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“Lineman's” pliers — Dimensions and  
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ISO 5746 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 29, *Small tools*, Subcommittee SC 10, *Assembly tools for screws and nuts, pliers and nippers*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 5746:1988) which has been technically revised.

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# Pliers and nippers — Engineer's and “Lineman's” pliers — Dimensions and test values

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the principal dimensions of engineer's and Lineman's pliers and the test values for the pliers in order to verify their aptitude to function in conformity with ISO 5744. General technical requirements are given in ISO 5743.

The engineer's and Lineman's pliers illustrated in this International Standard are examples only and are not intended to affect the manufacturer's design.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5743, *Pliers and nippers — General technical requirements*

ISO 5744:2004, *Pliers and nippers — Methods of test*  
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## 3 Dimensions and test values

### 3.1 Engineer's pliers

The main dimensions of engineer's pliers are shown in Figure 1 and given in Table 1.

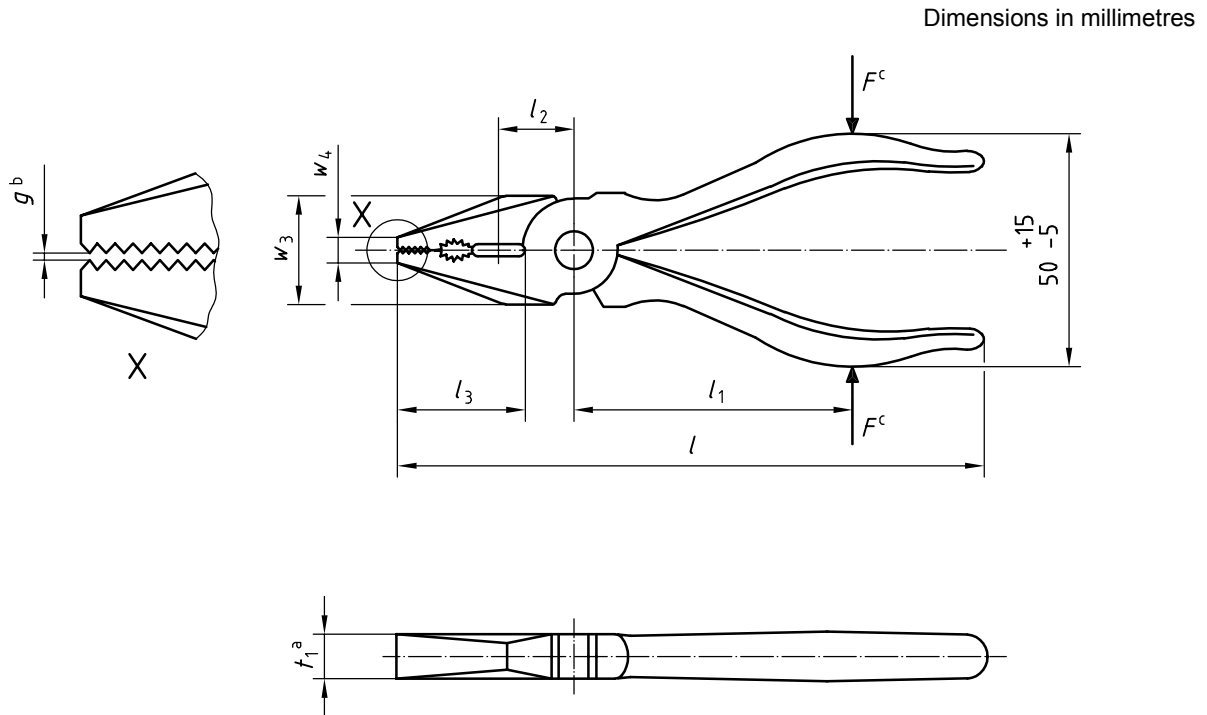
Engineer's pliers can be made with or without a joint cutter, at the manufacturer's discretion.

Engineer's pliers shall be tested in accordance with ISO 5744.

