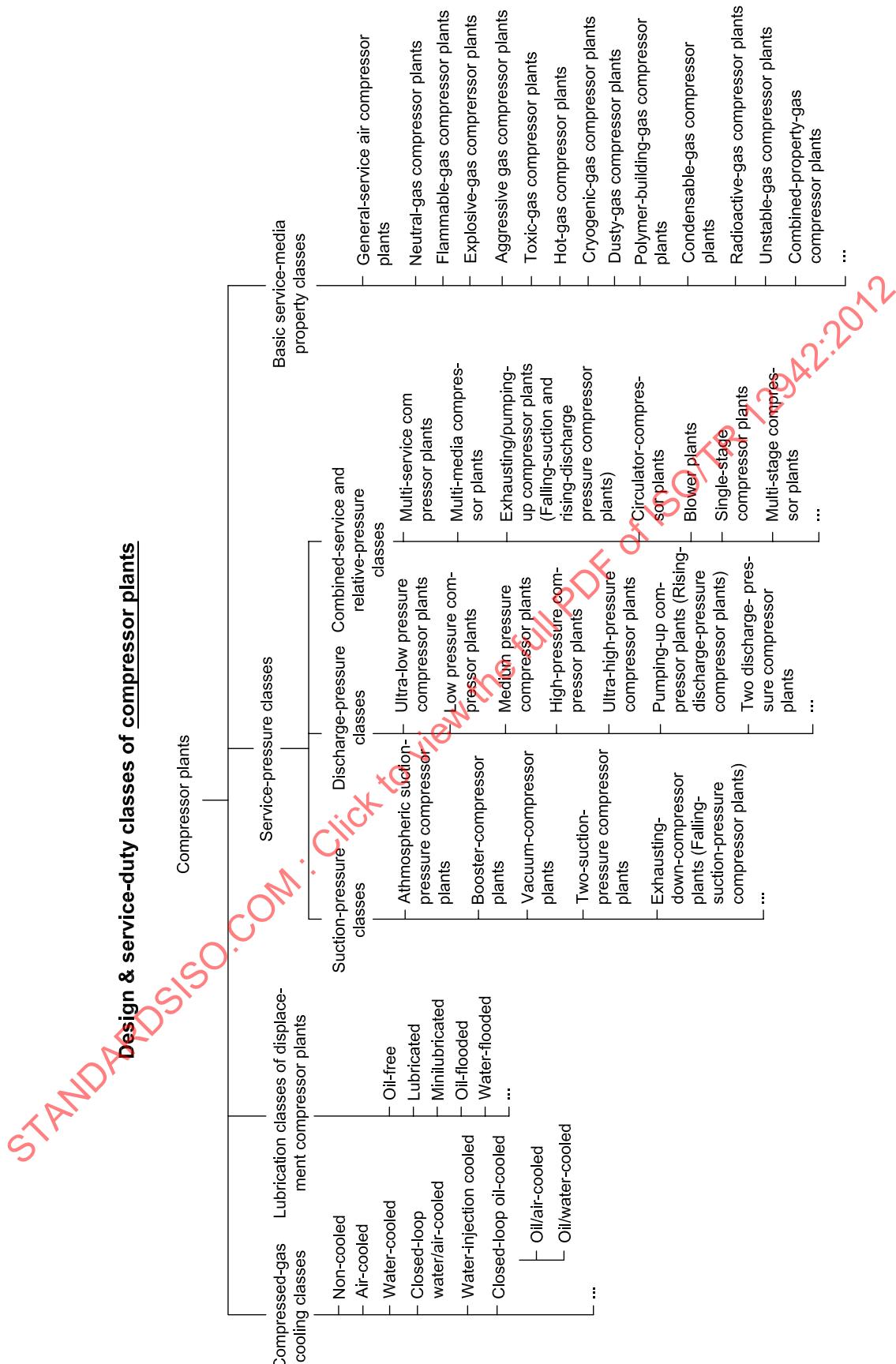
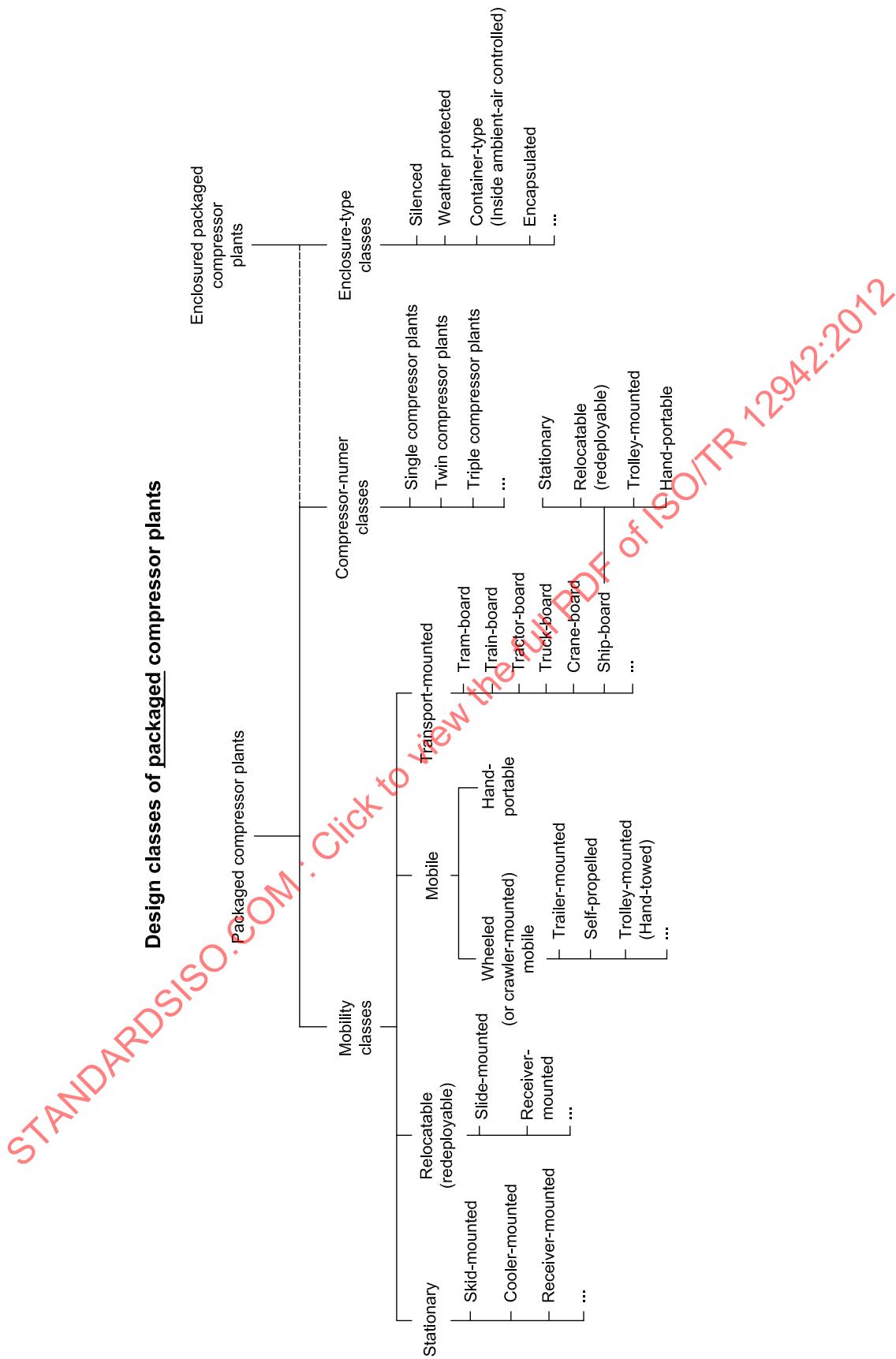
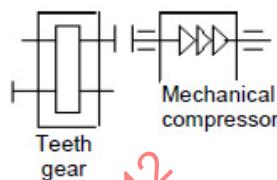
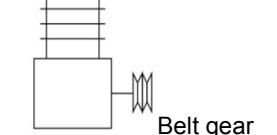
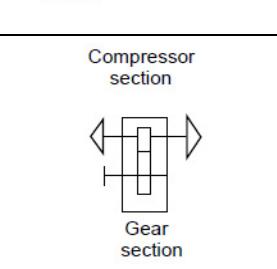


