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ASABE DEVELOPS STANDARD FOR PINTLE HITCHING SYSTEMS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has approved a standard on pintle hitching system requirements for implements towed over the road.

Pintle systems offer advantages in situations in which the design limits of a ball hitch and drawbar may be exceeded, for example, in towing agricultural implements or bulk carrier equipment.

ANSI/ASABE S638, Pintle Hitch and Ring for Over the Road Towed Implements, establishes requirements for using a pintle hitching system to add connection flexibility with the use of pintle hooks and tow rings.

ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text of the standard by electronic download in about six weeks. Location for the download is on the ASABE online Technical Library at: elibrary.asabe.org. Others can obtain a copy for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at OrderStandard@asabe.org.

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