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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 1832, Indexable (throwaway) inserts — Designation — Code of symbolization, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 29, Small tools, the Secretariat of which is held by the Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR).

Work on this question led to the adoption of Draft ISO Recommendation No. 1832, which was circulated to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry in April 1969. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies:

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The following Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft:

Austria

This Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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CODE OF SYMBOLIZATION

1. SCOPE

This ISO Recommendation establishes a code of symbolization intended for the designation of usual types of indexable (throwaway) inserts, in carbide or any other cutting materials, such as ceramics, etc., in order to simplify orders and specifications for such inserts.

2. EXPLANATION OF THE CODE

The code includes seven symbols, intended solely for the designation of dimensions and other characteristics of indexable inserts. All seven symbols must be used in any designation. Two supplementary symbols, given in the Appendix, may be used when required.

No addition to or extension of the code given in this ISO Recommendation should be made without consultation with Technical Committee ISO/TC 29 and by mutual agreement. Rather than adding symbols not provided for in this system, it is preferable to add all necessary explanations to a designation conforming to the specified code.

However, in the case where symbol "X" is used in position 4 of the designation, it is possible to use, in positions 5, 6 and 7, symbols representing values not appearing in this ISO Recommendation but which must be described explicitly by a sketch or additional specifications.

The significance of the seven primary symbols and two supplementary symbols constituting the code is as follows:

\bigcirc	Letter symbol identifying insert snape (see clause 3.1).
2	Letter symbol identifying relief angle (see clause 3.2).
3	Letter symbol indicating tolerances (see clause 3.3).
4	Letter symbol indicating special features for chip grooves on top rake surfaces and/or for fixing (see clause 3.4).
5	Number symbol identifying insert size (see clause 3.5).
6	Number symbol identifying insert thickness (see clause 3.6).
7	Letter or number symbol identifying insert corner configuration (see clause 3.7).
8	Letter symbol indicating cutting edge condition
9	Letter symbol identifying cutting direction (see Appendix).
Examples :	

03

2

G

G

T

P

metric insert

inch insert

N

N

16

3

08 - E

2 - E

3. SYMBOLS

3.1 Symbol for insert shape - Reference 1

	Туре	Letter symbol	
I	Equilateral and equiangular inserts	 H - Hexagonal inserts O - Octagonal inserts P - Pentagonal inserts R - Round inserts S - Square inserts T - Triangular inserts 	
П	Equilateral but non-equiangular inserts	C - Rhombic inserts D - " " E - " " M - " "	Corner angle ⁽¹⁾ 80° 55° 75° 86°
Ш	Non-equilateral but equiangular inserts	L – Rectangular inserts	
IV	Non-equilateral and non-equiangular inserts	A – Parallelogram-shaped inserts B – " " K – "	85° 82° 55°

⁽¹⁾ The corner angle is always the smaller angle.

3.2 Symbol for relief angle – Reference (2)

	Туре	Letter symbol
I	Equilateral and equiangular inserts	For the relief angle, choose, from the symbols listed below, the one which corresponds to the main cutting edge. If (in spite of different relief angles) all cutting edges should be
П	Equilateral but non-equiangular inserts	used as main cutting edges, the symbol to be used for the designation of the relief angle should be the symbol applicable to the relief angle of the longer cutting edge, which is also considered as the main cutting edge for the indication of the insert size (see reference 5).
Ш	Non-equilateral but equiangular inserts	$A - 3^{\circ}$ $B - 5^{\circ}$ $C - 7^{\circ}$ $D - 15^{\circ}$ $E - 20^{\circ}$ $F - 25^{\circ}$
IV	Non-equilateral and non-equiangular inserts	$F - 25$ $G - 30^{\circ}$ $N - 0^{\circ}$ $P - 11^{\circ}$

