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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 4156-1, together with ISO 4156-2 and ISO 4156-3, cancels and replaces ISO 4156:1981 and ISO 4156:1981/Amd 1:1992, of which it constitutes a technical revision. The values and tables are the same as in ISO 4156:1981; however, some explanations and definitions have been clarified.

ISO 4156 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Straight cylindrical involute splines — Metric module, side fit*:

- *Part 1: Generalities*
- *Part 2: Dimensions*
- *Part 3: Inspection*

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## Introduction

ISO 4156 provides the data and indications necessary for the design, manufacture and inspection of straight (non-helical) side-fitting cylindrical involute splines.

Straight cylindrical involute splines manufactured in accordance with ISO 4156 are used for clearance, sliding and interference connections of shafts and hubs. They contain all the necessary characteristics for the assembly, transmission of torque, and economic production.

The nominal pressure angles are  $30^\circ$ ,  $37,5^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ . For electronic data processing purposes, the form of expression  $37,5^\circ$  has been adopted instead of  $37^\circ30'$ . ISO 4156 establishes a specification based on the following modules:

— for pressure angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $37,5^\circ$  the module increments are

0,5; 0,75; 1; 1,25; 1,5; 1,75; 2; 2,5; 3; 4; 5; 6; 8; 10

— for pressure angle of  $45^\circ$  the module increments are

0,25; 0,5; 0,75; 1; 1,25; 1,5; 1,75; 2; 2,5

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# Straight cylindrical involute splines — Metric module, side fit —

## Part 1: Generalities

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 4156 provides the data and indications necessary for the design and manufacture of straight (non-helical) side-fitting cylindrical involute splines.

Limiting dimensions, tolerances, manufacturing errors and their effects on the fit between connecting coaxial spline elements are defined in the equations and given in the tables. Unless otherwise specified, linear dimensions are expressed in millimetres and angular dimensions in degrees.

### 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 286-1, *ISO system of limits and fits — Part 1: Bases of tolerances, deviations and fits*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 4156-2, *Straight cylindrical involute splines — Metric module, side fit — Part 2: Dimensions*

ISO 4156-3:2005, *Straight cylindrical involute splines — Metric module, side fit — Part 3: Inspection*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### spline joint

connecting, coaxial elements that transmit torque through the simultaneous engagement of equally spaced teeth situated around the periphery of a cylindrical external member with similar spaced mating spaces situated around the inner surface of the related cylindrical internal member

#### 3.2

##### involute spline

member of spline joint having teeth or spaces that have involute flank profiles

#### 3.3

##### internal spline

spline formed on the inner surface of a cylinder

**3.4**

**external spline**

spline formed on the outer surface of a cylinder

**3.5**

**fillet**

concave surface of the tooth or space connecting the involute flank and the root circle.

NOTE This curved surface as generated varies and cannot be properly specified by a radius of any given value.

**3.6**

**fillet root spline**

spline having a tooth or space profile in which the opposing involute flanks are connected to the root circle ( $D_{ei}$  or  $D_{ie}$  diameter) by a single fillet.

**3.7**

**flat root spline**

spline having a tooth or space profile in which each of the opposing involute flanks are connected to the root circle ( $D_{ei}$  or  $D_{ie}$  diameter) by a fillet

**3.8**

**module**

$m$

ratio of the circular pitch, expressed in millimetres, to the number  $\pi$  (or the ratio of the pitch diameter expressed in millimetres, to the number of teeth)

**3.9**

**pitch circle**

reference circle from which all normal spline dimensions are derived, and the circle on which the specified pressure angle has its nominal value

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**3.10**

**pitch diameter**

$D$

diameter of the pitch circle, in millimetres, equal to the number of teeth multiplied by the module

**3.11**

**pitch point**

intersection of the spline tooth profile with the pitch circle

**3.12**

**circular pitch**

$p$

length of arc of the pitch circle between two consecutive pitch points of left- (or right-) hand flanks, which has a value of the number  $\pi$  multiplied by the module

**3.13**

**pressure angle**

$\alpha$

acute angle between a radial line passing through any point on a tooth flank and the tangent plane to the flank at that point

