
**ISO general purpose metric screw
threads — Tolerances —**

**Part 1:
Principles and basic data**

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Foreword

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- *Part 2: Limits of sizes for general purpose external and internal screw threads — Medium quality*
- *Part 3: Deviations for constructional screw threads*
- *Part 4: Limits of sizes for hot-dip galvanized external threads to mate with internal screw threads tapped with tolerance position H or G after galvanizing*
- *Part 5: Limits of sizes for internal screw threads to mate with hot-dip galvanized external screw threads with maximum size of tolerance position h before galvanizing*

ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances —

Part 1: Principles and basic data

1 Scope

This part of ISO 965 specifies a tolerance system for ISO general purpose metric screw threads (M) according to ISO 261.

The tolerance system refers to the basic profile according to ISO 68-1.

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 1502, *ISO general-purpose metric screw threads — Gauges and gauging*

ISO 5408, *Screw threads — Vocabulary* [ISO 965-1:2013](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7569b74a-66b1-4c25-b2d4-70cac97b2741/iso-965-1-2013)

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5408 apply.

3.2 Symbols

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

| Symbol | Meaning |
|--------|---|
| D | basic major diameter of internal thread |
| D_1 | basic minor diameter of internal thread |
| D_2 | basic pitch diameter of internal thread |
| d | basic major diameter of external thread |
| d_1 | basic minor diameter of external thread |
| d_2 | basic pitch diameter of external thread |
| d_3 | minor diameter of external thread (see Figure 6) |
| P | pitch |

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Ph | lead |
| H | height of fundamental triangle |
| S | designation for “short” thread engagement group |
| N | designation for “normal” thread engagement group |
| L | designation for “long” thread engagement group |
| T | tolerance |
| $T_{D1}, T_{D2}, T_d, T_{d2}$ | tolerances for D_1, D_2, d and d_2 |
| ei, EI | lower limit deviations (see Figure 1) |
| es, ES | upper limit deviations (see Figure 1) |
| R | root radius of external thread (see Figure 6) |
| C | root truncation of external thread (see Figure 6) |

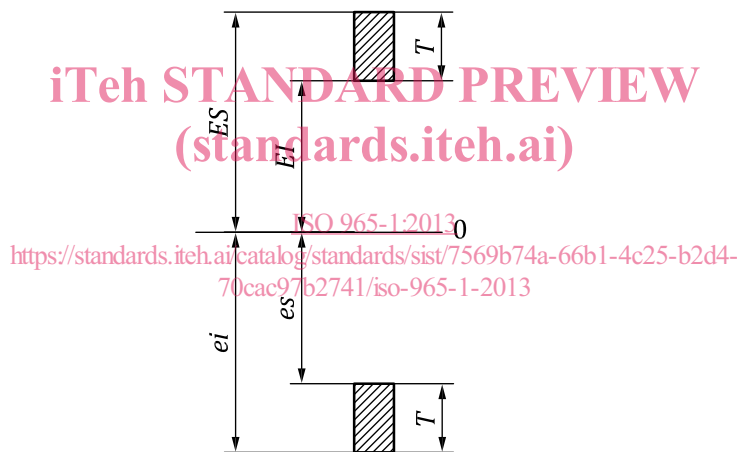


Figure 1 — Position of tolerances with respect to zero line (basic size)

4 Tolerance system

The tolerance system consists of tolerance grades and tolerance positions. The tolerance grades are expressed by number, such as 4, 6 and 8. The tolerance positions are expressed by letter, such as H, G, h and g. The tolerance class designation shall be the combination of the number and the letter, for example 6H and 6g.

5 Tolerance positions

The following tolerance positions are standardized:

- for internal threads:
 - G with positive fundamental deviation (EI), shown in [Figure 2](#);

- H with zero fundamental deviation (EI), shown in Figure 3.
- for external threads:
 - a, b, c, d, e, f and g with negative fundamental deviation (es), shown in Figure 4;
 - h with zero fundamental deviation (es), shown in Figure 5.

