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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4902 : 1980), of which it constitutes a minor revision: certain terms have been aligned with the terms and definitions used by IEC.

Annexes A, B and C of this International Standard are for information only.

Information technology — Data communication — 37-pole DTE/DCE interface connector and contact number assignments

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the 37-pole connector and the assignment of contact numbers at the interface between data terminal equipment (DTE) and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE) where CCITT¹⁾ Recommendation V.24 together with Recommendations V.10 and V.11 are applicable.

International Standard ISO 4902 additionally provides the dimensions of the connector housing, as well as the recommended means of providing a locking device (latching block) and connector shielding.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 261 : 1973, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — General plan.*

ISO 2110 : 1980, *Data communication — 25-pin DTE/DCE interface connector and pin assignments.*

ISO 4903 : 1980, *Data communication — 15-pin DTE/DCE interface connector and pin assignments.*

CCITT Recommendation V.10 (or X.26) : 1989, *Electrical characteristics for unbalanced double-current interchange circuits for general use with integrated circuit equipment in the field of data communications.*

CCITT Recommendation V.11 (or X.27) : 1989, *Electrical characteristics for balanced double-current interchange circuits for general use with integrated circuit equipment in the field of data communications.*

CCITT Recommendation V.24 : 1989, *List of definitions for interchange circuits between data terminal equipment (DTE) and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE).*

CCITT Recommendation V.28 : 1989, *Electrical characteristics for unbalanced double-current interchange circuits.*

CCITT Recommendation V.36 : 1989, *Modems for synchronous data transmission using 60-108 kHz group band circuits.*

CCITT Recommendation V.37 : 1989, *Synchronous data transmission at a data signalling rate higher than 72 kbit/s using 60-108 kHz group band circuits.*

IEC Publication 50(581) : 1978, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary — Chapter 581 : Electromechanical components for electronic equipment.*

IEC Publication 807-2 : 1985, *Rectangular connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz — Part 2: Detail specification for a range of connectors with round contacts — Fixed solder contact types.*

3 Definitions

The following definitions have been taken from IEC Publication 50(581) : 1978.

3.1 cable adaptor: A part of a connector or an accessory consisting of a rigid housing for attachment to the connector body. It may incorporate provision for a cable clamp or seal for terminating screens and provide shielding from electrical interference. It may be straight or angled.

3.2 connector housing: A part of a connector into which the insert and contacts are assembled.

3.3 contact arrangement: The number, spacing and configuration of contacts in a component.

3.4 female contact: A contact intended to make electrical engagement on its inner surface and which will accept entry of a male contact.

3.5 intermateable connectors: Two connectors are intermateable when they are capable of being connected electrically and mechanically but without regard to their performance and intermountability.

1) International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee.

3.6 locking device: A feature incorporated in certain components to provide mechanical retention of their mating part.

3.7 male contact: A contact intended to make electrical engagement on its outer surface and which will enter a female contact.

3.8 (n-pole-)connector: A component which terminates conductors for the purpose of providing connection and disconnection to a suitable mating component.

4 Connector

Figures 1 to 5 illustrate the 37-pole connector. Only those dimensions that are essential to mating are shown.

Figure 1 illustrates the DTE connector which has 37 male contacts in a connector housing. Figure 2 illustrates the DCE connector which has 37 female contacts in a connector housing. The connector housing on the DCE connector is dimensioned to fit inside the connector housing on the DTE connector (see figures 1 and 2). Contact numbering is specified in figures 1 and 2. Figure 3 illustrates the dimensions for the contact spacing. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate the dimensions for the male and female contacts respectively.

The DCE connector shall be equipped with a locking device consisting of two latching blocks as specified in figure 2. Due to the fact that the latching blocks have threaded holes which can act as nuts, the DTE connector may be equipped either with lever devices for latching to the latching blocks on the DCE connector or with screws that fit into the threaded holes in the latching blocks.

The thread of the latching blocks shall be M3 as specified in figure 2.