After the load test, the permanent set  $s$  shall not exceed the value given in Table 2. If distance  $l_1$  is not suitable for the load test, the formula given in ISO 5744:2004, 4.2 shall be used.

The cutting force,  $F_1$ , and the diameter,  $d$ , of the test wire shall not exceed the values given in Table 2.

Pliers having a lever ratio differing from the values given in Table 2 shall be checked for compliance using the formula given in ISO 5744:2004, 5.3.2.



- a The jaws may be tapered to the point over the length  $l_3$ .
- b Measured with pliers closed.
- c  $F$  = Load applied in load test or  $F_1$  force applied in cutting test.

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**Table 1 — Engineer's pliers, main dimensions**

Dimensions in millimetres

$l$	$l_3$	$w_3$ max.	$w_4$ max.	$t_1$ max.	$g$ max.
$140 \pm 8$	$30 \pm 4$	23	5,6	10	0,3
$160 \pm 9$	$32 \pm 5$	25	6,3	11,2	0,4
$180 \pm 10$	$36 \pm 6$	28	7,1	12,5	0,4
$200 \pm 11$	$40 \pm 8$	32	8	14	0,5
$220 \pm 12$	$45 \pm 10$	35	9	16	0,5
$250 \pm 14$	$45 \pm 12$	40	10	20	0,6

Table 2 — Engineer's pliers, load and force application, test values

Nominal length			Cutting test		Torsion test <sup>b</sup>		Load test	
			Diameter of medium hard test wire	Maximum cutting force	Torque	Maximum twist	Load	Maximum permanent set
$l$ mm	$l_1$ mm	$l_2$ mm	$d^a$ mm	$F_{1\max}$ N	$T$ N·m	$\alpha_{\max}$	$F$ N	$s_{\max}^c$ mm
140	70	14	1,6	580	15	15°	1 000	1
160	80	16	1,6	580	15	15°	1 120	1
180	90	18	1,6	580	15	15°	1 260	1
200	100	20	1,6	580	20	20°	1 400	1
220	110	22	1,6	580	20	20°	1 400	1
250	125	25	1,6	580	20	20°	1 400	1

<sup>a</sup> Data for medium hard test wire are given in ISO 5744.

<sup>b</sup> The test shall be carried out in accordance with the torsion test for flat nose pliers given in ISO 5744.

<sup>c</sup>  $s = w_1 - w_2$  (see ISO 5744).

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### 3.2 Lineman's pliers

The main dimensions of engineer's pliers are shown in Figure 2 and given in Table 3.

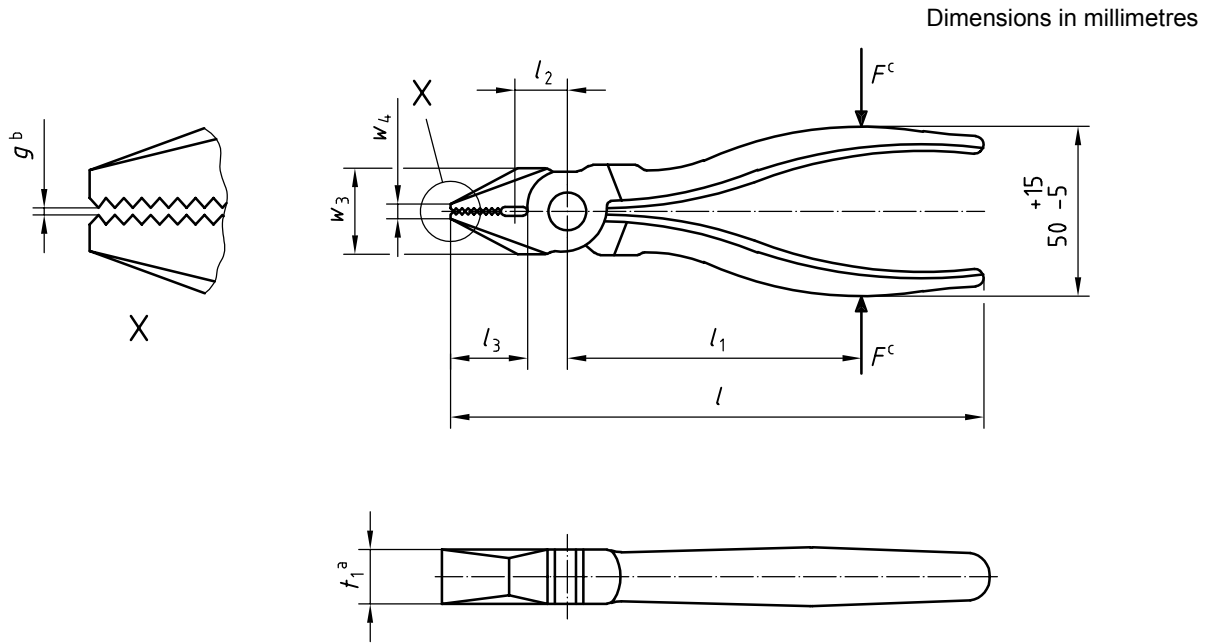
Lineman's pliers can be made with or without a joint cutter at manufacturer's discretion.