Figure 4 — Design and service-duty classes of compressor plants

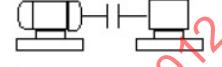
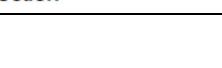
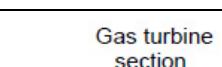


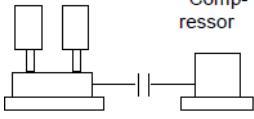
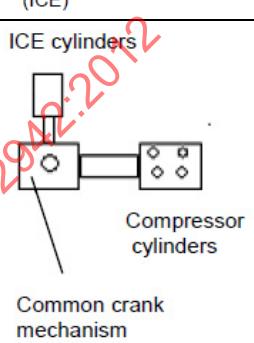
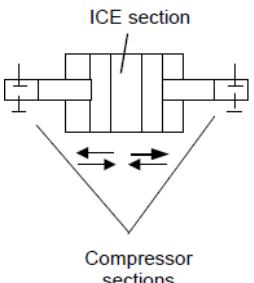
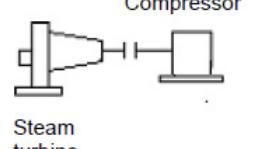
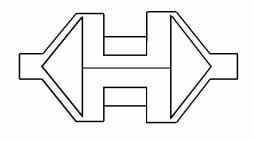
**Figure 5 — Design classes of packaged compressor plants**

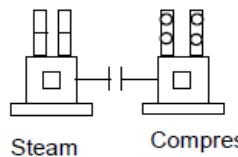
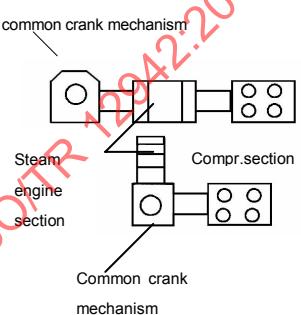
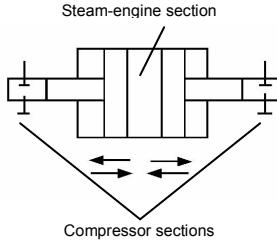
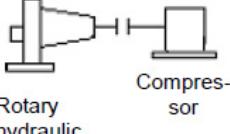
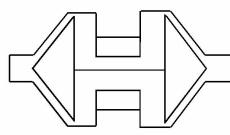
## 4.2 Design classes of geared mechanical compressors

Class, term	Subclass and definition		Illustration (example only)
Geared mechanical compressor	Subclasses by gear-design type		
	Teeth-gearred mechanical compressor	Individual definitions are not necessary because the wording of the terms characterizes sufficiently the basic design features of subclasses.	 <p>Mechanical compressor Teeth gear</p>
	Planetary-gearred mechanical compressor		
Geared mechanical compressor	Belt-gearred mechanical compressor		
	Subclasses by integration grades		 <p>Mechanical compressor Gear</p>
	Separable-gearred mechanical compressor	A geared mechanical compressor in which gear wheel(s) and compressor working member(s) (or its motion-converting mechanism) have separate shafts connected by a coupling for force- or torque transmitting.	
Geared mechanical compressor	Integrally-gearred mechanical compressor	A geared mechanical compressor with a built-in speed-adjusting gear in which the working member(s) and gear wheel(s) have a common force- or torque transmitting one-piece or composed shaft (or shafts).	 <p>Compressor section Gear section</p>

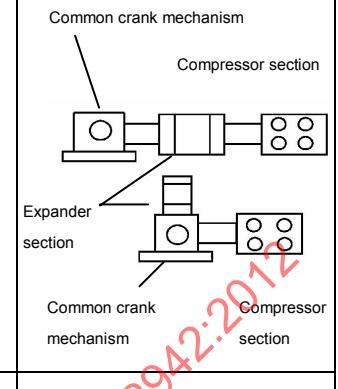
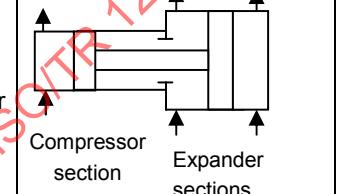
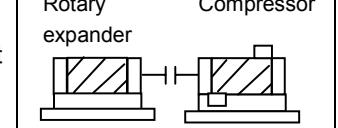
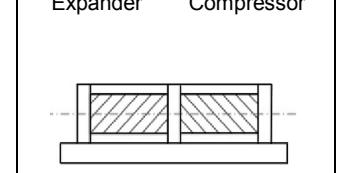
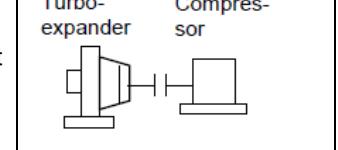
### 4.3 Design classes of driver-compressors

