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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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# Machine tools — Test conditions for wire electrical-discharge machines (wire EDM) — Terminology and testing of the accuracy

## 1 Scope

ISO 14137 specifies, with reference to ISO 230-1, ISO 230-2 and ISO 230-4, geometric tests, tests of accuracy and repeatability of numerically controlled positioning axes, machining test and circular tests for general purpose, normal-accuracy wire electrical-discharge machines (wire EDM). It also specifies applicable tolerances corresponding to the above-mentioned tests.

ISO 14137 is applicable to single column machines of cross slide table type and double column type machines.

ISO 14137 deals only with the testing of accuracy of the machine. It does not apply to the testing of the machine operation (vibration, abnormal noise, stick-slip motion of components, etc.) nor to machine characteristics (such as speeds, feeds, etc.), which should generally be carried out before testing the accuracy.

ISO 14137 provides the terminology used for the principle components of the machine and the designation of the axes in accordance with ISO 841.

## 2 Normative references

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The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 230-1:1996, *Test code for machine tools — Part 1: Geometrical accuracy of machines operating under no-load or finishing conditions.*

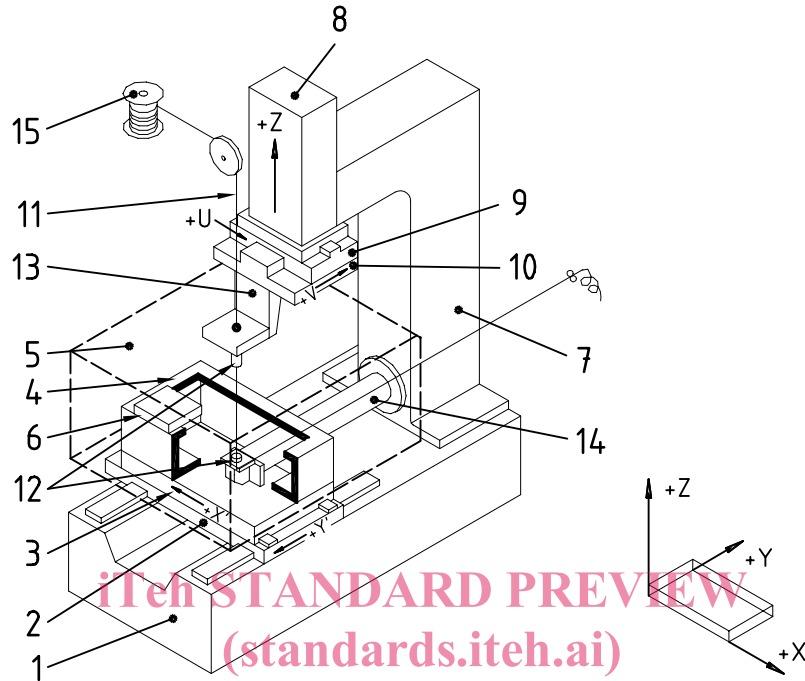
ISO 230-2:1997, *Test code for machine tools — Part 2: Determination of accuracy and repeatability of positioning of numerically controlled axes.*

ISO 230-4:1996, *Test code for machine tools — Part 4: Circular tests for numerically controlled machine tools.*

### 3 Terminology and designation of axes

#### 3.1 Cross slide table type

See Figure 1 and Table 1.



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**Figure 1**

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**Table 1**

Ref.	English	French	German
1	Bed	Banc	Bett
2	Saddle (Y-axis)	Selle (axe Y)	Schlitten (Achse Y)
3	Table (X-axis)	Table (axe X)	Tisch (Achse X)
4	Work-holding frame	Cadre de bridage	Aufspannrahmen
5	Work tank (cover)	Bac de travail	Arbeitsbehälter
6	Workpiece	Pièce à usiner	Werkstück
7	Column	Montant	Ständer
8	Head (Z-axis)	Tête (axe Z)	Schlitten Z
9	U saddle (U-axis)	Selle U (axe U)	Schlitten U
10	V saddle (V-axis)	Selle V (axe V)	Schlitten V
11	Wire electrode	Fil électrode	Drahtelektrode
12	Wire guide	Guide-fil	Drahtführung
13	Upper guide support	Support guide-fil supérieur	Oberer Drahtführungshalter
14	Lower guide support	Support guide-fil inférieur	Unterer Drahtführungshalter
15	Wire spool	Enrouleur de fil	Drahteinroller

NOTE In addition to terms used in two of the three official ISO languages (English and French), this table gives the equivalent terms in German; these are published under the responsibility of the member body of Germany (DIN). However, only the terms given in the official languages can be considered as ISO terms.

### 3.2 Double column type

See Figure 2 and Table 2.