**3.14**

**standard pressure angle**

$\alpha_D$

pressure angle at the specified pitch point

**3.15****base circle**

circle from which Involute spline tooth profiles are generated

**3.16****base diameter**

$D_b$

diameter of the base circle

**3.17****base pitch**

$p_b$

arc length of the base circle between two consecutive corresponding flanks

**3.18****major circle**

outermost (largest) circle of the external or internal spline

**3.19****major diameter**

$D_{ee}, D_{ei}$

diameter of the major circle

**3.20****minor circle**

innermost (smallest) circle of the external or internal spline

**3.21****minor diameter,  $D_{ie}, D_{ii}$** 

diameter of the minor circle

**3.22****form circle**

circle used to define the depth of involute profile control

NOTE In the case of an external spline it is located near and above the minor diameter, and on an internal spline near and below the major diameter

**3.23****form diameter**

$D_{Fe}, D_{Fi}$

diameter of the form circle

**3.24****depth of engagement**

radial distance from the minor circle of the internal spline to the major circle of the external spline, minus corner clearance and/or chamfer depth

**3.25****basic (circular) space width or tooth thickness at the pitch diameter**

$E$  or  $S$

for 30°, 37,5° and 45° pressure angle splines, half the circular pitch.

**3.26****actual space width**

practically measured circular space width, on the pitch circle, of any single space width within the limit values

$E_{max}$  and  $E_{min}$

**3.27**  
**effective space width**

$E_v$   
space width where an imaginary perfect external spline would fit without clearance or interference, given by the size of the tooth thickness of this external spline, considering engagement of the entire axial length of the splined assembly

NOTE The minimum effective space width ( $E_{v \min}$ , always equal to  $E$ ) of the internal spline is always basic, as shown in Table 3.

**3.28**  
**actual tooth thickness**

practically measured circular tooth thickness, on the pitch circle, of any single tooth within the limit values  $S_{\max}$  and  $S_{\min}$

**3.29**  
**effective tooth thickness**

$S_v$   
tooth thickness where an imaginary perfect internal spline would fit without clearance or interference, given by the size of the space width of this internal spline, considering engagement of the entire axial length of the splined assembly

**3.30**  
**effective clearance**

$c_v$   
(looseness or interference) effective space width of the internal spline minus the effective tooth thickness of the external spline

NOTE For looseness,  $c_v$  is positive; for interference,  $c_v$  is negative.

**3.31**  
**theoretical clearance**

$c$   
(looseness or interference) actual space width of the internal spline minus the actual tooth thickness of the external spline

NOTE It does not define the effective fit between internal and external spline, because of the effect of deviations.

**3.32**  
**form clearance**

$c_F$   
radial clearance between the form diameter of the internal spline and the major diameter of the external spline, or between the minor diameter of the internal spline and the form diameter of the external spline

NOTE It allows eccentricity of their respective pitch circles.

**3.33**  
**total pitch deviation**

$F_p$   
absolute value of the difference between the greatest positive and negative deviations from the theoretical spacing

**3.34**  
**total profile deviation**

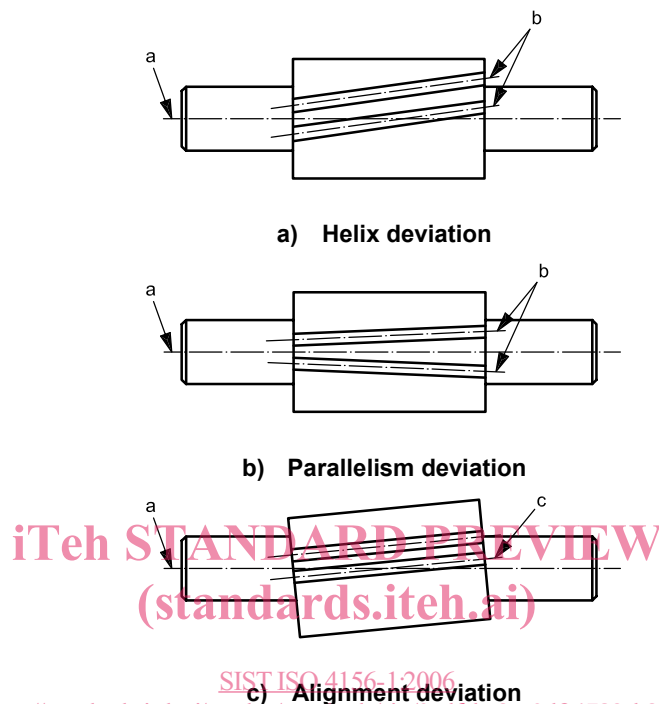
$F_\alpha$   
absolute value of the difference between the greatest positive and negative deviations from the theoretical tooth profile, measured normal to the flanks

