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## FOREWORD

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Germany	Poland	U.S.A.

No Member Body expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

# Numerical control of machines – Punched tape fixed block format for positioning and straight-cut machining

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

1.1 This International Standard applies to fixed block format punched tapes, with or without tabulation and without word address, for positioning and straight-cut machining; it is intended to

- a) recommend application of the rules providing a minimum of uniformity in the manufacture of input media;
- b) inform users of numerically controlled machines on the potentialities of control systems.

1.2 Compliance with the conditions expressed in this International Standard does not guarantee interchangeability of media between machines of compatible features. The choice of the codes corresponding to "feed function", "spindle speed function", "preparatory function", "miscellaneous function" and "tool function" is free. Nevertheless, when it is justified by the complexity of functions, it is recommended that ISO 1058 be complied with as far as possible.

1.3 The format characteristics are specified in clause 4 and in annexes C and D.

1.4 The technical terms used in this International Standard are based on the ISO data processing vocabulary<sup>1)</sup>.

1.5 Tape dimensions, character codes and nomenclature of axes conform respectively to ISO 1154 and ISO 1729, ISO 840 and ISO 1113, and ISO 841.

## 2 REFERENCES

ISO 840, *Numerical control of machines – 7-bit coded character set*.

ISO 841, *Numerical control of machines – Axis and motion nomenclature*.

ISO 1056 *Numerical control of machines – Punched tape block formats – Coding of preparatory functions G and miscellaneous functions M*.<sup>2)</sup>

ISO 1058, *Numerical control of machines – Punched tape variable block format for positioning and straight-cut machining*.

ISO 1113, *Information processing – Representation of 6- and 7-bit coded character sets on punched tape*.

ISO 1154, *Information processing – Punched paper tape – Dimensions and location of feed holes and code holes*.

ISO 1729, *Information processing – Unpunched paper tape – Specification*.

## 3 FORMAT MAKE-UP

### 3.1 Blocks

A fixed format block has a constant length. Consequently, no word can be omitted, even if there is no change in the data with respect to the preceding block. The meaning of a character is defined by its position in the block. The block shall contain no alphabetic character.

3.1.1 A block consists of the following :

3.1.1.1 The "sequence number" word (optional).

3.1.1.2 The "block address" word (optional).

3.1.1.3 The data words.

3.1.1.4 The "end of block" character, showing the end of each block. In addition, the "end of block" character must precede the first block of the program.

3.1.2 The data words must not be repeated within the same block. Only words corresponding to a function provided by the machine are used; their order should be as follows :

<sup>1)</sup> In preparation.

<sup>2)</sup> At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO/R 1056.)

3.1.2.1 The "preparatory function" word.<sup>1)</sup>

3.1.2.2 The "dimension" words.

These words should be arranged whenever possible in the following sequence : X, Y, Z, U, V, W, P, Q, R, A, B, C, D, E, as defined in annex B.

3.1.2.3 The "feed function" word or words.

3.1.2.4 The "spindle speed function" word.

3.1.2.5 The "tool function" word.

3.1.2.6 The "miscellaneous function" word.<sup>1)</sup>

### 3.2 Words

3.2.1 The length of each specific word and the position of the implicit decimal sign, as defined in the format specification, shall remain constant. Hence, to keep up the afore mentioned length, the relevant number of zeros must be included.

3.2.2 There is no address for the words. Optionally, the "tab" character may be used to facilitate the reading of the manuscript.

3.2.3 The "block address" word shall consist of one (1) digit.

3.2.4 The "dimension" words shall be either co-ordinate dimension words (absolute dimension) or incremental dimension words (relative dimension) according to format specification, and shall contain digital data as follows :

3.2.4.1 The most significant digit of the dimension shall be first.

#### 3.2.4.2 Units

3.2.4.2.1 All linear dimensions shall be expressed in millimetres or inches and decimal fractions thereof.

3.2.4.2.2 All angular dimensions shall be expressed in decimal parts of a revolution or in degrees and decimal parts of a degree; decimal parts of a revolution is recommended practice.

