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### Introduction

The purpose of this standard is to provide a compact and concise specification on spark-plugs and their cylinder head housings, which shall replace the large number of existing single standards on each type of spark-plug.

It is intended to specify the main properties, the design requirements and the dimensions of most of the existing types of spark-plugs and their cylinder head housings. It should enable the user to work with one comprehensive document valid for most types of spark-plugs instead of a number of standards each of them specified for one type only.

It is intended to withdraw the following standards on spark-plugs and their cylinder head housing as soon as this standard is published:

ISO 1919, ISO 2344, ISO 2345, ISO 2346, ISO 2347, ISO 2704, ISO 2705, ISO 8470, ISO 14508, ISO 16246, ISO 19812 and ISO 22977

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# Road vehicles — Spark-plugs and their cylinder head housings — Basic characteristics and dimensions

#### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the main properties and dimensions of spark–plugs, including the terminals and the dimensions of their cylinder head housings, for use with spark–ignition engines. Screened and waterproof spark-plugs (ISO 3412, ISO 3895 and ISO 3896) are not covered by this standard.

#### 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 68-1: ISO General purpose screw threads - Basic profile - Part 1: Metric screw threads

ISO 261: ISO general purpose metric screw threads - General plan

ISO 965-1: ISO general purpose metric screw threads 2 Tolerances - Part 1: Principles and basic data

ISO 965-3: ISO general purpose metric screw threads - Tolerances - Part 3: Deviations for constructional threads

ISO 4095: Aerospace – Bi-hexagonal drives Wrenching configuration -- Metric series

ISO 3412: Road vehicles – Screened and waterproof spark-plugs and their connections – Types 1A and 1B

ISO 3895: Road vehicles – Screened and waterproof spark-plug and its connection – Type 2

ISO 3896: Road vehicles – Screened and waterproof spark-plug and its connection – Type 3

ISO 6518-1: Road vehicles -- Ignition systems -- Part 1: Vocabulary

ISO 11565: Road vehicles - Spark-plugs - Test methods and requirements

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6518-1 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

#### Installed height (dimension L)

distance from the contact point of the cylinder head to the top of the spark-plug terminal, including the compressed gasket thickness with the spark-plug installed at the specified installation torque

NOTE For conical seat the contact point is defined from the gage point of the seat.

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#### 3 2

#### Spark-plug thread size

nominal size of the spark-plug thread used to interface between the spark-plug and the cylinder head thread

NOTE These are standard metric threads, with the exception of the M14 x 1,25 thread.

#### 3.3

#### Hexagon / bi-hexagon

feature of the spark-plug shell that is used to install the spark-plug into the cylinder head, interfacing with the installation socket while the spark-plug is installed into the cylinder head

NOTE A bi-hexagon is a 12 point installation feature, which requires that a 12 point socket wrench be used to install the spark-plug.

#### 3.4

#### Conical seating

conical section of the spark-plug shell on some spark-plug types, that is used for the seal interface between the spark-plug and the cylinder head

NOTE There is typically no gasket used between the conical mating surfaces.

#### 3.5

#### Flat seating

flat surface of some spark-plug types which is perpendicular to the spark-plug axis and is used for the seal interface between the spark-plug and the cylinder head

NOTE This seal typically uses a gasket between the flat seat of the spark-plug and the mating flat surface of the cylinder head.

#### 3.6

#### Insulator diameter (dimension E)

nominal diameter of the insulator in a defined region of the insulator between the top of the shell and the terminal of the spark-plug which interfaces with a corresponding region of the high voltage boot of the ignition lead or ignition coil

NOTE The fit is the key to suppression of high voltage leakage around the spark-plug insulator (flashover).

#### 3.7

#### High voltage terminals

part of the spark-plug, used as the contact point between the high voltage ignition source and the spark-plug

NOTE The connection between the high voltage ignition source and the spark-plug terminal can be made with a threaded fastener, a snap clip that interfaces with the solid terminal or by spring loaded mechanical contact.

#### 3.8

#### Installation tightening torque

rotational force applied to the spark-plug hexagon to ensure proper seating and sealing of the spark-plug to the cylinder head

NOTE The value of the correct installation tightening torque can vary from conditions that affect the friction between the spark-plug threads and the cylinder head threads. These include cylinder head material, spark-plug shell plating, thread lubrication and contamination from combustion deposits. Care should be taken to insure that spark-plugs are not over-torqued during installation as this can damage spark-plug integrity and may result in engine damage. Spark-plugs with smaller thread sizes require lower installation tightening torque.

#### 3.9

#### Spark-plug reach

distance from the spark-plug seating surface (flat seat) or from the gage diameter (conical seat) to the point on the shell designed to be aligned with the combustion chamber surface on the cylinder head with the sparkplug properly installed NOTE The spark-plug reach and the cylinder head housing should be designed to match in order to ensure correct fit of the spark-plug into the combustion chamber.

#### 3.10

#### Spark-plug projection

distance that the spark-plug projects past the spark-plug reach into the combustion chamber

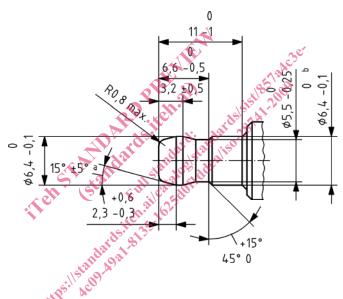
NOTE This dimension must be considered for possible interference with the engine piston at top dead centre.

#### 4 Terminals

#### 4.1 Solid post terminal dimensions

The dimensions of solid post terminals shall be according to Figure 1.

Dimensions in mm



#### Key:

- a for existing products, values between 7° and 30° are allowed
- b for M10 x 1 spark-plugs with bi-hex this diameter is 5,4 +0/-0,1 mm

Figure 1 — Solid post terminal

Nuts for use with threaded terminals shall have the same external dimensions as those of the solid post terminal, and shall have internal threads to 6H tolerance prior to assembly on the threaded terminals.

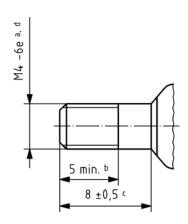
The measurement of the minimum diameter of 6,3 mm and 5,3 mm, respectively, shall be taken at any or all points around the post circumference. A ring gauge shall be used for measuring the maximum diameter of 6,4 mm and 5,4 mm, respectively.

#### 4.2 Threaded terminal dimensions

The dimensions of threaded terminals shall be according to Figure 2.

Dimensions in mm

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Key: 0,7 mm pitch complying with ISO 68-1 and with ISO 261

- b length of usable thread
- cylindrical part С
- Depending on manufacturing process, class 7e is acceptable on finished product.

Figure 2 — Threaded terminal

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#### Spark-plug reach

The spark-plug reach shall be in accordance with Table 5 or 7 (see also Figures 3 through 14).

The following basic types of spark-plug reach are defined:

Short:

Medium: M

Long:

Extended long: EL

XL Extra long:

Extended extra long: EXL

#### 5.2 Gasket

When the spark-plugs with flat seating have been tightened with a torque as specified in Clause 7 and Table 3 on threads that are clean, smooth and dry, the gasket thickness shall be as specified in this table. Non-captive gaskets may be used in special cases.

#### 5.3 Threads, limiting dimensions, tolerances

The threads of spark-plugs and the corresponding tapped holes in the cylinder heads shall conform to ISO 68-1, ISO 261, ISO 965-1 and ISO 965-3. Their limiting dimensions, minor diameters, basic profiles and initial clearances are specified in Table 1, and Table 2, respectively.