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**Internal combustion engines —  
Piston pins —**

**Part 1:  
General specifications**

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## Foreword

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- *Part 1: General specifications*
- *Part 2: Inspection measuring principles*

# Internal combustion engines — Piston pins —

## Part 1: General specifications

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 18669 specifies the essential dimensional characteristics of piston pins with an outer diameter between 8 mm and 100 mm, for reciprocating internal combustion engines for road vehicles and other applications. In addition, it establishes a vocabulary, a pin-type classification, material description based on mechanical properties, common features and quality requirements.

The use of this part of ISO 18669 may require a manufacturer and customer statistical process control agreement.

### 2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 2.1 General

##### 2.1.1

##### **piston pin**

precision cylindrical component that connects the piston to the connecting rod and has a smooth hard peripheral surface

#### 2.2 Geometrical and manufacturing features of piston pins

##### 2.2.1 Bore types

###### 2.2.1.1

###### **cylindrical**

pin having a straight cylindrical bore

###### 2.2.1.2

###### **centre web**

pin inside diameter formed symmetrically from each end leaving a web in the pin centre

Note 1 to entry: The web is subsequently removed leaving a step as shown in [Figure 3](#).

###### 2.2.1.3

###### **tapered**

pin with conical-shaped inside diameter near the ends that reduces the weight of the piston pin

###### 2.2.1.4

###### **machined**

pin with inside diameter produced solely by machining

###### 2.2.1.5

###### **seamless drawn tube**

hollow steel product which does not contain any line junctures resulting from the method of manufacture

**2.2.1.6  
end web**

pin inner diameter formed from one end leaving a web near the opposite end

Note 1 to entry: The web is punched out. The pin is then drawn over a mandrel and a forming line may result as shown in [Figure 4](#).

**2.2.2 Outside-edge configurations**

**2.2.2.1  
chamfer**

outside-edge bevelled feature that is sometimes used to mate with a round retainer ring

Note 1 to entry: Referred to as “locking chamfer” when a round wire retainer ring is located on the chamfer angle and used to secure the pin in the piston.

**2.2.2.2  
form angle  $\delta$**

region of outside-edge form that provides a smooth transition to the peripheral surface to facilitate ease of assembly

**2.2.2.3  
form angle  $\gamma$**

region of outside-edge form that provides a smooth transition to the end face

**2.2.2.4  
drop-off**

non-functional machining feature that creates a transition between the outside edge and the peripheral surface

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 12](#).

**2.2.2.5  
inside-edge chamfer**

bevelled edge between the bore surface and the end faces of the piston pin

**2.2.2.6  
gauge point**

locating point on the pin outside-edge chamfer from where the gauge diameter ( $d_5$ ) and gauge length ( $l_5$ ) are measured

**2.2.3 Other features**

**2.2.3.1  
volume change**

change detected as a permanent outside-diameter dimensional deviation at reference temperature after being heated to a test temperature for a specified period of time

**2.2.3.2  
slag lines**

linear flaws of non-metallic inclusions

**3 Symbols**

For the purposes of this part of ISO 18669, the symbols in [Table 1](#) apply.

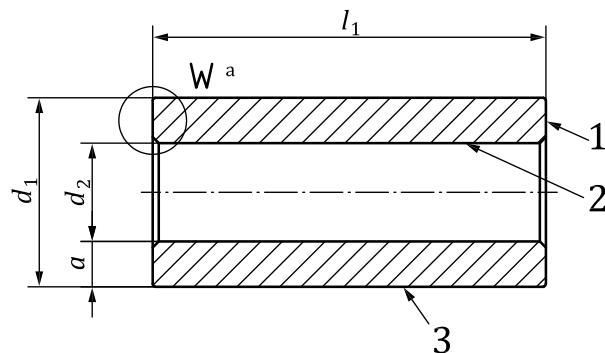
Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol abbreviation	Description
$a$	Wall thickness
$b$	Outside-edge drop-off length
$c$	Outside-edge drop-off height
$d_1$	Outside diameter
$d_2$	Inside diameter
$d_3$	Tapered bore diameter
$d_4$	Centre-web diameter
$d_5$	Gauge diameter
$d_6$	End face diameter
$e$	Tapered bore runout
$f$	Outside-edge length
$g$	Outside-edge chamfer length
$H_s$	Limit hardness
$h_1$	End face concavity
$h_2$	End face step
$k$	Tapered bore relief
$l_1$	Length
$l_3$	Tapered bore length
$l_4$	Centre-web length
$l_5$	Gauge length
$r$	Outside-edge radius
$R_m$	Core strength
$s$	End face runout
$t_1$	Inside-edge chamfer length
$t_2$	Outside-edge form length
$\alpha$	Tapered bore angle
$\beta$	Outside-edge chamfer angle
$\gamma$	Outside-edge form angle end face
$\delta$	Outside-edge form angle

## 4 Nomenclature

### 4.1 Outside, inside and end features

Terms commonly used to describe pins with a cylindrical bore are shown in [Figure 1](#).



- Key**
- 1 end face
  - 2 bore surface
  - 3 peripheral surface
  - $d_1$  outside diameter
  - $d_2$  inside diameter
  - $l_1$  length
  - $a$  wall thickness
  - $a$  See [Figure 2](#).

**Figure 1 — Pin with cylindrical bore**

Terms commonly used to describe end face concavity are shown in [Figure 2a](#)).

Terms commonly used to describe end face step are shown in [Figure 2b](#)).



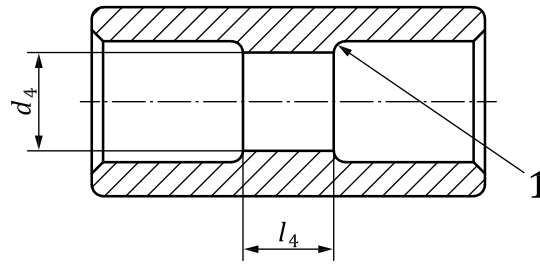
- Key**
- $h_1$  end face concavity
  - $h_2$  end face step
  - $d_6$  end face diameter

NOTE End face concavity and end face step not recommended for end face locking.

