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## 0 Introduction

For the purposes of this International Standard, all dimensions and tolerances on the drawings have been stencilled in upright lettering. It should be understood that these indications could just as well be written in free-hand or inclined (italic) lettering without altering the meaning of the indications.

For the presentation of lettering (proportions and dimensions), see ISO 3098-1.

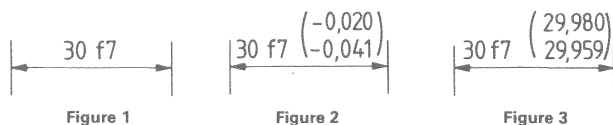
## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies the indication of tolerances for linear and angular dimensions on technical drawings. Indicating such tolerances does not necessarily imply the use of any particular method of production, measurement or gauging.

## 2 References

ISO 129, *Technical drawings — Dimensioning — General principles, definitions, methods of execution and special indications*.

ISO 3098-1, *Technical drawings — Lettering — Part 1: Currently used characters*.



## 3 Units

Deviations shall be expressed in the same unit as the basic size.

If two deviations relating to the same dimension have to be shown, both shall be expressed to the same number of decimal places (see figure 2), except if one of the deviations is zero (see figure 5).

## 4 Indication of the components of a linear dimension

### 4.1 ISO symbols

The components of the tolerated dimension shall be indicated in the following order:

- the basic size;
- the tolerance symbol.

If, in addition to the symbols (see figure 1), it is necessary to express the values of the deviations (see figure 2) or the limits of size (see figure 3), the additional information shall be shown in parentheses.

## 4.2 Permissible deviations

The components of the tolerated dimension shall be indicated in the following order (see figures 4 to 6):

- the basic size;
- the values of the deviations.

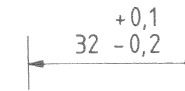


Figure 4

If one of the two deviations is zero, this should be expressed by the digit zero (see figure 5).

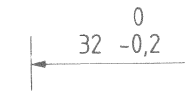


Figure 5

If the tolerance is symmetrical in relation to the basic size, the value of the deviations should be indicated once only, preceded by the sign  $\pm$  (see figure 6).



Figure 6

## 4.3 Limits of size

The limits of size may be indicated by an upper and lower dimension (see figure 7).

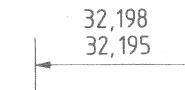


Figure 7

## 4.4 Limits of size in one direction

If a dimension needs to be limited in one direction only, this should be indicated by adding "min." or "max." to the dimension (see figure 8).



Figure 8

## 5 Order of indication of deviations and limits of size

The upper deviation or the upper limit of size shall be written in the upper position and the lower deviation or the lower limit of size in the lower position, irrespective of whether a hole or a shaft is tolerated.

6 Indication of tolerances on drawings of assembled parts

6.1 ISO symbols

The tolerance symbol for the hole shall be placed before that for the shaft (see figure 9) or above it (see figure 10), the symbols being preceded by the basic size indicated once only.

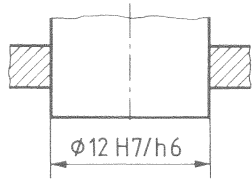


Figure 9

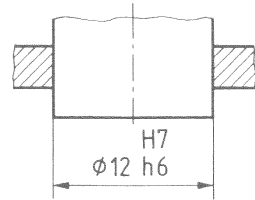


Figure 10

If it is also necessary to specify the numerical values of the deviations, they should be written in parentheses (see figure 11).

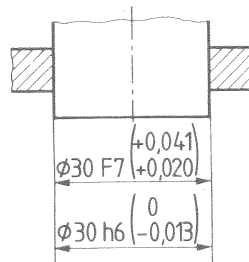


Figure 11

For the sake of simplicity (notwithstanding ISO 129), dimensioning with only one dimension line may be used (see figure 12).

6.2 Values by digits

The dimension for each of the components of the assembled parts shall be preceded by the name (see figure 12) or item reference (see figure 13) of the components, the dimension for the hole being placed in both cases above that for the shaft.

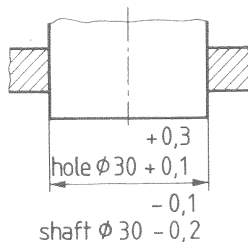


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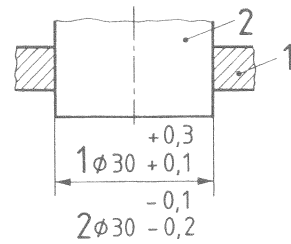


Figure 13

7 Indication of the components of an angular dimension

The rules given for the indication of tolerances on linear dimensions are equally applicable to angular dimensions, except that the units of the basic angle and the fractions thereof, as well as the deviations, shall always be indicated (see figures 14 to 17). If the angular deviation is expressed in either minutes of a degree or seconds of a minute of a degree, the value of the minute or second shall be preceded by 0° or 0'0'', as applicable.

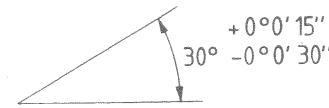


Figure 14

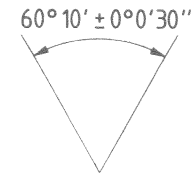


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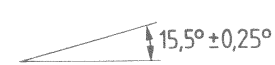


Figure 16

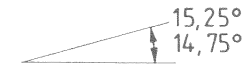


Figure 17

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