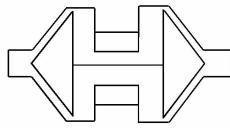
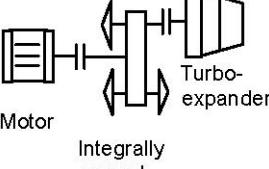
Class, term	Subclass and definition		Illustration (example only)	
Electrically-powered driver-compressor (generic term)	A driver-compressor in which electrically powered prime mover converting the electric energy into the mechanical energy is used for actuating the mechanical compressor.		 Electromotor      Compressor	
	Electromotor-compressor (motor-compressor)	An electrically powered driver-compressor in which an electromotor with rotating output shaft is used.		
		Separable (electro)-motor-compressor	An electromotor-compressor in which the power-output shaft of the electromotor drives the compressor shaft by means of a coupling.	 Electromotor section      Compressor section
	Free-piston electromagnetic compressor (Free-piston linear-motor compressor)	Integral (electro) motor-compressor	An electromotor-compressor in which the electromotor and the mechanical compressor have a common one-piece or composed torque-transmitting shaft.	 Electromotor section      Compressor
		Separable free-piston electromagnetic compressor	An electrically powered shaftless driver-compressor in which an electromagnetic motor with reciprocating power-output shaft or rod is used.	 Electromagnetic motor      Compressor
		Integral free-piston electromagnetic compressor	A free-piston electromagnetic compressor with built-in motor in which driving forces of the motor act directly on the piston body.	 Motor section      Compressor sections
Fuel-heat-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term)	A driver-compressor in which a heat engine is used for transformation of the chemical energy of the fuel into the mechanical energy.		 Gas turbine      Compressor	
	Gas-turbine compressor	A mechanical compressor with a gas turbine as a driver.		
		Separable gas-turbine compressor	A gas-turbine compressor in which power-output shaft of the turbine drives the compressor shaft through a coupling.	 Gas turbine      Compressor section
	Integral gas-turbine compressor	A gas-turbine compressor in which turbine and compressor have a common torque-transmitting one-piece or composed shaft.		

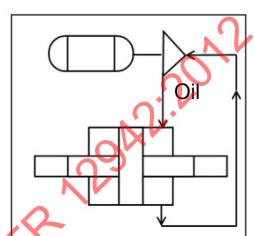
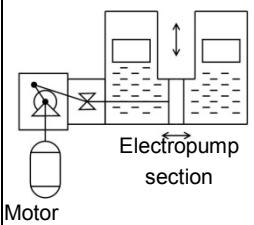
Class, term	Subclass and definition			Illustration (example only)
Fuel-heat-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term) (continued)	Engine-compressor (ICE-compressor), reciprocating engine-compressor	A mechanical compressor with a reciprocating internal-combustion engine as a driver.		
		Separable engine-compressor	A mechanical compressor and a reciprocating internal-combustion engine as a driver having separate power-output shaft and connected by a coupling	
		Integral engine-compressor	<p>A mechanical piston compressor and an integrated reciprocating internal combustion engine (ICE) as a driver having the common crankshaft and crankcase for both crankshaft mechanisms.</p> <p>NOTE 1 Subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— integral gas-engine-compressor;</li> <li>— integral diesel-compressor.</li> </ul>	
	Free-piston engine-compressor		<p>A shaftless mechanical reciprocating compressor and a built-in reciprocating ICE as a driver whose driving forces act directly on the reverse side of the compressor pistons.</p> <p>NOTE 2 Subclasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— free-piston gas-engine-compressor;</li> <li>— free-piston diesel-compressor.</li> </ul>	
Fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term)	A driver-compressor in which an expander machine is used as a driver for transformation of the fluid pressure energy into the mechanical energy.			
		Steam-powered driver-compressor	A fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor in which pressurized steam is used as a primary energy source.	
	Steam-turbine compressor	Steam-turbine compressor	A mechanical compressor with a steam turbine as a driver	
		Separable steam-turbine compressor	A mechanical compressor and a steam turbine as a driver connected by a coupling.	
		Integral steam-turbine compressor	A mechanical compressor and steam turbine as a driver having the common torque-transmitting one-piece or composed shaft.	