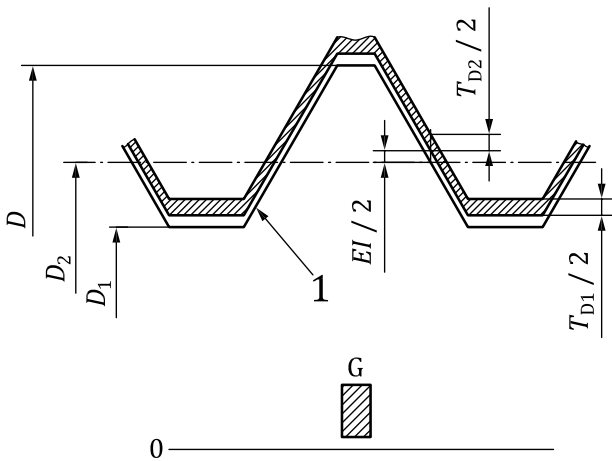
The established tolerance positions comply with the needs of coating thickness and with the demands of easy assembly.

The fundamental deviations for internal threads and external threads are given in [Table 1](#).

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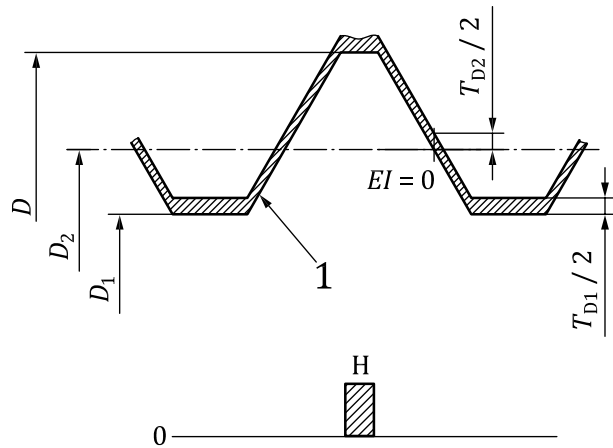
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Key
1 basic profile

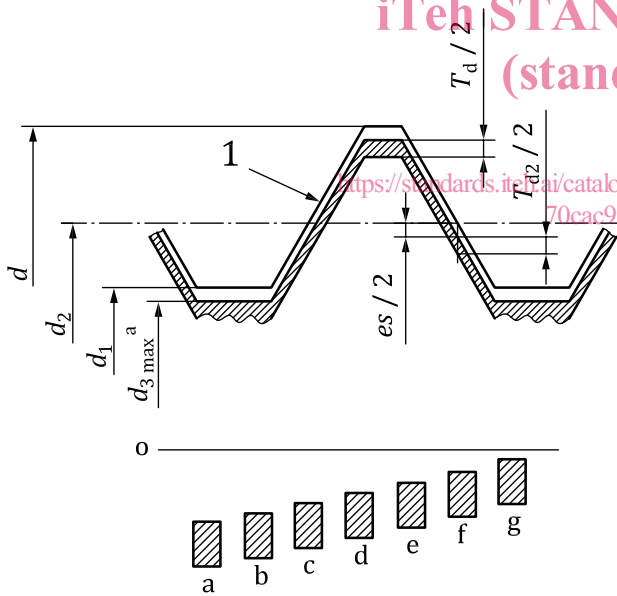
Figure 2 — Internal threads with tolerance position G



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Figure 3 — Internal threads with tolerance position H

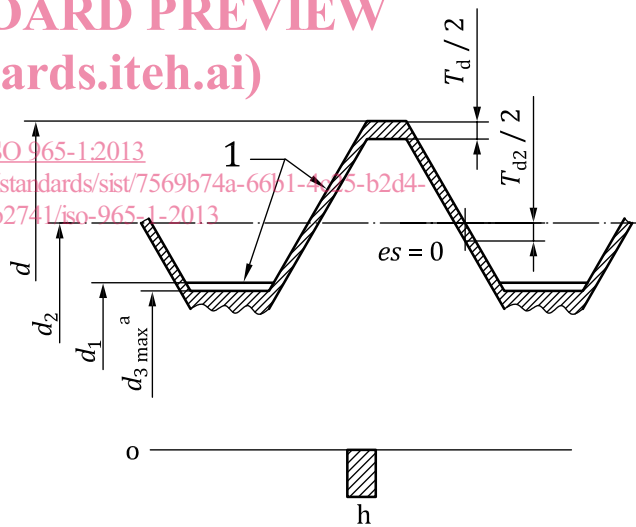
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^a Application only in connection with minimum material limits ($d_{2 \min}$); see [Clause 11, Figure 6](#).

