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Height setting micrometers and riser blocks

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies the characteristics of height setting micrometers with a measuring capacity up to 600 mm and a minimum scale value not greater than 2 μm together with riser blocks up to 600 mm in height.

Test methods for the accuracy of these instruments are given in annexes A and B for general information only.

2 References

ISO 1, *Standard reference temperature for industrial length measurements*.

ISO 3650, *Gauge blocks*.

ISO 5459, *Technical drawings — Geometrical tolerancing — Datums and datum-systems for geometrical tolerances*.

ISO 8512/1, *Surface plates — Part 1: Cast iron surface plates*.¹⁾

ISO 8512/2, *Surface plates — Part 2: Granite surface plates*.¹⁾

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 Terms

For the terms relating to height setting micrometers see figure 1, and for riser blocks see figure 3.

3.2 Definitions

3.2.1 height setting micrometer: A measuring instrument comprising a substantial housing which carries a vertical movable column, positioned by a micrometer screw, with measuring elements provided with regularly spaced, alternative or coplanar measuring faces.

3.2.2 scale mark: One of the marks constituting a scale.

3.2.3 scale division: A part of the scale delimited by two adjacent scale marks.

3.2.4 minimum scale value: The smallest value of the measurand which the scale is graduated to indicate.

3.2.5 repeatability: The property which characterizes the ability of a measuring instrument to give identical indications, for repeated measurements of the same quantity, over a short interval of time, under stated conditions of use.

3.2.6 datum plane: A simulated datum feature (see ISO 5459), here represented, for example, by a surface plate of grade 0 (see ISO 8512/1 and ISO 8512/2).

4 Specifications for height setting micrometers

4.1 Housing and column

The housing and column shall be made of material with a linear thermal coefficient of $(11 \pm 1) \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and suitably heat-treated to stabilize their lengths.

The stabilizing process for the elements of the measuring column shall ensure that the rate of change in the length of the elements due to residual instability of the material is not greater than

$$\pm (0,05 + 0,001 L) \mu\text{m/year}$$

where L is the nominal length in millimetres.

The column shall move freely within the housing and shall be free from stickiness.

1) At present at the stage of draft.

4.2 Measuring elements

The measuring elements shall be made of hard and wear-resistant material such as

- steel hardened to at least 700 HV;
- steel provided with wear-resistant coating; etc.

The measuring elements shall provide facilities for measurement on upper and lower measuring faces.

4.3 Support pads

The support pads shall be made of hard and wear-resistant material such as

- high grade steel hardened to at least 700 HV;
- tungsten carbide; etc.

4.4 Micrometer head

4.4.1 Spindle

The screw shall have a pitch of 0,5 or 1 mm, and the screw thread shall be a good fit in the nut. There shall be full engagement of the spindle screw and the nut throughout the range of measurement.

The spindle shall be made

- a) of high grade tool steel with a hardness number of not less than 670 HV; or
- b) of stainless steel with a hardness number of not less than 530 HV.

When a spindle clamp is fitted, the design shall be such that it effectively locks the spindle without altering the indicated value by more than 0,5 μm .

4.4.2 Micrometer thimble (drum) and scale design

To reduce any parallax error in reading the instrument, the scales on the micrometer shall be such that

- a) where the scales abut, the distance separating the thimble from the barrel shall be not greater than 0,2 mm;
- b) where the scale of the micrometer thimble overlaps the barrel, the distance from the barrel to the reading end of the thimble (distance D in figure 2) shall not exceed 0,6 mm.

4.4.3 Scale marks

All scale marks (lines) shall be cleanly cut and uniform in thickness. The thickness of the lines shall be not greater than one-fifth of the scale division, with a minimum distance between scale lines of 0,8 mm and a maximum permissible variation in thickness of 0,03 mm.

4.5 Location on riser block

Each height setting micrometer shall incorporate a feature ensuring positive and secure location on its associated riser block.

4.6 Marking

Each height setting micrometer shall be legibly and permanently marked with the following indications:

- a) the minimum scale value;
- b) the manufacturer's name or trade mark;
- c) a serial number.

4.7 Dimensional requirements and performance

4.7.1 Support pads

Each support pad shall be flat within a tolerance of 1 μm .

The coplanity shall be such that the bearing area of each support pad is not less than 50 % of its surface.

4.7.2 Measuring faces

4.7.2.1 Flatness

The measuring faces shall be flat within a tolerance of 0,3 μm .