Sufficient connector dimensions are provided in this International Standard to ensure intermateable connectors. They are consistent with the detailed connector specification in IEC Publication 807-2.

In annex A, diagrams for finger clearance areas are given to provide guidance for equipment designers. Figure A.1 shows the maximum DTE connector outline including all means for latching to the latching blocks. Figure A.2 shows the minimum DCE connector spacing when multiple interface arrangements are used.

5 Assignment of contact numbers

The assignment of contact numbers for the selected interchange circuits specified in CCITT Recommendation V.24 that may be implemented in modems complying with CCITT Recommendations V.36 and V.37 is given in table 1. Although table 1 provides the total list of interchange circuits designated in all the above listed modem CCITT Recommendations, only those interchange circuits required for the particular equipment need to be implemented. Table 2 shows the preferred assignments of circuits which may be applied for national use. Table 3 gives a list of the applicable interchange circuits used in tables 1 and 2 and their description. Additionally, notes 5 and 6 to table 1 provide preferred assignment of contact numbers for some optional circuits which may be applied for national use.

6 Connector shielding

Connector shielding is optional. If it is used, for example due to national regulations, etc., it shall be accomplished by the use of metallic connector housings on both the DTE connector and the DCE connector.

7 Interconnecting configurations for mixed use of V.10, V.11 and V.28 electrical characteristics

Considerations for the interworking of equipment implementing V.10 on one side of the interface with equipment implementing V.11 on the other side of the interface are given in annex A, clause A.2 of CCITT Recommendations V.10 and V.11. In addition the definition of the category 1 and 2 receiver configurations is provided in V.10.

Guidance concerning possible interconnecting configurations applicable to V.28 interfaces is provided in annex B.

Guidance concerning the necessary adaptation when there is a need for a DTE or DCE implementing V.10 characteristics to interwork with a DCE or DTE implementing V.28 characteristics is given in annex C. Any adapters required to accomplish the interworking with V.28 and ISO 2110 shall be provided with equipment meeting the requirements of this International Standard. No revisions or modifications shall be required in the existing equipment using V.28 electrical characteristics.

The annex C interworking between V.10 and V.28 characteristics is not required in CCITT Recommendations V.36 and V.37.

Table 1 – Assignment of contact numbers

First segment assignment ²⁾			Second segment assignment ²⁾			Receiver category ⁴⁾	Direction to	
Contact number	Circuit number	Interchange points ³⁾	Contact number	Circuit number	Interchange points		DTE	DCE
1	1)					—	—	—
2	N	A-A'	20	102b	C-B'	2	X	
3	N	A-A'	21	N	B/C-B'	1	X	
4	103	A-A'	22	103	B/C-B'	1		X
5	114	A-A'	23	114	B/C-B'	1	X	
6	104	A-A'	24	104	B/C-B'	1	X	
7	105	A-A'	25	105	B/C-B'	1		X
8	115	A-A'	26	115	B/C-B'	1	X	
9	106	A-A'	27	106	B/C-B'	1	X	
10	141	A-A'	28	N	A-A'	2		X
11	107	A-A'	29	107	B/C-B'	1	X	
12	108*	A-A'	30	108*	B/C-B'	1	X	
13	109	A-A'	31	109	B/C-B'	1	X	
14	140	A-A'	32	N	A-A'	2		X
15	N	A-A'	33	N	A-A'	2	X	
16	111	A-A'	34	N	A-A'	2		X
17	113	A-A'	35	113	B/C-B'	1		X
18	142	A-A'	36	N	A-A'	2	X	
19	102	C-C'	37	102a	C-B'			X

Key: N — Contact permanently reserved for national use.

* — Circuit 108/1 or circuit 108/2 (if one of them is provided).

NOTES

1 Contact 1 is assigned for connecting the shields between tandem sections of the shielded interface cable. The shield may be connected either to protective ground or to signal ground at either the DTE or DCE or both in accordance with national regulations.

Signal ground may be further connected to protective ground in accordance with national safety regulations. Caution should be exercised to avoid establishment of ground loops carrying high currents.