Figure 4 — External threads with tolerance positions a, b, c, d, e, f and g



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^a Application only in connection with minimum material limits ($d_{2 \min}$); see [Clause 11, Figure 6](#).

Figure 5 — External threads with tolerance position h

Table 1 — Fundamental deviations for internal threads and external threads

| Pitch <i>P</i> mm | Fundamental deviation | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Internal thread | | External thread | | | | | | | |
| | G <i>EI</i> µm | H <i>EI</i> µm | a <i>es</i> µm | b <i>es</i> µm | c <i>es</i> µm | d <i>es</i> µm | e <i>es</i> µm | f <i>es</i> µm | g <i>es</i> µm | h <i>es</i> µm |
| 0,2 | +17 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | -17 | 0 |
| 0,25 | +18 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | -18 | 0 |
| 0,3 | +18 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | -18 | 0 |
| 0,35 | +19 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | -34 | -19 | 0 |
| 0,4 | +19 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | -34 | -19 | 0 |
| 0,45 | +20 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | -35 | -20 | 0 |
| 0,5 | +20 | 0 | - | - | - | - | -50 | -36 | -20 | 0 |
| 0,6 | +21 | 0 | - | - | - | - | -53 | -36 | -21 | 0 |
| 0,7 | +22 | 0 | - | - | - | - | -56 | -38 | -22 | 0 |
| 0,75 | +22 | 0 | - | - | - | - | -56 | -38 | -22 | 0 |
| 0,8 | +24 | 0 | - | - | - | - | -60 | -38 | -24 | 0 |
| 1 | +26 | 0 | -290 | -200 | -130 | -85 | -60 | -40 | -26 | 0 |
| 1,25 | +28 | 0 | -295 | -205 | -135 | -90 | -63 | -42 | -28 | 0 |
| 1,5 | +32 | 0 | -300 | -212 | -140 | -95 | -67 | -45 | -32 | 0 |
| 1,75 | +34 | 0 | -310 | -220 | -145 | -100 | -71 | -48 | -34 | 0 |
| 2 | +38 | 0 | -315 | -225 | -150 | -105 | -71 | -52 | -38 | 0 |
| 2,5 | +42 | 0 | -325 | -235 | -160 | -110 | -80 | -58 | -42 | 0 |
| 3 | +48 | 0 | -335 | -245 | -170 | -115 | -85 | -63 | -48 | 0 |
| 3,5 | +53 | 0 | -345 | -255 | -180 | -125 | -90 | -70 | -53 | 0 |
| 4 | +60 | 0 | -355 | -265 | -190 | -130 | -95 | -75 | -60 | 0 |
| 4,5 | +63 | 0 | -365 | -280 | -200 | -135 | -100 | -80 | -63 | 0 |
| 5 | +71 | 0 | -375 | -290 | -212 | -140 | -106 | -85 | -71 | 0 |
| 5,5 | +75 | 0 | -385 | -300 | -224 | -150 | -112 | -90 | -75 | 0 |
| 6 | +80 | 0 | -395 | -310 | -236 | -155 | -118 | -95 | -80 | 0 |
| 8 | +100 | 0 | -425 | -340 | -265 | -180 | -140 | -118 | -100 | 0 |

6 Tolerance grades

The tolerance grades for the following screw thread diameters are standardized:

| | Tolerance grade |
|-------|---------------------|
| D_1 | 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| d | 4, 6, 8 |
| D_2 | 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| d_2 | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 |

Clause 8 shows details of tolerance grades and combinations of tolerance grades for pitch and crest diameters according to the tolerance quality and length of engagement group required, with the order of preference.

In some grades, certain tolerance values for small pitches are not shown in tolerance tables because of insufficient thread overlap or the requirement that the pitch diameter tolerance not exceed the crest diameter tolerance.

The minor diameter tolerances of internal thread, T_{D1} , are given in Table 2.