**3.35**  
**total helix deviation**

$F_{\beta}$

absolute value of the difference between the two extreme deviations from the theoretical direction parallel to the reference axis

NOTE This includes parallelism and alignment deviations, see Figure 1.



- a Reference axis.
- b Centreline of teeth.
- c Effective spline axis.

**Figure 1 — Helix deviations**

**3.36**  
**parallelism deviation**

deviation of parallelism of a single spline tooth to any other single spline tooth

See Figure 1 b).

**3.37**  
**alignment deviation**

deviation of the effective spline axis with respect to the reference axis

See Figure 1 c).

**3.38**  
**out-of-roundness**

deviation of the spline from a true circular configuration

**3.39**  
**effective deviation**

accumulated effect of the spline deviations on the fit with the mating part

**3.40**  
**deviation allowance**

$\lambda$   
permissible deviation between minimum actual and minimum effective space width or maximum effective and maximum actual tooth thickness

**3.41**  
**machining tolerance**

$T$   
permissible deviation between maximum actual and minimum actual space width or tooth thickness

**3.42**  
**effective clearance tolerance**

$T_v$   
permissible deviation between maximum effective and minimum effective space width or tooth thickness

**3.43**  
**total tolerance**

$T + \lambda$   
machining tolerance plus the deviation allowance

**3.43.1**  
**total tolerance**

⟨internal spline⟩ difference between the minimum effective space width and the maximum actual space width

**3.43.2**  
**total tolerance**

⟨external spline⟩ difference between the maximum effective tooth thickness and the minimum actual tooth thickness

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**3.44**  
**basic dimension**

numerical value to describe the theoretically exact size, shape or location of a feature

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NOTE It is the basis from which permissible deviations are established by tolerances.

**3.45**  
**auxiliary dimension**

dimension, without tolerance, given for information purposes only, for the determination of the useful production and control dimensions.

## 4 Symbols, subscripts and abbreviated terms

### 4.1 General symbols

The general symbols used to designate the various spline terms and dimensions are given below.

$D$	Pitch diameter	mm
$D_{Fe}$	Form diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{Fe\ max}$	Maximum form diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{Fi}$	Form diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{Fi\ min}$	Minimum form diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{Re}$	Diameter of measuring ball or pin for external spline	mm
$D_{Ri}$	Diameter of measuring ball or pin for internal spline	mm
$D_b$	Base diameter	mm
$D_{ee}$	Major diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{ee\ max}$	Maximum major diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{ee\ min}$	Minimum major diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{ei}$	Major diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{ei\ max}$	Maximum major diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{ei\ min}$	Minimum major diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{ie}$	Minor diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{ie\ max}$	Maximum minor diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{ie\ min}$	Minimum minor diameter, external spline	mm
$D_{ii}$	Minor diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{ii\ max}$	Maximum minor diameter, internal spline	mm
$D_{ii\ min}$	Minimum minor diameter, internal spline	mm
$E$	Basic space width, circular	mm
$E_{max}$	Maximum actual space width	mm
$E_{min}$	Minimum actual space width	mm
$E_v$	Effective space width, circular	mm
$E_{v\ max}$	Maximum effective space width	mm
$E_{v\ min}$	Minimum effective space width	mm
$F_p$	Total cumulative pitch deviation	$\mu\text{m}$
$F_\alpha$	Total profile deviation	$\mu\text{m}$
$F_\beta$	Total helix deviation	$\mu\text{m}$
$K_e$	Approximation factor for external spline	—
$K_i$	Approximation factor for internal spline	—
$M_{Re}$	Measurement over two balls or pins, external splines	mm
$M_{Ri}$	Measurement between two balls or pins, internal	mm
$S$	Basic tooth thickness, circular	mm