4.7.2.2 Parallelism

The measuring faces shall be parallel to the datum plane within a tolerance of 1 μm .

Consecutive measuring faces shall be mutually parallel within a tolerance of 0,5 μm .

4.7.3 Measuring head

The maximum value of the difference between the displacement of the measuring column by the screw and the value read on the scale shall not exceed

- 1,5 μm for the total displacement;
- 0,5 μm for each revolution of the micrometer thimble.

4.7.4 Repeatability

Each height setting micrometer shall repeat its reading within 0,5 μm .

4.7.5 Column

With the instrument placed on a datum plane and the micrometer set precisely to its appropriate nominal value, the actual height of each upper and lower measuring face above

the datum plane, measured at the centre of the measuring face, shall agree with its nominal value to

- within 2 μm for any height up to and including 300 mm;
- within 3 μm for heights exceeding 300 mm.

When the height setting micrometer is provided with a zero setting adjustment, the height of each upper and lower measuring face relative to the upper, or if appropriate, lower measuring face of the bottom measuring element shall agree with its nominal value to

- within 2 μm for any height up to and including 300 mm;
- within 3 μm for any height exceeding 300 mm.

4.7.6 Performance test

When the micrometer has been accurately set at zero, the nominal height of each upper and lower measuring face, relative to the datum plane, at any position of the measuring head shall agree with the known size appropriate to that height to

- within 3 μm for any height up to and including 300 mm;
- within 4 μm for heights exceeding 300 mm.

5 Specification for riser blocks

These specifications cover riser blocks of 150; 250; 300 and 600 mm nominal height, for use with height setting micrometers.

Each riser block shall incorporate a feature ensuring positive and secure location of its associated height setting micrometer.

A typical riser block is illustrated in figure 3.

5.1 Lower support pads

Each lower support pad shall be flat within a tolerance of 1 μm .

The coplanarity shall be such that the bearing area of each lower support pad is not less than 50 % of its surface.

5.2 Upper support pads

The upper support pads shall be of a material specified in 4.3, and shall be coplanar within a tolerance of 1 μm .

5.3 Height

When resting on a datum plane

- a) the mean height of the riser block shall be in agreement with its nominal height within the values given in the table;
- b) the variation in height shall not exceed the values given in the table.

Table — Tolerances on height of riser blocks

Nominal height	Permissible variation in height	Permissible deviation between mean and nominal height
mm	μm	μm
150	1,5	$\pm 1,5$
250	2	± 2
300	2,5	$\pm 2,5$
600	4	± 4

5.4 Marking

Each riser block shall be legibly and permanently marked with the following indications:

- a) the nominal height;
- b) the manufacturer's name or trade mark;
- c) a serial number.

