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# Sintered metal materials, excluding hardmetals — Measurement of surface roughness

Matériaux métalliques frittés, à l'exclusion des métaux-durs — Mesurage de la rugosité de surface

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# Sintered metal materials, excluding hardmetals — Measurement of surface roughness

#### 1 Scope

The International Standard specifies a method to determine the surface roughness of sintered parts. It also establishes principles for the use of the suitable units for measurement.

#### 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 4287, Geometrical Product Specification (GPS) - Surface texture: Profile method - Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters

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ISO 13565-1, Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) - Surface texture: Profile method; Surface having stratified functional properties - Part Filtering and general measurement conditions

ISO 13565-2, Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method; Surfaces having stratified functional properties — Part 2: Height characterization using the linear material ratio curve

ISO 13565-3, Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method; Surfaces having stratified functional properties - Part 3 Height characterization using the material probability curve

### Symbols and Units 3

For the purpose of this document, the following symbols and units apply.

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Symbol	Designation	Unit
Rpk	Reduced peak height	μm
Rp	Maximum profile peak height	μm
Rv	Maximum profile valley depth	μm
Rz	Maximum height of profile	μm
Rt	Total height of profile	μm
Ra	Arithmetic mean deviation of the assessed profile	μm
Rq	Root mean square deviation of the assessed profile	μm
Rs	Surface roughness	μm

Symbol	Designation	Unit
RSm	Mean width of the profile elements	μm
Rmr(c)	Material ratio of the profile	%
Rk	Core roughness depth	μm
Rvk	Reduced valley height	μm
d	Density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
С	Calibration Constant	-

### 4 Principle

The surface roughness is measured according to standard procedures. Because of the porosity and the nature of the surface of sintered materials, their surface roughness cannot be compared with the surface roughness of wrought materials. As most of the roughness units are defined by measuring the height of the surface peaks, porosity will negatively influence this value, because the depth of the pore will increase the value of the peak. This standard specifies the most suitable way to measure surface roughness and the correct units to use.

All the terminology and procedures defined in standards listed in Clause 2 are also applicable to the present standard.

### 5 Procedure

The surface roughness should be measured according to ISO 13565-1, ISO 13565-2 and ISO 13565-3, by using the following particular parameters:

- a) Use always a filtered profile (roughness profile), by applying the standard gaussian filter, with a Cut-Off of 0,8 mm.
- b) Use a total evaluation length of 4 mm, which is 5 times the Cut-Off value of 0,8 mm;

NOTE 1 Only in case of roughness higher than 4,0 *Ra*, the Cut-Off will be increased up to 2,5 mm, so the new evaluation length will be 12,5 mm. This is because the surface is so irregular that a longer evaluation length is necessary to obtain a real statistical approach.

- c) Use a probe of radius most requires 2 micrometres in order to define as well as possible the surface irregularities;
- d) Do not consider in the measurement the first 5% of depth;
- e) Express the results in unit *Rk* and *Rpk*.

Roughness units that are strongly affected by porosity, which are not really characterising the surface state, but rather the addition between the surface state and the size of the open porosity, shall not be used. This is the case for *Rp*, *Rv*, *Rz*, *Rt*, *Ra*, *Rq*, *Rs*, *RSm* shows sometimes too high peaks because filtering overemphasizes peaks after the probe has passed a deep pore, so it is also not a suitable unit.

In order to illustrated the convenience of *Rpk* and the inconvenience of other units typical from wrought materials, the next comparison between different surfaces and materials are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

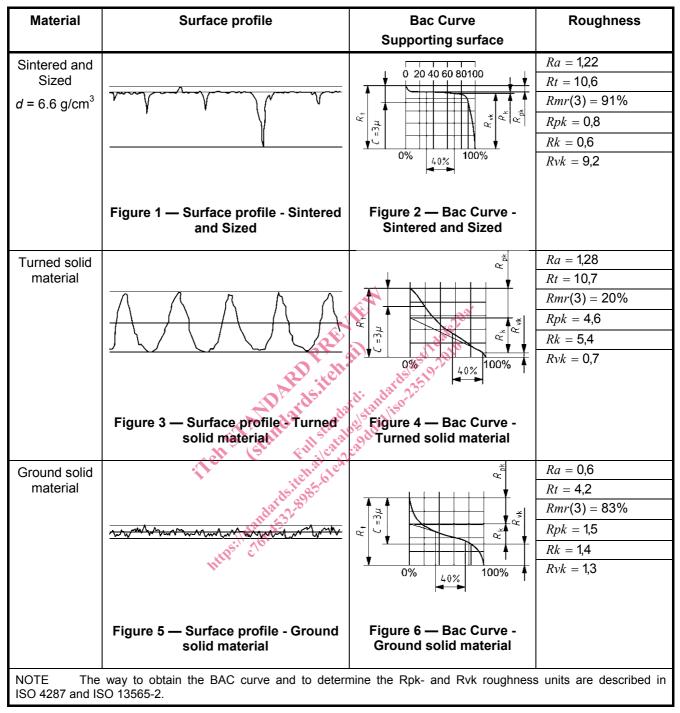


Table 1 — Example of roughnessof sintered materials

### 6 Expression of results

The result is the surface roughness in *Rpk*.

The result should be reported to the nearest 0,1.

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