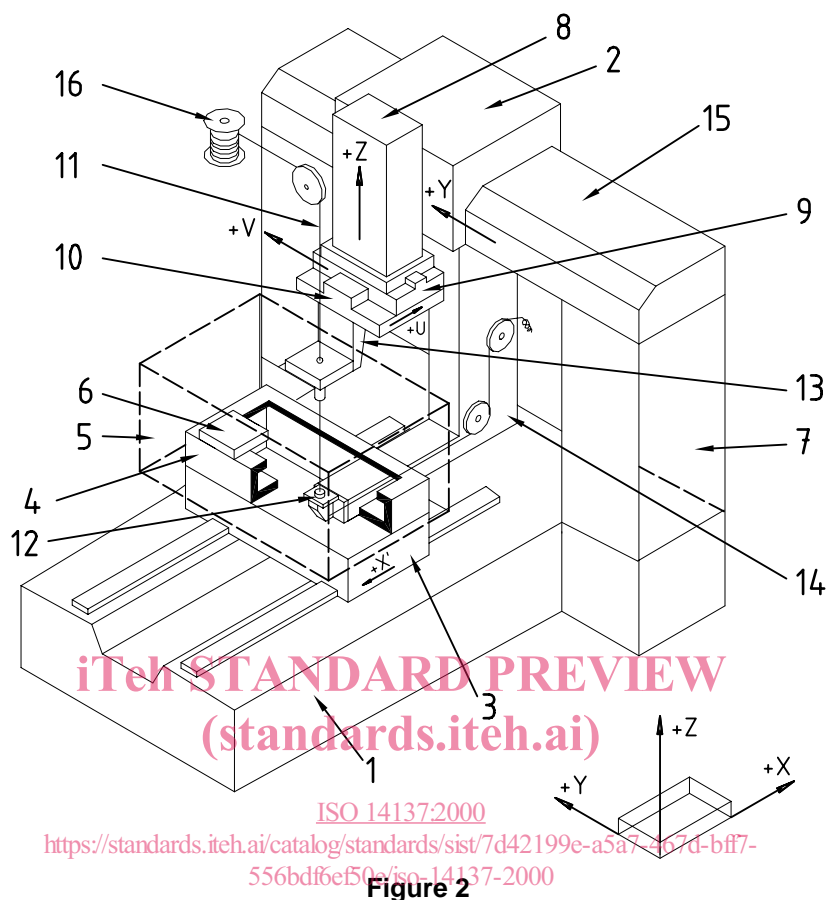


Figure 2

Table 2

Ref.	English	French	German
1	Bed	Banc	Bett
2	Saddle (Y-axis)	Selle (axe Y)	Schlitten (Achse Y)
3	Table (X-axis)	Table (axe X)	Tisch (Achse X)
4	Work-holding frame	Cadre de bridage	Aufspannrahmen
5	Work tank (cover)	Bac de travail	Arbeitsbehälter
6	Workpiece	Pièce à usiner	Werkstück
7	Column	Montant	Ständer
8	Head (Z-axis)	Tête (axe Z)	Schlitten Z
9	U saddle (U-axis)	Selle U (axe U)	Schlitten U
10	V saddle (V-axis)	Selle V (axe V)	Schlitten V
11	Wire electrode	Fil électrode	Drahtelektrode
12	Wire guide	Guide-fil	Drahtführung
13	Upper guide support	Support guide-fil supérieur	Oberer Drahtführungshalter
14	Lower guide support	Support guide-fil inférieur	Unterer Drahtführungshalter
15	Cross beam	Traverse	Querbalken
16	Wire spool	Enrouleur de fil	Drahteinroller

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## 4 Preliminary remarks

### 4.1 Measuring units

In this International Standard, all linear dimensions, deviations and corresponding tolerances are expressed in millimetres; angular dimensions are expressed in degrees, and angular deviations and the corresponding tolerances are expressed primarily in ratios, but in some cases microradians or arcseconds may be used for clarification purposes. The equivalence of the following expressions should always be kept in mind:

$$0,010/1\ 000 = 10\ \mu\text{rad} \approx 2''$$

### 4.2 Reference to ISO 230-1

To apply this International Standard, reference shall be made to ISO 230-1, especially for the installation of the machine before testing, warming up of the spindle and other moving components, description of measuring methods and recommended accuracy of testing equipment.

In the "Observations" block of the tests described in clauses 5 to 8, the instructions are followed by a reference to the corresponding clause in ISO 230-1, in cases where the test concerned is in compliance with the specifications of ISO 230-1.

### 4.3 Testing sequence

The sequence in which the tests are presented in this International Standard in no way defines the practical order of testing. In order to make the mounting of instruments or gauging easier, tests may be performed in any order.

### 4.4 Tests to be performed

When testing a machine, it is not always necessary nor possible to carry out all the tests described in this International Standard. When the tests are required for acceptance purposes, it is up to the user to choose, in agreement with the supplier/manufacturer, those tests relating to the components and/or the properties of the machine which are of interest. These tests are to be clearly stated when ordering a machine. Mere reference to this International Standard for the acceptance tests, without specifying the tests to be carried out, and without agreement on the relevant expenses, cannot be considered as binding for any contracting party.

### 4.5 Measuring instruments

The measuring instruments indicated in the tests described in clauses 5 to 8 are examples only. Other instruments measuring the same quantities and having at least the same accuracy may be used. Dial gauges shall have a resolution of 0,001 mm or better.