Table 2 — Minor diameter tolerances of internal thread (T_{D1})

| Pitch P mm | Tolerance grade | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 μm | 5 μm | 6 μm | 7 μm | 8 μm |
| 0,2 | 38 | – | – | – | – |
| 0,25 | 45 | 56 | – | – | – |
| 0,3 | 53 | 67 | 85 | – | – |
| 0,35 | 63 | 80 | 100 | – | – |
| 0,4 | 71 | 90 | 112 | – | – |
| 0,45 | 80 | 100 | 125 | – | – |
| 0,5 | 90 | 112 | 140 | 180 | – |
| 0,6 | 100 | 125 | 160 | 200 | – |
| 0,7 | 112 | 140 | 180 | 224 | – |
| 0,75 | 118 | 150 | 190 | 236 | – |
| 0,8 | 125 | 160 | 200 | 250 | 315 |
| 1 | 150 | 190 | 236 | 300 | 375 |
| 1,25 | 170 | 212 | 265 | 335 | 425 |
| 1,5 | 190 | 236 | 300 | 375 | 475 |
| 1,75 | 212 | 265 | 335 | 425 | 530 |
| 2 | 236 | 300 | 375 | 475 | 600 |
| 2,5 | 280 | 355 | 450 | 560 | 710 |
| 3 | 315 | 400 | 500 | 630 | 800 |
| 3,5 | 355 | 450 | 560 | 710 | 900 |
| 4 | 375 | 475 | 600 | 750 | 950 |
| 4,5 | 425 | 530 | 670 | 850 | 1 060 |
| 5 | 450 | 560 | 710 | 900 | 1 120 |
| 5,5 | 475 | 600 | 750 | 950 | 1 180 |
| 6 | 500 | 630 | 800 | 1 000 | 1 250 |
| 8 | 630 | 800 | 1 000 | 1 250 | 1 600 |

The major diameter tolerances of external thread, T_d , are given in Table 3. The tolerance grades 5 and 7 do not exist for them.

Table 3 — Major diameter tolerances of external thread (T_d)

| Pitch P mm | Tolerance grade | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 μm | 6 μm | 8 μm |
| 0,2 | 36 | 56 | – |
| 0,25 | 42 | 67 | – |
| 0,3 | 48 | 75 | – |
| 0,35 | 53 | 85 | – |
| 0,4 | 60 | 95 | – |
| 0,45 | 63 | 100 | – |
| 0,5 | 67 | 106 | – |
| 0,6 | 80 | 125 | – |
| 0,7 | 90 | 140 | – |
| 0,75 | 90 | 140 | – |
| 0,8 | 95 | 150 | 236 |
| 1 | 112 | 180 | 280 |
| 1,25 | 132 | 212 | 335 |
| 1,5 | 150 | 236 | 375 |
| 1,75 | 170 | 265 | 425 |
| 2 | 180 | 280 | 450 |
| 2,5 | 212 | 335 | 530 |
| 3 | 236 | 375 | 600 |
| 3,5 | 265 | 425 | 670 |
| 4 | 300 | 475 | 750 |
| 4,5 | 315 | 500 | 800 |
| 5 | 335 | 530 | 850 |
| 5,5 | 355 | 560 | 900 |
| 6 | 375 | 600 | 950 |
| 8 | 450 | 710 | 1 180 |

The pitch diameter tolerances of internal thread, T_{D2} , are given in [Table 4](#).

The pitch diameter tolerances of external thread, T_{d2} , are given in [Table 5](#).

Table 4 — Pitch diameter tolerances of internal thread (T_{D2})

| Basic major diameter D | | Pitch P mm | Tolerance grade | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| over mm | up to and including mm | | 4 μm | 5 μm | 6 μm | 7 μm | 8 μm |
| 0,99 | 1,4 | 0,2 | 40 | – | – | – | – |
| | | 0,25 | 45 | 56 | – | – | – |
| | | 0,3 | 48 | 60 | 75 | – | – |
| 1,4 | 2,8 | 0,2 | 42 | – | – | – | – |
| | | 0,25 | 48 | 60 | – | – | – |
| | | 0,35 | 53 | 67 | 85 | – | – |
| | | 0,4 | 56 | 71 | 90 | – | – |
| | | 0,45 | 60 | 75 | 95 | – | – |