Class, term	Subclass and definition			Illustration (example only)
Fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term) (continued)	Steam-powered driver-compressor	Steam-engine compressor	A mechanical compressor with a reciprocating steam engine as a driver	
			Separable steam-engine compressor	 <p>Steam engine      Compressor</p>
			Integral steam-engine compressor (compound steam-engine compressor)	 <p>common crank mechanism Steam engine section Compr. section Common crank mechanism</p>
			Free-piston steam-engine compressor	 <p>Steam-engine section Compressor sections</p>
Hydraulic-motor compressor (pressurized-oil-powered compressor)	A fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor in which a pressurized oil or other liquid is used as a primary energy source.			
	Rotary-hydraulic-motor-compressor	Separable rotary-hydraulic-motor-compressor	A hydraulic-motor compressor in which a rotary hydraulic motor is used as a driver	
			A rotary-hydraulic motor-compressor in which the hydraulic motor has a separate power-output shaft connected with the compressor shaft by a coupling	 <p>Rotary hydraulic motor      Compressor</p>
		Integral rotary-hydraulic-motor-compressor	A rotary-hydraulic-motor-compressor in which the hydraulic motor and compressor have a common torque-transmitting one-piece or composed shaft.	 <p>Compressor section Hydraulic motor section</p>

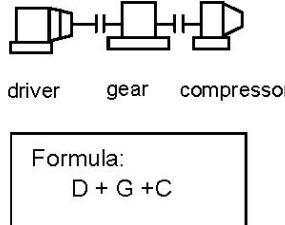
Class, term	Subclass and definition			Illustration (example only)
Fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term) (continued)	Hydraulic-motor compressor (pressurized-oil-powered compressor) (continued)	Reciprocating-hydraulic-motor-compressor	A hydraulic-motor compressor in which a reciprocating-hydraulic motor is used as a driver	
			Separable reciprocating-hydraulic-motor-compressor	<p>Compressor</p> <p>Hydromotor</p>
			Integral reciprocating-hydraulic-motor-compressor (compound reciprocating-hydraulic-motor-compressor)	<p>Common crank mechanism</p> <p>Hydro-motor section</p> <p>Compressor section</p> <p>Common crank mechanism</p>
	Expander-compressor (compander; pressurized-gas-powered compressor)	Free-piston hydraulic-motor-compressor	A shaftless reciprocating-hydraulic-motor-compressor in which driving forces of the built-in hydraulic motor act directly on the reverse side of the compressor piston.	<p>Hydromotor section</p> <p>Compressor sections</p>
			NOTE 3 As a rule these compressors are combined with electrically driven liquid pumps introduced in the liquid-circulation loop (see combined-energy powered driver-compressors below).	
			A fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor in which a pressurized gas or air is used as a primary energy source	<p>Reciprocating expander</p> <p>Compressor</p>
			An expander-compressor in which a reciprocating expander is used as a driver	
	Reciprocating-expander-compressor (Reciprocating compander)	Separable reciprocating-expander-compressor (Separable reciprocating compander)	Reciprocating-expander-compressor in which the expander has a separate power-output shaft connected with the compressor shaft by a coupling	<p>Reciprocating expander</p> <p>Compressor</p>

Class, term	Subclass and definition				Illustration (example only)
Fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term) (continued)	Expander-compressor (compander; pressurized-gas-powered compressor) (continued)	Reciprocating-expander-compressor (Reciprocating compander) (continued)	Integral reciprocating-expander-compressor (Integral reciprocating compander)	A reciprocating-expander-compressor in which the expander and compressor have the common crankshaft and crankcase for both crank mechanisms.	
			Free-piston expander-compressor (Free-piston compander)	A shaftless reciprocating-expander-compressor in which driving forces of the built-in expander act directly on the reverse side of the compressor piston	
	Rotary-expander-compressor (Rotary compander)		An expander-compressor in which a rotary expander is used as a driver.	NOTE 4 The rotary expander most used for driving compressors is the screw expander.	
		Separable rotary expander-compressor (Separable rotary compander)	A rotary expander - compressor in which the expander has a separate power-output shaft connected with the compressor shaft by a coupling.		
	Turbo-expander-compressor	Integral rotary expander-compressor		A rotary expander-compressor in which the expander and compressor have a common torque-transmitting one-piece or composed shaft.	
				An expander-compressor in which a turbo expander is used as a driver	
	Separable turbo expander-compressor (Separable turbo compander)		Separable turbo expander-compressor (Separable turbo compander)	A turbo expander-compressor in which the expander has a separate power-output shaft connected with the compressor shaft by a coupling.	