### 4.6 Minimum tolerance

When establishing the tolerance for a measuring length different from that given in this International Standard (see 2.311 of ISO 230-1:1996), it shall be taken into consideration that the minimum value of tolerance is 0,005 mm.

### 4.7 Positioning tests and reference to ISO 230-2

Tests P1 to P5 are only applied to numerically controlled X, Y, Z, U and V axes.

To apply the tests, reference should be made to ISO 230-2, especially for the environmental conditions, warming up of the machine, measuring methods, evaluation and interpretation of the results.

When other numerically controlled axes exist, checking shall be agreed between the supplier/manufacturer and user.



#### 4.8 Machining test

Concerning the machining test, only simple machining of a cylindrical hole is prepared. Machining of other suitable test parts is also possible under the agreement between the supplier/manufacturer and user. The machining test may be substituted by circular test C1.

#### 4.9 Circular test and reference to ISO 230-4

To apply the tests, reference should be made to ISO 230-4:1996, especially to clauses 4 and 6 for the test conditions and presentation of results.

The circular test may be substituted by machining test M1.

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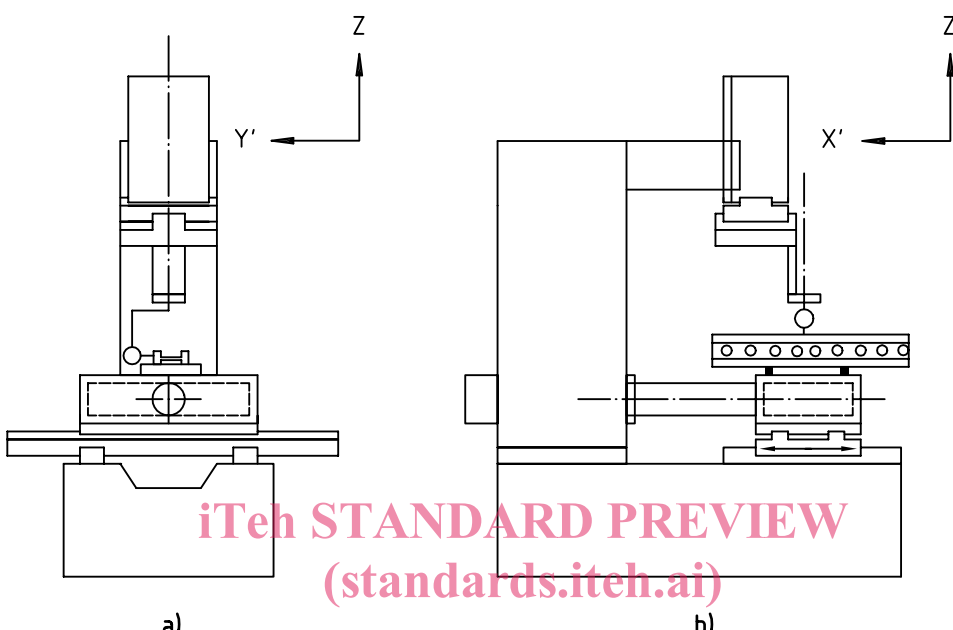
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5 Geometric tests

5.1 Basic linear motions

<p><b>Object</b></p> <p>Checking of straightness of the X-axis motion:</p> <p>a) in XY-plane (horizontal plane) EYX;</p> <p>b) in ZX-plane (vertical plane) EZX.</p>		<p><b>G1</b></p>
<p><b>Diagram</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">iTech STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.itech.ai)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ISO 14137:2000 <a href="https://standards.itech.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7d42199c-a5a7-467d-b1f7-556bdf6ef50e/iso-14137-2000">https://standards.itech.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7d42199c-a5a7-467d-b1f7-556bdf6ef50e/iso-14137-2000</a></p>		
<p><b>Tolerance</b></p> <p>a) and b) 0,015 for any measuring length of 500</p>	<p><b>Measured deviation</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	
<p><b>Measuring instruments</b></p> <p>Straightedge, dial gauge and gauge blocks, or optical methods</p>		
<p><b>Observations and references to ISO 230-1:1996</b>      5.232.11</p> <p>Mount the dial-gauge assembly on the head.</p> <p>a) Place the straightedge parallel to the X-direction in the XY-plane and set the dial gauge against it. Move the X-axis through the measuring length and record the dial-gauge readings.</p> <p>b) Repeat the check in the same way in the ZX-plane.</p>		

<p><b>Object</b></p>	<p><b>G2</b></p>
<p>Checking of straightness of the Y-axis motion:</p> <p>a) in XY-plane (horizontal plane) EXY;</p> <p>b) in YZ-plane (vertical plane) EZY.</p>	
<p><b>Diagram</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">a) <span style="margin-left: 200px;">b)</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ISO 14137:2000  <a href="https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7d42199e-a5a7-467d-bff7-556bd6ef50e/iso-14137-2000">https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7d42199e-a5a7-467d-bff7-556bd6ef50e/iso-14137-2000</a></p>	
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