2 The assignment of contact numbers for each segment has been aligned to specify pairing and connection to multipaired interconnecting cable. Each row of the table presents the respectively paired contacts, i.e. 2 and 20, 3 and 21, etc.

3 A, A', B, B', C and C' indicate the associated interchange points as designated in figure 2 of CCITT Recommendations V.10 and V.11. Where B/C is indicated in table 1, the B designation applies only when a V.11 generator is used and the C designation applies only when a V.10 generator is used (see annex B).

4 The receiver categories are as designated in V.10. Where category 1 receivers apply, either V.10 or V.11 generators may be used. Only V.11 generators may be used for circuits 103, 104, 113, 114, 115. Where category 2 receivers apply, V.10 generators are used.

Table 2 – Preferred assignment of contact numbers of circuits for national use

Contact number	Circuit number	Description
2	112	Data signalling rate selector (DCE source)
15	125	Calling indicator
33	110	Data signal quality detector
34	136	New signal
3/21	128	Receiver signal element timing (DCE source)

Table 3 — List of interchange circuits

Circuit number	Description
102	Signal ground or common return
102a	DTE common return
102b	DCE common return
103	Transmitted data
104	Received data
105	Request to send
106	Ready for sending
107	Data set ready
108/1	Connect data set to line
108/2	Data terminal ready
109	Data channel received line signal detector
110	Data signal quality detector
111	Data signalling rate selector (DTE source)
112	Data signalling rate selector (DCE source)
113	Transmitter signal element timing (DTE source)
114	Transmitter signal element timing (DCE source)
115	Receiver signal element timing (DCE source)
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140	Loopback/Maintenance test
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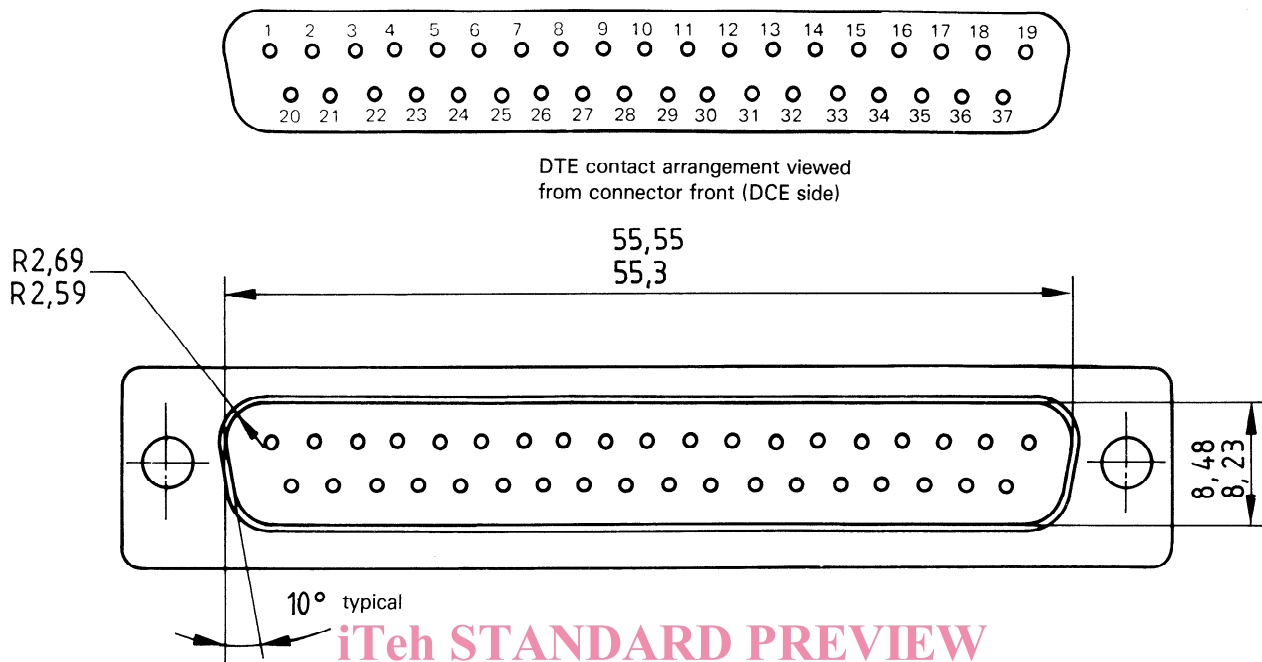
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Dimensions in millimetres