#### 3.2.4.3 Decimal sign

Decimal sign shall not be used, its implicit position being defined by the format specification.

#### 3.2.4.4 Sign of linear and angular dimensions

3.2.4.4.1 When the control system allows using absolute dimensions either positive or negative with respect to the origin of the co-ordinate system, the algebraic sign (+ or -) is part of the "dimension" word and shall precede the first digit.

3.2.4.4.2 When the control system only permits use of positive absolute dimensions, the algebraic sign shall be omitted from the "dimension" words.

3.2.4.4.3 When the control system uses incremental dimensions, the algebraic sign (+ or -) is compulsory and shall precede the first digit of each dimension in order to show the direction of motion.

3.2.5 Digital data contained in the non-dimension words are unrestricted. However, it is recommended to comply as much as possible with the following indications :

3.2.5.1 The "sequence number" should consist of three (3) digits.

3.2.5.2 The "preparatory function" should be expressed by a two (2)-digit coded number.<sup>1)</sup>

3.2.5.3 The "feed function or functions" should be expressed by a coded number, the composition of which is described in annex A.

3.2.5.4 The "spindle speed function" should be expressed by a coded number, the composition of which is described in annex A.

3.2.5.5 The "tool function" should be expressed by a coded number, the number of digits being specified in the format specification.

3.2.5.6 The "miscellaneous function" should be expressed by a two (2)-digit coded number.<sup>1)</sup>

## 4 FORMAT SPECIFICATION

This consists of three sections, as follows :

- format classification shorthand, in accordance with annex C;
- format classification detailed shorthand, in accordance with annex D;
- itemized data of the format contents, which are not subject to standardization. An explanatory note is attached for guidance of users (annex F).

NOTE — Annex E shows an example of a tab fixed block format.

1) For coding of preparatory and miscellaneous functions, see ISO 1056.

## ANNEX A

## EXAMPLE OF FEED AND SPINDLE SPEED CODING

It is recommended to comply as much as possible with one of the three following systems of coding. The codes used and the units which are employed are specified in the format specification.

**A.1 ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION**

(Three- (four- or five-) digit code)

**A.1.1 Number**

The number is composed of three, four or five digits, the significance of which is as follows :

- the first digit is a decimal multiplier, and has a value three (3) greater than the number of digits to the left of the decimal sign of the feed or speed value;
- the subsequent digits are the feed or spindle speed rounded to two-, three- or four-digit accuracy.

When there are no digits to the left of the decimal sign, then the number of zeros immediately to the right of the decimal sign is subtracted from three (3) to provide the value of the first digit.

*Example*

Feed or spindle speed	Coding
1728	717
150,3	615
15,25	515
7,826	478
0,1537	315
0,01268	213
0,008759	188
0,0004624	046

NOTE – The second digit can never be zero unless all digits are zero.

If the three-digit coded number does not satisfy the degree of control necessary for the process, this number may be expanded to a four (4)- or five (5)-digit number, as necessary, to meet the requirement. This coded number for the “feed function” or the “spindle speed function” is rounded to three (3)-digit accuracy for a four (4)-digit code and rounded to four (4)-digit accuracy for a five (5)-digit code. This must be defined in accordance with format classification detailed shorthand. (See annex D.)

*Example*

Feed or spindle speed	4-digit coding	5-digit coding
1728	7173	71728
150,3	6150	61503
15,25	5153	51525
7,826	4783	47826
0,1537	3154	31537
0,01268	2127	21268
0,008759	1876	18759
0,0004624	0462	04624

NOTE – The second digit can never be zero unless all digits are zero.

**A.1.2 Units**

Units employed are as follows :

**A.1.2.1 Feeds**

For linear motions independent of spindle speed :

inch/min or mm/min.

For linear motions dependent on spindle speed :

inch/rev or mm/rev.