3.3 Symbol for tolerances – Reference 3

				Toler	ances	
,	Туре	Letter symbol	Dimensi	ion $m^{(1)}$	Dimens	sion $s^{(1)}$
		- J	mm	in	mm	in
	Equilateral	Α	± 0.005 ⁽²⁾	± 0.0002 ⁽²⁾	± 0.025	± 0.001
I	and equiangular	С	± 0.013	± 0.0005	± 0.025	± 0.001
	inserts	E	± 0.025	± 0.0010	± 0.025	± 0.001
	*	G	± 0.025	± 0.0010	± 0.130	± 0.005
		M	± 0.050	± 0.0020	± 0.130	± 0.005
1	Equilateral		$\pm 0.120^{(3)}$	± 0.0040 ⁽³⁾		
П	but non-equiangular	U	± 0.130	± 0.0050	± 0.130	± 0.005
	inserts		± 0.375 ⁽³⁾	$\pm 0.0150^{(3)}$		
			•	•		•
	Non-equilateral	Except for triang	gular inserts, di	mension m is th	ne distance mea	sured on the
Ш	but equiangular	bisectrix, betwee	•			
	inserts	insert or only tw				
		circle should be	• '	-		
		the edge corner i secondary edge a				
	Non-equilateral	secondary edge a	min a mie haram	ici to it, tangen	i to the miscrib	cu chele.
īv	and non-equiangular	For triangular in	-	_		
	inserts	insert height, i.e.	the distance b	etween one side	e and the oppo	site corner.

- (1) See ISO Recommendation R 883, Throwaway carbide indexable inserts Dimensions.
- These tolerances only apply to indexable inserts with secondary edges.
 The tolerance is dependent upon the insert size and should be indicated
- (3) The tolerance is dependent upon the insert size and should be indicated for each insert according to the standards on the corresponding sizes.

Symbol for special features for chip grooves on top rake surfaces and/or for fixing - Reference (4)



Type Letter symbol		Letter symbol
I	Equilateral and equiangular	 N — Without special features on top rake surfaces, without cylindrical fixing hole. E⁽¹⁾ — Without special features on top rake surfaces, without cylindrical fixing hole but with inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in.
	inserts	A — Without special features on top rake surfaces, with cylindrical fixing hole.
		${ m D^{(1)}}-{ m Without}$ special features on top rake surfaces, with cylindrical fixing hole but with inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in.
II	Equilateral but non-equiangular	R — With special features on one single top rake surface only, without cylindrical fixing hole.
	inserts	S ⁽¹⁾ — With special features on a single top rake surface only, without cylindrical fixing hole but with inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in.
		 M — With special features on one single top rake surface only, with cylindrical fixing hole.
(2)	Non-equilateral	P ⁽¹⁾ — With special features on a single top rake surface only, with cylindrical fixing hole but with inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in.
III ⁽²⁾	but equiangular inserts	F — With special features on both top rake surfaces, without cylindrical fixing hole.
		 L⁽¹⁾ – With special features on both top rake surfaces, without cylindrical fixing hole but with inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in.
		G — With special features on both top rake surfaces, with cylindrical fixing hole.
Non-equilateral IV ⁽²⁾ and non-equiangular inserts	and non-equiangular	 K⁽¹⁾ — With special features on both top rake surfaces, with cylindrical fixing hole but with inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in.
	X ⁽²⁾ — With special features or dimensions requiring detailed explanation, a sketch or additional specifications (see section 2).	

⁽¹⁾ These symbols are necessary only for inserts with dimensions in inches. They ensure clear meanings of the symbols which

Inserts of types III and IV should be designated by X because the indication of width (measured perpendicularly on the main edge or perpendicularly on the longer edge) and details concerning special features of manufacture are necessary.

NOTE. - Special features for chip grooves are generally called "chip rollers". It is emphasized that in the present situation neither the shape nor the dimensions of chip rollers are likely to be standardized either in a national standard or in an ISO Recommendation. For this reason special features should be explicitly described by a sketch or by additional specifications.