**Figure 2 — Detail W of [Figure 1](#)**

Terms commonly used to describe pins with a centre web are shown in [Figure 3](#).



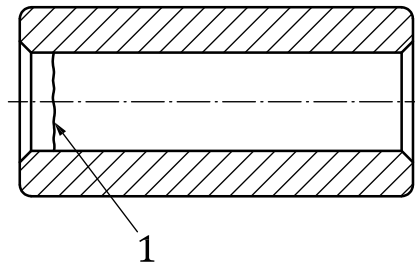


**Key**

- 1 centre-web radius
- $l_4$  centre-web length
- $d_4$  centre-web diameter

**Figure 3 — Pin with cold-formed centre web**

Terms commonly used to describe pins with a cold-formed end-web are shown in [Figure 4](#).

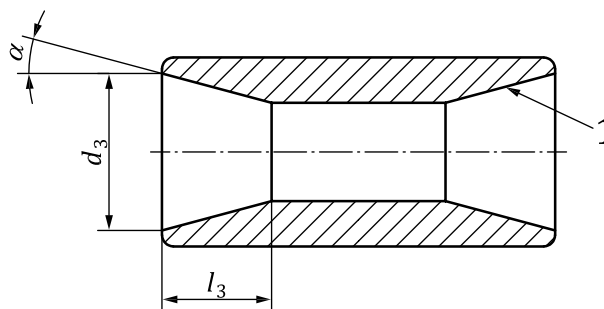


**Key**

- 1 end-web forming line

**Figure 4 — Pin with cold-formed end web**

Terms commonly used to describe pins with a tapered bore are shown in [Figure 5](#).



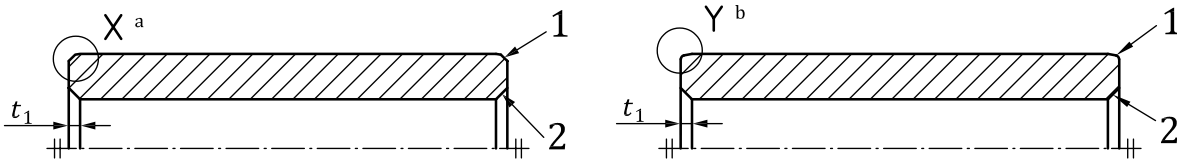
**Key**

- 1 tapered bore surface
- $\alpha$  tapered bore angle
- $d_3$  tapered bore diameter
- $l_3$  tapered bore length

**Figure 5 — Pin with tapered bore**

### 4.2 Outside edge and inside chamfer configurations

Terms commonly used to describe the outside edge and inside chamfer configurations are shown in [Figure 6](#).



**Key**

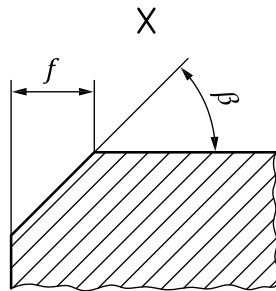
- 1 outside-edge chamfer or radius
- 2 inside-edge chamfer
- $t_1$  inside-edge chamfer length
- a See [Figures 7](#) and [8](#).
- b See [Figure 9](#).

NOTE This may be used with either a round or rectangular retainer ring.

**Figure 6 — Outside-edge configuration (detail X: chamfered; detail Y: radiused)**

#### 4.2.1 Chamfered outside-edge configuration

Terms commonly used to describe the chamfered outside-edge configuration are shown in [Figure 7](#).



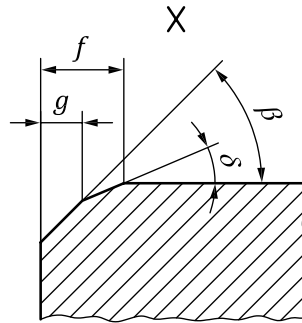
**Key**

- $f$  outside-edge length
- $\beta$  outside-edge chamfer angle

**Figure 7 — Chamfered configuration (detail X of [Figure 6](#))**

#### 4.2.2 Double-chamfered outside-edge configuration

Terms commonly used to describe double-chamfered outside-edge configurations are shown in [Figure 8](#). The double chamfer is for assembly improvements of the piston pin.

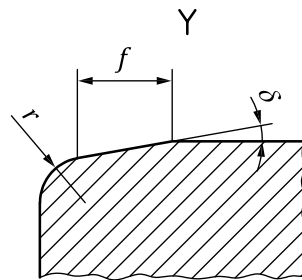
**Key**

$f$	outside-edge length
$g$	outside-edge chamfer length
$\delta$	outside-edge form angle
$\beta$	outside-edge chamfer angle

**Figure 8 — Double-chamfered configuration (detail X of [Figure 6](#))**

#### 4.2.3 Radiused outside-edge configuration

Terms commonly used to describe radiused outside-edge configurations are shown in [Figure 9](#).

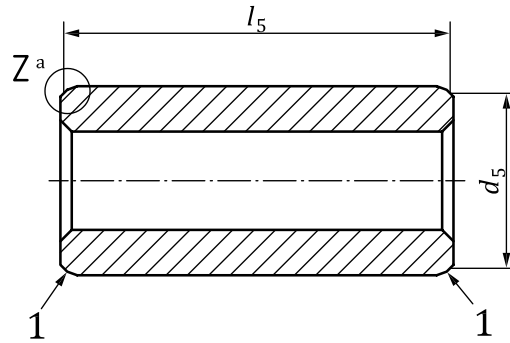
**Key**

$r$	outside-edge radius
$f$	outside-edge length
$\delta$	outside-edge form angle

**Figure 9 — Radiused configuration (detail Y of [Figure 6](#))**

#### 4.2.4 Chamfer-locking outside-edge configuration

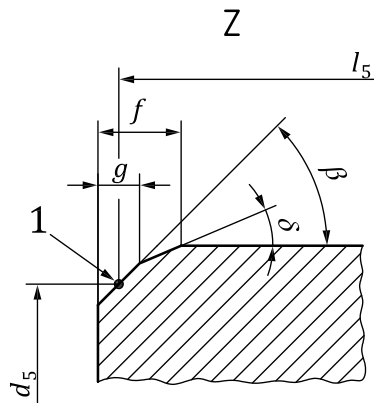
Terms commonly used to describe chamfer-locking outside-edge configurations are shown in [Figures 10](#) and [11](#).



