
**Round steel short link chains for
lifting purposes — Fine tolerance
hoist chains for hand operated chain
hoists — Grade VH**

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the requirements for fine-tolerance hoist chains of grade VH for use as load chains in hand operated chain hoists for lifting purposes. They are round steel short link chains, electrically welded, heat treated, and tested; they comply with the general conditions of acceptance of ISO 1834.

NOTE 1 The letter “V” expresses the grade in accordance with ISO 1834.

NOTE 2 The letter “H” expresses that these hoist chains are for hand operated hoists only.

NOTE 3 Resistance butt welding and flash welding are listed in ISO 4063.

The range of nominal sizes covered by this International Standard is from 3 mm to 13 mm. Fine-tolerance hoist chains, according to this International Standard, are for use in the temperature range $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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2 Normative references (standards.iteh.ai)

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 497, *Guide to the choice of series of preferred numbers and of series containing more rounded values of preferred numbers*

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

ISO 1834, *Short link chain for lifting purposes — General conditions of acceptance*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

ISO 14556, *Steel — Charpy V-notch pendulum impact test — Instrumented test method*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1834 and the following apply.

3.1

standard gauge length

multiple pitch length based on 11 chain links

4 General conditions of acceptance

The hoist chains shall comply with the requirements of ISO 1834, as well as those of this International Standard.

5 Dimensions

5.1 Nominal size, d_n

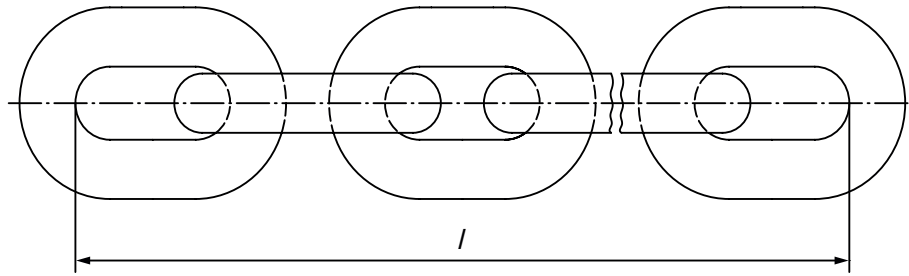
A selection of nominal sizes, d_n , of hoist chains is presented in [Table 1](#), column 1. Other nominal sizes may be used, provided that the dimensions and tolerances are calculated in accordance with [Annex A](#).

Table 1 — Typical dimensions (see [Figure 1](#))

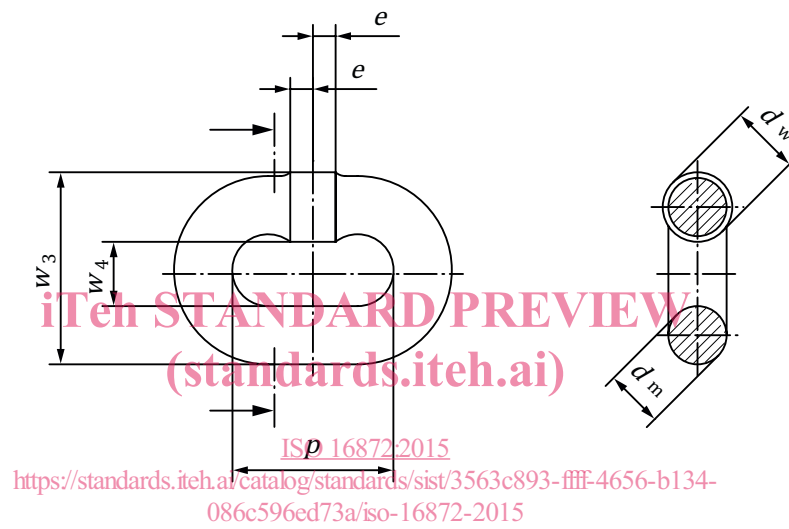
Dimensions in millimetres

1 Nominal size d_n	2 Diameter tolerance	3 Pitch		5 Width			8 Standard gauge length		10 Weld diameter	
		Nominal p_n	Tolerance	Internal Type 2 w_1 min.	External Types 1 and 2 w_3 max.	Internal Type 1 w_4 min.	Nominal l_n	Tolerance	Types 1 and 2 d_w max.	Type 2 G max.
3	±0,2	9,0	0,2	3,8	10,7	3,6	99	0,5	3,3	3,8
4	±0,2	12,0	0,3	5,0	14,3	4,8	132	0,6	4,3	5,0
5	±0,2	15,0	0,3	6,3	17,9	6,0	165	0,8	5,4	6,3
6,3	±0,3	18,9	0,4	7,9	22,6	7,6	208	1,0	6,8	7,9
7,1	±0,3	21,3	0,4	8,9	25,4	8,5	234	1,1	7,7	8,9
8	±0,3	24,0	0,5	10,0	28,6	9,6	264	1,3	8,6	10,0
9	±0,4	27,0	0,5	11,3	32,2	10,8	297	1,4	9,8	11,3
10	±0,4	30,0	0,6	12,5	35,8	12,0	330	1,6	10,8	12,5
11,2	±0,4	33,6	0,7	14,0	40,1	13,4	370	1,8	12,1	14,0
12,5	±0,5	37,5	0,7	15,6	44,8	15,0	413	2,0	13,5	15,6
13	±0,5	39,0	0,8	16,3	46,6	15,6	429	2,1	14,1	16,3

