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## General tolerances —

### Part 1:

Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications

*Tolérances générales —*

*Partie 1 : Tolérances pour dimensions linéaires et angulaires non affectées de tolérances individuelles*



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ISO 2768 consists of the following parts, under the general title *General tolerances* :

- *Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*
- *Part 2: Geometrical tolerances for features without individual tolerance indications*

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## Introduction

All features on component parts always have a size and a geometrical shape. For the deviation of size and for the deviations of the geometrical characteristics (form, orientation and location) the function of the part requires limitations which, when exceeded, impair this function.

The tolerancing on the drawing should be complete to ensure that the elements of size and geometry of all features are controlled, i.e. nothing shall be implied or left to judgement in the workshop or in the inspection department.

The use of general tolerances for size and geometry simplifies the task of ensuring that this prerequisite is met.



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## Part 1 :

# Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 2768 is intended to simplify drawing indications and it specifies general tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications in four tolerance classes.

NOTE 1 — The concepts behind the general tolerancing of linear and angular dimensions are described in annex A.

It applies to the dimensions of parts that are produced by metal removal or parts that are formed from sheet metal.

#### NOTES

- 2 These tolerances may be suitable for use with materials other than metal.
- 3 Parallel International Standards exist or are planned, e.g. see ISO 8062<sup>1)</sup> for castings.

This part of ISO 2768 only applies for the following dimensions which do not have an individual tolerance indication :

- a) linear dimensions (e.g. external sizes, internal sizes, step sizes, diameters, radii, distances, external radii and chamfer heights for broken edges);
- b) angular dimensions, including angular dimensions usually not indicated, e.g. right angles (90°), unless reference to ISO 2768-2 is made, or angles of uniform polygons;
- c) linear and angular dimensions produced by machining assembled parts.

It does not apply for the following dimensions :

- a) linear and angular dimensions which are covered by reference to other standards on general tolerances;
- b) auxiliary dimensions indicated in brackets;
- c) theoretically exact dimensions indicated in rectangular frames.

### 2 General

When selecting the tolerance class, the respective customary workshop accuracy has to be taken into consideration. If smaller tolerances are required or larger tolerances are permissible and more economical for any individual feature, such tolerances should be indicated adjacent to the relevant nominal dimension(s).

General tolerances for linear and angular dimensions apply when drawings or associated specifications refer to this part of ISO 2768 in accordance with clauses 4 and 5. If there are general tolerances for other processes, as specified in other International Standards, reference shall be made to them on the drawings or associated specifications. For a dimension between an unfinished and a finished surface, e.g. of cast or forged parts, for which no individual tolerance is directly indicated, the larger of the two general tolerances in question applies, e.g. for castings, see ISO 8062<sup>1)</sup>.

### 3 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 2768. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 2768 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 2768-2 : 1989, *General tolerances — Part 2: Geometrical tolerances for features without individual tolerance indications.*

ISO 8015 : 1985, *Technical drawings — Fundamental tolerancing principle.*

### 4 General tolerances

#### 4.1 Linear dimensions

General tolerances for linear dimensions are given in tables 1 and 2.

1) ISO 8062 : 1984, *Castings — System of dimensional tolerances.*

**4.2 Angular dimensions**

General tolerances specified in angular units control only the general orientation of lines or line elements of surfaces, but not their form deviations.

The general orientation of the line derived from the actual surface is the orientation of the contacting line of ideal geometrical form. The maximum distance between the contacting line and the actual line shall be the least possible value (see ISO 8015).

The permissible deviations of angular dimensions are given in table 3.

**5 Indications on drawings**

If general tolerances in accordance with this part of ISO 2768 shall apply, the following information shall be indicated in or near the title block:

a) "ISO 2768";

b) the tolerance class in accordance with this part of ISO 2768.

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**6 Rejection**

Unless otherwise stated, workpieces exceeding the general tolerance shall not lead to automatic rejection provided that the ability of the workpiece to function is not impaired (see clause A.4).

**Table 1 – Permissible deviations for linear dimensions except for broken edges**  
(external radii and chamfer heights, see table 2)

Values in millimetres

Tolerance class		Permissible deviations for basic size range							
Designation	Description	0,5 <sup>1)</sup> up to 3	over 3 up to 6	over 6 up to 30	over 30 up to 120	over 120 up to 400	over 400 up to 1 000	over 1 000 up to 2 000	over 2 000 up to 4 000
f	fine	±0,05	±0,05	±0,1	±0,15	±0,2	±0,3	±0,5	—
m	medium	±0,1	±0,1	±0,2	±0,3	±0,5	±0,8	±1,2	±2
c	coarse	±0,2	±0,3	±0,5	±0,8	±1,2	±2	±3	±4
v	very coarse	—	±0,5	±1	±1,5	±2,5	±4	±6	±8

1) For nominal sizes below 0,5 mm, the deviations shall be indicated adjacent to the relevant nominal size(s).

**Table 2 – Permissible deviations for broken edges (external radii and chamfer heights)**

Values in millimetres

Tolerance class		Permissible deviations for basic size range		
Designation	Description	0,5 <sup>1)</sup> up to 3	over 3 up to 6	over 6
f	fine	±0,2	±0,5	±1
m	medium			
c	coarse	±0,4	±1	±2
v	very coarse			

1) For nominal sizes below 0,5 mm, the deviations shall be indicated adjacent to the relevant nominal size(s).

**Table 3 – Permissible deviations of angular dimensions**

Tolerance class		Permissible deviations for ranges of lengths, in millimetres, of the shorter side of the angle concerned				
Designation	Description	up to 10	over 10 up to 50	over 50 up to 120	over 120 up to 400	over 400
f	fine	±1°	±0°30'	±0°20'	±0°10'	±0°5'
m	medium					
c	coarse	±1°30'	±1°	±0°30'	±0°15'	±0°10'
v	very coarse	±3°	±2°	±1°	±0°30'	±0°20'



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