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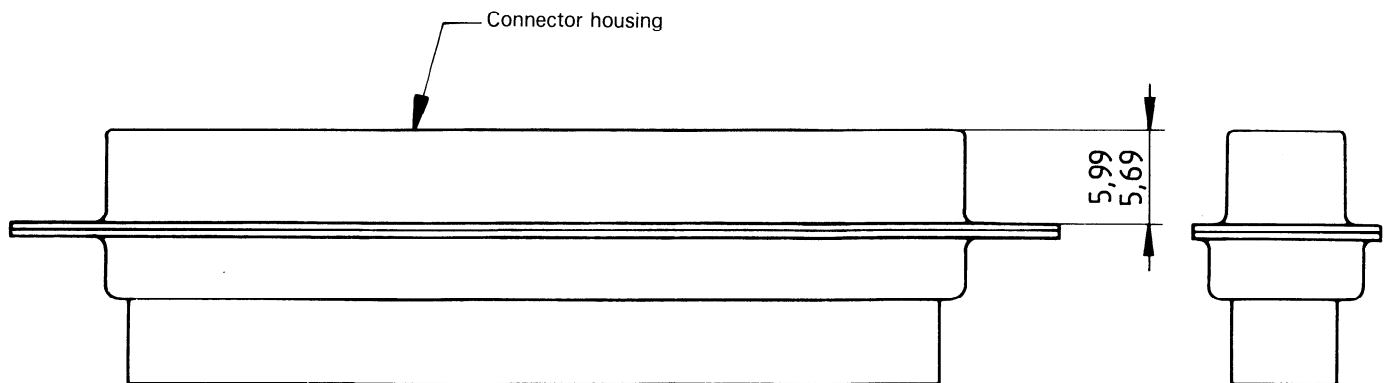