**Key**

- 1 gauge points
- $l_5$  gauge length
- $d_5$  gauge diameter

**Figure 10 — Chamfer-locking outside-edge for round retainer ring**



**Key**

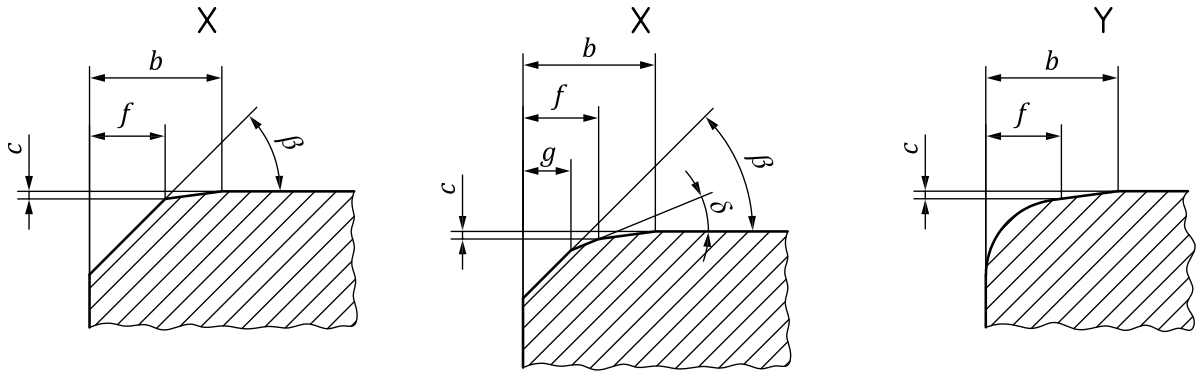
- 1 gauge point
- $g$  outside-edge chamfer length
- $f$  outside-edge length
- $l_5$  gauge length
- $d_5$  gauge diameter

**Figure 11 — Detail Z of [Figure 10](#)**

**4.3 Outside-edge drop-off configuration**

Terms commonly used to describe outside-edge drop-off configurations are shown in [Figure 12a](#)), [12b](#)) and [12c](#)).

The outside-edge drop-off is for manufacturing purposes and is therefore a chamfer that is very small in height but long in length.



a) Chamfered edge and drop-off b) Double-chamfered edge and drop-off c) Radiused edge and drop-off

**Key**

- b* outside-edge drop-off length
- c* outside-edge drop-off height
- g* outside-edge chamfer length
- f* outside-edge length
- $\delta$  outside-edge form angle
- $\beta$  outside-edge chamfer angle

**Figure 12 — Drop-off configurations (detail X and Y of Figure 6)**

**5 Codes**

Codes used for piston pins shall be as given in [Table 2](#) with their explanatory descriptions.

Table 2 — Codes and descriptions

Code	Description	Relevant sub-clause of this part of ISO 18669
P1...P6	Pin-type classification according to manufacturing method of the pin centre hole	<a href="#">7.1</a>
X	Piston pins in combination with needle bearing	<a href="#">8.3</a>
F1, F2, F3	Outside-edge configuration tolerance class	<a href="#">7.2.4</a>
K	Carburising steel class K	<a href="#">8.1</a> / <a href="#">8.2</a>
S	Carburising steel class S	<a href="#">8.1</a> / <a href="#">8.2</a>
L	Carburising steel class L	<a href="#">8.1</a> / <a href="#">8.2</a>
M	Carburising steel class M	<a href="#">8.1</a> / <a href="#">8.2</a>
N	Nitriding steel class N	<a href="#">8.1</a> / <a href="#">8.2</a>
V	Piston pins with limited volume change	<a href="#">8.3</a> / <a href="#">8.4</a> / <a href="#">8.5</a>
H1, H2	Surface hardness class	<a href="#">8.4</a>
R1, R2	Peripheral surface roughness class	<a href="#">9.1.1</a>
G	Chamfer-locking outside-edge configuration (gauge point)	<a href="#">6.2</a> / <a href="#">7.2.4</a>
R	Outside-edge radiused	<a href="#">7.2.4</a> / <a href="#">6.1.2</a>
C1	Outside-edge chamfered	<a href="#">7.2.4</a>
C2	Outside-edge double chamfered	<a href="#">7.2.4</a>
LA, LB	Length tolerance class	<a href="#">7.2.3</a>
MM	Manufacturer's mark	<a href="#">9.2</a>
TC	Piston pins with bore surface cold formed	<a href="#">7.2.6</a>

## 6 Designation of piston pins

### 6.1 Designation elements and order

To designate piston pins, the following details shall be given, in the order shown below. The codes given in [Table 2](#) shall be used.

#### 6.1.1 Mandatory elements

The following mandatory elements shall constitute the designation of a piston pin:

- designation, i.e. piston pin;
- number of International Standard: ISO 18669;
- type of piston pin, e.g. P1;
- hyphen;
- size of piston pin,  $d_1 \times d_2 \times l_1$  or  $d_1 / d_3 - \alpha \times d_2 \times l_1$  for a pin with tapered bore;
- hyphen;
- material code, e.g. L.

### 6.1.2 Additional elements

The following optional elements may be added to the designation of a piston pin; in this case they shall be separated from the mandatory elements by a slash (/):

- code for outside-edge configuration, e.g. R, C1, C2, G;
- size of chamfer-locking gauge dimensions,  $d_5 \times l_5 \times \beta$  when code G is specified;
- code for limited volume change, V;
- code for surface hardness, H1, H2;
- code for surface roughness, R1, R2.

## 6.2 Designation examples

The following are examples of piston pin designation in accordance with this part of ISO 18669.