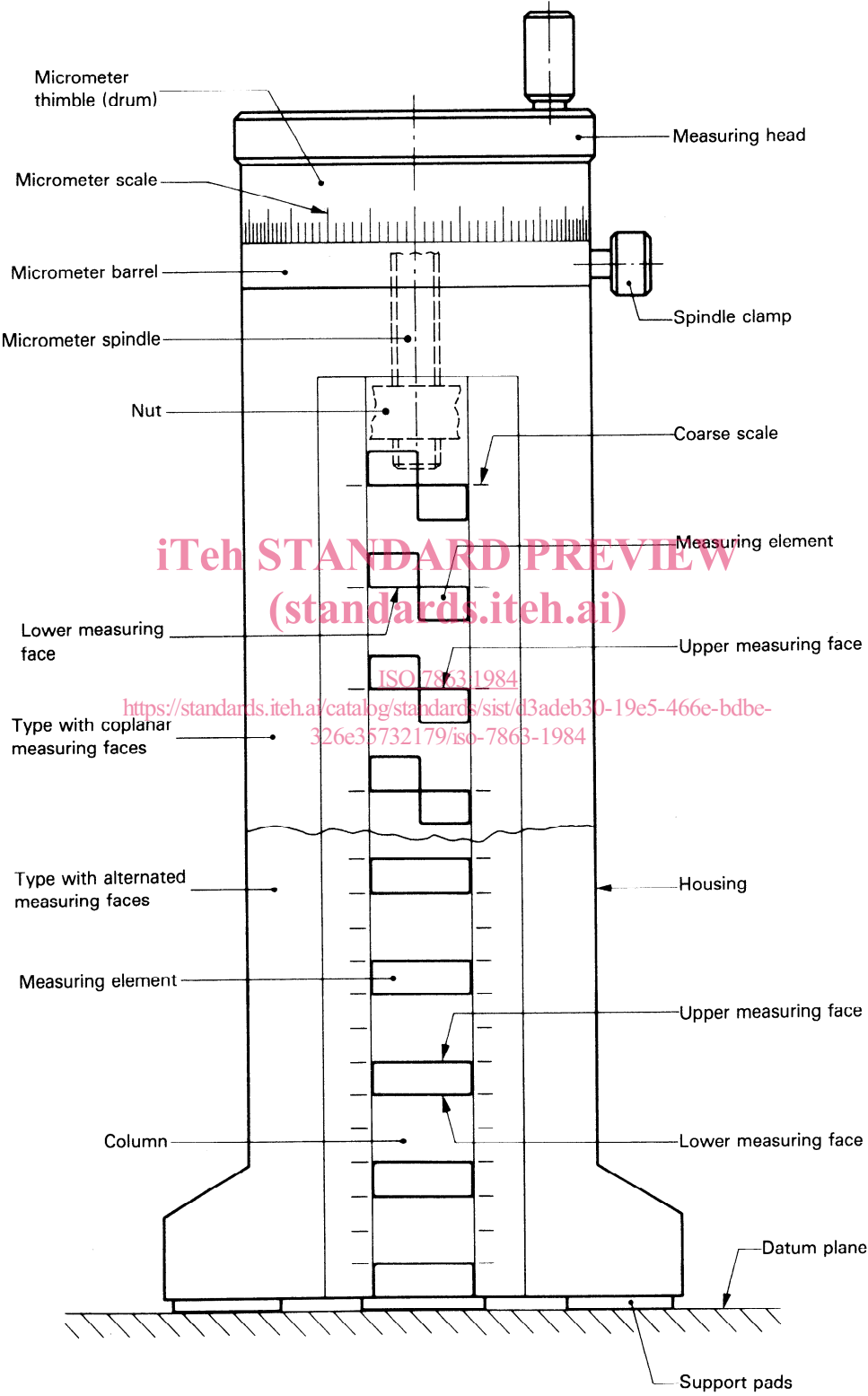


Figure 1 — Nomenclature of a height setting micrometer

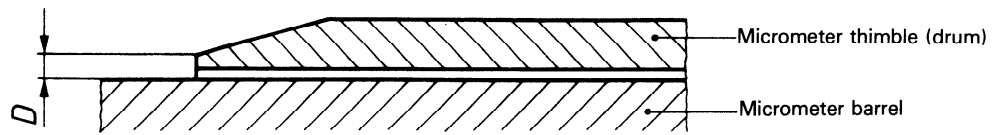


Figure 2 — Distance D

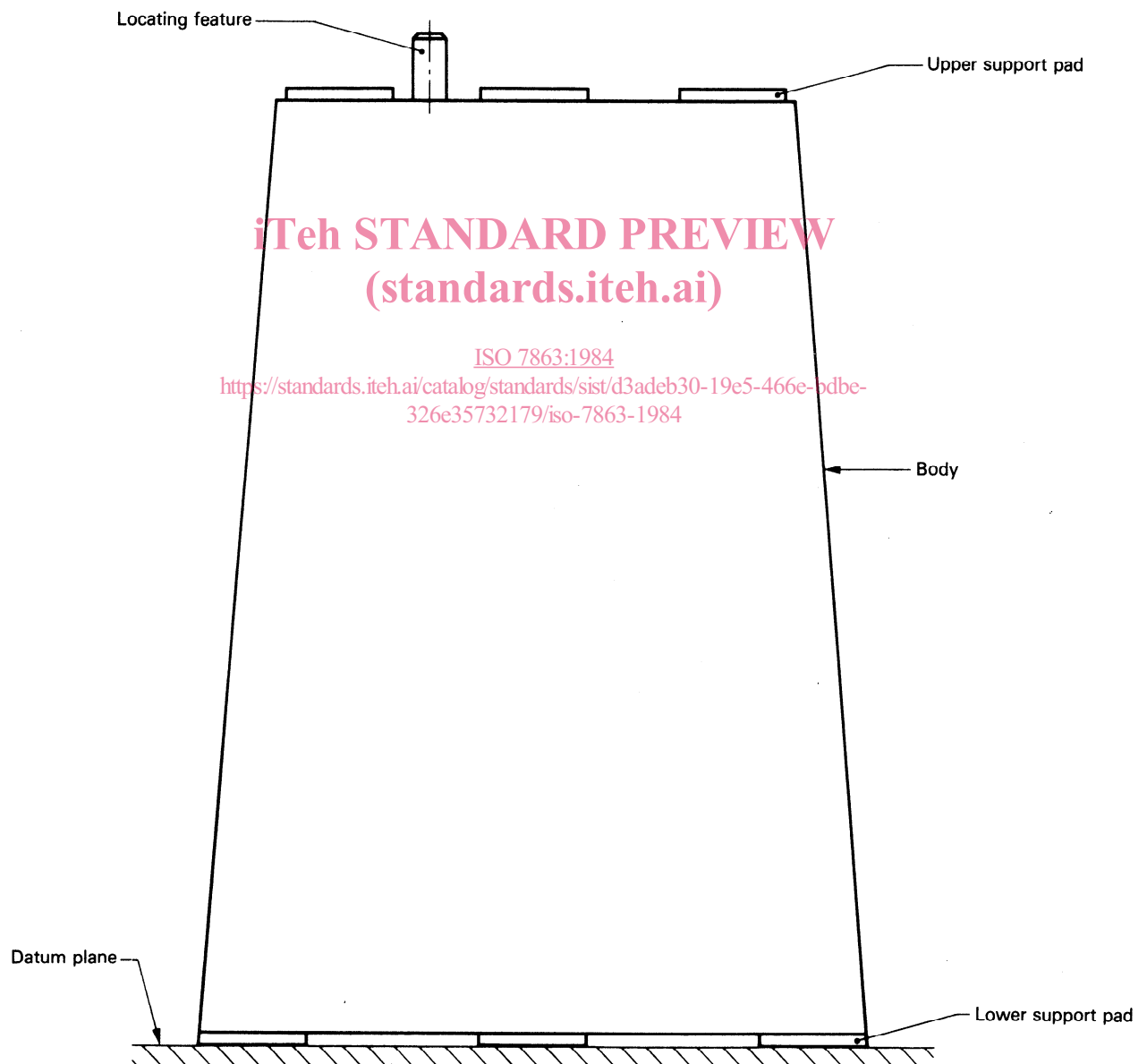


Figure 3 — Typical riser block

Annex A

Test methods for height setting micrometers

A.1 General

This annex gives examples of tests which are suitable for more important features of height setting micrometers. The tests have been designed such that they may be carried out under normal laboratory conditions using instrumentation which is normally available in such environments. Alternative tests may be used providing the accuracy is at least equal to that given.

A.2 Testing of the micrometer screw thread

The test for the errors in the micrometer screw thread is carried out as follows:

- a) the height setting micrometer to be tested is mounted on a datum plane together with a sensitive indicating device, with a minimum magnification of 2 000, the sensor of which is mounted on a rigid comparator stand.
- b) the height micrometer is then used to measure the differences in height of a series of gauge blocks, of class 0 or higher (see ISO 3650), covering the measuring range of the micrometer screw. The errors of the micrometer screw are then determined.

NOTES

- 1 The following grading in size of the gauge blocks is recommended:

2,5; 5; 7,5; 10; ...; 22,5; 25 mm;

in order to determine the progressive error of displacement.

- 2 To determine the periodic error of the micrometer screw thread, a series of gauge blocks is selected so as to give not less than four readings, equally spaced within one revolution of the thimble; these readings should be taken at approximately the mid-point of the measuring range.

A.3 Testing of the column

The spacing of the measuring faces of the column shall be determined in a direction normal to the datum plane by a method having an uncertainty of measurement not greater than one-fifth of the values given in 4.7.5.

A.4 Performance test

The performance test is carried out in a manner similar to that described in clause A.3, but using a limited series of gauge block combinations covering the full range of the height setting micrometer and including the measuring range of the micrometer screw.

For example, for a 300 mm height setting micrometer the following combinations of gauge blocks are recommended:

26,0; 150,3 and 299,7 mm.

Annex B

Test methods for riser blocks

B.1 Determination of height

The test for determining the height of riser blocks may be carried out as follows:

- a) the riser block to be tested is mounted on a datum plane together with a sensitive indicating device, with a minimum magnification of 2 000, the sensor of which is mounted on a rigid comparator stand.
- b) a gauge block combination equal to the nominal height of the riser block is built up and the indicating device is successively passed over each upper support pad of the riser block, and in turn over the gauge block combination.