Figure 1 – DTE connector

Dimensions in millimetres

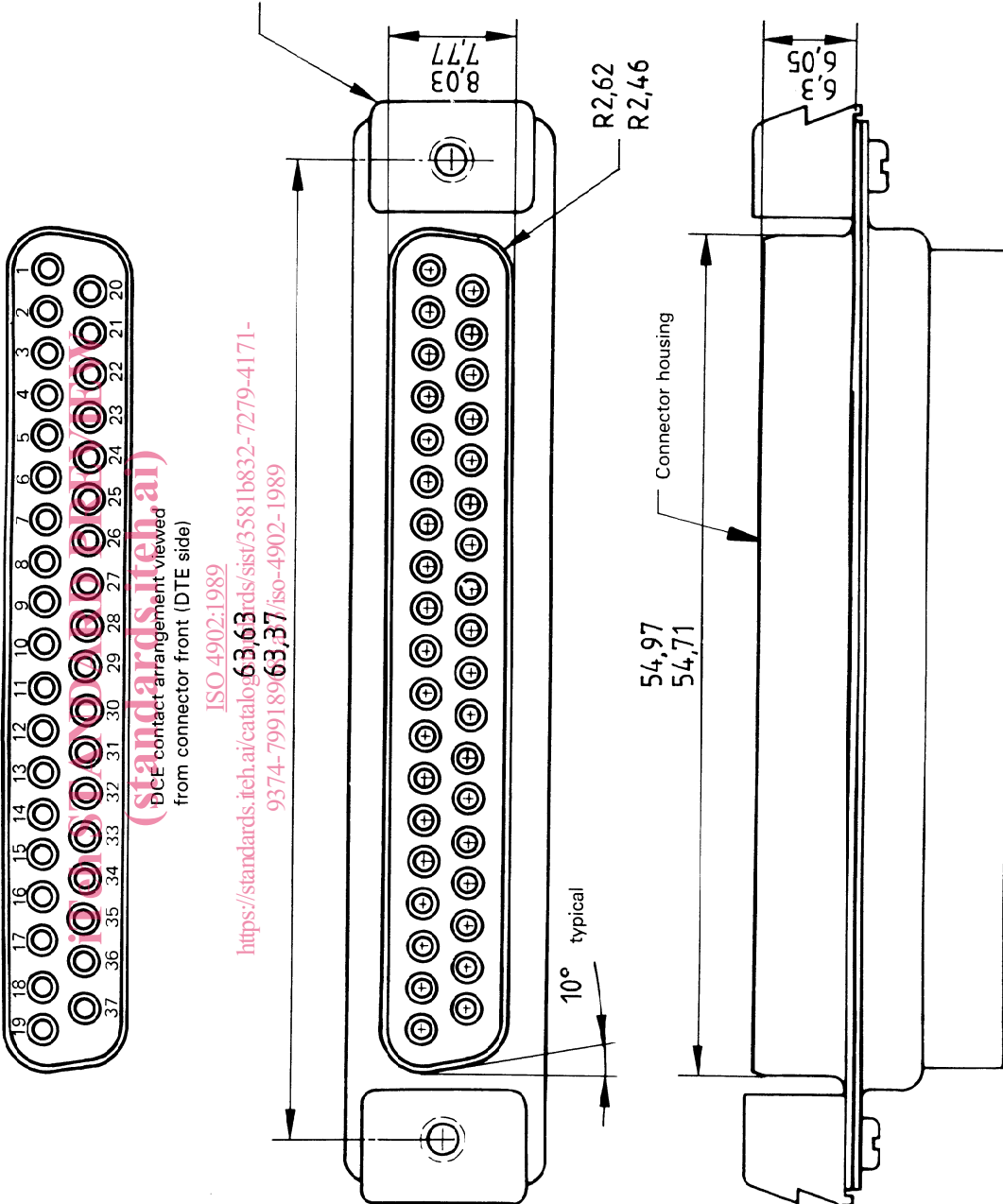
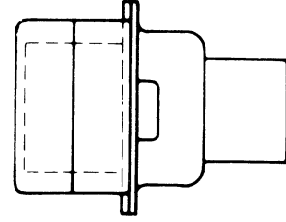
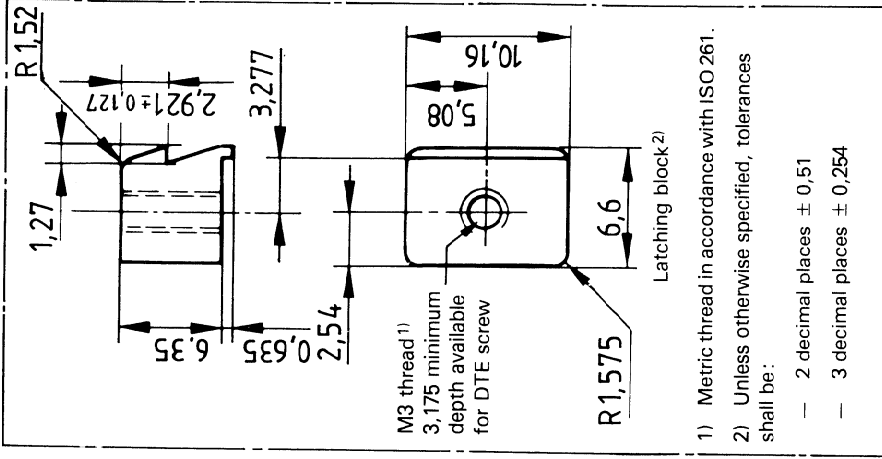