**EXAMPLE 1** Designation of a piston pin complying with the requirements of ISO 18669-1, manufacturing type P5 (P5) of outside diameter  $d_1 = 20$  mm (20), inside diameter  $d_2 = 11$  mm (11) and length  $l_1 = 50$  mm (50) made of carburising steel, class L (L) with double chamfered outside-edge configuration (C2), selected chamfer-locking outside-edge configuration (G) of gauge diameter  $d_5 = 18,9$  mm (18,9), gauge length  $l_5 = 49$  mm (49) and outside-edge chamfer angle  $\beta = 45^\circ$  (45), limited volume change (V), class 2 surface hardness (H2) and class 1 roughness on peripheral surface (R1). Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO piston pin designation:

**Piston pin ISO 18669-P5, 20 × 11 × 50-L / C2 G-18,9 × 49 × 45 V H2 R1**

**EXAMPLE 2** Designation of a piston pin complying with the requirements of ISO 18669-1, manufacturing type P2 (P2) of outside diameter  $d_1 = 22$  mm (22), tapered bore diameter  $d_3 = 18$  mm (18), tapered bore angle  $\alpha = 20^\circ$  (20), inside diameter  $d_2 = 12$  mm (12) and length  $l_1 = 60$  mm (60) made of nitriding steel, class (N). Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO piston pin designation:

**Piston pin ISO 18669-P2, 22/18-20 × 12 × 60-N**

## 7 Piston pin types, dimensions and tolerances

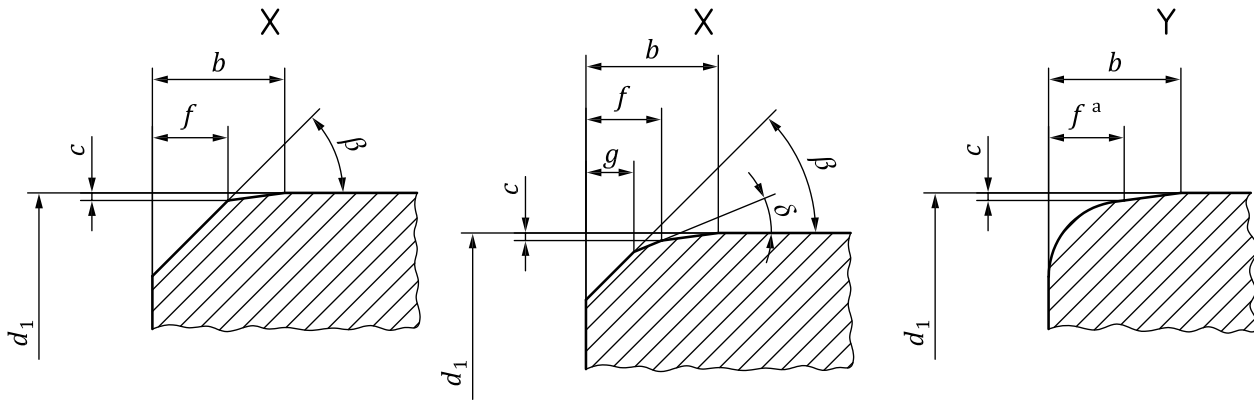
### 7.1 Manufacturing types

**Table 3 — Piston pin manufacturing types**

Manufacturing code	Permissible manufacturing methods			
	machined	cold-formed	cold-formed centre web	seamless drawn tube
P1	x	x	x	x
P2	x	x	x	no
P3	no	x	x	no
P4	x	x	no	no
P5	no	x	no	no
P6	x	no	no	no

7.2 Dimensions and tolerances

7.2.1 Outside diameter and form and location tolerances



a) Chamfered edge and drop-off b) Double-chamfered edge and drop-off c) Radiused edge and drop-off

Key

- b* outside-edge drop-off length
- c* outside-edge drop-off height
- f* outside-edge length
- g* outside-edge chamfer length
- $\delta$  outside-edge form angle
- $\beta$  outside-edge chamfer angle
- a* See Figure 14.

Figure 13 — Drop-off configurations (detail X and Y of Figure 6)

Table 4 shows the outside diameter tolerances and the permissible cylindricity, circularity and edge drop-off.

Table 4 — Outside diameter ( $d_1$ ) and form and location tolerances

Dimensions in millimetres

Outside diameter		Cylindricity max.	Circularity max.	Edge drop-off	
$d_1$	tolerance			<i>b</i> max.	<i>c</i> max.
8 to ≤ 16	0 to - 0,004	0,0015	0,001	0,12 × $d_1$	0,001
> 16 to ≤ 30	0 to - 0,005	0,002	0,0015		
> 30 to ≤ 60	0 to - 0,006	0,0025	0,002		
> 60 to ≤ 100	0 to - 0,008	0,003	0,0025	0,08 × $d_1$	0,0015

7.2.2 Inside diameter tolerance

The tolerances of inside diameter ( $d_2$ ) and concentricity (permissible wall difference) are shown in Table 5.



**Table 5 — Inside diameter tolerance and concentricity at wall thickness (*a*)**

Dimensions in millimetres

Inside diameter		Concentricity		
$d_2$	tolerance	$a \leq 3$ max.	$3 < a \leq 5$ max.	$a > 5$ max.
$\leq 30$	+ 0,1 / - 0,2	0,3	0,4	0,5 / 0,6 <sup>a</sup>
$> 30$	+ 0,2 / - 0,4	—		

<sup>a</sup> Only when piston pins are manufactured from seamless tube.

**7.2.3 Length ( $l_1$ ) and gauge length ( $l_5$ ) tolerances**

[Table 6](#) shows the length tolerances and the permissible runout for end face.

**Table 6 — Length tolerances and runout end face**

Dimensions in millimetres

Outside diameter $d_1$	Length $l_1$ tolerance		Gauge length $l_5$ tolerance	End face runout $s^b$ max.	
	class 1 code: LA	class 2 <sup>a</sup> code: LB		class 1 code: LA	class 2 <sup>a</sup> code: LB
8 to $\leq 16$	0 to - 0,25	0 to - 0,45	$\pm 0,125$	0,12	0,20
$> 16$ to $\leq 35$	0 to - 0,3	0 to - 0,5	$\pm 0,15$	0,15	0,25
$> 35$ to $\leq 60$	0 to - 0,4	0 to - 0,6	$\pm 0,2$	0,15	0,40
$> 60$ to $\leq 100$	0 to - 0,5	—	$\pm 0,25$	0,25	—

<sup>a</sup> Not recommended for end face locking.  
<sup>b</sup> Reference: ISO 18669-2:2004, Figure 7.