Symbol for insert size – Reference (5) 3.5



Туре		Number symbol		
		In countries using the metric system, choose the value of the side length as a symbol of designation and disregard any decimals.		
I	Equilateral and equiangular inserts	Example: Edge length: 16.5 mm Symbol of designation: 16		
		 In countries using the inch system, choose the value of the diameter of the inscribed circle as a symbol of designation. 		
п	Equilateral but non-equiangular inserts	The symbol is the numerator of the fraction: (a) in 1/32 in for inserts with an inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in; (b) in 1/8 in for inserts with an inscribed circle of 1/4 in and more. NOTE. – In the case of round inserts, the diameter value is given as the designation symbol.		
Ш	Non-equilateral but equiangular inserts	The symbol of designation for the insert size is always given for the main cutting edge or the longer cutting edge. The indication of other dimensions should be made by means of a sketch or detailed explanation, which is indicated at position 4 by symbol X. In countries using the metric system, the symbol of designation is the		
		length, disregarding any decimals.		
	Non-equilateral IV and non-equiangular inserts	Example: Length of the main edge: 19.5 mm Symbol of designation: 19		
IV		 In countries using the inch system, the symbol of designation is the numerator of the fraction for the value in 1/4 in. 		
		Example: Length of the main edge: 3/4 in Symbol of designation: 3		

NOTE. - When the symbol resulting from the retained value of a metric dimension has only one digit, it should be preceded by 0 (zero).

Example:

9.52 mm

Length of edge: Symbol of designation:

Symbol for insert thickness – Reference (6) 3.6



	Туре	Number symbol
I	Equilateral and equiangular inserts	 In countries using the metric system, take the numerical value of the thickness as the symbol of designation of the insert thickness, disregarding any decimals. If the resulting symbol has only one digit, it should be preceded by 0 (zero).
II	Equilateral but non-equiangular inserts	Example: Insert thickness: 3.18 mm Symbol of designation: 03 — In countries using the inch system, the symbol of designation is the numerator of the fraction:
ш	Non-equilateral but equiangular inserts	 (a) in 1/32 in for inserts with an inscribed circle smaller than 1/4 in; (b) in 1/16 in for inserts with an inscribed circle of 1/4 in and more.
IV	Non-equilateral and non-equiangular inserts	NOTE. — In order to determine the symbol of designation for rectangular or parallelogram-shaped inserts, use width instead of inscribed circle. Width should be indicated by means of a sketch, a detailed explanation or a reference to detailed specifications. (See footnote (2) in clause 3.4.)

3.7 Symbol for insert corner configuration – Reference 7

	Туре	Number symbol
		(1) If inserts have rounded cutting corners, the symbol of designation is represented:
I	Equilateral and equiangular inserts	(a) in countries using the metric system, by the value of the radius given in 0.1 mm; if the number is less than 10, it should be preceded by 0 (zero).
	;	Example: Corner radius: 0.8 mm Designation symbol: 08
		If the cutting corner is not rounded, use the symbol of designation 00 (zero-zero).
		(b) in countries using the inch system, by the following figures:
п	Equilateral but non-equiangular inserts	 Sharp corner Radius 1/64 in Radius 1/32 in Radius 3/64 in Radius 1/16 in Radius 3/32 in Radius 1/8 in
		(2) If inserts have secondary edges at cutting corners, use, in the order given, the following symbols of designation:
		For secondary For secondary edge angle: edge relief angle:
Ш	Non-equilateral but equiangular inserts	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
		(3) If inserts have any special features at cutting corners, the symbol of designation to be used is the following ⁽¹⁾ :
	Non-equilateral	(a) in countries using the metric system: ZZ
IV	and non-equiangular inserts	(b) in countries using the inch system: Z
		(4) To supplement the designation in position 7 for round inserts, those countries using the metric system should indicate 00 (zero-ze and those using the inch system 0 (zero); these symbols should only be used in combination with symbol R in position 1.

(1) Symbols ZZ or Z indicate that detailed explanations are necessary; they should be used for non-standardized inserts only.