Figure 2 — DCE connector

Dimensions in millimetres

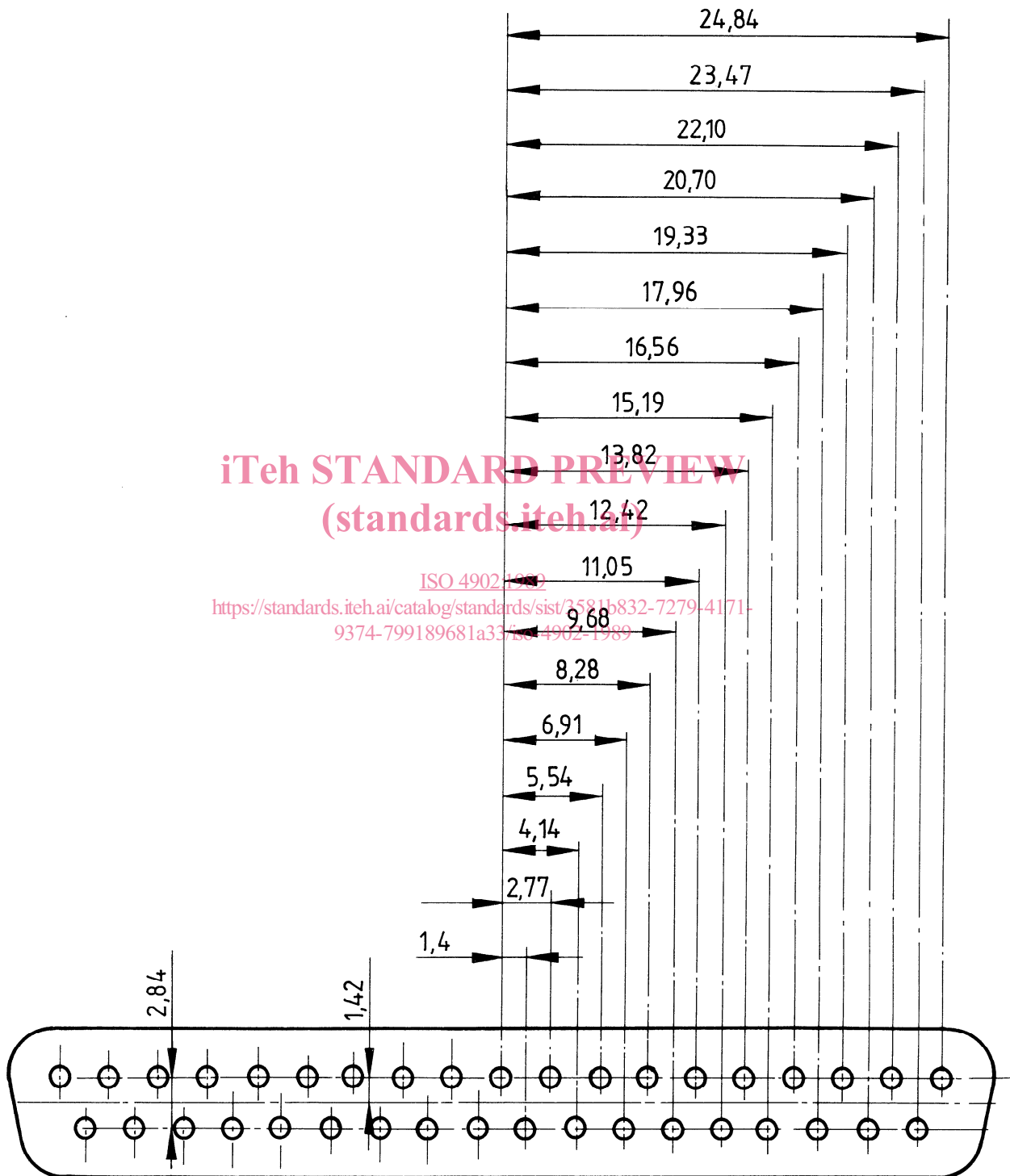


Figure 3 — Contact spacing dimensions