The end face concavity and end face step are shown in [Table 7](#).

**Table 7 — End face concavity and end face step for code LB pins**

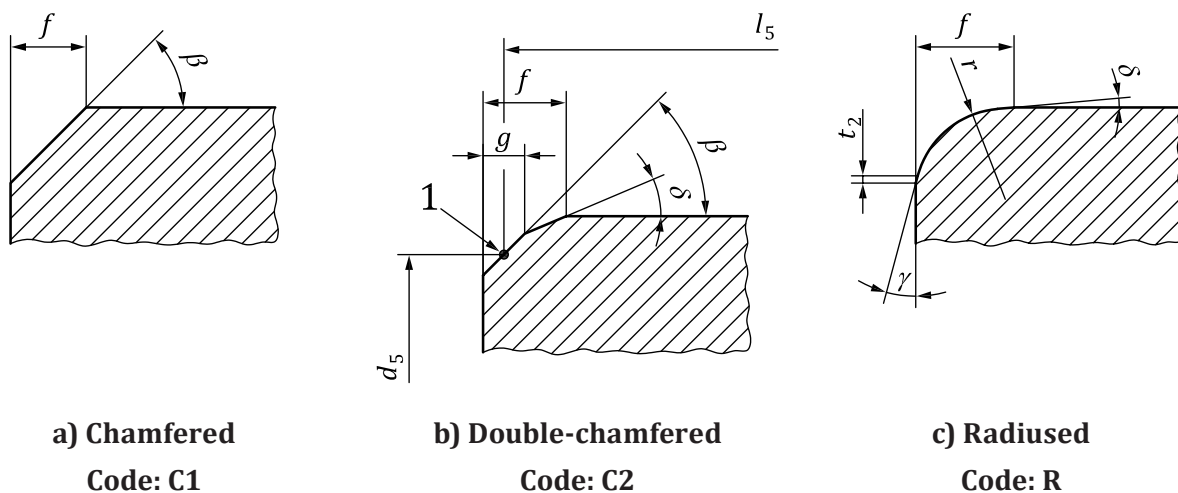
Dimensions in millimetres

Outside diameter $d_1$	End face concavity $h_1$ max. <sup>a</sup>	End face step $h_2$ max. <sup>a</sup>	Diameter for $h_1$ and $h_2$ determination $d_6$ max.
8 to $\leq 16$	0,7	0,3	$d_1 - 1,8$
$> 16$ to $\leq 25$	0,8		$d_1 - 2,0$
$> 25$ to $\leq 32$	0,9	0,4	$d_1 - 2,2$
$> 32$ to $\leq 60$	1,0		$d_1 - 2,4$

<sup>a</sup> Not recommended for end face locking

7.2.4 Outside-edge form

The outside-edge configuration is shown in Figure 14.



Key

- 1 gauge point
- t<sub>2</sub> Outside-edge form length
- γ outside-edge form angle end face
- δ outside-edge form angle

NOTE Chamfer-locking outside-edge configurations (gauge point, code: G) are possible with a chamfered or double-chamfered outside edge. The values for the gauge point l<sub>5</sub> and d<sub>5</sub> and for the angles β and δ shall be given in the designation of the piston pins.

Figure 14 — Outside-edge configuration

The radiused outside-edge dimensions are given in Table 8.

Table 8 — Radiused outside-edge dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

Outside diameter, d <sub>1</sub>	Outside-edge form angle		Outside-edge form length t <sub>2</sub>	class 1 <sup>a</sup> code: F1		class 2 code: F2		class 3 code: F3	
	δ	γ		r	f	r	f	r	f max.
8 to ≤ 16	20° max.	30° max.	1 max.	0,15 to 0,3	0,15 to 0,3	0,15 to 0,3	0,15 to 0,6	0,9 to 1,4	2,2
> 16 to ≤ 25				0,2 to 0,5	0,2 to 0,5	0,2 to 0,5	0,2 to 0,8	1,2 to 1,7	2,5
> 25 to ≤ 32				0,3 to 0,6	0,3 to 0,6	0,3 to 0,6	0,3 to 0,9	1,5 to 2,0	2,8
> 32 to ≤ 60				0,4 to 0,8	0,4 to 0,8	0,4 to 0,8	0,4 to 1,1	-	-
> 60 to ≤ 100				0,5 to 1,0	0,5 to 1,0	0,5 to 1,0	0,5 to 1,3	-	-

<sup>a</sup> See subclause 1.2.

The chamfered outside-edge dimensions are given in Table 9.

**Table 9 — Chamfered outside-edge dimensions**

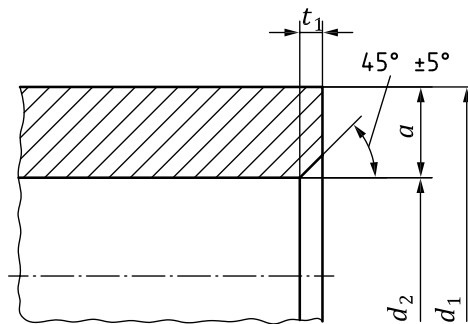
Dimensions in millimetres

Outside diameter $d_1$	Chamfered C1			Double chamfered C2	
	<i>f</i> class 1 <sup>b</sup> code: F1	<i>f</i> class 2 <sup>c</sup> code: F2	<i>f</i> class 3 code: F3	$g^a$	$f^a$
8 to ≤ 16	0,15 to 0,3	0,15 to 0,6	0,35 to 1,05	0,35 to 1,05	1,25 to 2,15
> 16 to ≤ 25	0,2 to 0,5	0,2 to 0,8	0,5 to 1,2	0,5 to 1,2	1,25 to 2,4
> 25 to ≤ 32	0,3 to 0,6	0,3 to 0,9			
> 32 to ≤ 60	0,4 to 0,8	0,4 to 1,1			
> 60 to ≤ 100	0,5 to 1,0	0,5 to 1,3	0,8 to 1,5	0,8 to 1,5	—

a  $g \leq f - 0,25$ .  
 b See subclause 1.2.  
 c Tolerance may be reduced for large  $\beta$  angle.