For threading, tapping or chasing, in the “inch” system :

rev/inch.

For threading, tapping or chasing, in the metric system :

mm/rev.

**A.1.2.2 Spindle speeds**

For rotary table motion and spindle speed :

rev/min.

**A.2 GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION**

(Two-digit code)

**A.2.1 Number**

Feed and spindle speed shall be given by a two (2)-digit code with increasing values of feed and spindle speed represented by increasing code numbers. In general, the ratio of any two feeds or spindle speeds in the table represented by two successive code numbers is constant. It is recommended that the coding shown as follows be used.

Code	Feed or spindle speed	Code	Feed or spindle speed	Code	Feed or spindle speed
00	0 Stop	34	50,0	68	2 500
01	1,12	35	56,0	69	2 800
02	1,25	36	63,0	70	3 150
03	1,40	37	71,0	71	3 550
04	1,60	38	80,0	72	4 000
05	1,80	39	90,0	73	4 500
06	2,00	40	100	74	5 000
07	2,24	41	112	75	5 600
08	2,50	42	125	76	6 300
09	2,80	43	140	77	7 100
10	3,15	44	160	78	8 000
11	3,55	45	180	79	9 000
12	4,00	46	200	80	10 000
13	4,50	47	224	81	11 200
14	5,00	48	250	82	12 500
15	5,60	49	280	83	14 000
16	6,30	50	315	84	16 000
17	7,10	51	355	85	18 000
18	8,00	52	400	86	20 000
19	9,00	53	450	87	22 400
20	10,0	54	500	88	25 000
21	11,2	55	560	89	28 000
22	12,5	56	630	90	31 500
23	14,0	57	710	91	35 500
24	16,0	58	800	92	40 000
25	18,0	59	900	93	45 000
26	20,0	60	1 000	94	50 000
27	22,4	61	1 120	95	56 000
28	25,0	62	1 250	96	63 000
29	28,0	63	1 400	97	71 000
30	31,5	64	1 600	98	80 000
31	35,5	65	1 800	99	Rapid
32	40,0	66	2 000		
33	45,0	67	2 240		

**A.2.2 Units**

Units employed are as follows :

**A.2.2.1 Feeds**

For linear motions independent of spindle speed :  
inch/min or mm/min.

For linear motions dependent on spindle speed :  
inch/rev or mm/rev.

For threading, tapping or chasing, in the "inch" system :  
rev/inch.

For threading, tapping or chasing, in the metric system :  
mm/rev.

**A.2.2.2 Spindle speeds**

For rotary table motion and spindle speed :  
rev/min.

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**A.3 SYMBOLIC**

(One-digit code)

Feed and spindle speed shall each be given by a one (1)-digit code. This code selects a spindle speed or feed from those available on the machine.

The value of the spindle speed or feed appropriate to each code shall be detailed in the itemized data.

ANNEX B

SYMBOLS FOR THE WORDS USED IN FORMAT SPECIFICATION

Symbol	Meaning
A	Angular dimension about X axis
B	Angular dimension about Y axis
C	Angular dimension about Z axis
D	Angular dimension about special axis or : third feed function <sup>1)</sup>
E	Angular dimension about special axis or : second feed function <sup>1)</sup>
F	Feed function
G	Preparatory function
H	Block address word
I	Unassigned
J	Unassigned
K	Unassigned
L	Permanently unassigned
M	Miscellaneous function
N	Sequence number
O	Do not use
P	Tertiary motion dimension parallel to X <sup>1)</sup>
Q	Tertiary motion dimension parallel to Y <sup>1)</sup>
R	Rapid traverse dimension in the Z axis, or : tertiary motion dimension parallel to Z <sup>1)</sup>
S	Spindle speed function
T	Tool function
U	Secondary motion dimension parallel to X <sup>1)</sup>
V	Secondary motion dimension parallel to Y <sup>1)</sup>
W	Secondary motion dimension parallel to Z <sup>1)</sup>
X	Primary X motion dimension
Y	Primary Y motion dimension
Z	Primary Z motion dimension

1) When D, E, P, Q, R, U, V, and W are not used as indicated above, they become unassigned, and may be used as necessary for special application.

