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**Geometrical product specifications  
(GPS) — Wedges —**

**Part 1:  
Series of angles and slopes**

*Spécification géométrique des produits (GPS) — Coins —*

*Partie 1: Séries d'angles et d'inclinaisons*

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 213, *Dimensional and geometrical product specifications and verification*.

This first edition of ISO 2538-1, together with ISO 2538-2, cancels and replaces ISO 2538:1998, which has been technically revised.

ISO 2538 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Wedges*:

- *Part 1: Series of angles and slopes*
- *Part 2: Dimensioning and tolerancing*

## Introduction

This part of ISO 2538 is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO/TR 14638). It influences chain links 1 and 2 of the chain of standards on angle in the GPS matrix.

The ISO/GPS Masterplan given in ISO/TR 14638 gives an overview of the ISO/GPS system of which this document is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO/GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this document and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated.

For more detailed information on the relation of this part of ISO 2538 to other standards and to the GPS matrix model, see [Annex A](#).

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# Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Wedges —

## Part 1: Series of angles and slopes

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies terms and definitions for wedges, three series of wedge angles from 120° to 0° 30' and a series of wedge slopes from 1:10 to 1:500, for general mechanical engineering purposes.

### 2 Terms and definitions

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

#### 2.1

##### wedge

pair of intersecting planes

Note 1 to entry: A wedge is a feature of size defined by an angular size.

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 1.

#### 2.2

##### wedge angle

$\beta$

angular size of the wedge defined in a plane perpendicular to the wedge edge

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

#### 2.3

##### wedge slope

$S$

ratio of the difference between the heights  $H$  and  $h$  in two determined cross-sections to the signed distance  $L$  between these cross-sections

$$S = (H - h) / L = \tan \beta$$

Note 1 to entry:  $L$  is positive for angles  $< 90^\circ$  and negative for angles  $> 90^\circ$ .