**7.2.5 Inside-edge profile**

The inside chamfer configuration is shown in [Figure 15](#).



**Figure 15 — Inside chamfer configuration**

The inside chamfer dimensions are given in [Table 10](#).

**Table 10 — Inside chamfer dimensions**

Dimensions in millimetres

Wall thickness $a$	Inside-edge chamfer length $t_1$
1,5 to ≤ 3	0,1 to 0,5
> 3 to ≤ 5	0,3 to 0,8
> 5 to ≤ 8	0,3 to 1,3
> 8 to ≤ 12	0,5 to 2
> 12	1 to 3

7.2.6 Tapered bore dimensions

Figure 16 shows the tapered bore configurations.

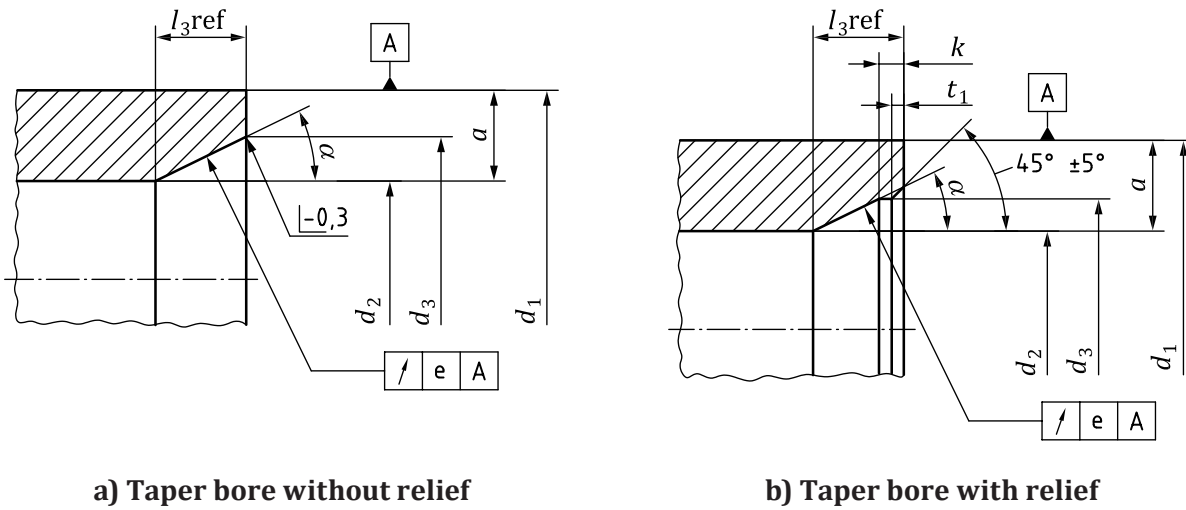


Figure 16 — Tapered bore configurations

Table 11 gives the tolerances on tapered bore angle and diameter.

Table 11 — Tolerances on tapered bore angle ( $\alpha$ ) and diameter ( $d_3$ )

Dimensions in millimetres

Tapered bore angle $\alpha$		Tolerance $d_3$		
$\alpha$ degrees	Tolerance		class 1	class 2 code: TC
	class 1	class 2 code: TC		
< 8	$\pm 15'$	$\pm 1^\circ$	$\pm 0,10$	$\pm 0,20$
$\geq 8$ to < 25	$\pm 30'$		$\pm 0,15$	$\pm 0,25$
$\geq 25$ to < 45	$\pm 1^\circ$	$\pm 2^\circ$	$\pm 0,25$	$\pm 0,30$
$\geq 45$ to $\leq 60$			$\pm 0,30$	$\pm 0,35$

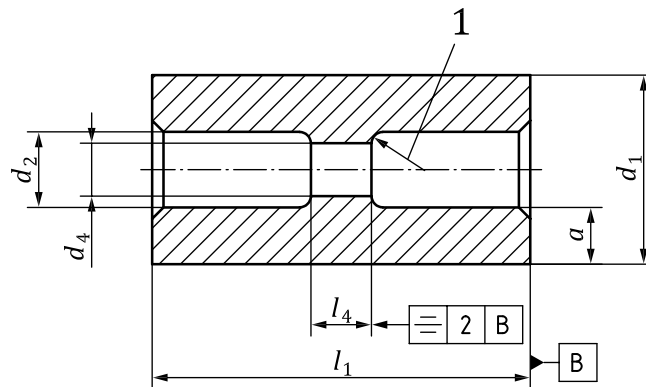
Table 12 gives the tapered bore runout tolerance ( $e$ ) and the tapered bore relief ( $k$ ).

Table 12 — Tapered bore runout tolerance ( $e$ ) and the tapered bore relief ( $k$ )

Dimensions in millimetres

Outside diameter $d_1$	Runout $e$ max.		Tapered bore relief $k$ max.
	class 1	class 2 code: TC	
8 to $\leq 16$	0,2	0,3	1,5
> 16 to $\leq 25$	0,3	0,4	1,7
> 25 to $\leq 32$	0,4	0,5	2,0
> 32 to $\leq 100$	0,5	0,6	2,5

### 7.2.7 Centre-web dimensions (see Figure 17)



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Figure 17 — Centre-web dimensions

#### 7.2.7.1 Centre-web length ( $l_4$ )

Centre-web length ( $l_4$ ) can be determined using the formula:

$$l_4 = 1,3 \times a + 2,5 \text{ mm}$$

The common tolerance for the centre-web length ( $l_4$ ) is  $\pm 1$  mm.