ANNEX C

FORMAT SPECIFICATION

Format classification shorthand

The format classification shorthand shall consist of groups of characters defined as follows :

**C.1** The first group of characters shall contain letters selected as follows :

**C.1.1** F for the fixed block format where applied to a positioning system either allowing or not straight-cut machining.<sup>1)</sup>

**C.1.2** T when using "tab" characters.

**C.1.3** M for linear dimensions expressed in millimetres and decimal fractions thereof  
or

I for linear dimensions expressed in inches and decimal fractions thereof.

**C.1.4** If need be :

R for angular dimensions expressed in decimal fractions of a revolution

or

D for angular dimensions expressed in degrees and decimal fractions thereof.

**C.2** The next group, comprising three digits, denotes the geometrical characteristics of both machine and control system, as follows :

**C.2.1** The first digit shows the number of motions either digitally or symbolically (i.e. stop-dogs) controlled.

**C.2.2** The second digit shows the number of motions controlled by the "dimension" words (and not by marks denoting a stop-dog, an indexed setting, etc.).

**C.2.3** The third digit shows the number of simultaneously controlled motions.

**TYPICAL EXAMPLE**

The format of a control system for a machine featuring  
— a vertical-spindle head moving on vertical slideways,  
— a moving quill in the aforementioned head,

— a cross-slide table,

will be written thus: FTM322-

This denotes fixed block format positioning (F) control system with tabulation (T), the linear motions of which are expressed in millimetres (M), there being no angular motion.

This machine has three (3) motions controlled by the system (cross-slide, work-table, quill), the head being positioned on the upright by the operator; a table position is digitally defined while the quill's is secured by selecting a preset stop-dog; both (2) table motions are provided by "dimension" words, the system controlling the two (2) motions at the same time.

1) This possibility is pointed out among the itemized characteristics of the format (see annex F).



## ANNEX D

## FORMAT SPECIFICATION

## Format classification detailed shorthand

The format classification detailed shorthand must specify the words and length thereof that are required by the system, as follows :

**D.1** Every "tab" character, if any, shall be symbolized by a full stop (.).

Every "space" character, if any, shall be symbolized by a comma (,).

**D.2** The "end of block" character shall be symbolized by an asterisk (\*).

**D.3** Any letter acting to specify a word shall be recorded in the proper sequence.

**D.3.1** The letter specifying a "dimension" word is followed by two (2) digits, the first showing the number of digits ahead of the implicit decimal sign, the other those following the said sign. If the absolute dimensions are always positive, no sign separates this letter from the next number, whereas, if they are either positive or negative, the plus (+) sign is inserted between the letter and the next number; if incremental dimensions are involved, the letter D is written between the letter and the next number.

**D.3.2** The letter specifying a non-dimension word is followed by a single digit showing the number of digits in the word.

## TYPICAL EXAMPLE

Taking as an example the machine defined in annex C, the format classification detailed shorthand is

N3.G1.X + 32.Y + 32.M2\*

The meaning being as follows :

N3 — Three-digit sequence number;

G1 — One-digit preparatory function;

X + 32 — Dimension X, with either + or – sign, three digits to the left of the implicit decimal sign, two to the right;

Y + 32 — Dimension Y, with either + or – sign, three digits to the left of the decimal sign, two to the right;

— No numerical control on Z dimension;

— No numerical control on feed function;

— No numerical control on spindle speed function;

— No numerical control on tool function;

M2 — Two-digit miscellaneous function;

\* — End of block symbol;

. — Shows a tabulation and should appear, where employed, before every word.

NOTE — It should be understood that this format specification comprises the letters denoting the meaning of the words, whereas, in the blocks, these letters are not used because the format is a fixed format.

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