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# Standard Specification for Dimensional Tolerance of Thermosetting Glass-Reinforced Plastic Pultruded Shapes<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification defines production tolerances applicable to standard rods, bars, shapes, and flat sheet pultruded from thermosetting glass-reinforced plastics.

1.2 These dimensional tolerances apply to all shapes specified as “standard” by the pultrusion industry.

1.3 Custom shapes and products designed for special applications may carry specific tolerances that vary from the standard.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.5 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 5, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

NOTE 1—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

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1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

D883 [Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *camber*—the deviation of the edge or surface from a reference straight line with the weight of the pultrusion not minimizing the measurement.

3.1.2 *flat sheet*—a rectangular solid pultruded profile with a width of 12 in. up to and including 78 inches.

3.1.3 *mean wall thickness*—the average of two or more wall thickness measurements taken at multiple locations.

3.1.4 *straightness*—the upward deviation of a pultruded shape when resting on a flat surface measured in a manner that the weight of the pultruded part minimizes the deviation.

3.2 For definitions or terms that are not defined in this standard, refer to Terminology D883.

<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

**4. Dimensional Criteria**

4.1 Cross-sectional dimensions for standard rods, bars, and shapes shall be prescribed in **Table 1**.

4.1.1 For die struck dimension, if the calculated tolerance as per above table is more than 0.094 in. (2.39 mm), then the die struck dimension tolerance shall be  $\pm 0.094$  in. (2.39 mm).

4.1.2 For wall thickness of open shapes and closed shapes and flatsheets of thickness under 0.125 in. (3.175 mm) dimensions, if the calculated tolerance as per above table is less than 0.01 in. (0.25 mm), the thickness tolerance shall be  $\pm 0.01$  in. (0.25 mm).

4.1.3 For wall thickness and flatsheets of thickness over 0.125 in. (3.175 mm) dimensions, if the calculated tolerance as per above table is more than 0.05 in. (1.27 mm), the thickness tolerance shall be  $\pm 0.05$  in. (1.27 mm).

4.2 Length tolerances for standard rods, bars, and shapes shall be as prescribed in **Table 2**.

4.3 Straightness tolerances shall be as prescribed in **Table 3** (also see 5.2).

**TABLE 1 Cross-Sectional Dimensions—Standard Rods, Bars, and Shapes**

A Die Struck Dimension <sup>A, B</sup>	B Wall Thickness <sup>B</sup> (Open Shape)	Solid Dimensions, $\pm$ in. (mm)		C Wall Thickness <sup>B</sup> (Closed Shape)
		Thickness (Flat Sheets)		
		Thickness 0.125 (3.175) and under	Thickness over 0.125 (3.175)	
$\pm 4\%$ 0.094 (2.39) max	$\pm 10\%$ $\pm 0.010$ (0.25) min	$\pm 15\%$ $\pm 0.010$ (0.25) min	$\pm 10\%$ $\pm 0.050$ (1.27) max	$\pm 20\%$ $\pm 0.010$ (0.25) min

<sup>A</sup>The outside dimension of a part.

<sup>B</sup>Standard pultruded section with dimension up to 36-in. (914-mm) diameter.

**TABLE 2 Length—Standard Rods, Bars, Shapes, and Flat Sheet**

	Allowable Deviation from Specified Length, +, – in. (+, – mm), except as noted		
	Length up to 8 ft (2.44 m) inclusive	Length over 8 to 24 ft (2.44 to 7.32 m) inclusive	Length over 24 ft (7.32 m)
	All Rods, Bars, and Shapes	+0.25, –0 (+6.35, –0)	+0.5, –0 (+12.7, –0)

**TABLE 3 Straightness<sup>A</sup>—Standard Bars, Rods, Shapes, and Flat Sheet**

Product	Allowable Deviation (D) from Straight, in. (mm)		
	Specified Diameter (Rods)	Specified Thickness (Rectangles)	In Total Length of Piece 0.030 (2.5) $\times$ length, ft (m)
	Specified Width (Bars)	Minimum Thickness (Shapes)	
Max Dimension (Shapes)			
Rods and square, hexagonal, and octagonal bars	in. (mm) all	in. (mm) ...	
Rectangular bars	Up to 1.499 (38.07), incl	Up to 0.094 (2.4), incl	0.050 (4.17) $\times$ measured length, ft (m)
		0.095 (2.4) and over	0.040 (3.33) $\times$ measured length, ft (m)
	1.500 (38.10) and over	all	0.040 (3.33) $\times$ measured length, ft (m)
Shapes—Open	all	all	0.050 (4.17) $\times$ measured length, ft (m)
Shapes—Closed	all	all	0.030 (2.5) $\times$ measured length, ft (m)
Flat Sheet	all	all	0.030 (2.5) $\times$ measured length, ft (m)

<sup>A</sup>Measured when weight of pultrusion minimizes the deviation by contact with flat surface.