#### 7.2.7.2 Centre-web diameter ( $d_4$ )

Centre-web diameter ( $d_4$ ) can be determined using the formula:

$$d_4 = 0,94 \times d_2 - 0,7 \text{ mm}$$

The common tolerance for the centre-web diameter ( $d_4$ ) is  $\pm 0,5$  mm.

## 8 Material and heat treatment

### 8.1 Type of material

See Table 13. Materials from different regions shown below are examples. Other materials can be used as well as long as they fit into the specifications of the classes.

**Table 13 — Chemical composition, mechanical and physical properties**

Feature	Material				
	Class K carburising steel code: K	Class S carburising steel code: S	Class L carburising steel code: L	Class M carburising steel code: M	Class N nitriding steel code: N
C	0,13 to 0,20	0,13 to 0,25	0,12 to 0,24	0,14 to 0,19	0,26 to 0,34
Si	—	0,15 to 0,35	≤ 0,40	≤ 0,40	0,15 to 0,35
Mn	0,60 to 1,00	0,60 to 0,95	0,50 to 0,90	1,00 to 1,30	0,40 to 0,70
P	≤ 0,040	≤ 0,035	≤ 0,035	≤ 0,035	≤ 0,025
S	≤ 0,050	≤ 0,040	≤ 0,040	≤ 0,035	≤ 0,025
Cr	—	0,35 to 0,65	0,70 to 1,25	0,80 to 1,10	2,3 to 2,7
Mo	—	0,15 to 0,30	—	—	0,15 to 0,25
V	—	—	—	—	0,10 to 0,20
Ni	—	0,35 to 0,75	—	—	—
Modulus of Elasticity MPa or N/mm <sup>2</sup>	195 000	206 000	210 000	210 000	210 000
Examples	SAE 1016 <sup>d</sup>	SAE 8620 <sup>e</sup> SNCM 220H <sup>a</sup>	SAE 5120 <sup>e</sup> 17Cr3 <sup>b</sup> SCr 415H <sup>a</sup> 20Cr <sup>f</sup>	16MnCr5 <sup>b</sup> 16CrMnHg	31CrMoV9 <sup>c</sup>

NOTE Only for calculation: specific gravity 7,8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

- a Material designation as specified in JIS G 4052 (see Bibliography).
- b Material designation as specified in EN 10084 (see Bibliography).
- c Material designation as specified in EN 10085 (see Bibliography).
- d Material designation as specified in SAE J403 (see Bibliography).
- e Material designation as specified in SAE J404 (see Bibliography).
- f Material designation as specified in GB/T 3077 (see Bibliography).
- g Material designation as specified in GB/T 5216 (see Bibliography).

### 8.2 Core hardness / core strength

See [Table 14](#).

**Table 14 — Core hardness**

Wall thickness <i>a</i> mm	Core hardness Vickers HV 30 (Core strength, N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>				
	Class K	Class S	Class L	Class M	Class N
1,5 to ≤ 2	240 to 450 (780 to 1450)	—	310 to 515 (1000 to 1650)	310 to 470 (1000 to 1500)	310 to 470 (1000 to 1500)
> 2 to ≤ 5		270 to 485 (870 to 1575)	280 to 485 (900 to 1575)		
> 5 to ≤ 10			270 to 470 (850 to 1500)	280 to 470 (900 to 1500)	
> 10 to ≤ 15		240 to 450 (780 to 1450)	250 to 470 (800 to 1500)		
> 15 to ≤ 25	—		235 to 470 (750 to 1500)	250 to 435 (800 to 1400)	
> 25					

<sup>a</sup> Core strength values  $R_m$  are given for reference only and are determined from the core hardness HV by conversion with factor 3,2.

### 8.3 Carburised and nitrided case depth

See [Table 15](#).

**Table 15 — Case depth**

Dimensions in millimetres

Wall thick- ness, <i>a</i>	Carburised depth					Nitrided depth	
	outside		inside min.	outside and inside together		outside min.	inside min.
	min.	code: X min.		max.	code: X max.		
1,5 to < 2	—	0,4	0,1	$0,65 \times a$	$0,80 \times a$	0,3	0,2
≥ 2 to ≤ 3	0,3	0,5					
> 3 to ≤ 5	0,4	0,6	0,2	$0,50 \times a$	$0,65 \times a$		
> 5 to ≤ 15	0,6	—	0,4	$0,35 \times a$	—		
> 15	0,8	—	0,6	$0,35 \times a$	—		

NOTE 1 For determination of the case depth, the limit hardness  $H_s$  is 550 HV.  
NOTE 2 For piston pins with limited volume change code V, the limit hardness  $H_s$  is 500 HV.

## 8.4 Surface hardness

See [Table 16](#).

**Table 16 — Surface hardness**

Hardness-measuring method	Surface hardness				
	carburised steel				nitrided steel
	non-limited volume change		limited volume change code: V		
	class 1 <sup>c</sup> code: H1	class 2 code: H2	class 1 <sup>c</sup> code: H1	class 2 code: H2	
Vickers HV 10	675 min.	654 min.	635 min.	615 min.	690 min.
Rockwell HRC <sup>a</sup>	59 min.	58 min.	57 min.	56 min.	—
Rockwell HRA <sup>b</sup>	80,7 min.	80 min.	79,6 min.	79 min.	—
<sup>a</sup> Case depth min. 0,9 mm. <sup>b</sup> Case depth 0,4 mm - 0,9 mm. <sup>c</sup> See subclause 1.2.					

## 8.5 Volume change

See [Table 17](#).

**Table 17 — Outside diameter change  $\Delta d_1$  after thermal stability test**

Dimensions in millimetres

Test conditions	Outside diameter, $d_1$	Max.increase $\Delta d_1^a$		
		carburised steel		nitrided steel
		non-limited volume change	limited volume change code: V	
after 4 h at 180 °C	≤ 50	+ 0,006	0	0
	> 50 to ≤ 60	+ 0,008	0	
	> 60 to ≤ 100	+ 0,012	0	
after 4 h at 220 °C	≤ 50	—	+ 0,006	
	> 50 to ≤ 60	—	+ 0,008	
	> 60 to ≤ 100	—	+ 0,012	
<sup>a</sup> These values exclude gauge uncertainty which allows up to 0,001 per individual $\Delta d_1$ reading.				