#### 2.4

##### rate of wedge

$C$

$2 \times$  the tangent of half the wedge angle

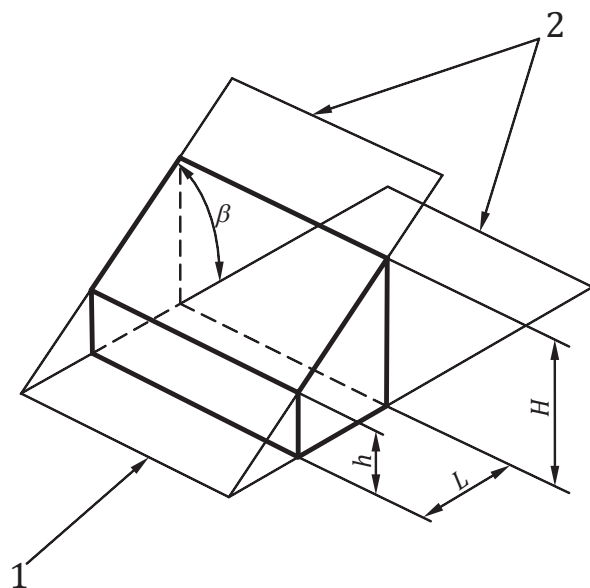
$$C = 2 \tan \frac{\beta}{2}$$

#### 2.5

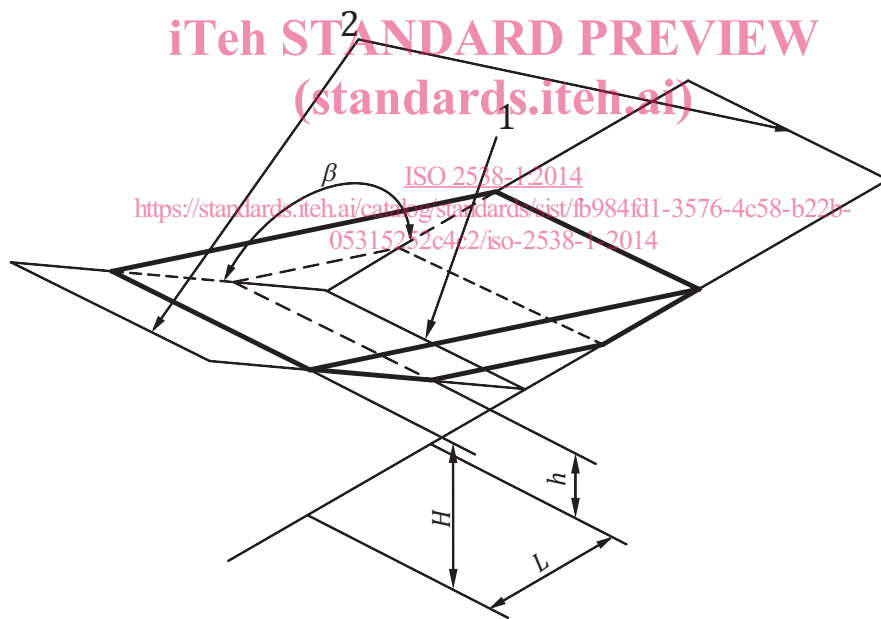
##### wedge edge

straight line established by the intersection of the wedge planes

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.



a) Angles smaller than 90 degrees



b) Angles larger than 90 degrees

**Key**

- 1 wedge edge
- 2 wedge planes

**Figure 1 — Wedges**

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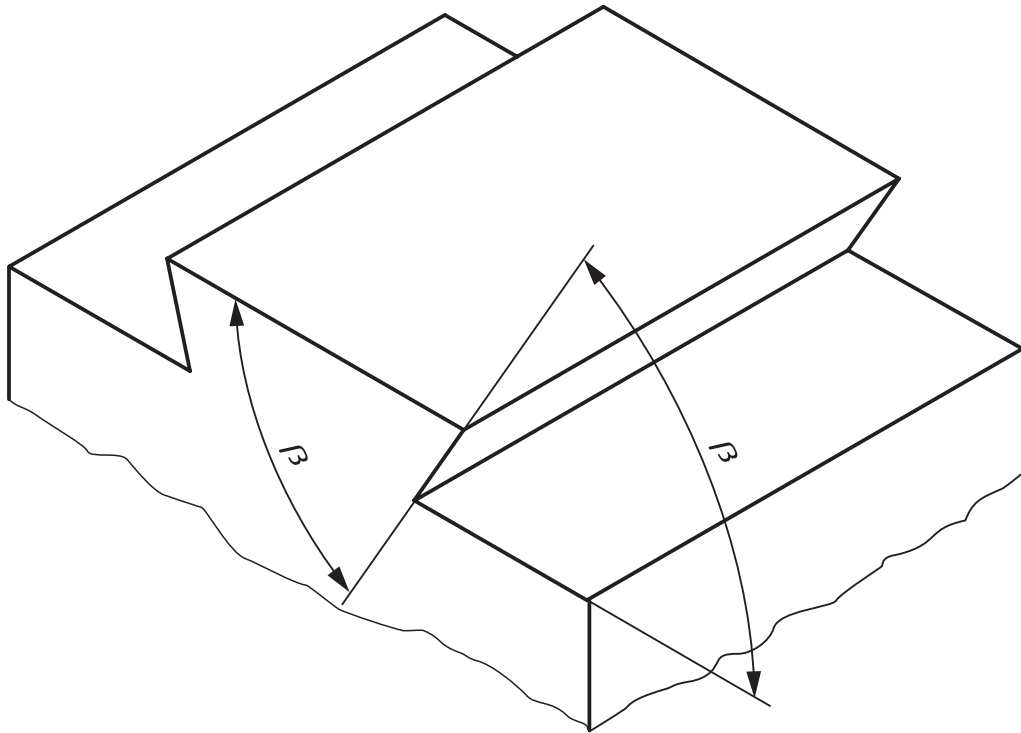
**vee-block**

**dove-tail**

typical wedge with a large angle

Note 1 to entry: See Figures 2 and 3.





**Figure 2 – Dovetail**  
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