Lineman's pliers shall be tested in accordance with ISO 5744.

After the load test, the permanent set  $s$  shall not exceed the value given in Table 4. If distance  $l_1$  is not suitable for the load test, the formula given in ISO 5744:2004, 4.2 shall be used.

The cutting force,  $F_1$ , and the diameter,  $d$ , of the test wire shall not exceed the values given in Table 4.

Pliers having a lever ration differing from the values given in Table 4 shall be checked for compliance using the formula given in ISO 5744:2004, 5.3.2.



- a The jaws may be tapered to the point over the length  $l_3$ .
- b Measured with pliers closed.
- c  $F$  = Load applied in Load test or  $F_1$  force applied in cutting test.

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Figure 2 — Lineman's pliers

Table 3 — Lineman's pliers, main dimensions

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Dimensions in millimetres

$l$	$l_3$	$w_3$ max.	$w_4$ max.	$l_1$ max.	$g$ max.
165 ± 14	32 ± 7	27	9	17	1,1
190 ± 14	33 ± 7	30	9	17	1,1
215 ± 14	38 ± 8	38	10	20	1,3
250 ± 14	40 ± 8	38	10	20	1,3

Table 4 — Lineman's pliers, load and force application, test values

Nominal length	$l$	$l_1$	$l_2$	Cutting test		Torsion test <sup>b</sup>		Load test	
				Diameter of medium hard test wire $d^a$	Maximum cutting force $F_{1\max}$	Torque $T$	Maximum twist $\alpha_{\max}$	Load $F$	Maximum permanent set $s_{\max}^c$
	mm	mm	mm	mm	N	N·m	°	N	mm
	165	90	16	1,6	580	15	15°	1 120	1
	190	100	18	1,6	580	15	15°	1 260	1
	215	120	20	1,6	580	20	15°	1 400	1
	250	140	22	1,6	580	20	15°	1 400	1

<sup>a</sup> Data for medium hard test wire are given in ISO 5744.

<sup>b</sup> The test shall be carried out in accordance with the torsion test for flat nose pliers given in ISO 5744.

<sup>c</sup>  $s = w_1 - w_2$  (see ISO 5744).



## 4 Designation

EXAMPLE 1 Engineer's pliers, number 303 in accordance with ISO 5742, with a nominal length,  $l$ , of 160 mm are designated as follows:

**Engineer's pliers 303 - ISO 5746 - 160**

EXAMPLE 2 "Lineman's" pliers, number 304 in accordance with ISO 5742, with a nominal length,  $l$ , of 190 mm are designated as follows:

**"Lineman's" pliers 304 - ISO 5746 - 190**

## 5 Marking

Marking shall be in accordance with ISO 5743.

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