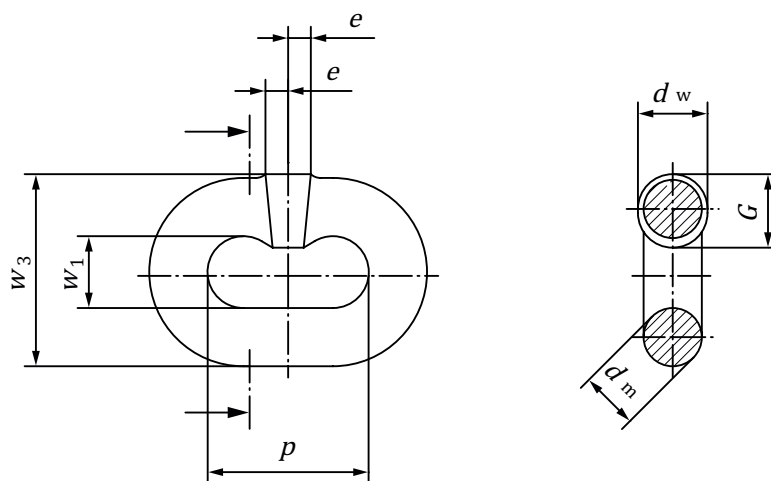
NOTE Typical dimensions for the selected nominal sizes are given, calculated, and rounded in this table, in accordance with the formulae specified in [Annex A](#), based upon a nominal pitch of $3d_n$.



a) Multiple pitch length



b) Dimensions of chain link — Type 1



c) Dimensions of chain link — Type 2

Key

- l multiple pitch length
- p pitch (internal link length)
- d_m measured diameter of material, except at the weld
- d_w measured diameter of material at the weld (type 1) or weld dimension perpendicular to the plane of the chain link (type 2)
- G dimension in other planes (type 2)
- e length affected by welding, on either side of the centre of the chain link
- w_1 internal width away from the weld (type 2)
- w_3 external width over the weld (type 1 and type 2)
- w_4 internal width at the weld (type 1)

Figure 1 — Chain link and chain dimensions

5.2 Diameter tolerance

The definition of the material diameter and method of measurement shall be in accordance with ISO 1834. The diameter tolerance of the selected nominal sizes shall be as listed in [Table 1](#), column 2 and shall be calculated in accordance with [Annex A](#).

5.3 Pitch

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The dimensions and tolerances of the pitch for the selected nominal sizes shall be as listed in [Table 1](#), column 3 and column 4, as shown in [Figure 1](#), and calculated in accordance with [Annex A](#).

The nominal pitch, p_n , is based upon $3d_n$ (where d_n is the nominal size of the hoist chain). This formula can be varied up to a maximum of $3,3d_n$, subject also to the tolerances specified in [Annex A](#).

5.4 Width

The dimensions of the width for the selected nominal sizes shall be as listed in [Table 1](#), column 5, column 6, and column 7, as shown in [Figure 1](#), and calculated in accordance with [Annex A](#).

5.5 Standard gauge length

The dimensions and tolerances of the standard gauge length for the selected nominal sizes shall be as listed in [Table 1](#), column 8 and column 9, and calculated in accordance with [Annex A](#).

5.6 Weld diameter

The maximum diameter at the weld for the selected nominal sizes shall be as listed in [Table 1](#), column 10 and column 11, as shown in [Figure 1](#), and shall not exceed the following:

- type 1: the maximum diameter at the weld shall not be in excess of 8 % above the nominal size in any direction;
- type 2: the maximum diameter at the weld shall not be in excess of 8 % above the nominal size in any direction perpendicular to the plane of the chain link and 25 % in the other planes;
- the diameter of the steel at the weld shall nowhere be less than the actual diameter of the steel adjacent to the weld.

5.7 Length dimensionally affected by welding

The length dimensionally affected by welding, e , shall not extend by more than $0,6d_n$ to either side of the centre of the chain link (see [Figure 1](#)).

6 Material and manufacture

6.1 Quality of material

6.1.1 General

Within the limitations given in [6.1.2](#) to [6.1.5](#), it is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the hoist chain to select the type of steel to be used so that the finished hoist chain, when suitably heat treated, complies with the mechanical properties specified in this International Standard and also possesses adequate low-temperature ductility and toughness to provide resistance against impact loading.

The low-temperature ductility and toughness shall be achieved by complying with the toughness-testing requirements specified in [6.4.6](#).

6.1.2 Type of steel

The steel used shall be produced by the electric process or by an oxygen-blown process.

6.1.3 Deoxidation

The steel shall be fully killed and shall be made in conformity with a suitable deoxidation process in order to obtain an austenitic grain size of six or finer when tested in accordance with ISO 643.

To ensure the hoist chain is stabilized against strain-age embrittlement during services, the steel shall contain at least 0,025 % aluminium.

6.1.4 Weldability

The steel shall be of reliable weldable quality.

6.1.5 Chemical composition

The steel shall contain alloying elements in sufficient quantities so that the finished hoist chain, when heat treated in accordance with [6.2](#), complies with the mechanical properties specified in this International Standard.

The steel shall contain no more sulfur and phosphorus than the limits given in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Sulfur and phosphorus content

Element	Max. content (% by mass) as determined by	
	Cast analysis	Check analysis
Sulfur (S)	0,020	0,025
Phosphorus (P)	0,020	0,025
Sum of S + P	0,035	0,045

6.1.6 Finished condition

In its finished condition, as supplied to the manufacturer of the hoist chain, the steel shall comply with the requirements of [6.1.2](#) to [6.1.5](#) as determined by check analysis on the rod, wire, or finished chain link.