Class, term	Subclass and definition				Illustration (example only)
Fluid-pressure-energy powered driver-compressor (generic term) (continued)	Expander-compressor (compander; pressurized-gas-powered compressor) (continued)	Turbo-expander-compressor (continued)	Integral turbo-expander-compressor (Integral turbo-compander)	A turbo-expander-compressor in which the expander and compressor have a common torque-transmitting one-piece or composed shaft.	 Turbo-expander section      Compressor section
NOTE 5 For simplification of matching working-member speeds as well as generated and consumed energy values, the fluid-pressure-energy powered compressors (particularly, hydraulic-motor compressors and expander-compressors) are completed with drivers and compressors of the same motion type (e.g. reciprocating piston expander plus reciprocating shaft-driven piston compressors).					
NOTE 6 In modern practice, the crank mechanism is used mostly in integral reciprocating driver-compressors (integral ICE-compressor, integral steam-engine compressors, integral reciprocating hydraulic-motor compressors and integral reciprocating expander-compressors) as a common motion-converting mechanism.					
Combined-energy-powered driver-compressor	A mechanical compressor with two or more drivers using different forms of available external primary energy				
Simultaneously powered (parallel-powered) driver-compressor (Simultaneously combined-energy-powered driver-compressor)	Simultaneously powered (parallel-powered) driver-compressor (Simultaneously combined-energy-powered driver-compressor)	A combined-energy-powered driver-compressor in which drivers of different type share the total load in part-load (load-sharing) or part-time (time-sharing) modes.			
		NOTE 7 Simultaneously powered driver-compressors are mostly used in oil/gas processing, chemical and petrochemical plants with a purpose to utilize secondary energy resources, e.g. gas or steam-pressure energy generated by recovery of waste heat of chemical reactions and flue- or off-gases.			
	Motor-expander compressor (Motor-compander)	A simultaneously powered driver-compressor in which motor and expander are used as different driver types.	 Motor      Compressor      Turbo expander		
	Motor-steam-turbine compressor	A simultaneously powered driver-compressor in which motor and steam turbine are used as different driver types.	 Motor      Compressor      Turbo-expander		
	Successively powered driver-compressor (Successively combined-energy-powered driver-compressor)	A combined-energy-powered driver-compressor in which one of the drivers converts first the total necessary amount of external energy into the other form and the second driver actuates directly the compressor working members using the second form of energy.	 Motor      Compressor      Steam turbine		
NOTE 8 An electric motor is used in common practice as the primary driver and a hydromotor serving as the secondary one.					

Class, term	Subclass and definition			Illustration (example only)
Combined-energy-powered driver-compressor (continued)	Successively powered driver-compressor (Successively combined-energy-powered driver-compressor (continued))	Electropump-hyromotor compressor	A successively powered driver-compressor in which the primary electric motor converts the electric energy by means of a liquid pump into the potential energy of the oil pressure, which in turn actuates further the free-piston hydraulic-motor compressor.	
	Separable electro-pump-hyromotor compressor		An electropump-hyromotor compressor in which the electropump is performed as a separate machine from which the pressurized oil is supplied to the hyromotor by a separate oil pipeline.	 Electropump Oil Free-piston hydraulic-motor compressor
	Integral electro-pump-hyromotor compressor		An electropump-hyromotor compressor in which electropump and compressor have a common working member with a floating compressor piston(s).	 Hydromotor-compressor section Electropump section Motor

#### 4.4 Design classes of geared driver-compressors

Class, term	Subclass and definition			Illustration (example only)
Geared driver-compressor (generic term)	Separable-geared driver-compressor	A geared driver-compressor in which every component: mechanical compressor, gear and driver have their separable shafts connected with each other by couplings.	 driver      gear      compressor Formula: $D + G + C$ Where are: D – driver G – gear C – compressor	