## 9 Common features

### 9.1 Roughness of surfaces

#### 9.1.1 Roughness of machined surfaces

See [Table 18](#).



Table 18 — Roughness

Surface	$d_1$ mm	Class 1 code: R1		Class 2 code: R2		$R_t$ max. $\mu\text{m}$
		$R_a$ $\mu\text{m}$	$R_z$ $\mu\text{m}$	$R_a$ $\mu\text{m}$	$R_z$ $\mu\text{m}$	
Peripheral surface	8 to $\leq$ 16	0,06	0,8	0,1	—	—
	> 16 to $\leq$ 35	0,07	0,9		—	—
	> 35 to $\leq$ 54	0,08	1,0	0,15	—	—
	> 54 to $\leq$ 100	0,09	1,1		—	—
Bore and other surfaces	all	5	—	5	—	30

### 9.1.2 Roughness of extruded and seamless drawn bore surfaces

Permissible longitudinal groove depth: 16  $\mu\text{m}$  max.

Other values are permitted, subject to agreement between the manufacturer and customer.

## 9.2 Marking of piston pins

Marking of piston pins shall be agreed between the manufacturer and customer.

If marking has been agreed, code: MM, the piston pins shall be marked on the end faces, e.g. by stamping or engraving. The minimum information to be marked on each piston pin at the end faces shall be:

- wall thickness  $a < 3$  mm: manufacturer's mark;
- wall thickness  $a \geq 3$  mm: manufacturer's mark and production date in digits (quarter and year).

Any other marking shall be agreed between the manufacturer and customer.

Marking must not affect the function of the part.

## 9.3 Miscellaneous

### 9.3.1 Cleanliness

The piston pins shall be in a clean condition. Manufacturing residues, dirt, chips in the bore and the like are not allowed. Should limited values for size and/or number of foreign particles or a test method for particles be established, they shall be agreed between the manufacturer and customer.

### 9.3.2 Corrosion protection

The piston pins shall be corrosion protected so that they are reliably protected from corrosion while in normal dry storage for a period of one year minimum. The type and specification of the preservative are to be agreed between the manufacturer and customer, taking into account storage life, storage conditions, assembly requirements and all respective legal regulations.

### 9.3.3 Residual magnetism

The maximum residual magnetism in the piston pins is 150 A/m.

### 9.3.4 Packaging

The package shall contain only one type of piston pin. Further packaging requirements shall be agreed between the manufacturer and customer.

## 10 Quality requirements

### 10.1 Material characteristics

#### 10.1.1 Decarburisation

Surface decarburisation is permissible up to maximum hardness drop of 50 HV 1, whereby hardness values may not fall below the required minimum surface hardness given in [Table 16](#).

#### 10.1.2 Cementite network

A closed cementite network is not permissible. No networked grain boundary carbides are permissible.

#### 10.1.3 Nitride coating

White layer nitrides and/or carbonitrides on the peripheral surface of nitrided pins are not permissible.

#### 10.1.4 Grinder burn

Grinder burns are not permissible.

### 10.2 Material defects

Material defects are permissible only within the limits of [Table 19](#). Defects may be inspected with the use of magnetic particle or ultrasonic inspection processes.

**Table 19 — Material defects**

Dimensions in millimetres

Kind of defect	Size of defect max.		
	$d_1 \leq 16$	$16 < d_1 \leq 50$	$50 < d_1 \leq 100$
open slag lines	not allowed	radial : 0,05 axial : 3	radial : 0,10 axial : 5
slag inclusions/slag lines under the surface	radial : 0,10 axial : 4	radial : 0,10 axial : 6	radial : 0,20 axial : 10

#### 10.2.1 Cracks

Hardening, grinding or any other cracks are not permissible.

#### 10.2.2 Forming streaks

##### 10.2.2.1 Circumferential

Forming streaks in the inside diameter ( $d_2$ ) and tapered bore surfaces of cold-formed, end-web piston pins are permissible with the following limits:

- maximum 2 rings, 0,15 mm height, circular rings;
- $d_1 \leq 30$  mm: within 10 mm from one end;
- $d_1 > 30$  mm: within 17 %  $l_1$  from one end.

##### 10.2.2.2 Axial

Longitudinal forming streaks are permissible as defined in [9.1.2](#).

### 10.3 Visual defects

Visual characteristics are all visible defects/deviations, which are detectable by manual visual inspection or by optoelectronic systems. Manual visual inspection implies without magnification, by inspectors having normal eyesight, corrected if necessary. For decision assistance, it could be helpful to arrange samples with defects/deviations on limits according to [Table 20](#).

**Table 20 — Visual defects**

Dimensions in millimetres

Defects	$d_1 \leq 30$			$30 < d_1 \leq 60$			$60 < d_1 \leq 100$		
	defect size maximum extension	defect depth	number of defects	defect size maximum extension	defect depth	number of defects	defect size maximum extension	defect depth	number of defects
Hollows and nicks on peripheral surface <sup>a,b</sup>	0,5	0,01	4	1	0,02	4	2	0,03	4
Hollows and nicks on outside edge form and end faces <sup>a</sup>	1	0,25	2	2	0,25	6	2	0,25	8
Grinding defects (flats) <sup>a,b</sup>	2	0,01	1	3	0,02	1	4	0,03	1
Burrs or raised material on inside-edge chamfer	Permissible as long as raised material doesn't violate inside diameter ( $d_2$ ) and is not sharp								
Hardness-testing indentations	Not permissible								
Visual surface variation, tool marks and scratches on peripheral surface <sup>b</sup>	Permissible, provided Rv1max surface finish measured 90° over main direction of visible scratch is less than 2,5 µm.								
<sup>a</sup> Surface finish characteristics not to be measured within these defects. <sup>b</sup> To prevent raised material, no increase in Rpk is allowed at these defects on the peripheral surface compared with the undamaged surface.									

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