
**Technical product documentation —
Edges of undefined shape —
Indication and dimensioning**

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- Normative references updated;
- text rearranged in [Clause 4](#);
- figure titles changed;
- figures added and improved;
- [4.4.2](#) “Asymmetrical indications” added;
- Clause 5 deleted and Table 2 “Examples” is moved to [Annex B](#), explanations have been improved;
- [Annex B](#) “Recommended edge sixe” has been deleted, definition of sharp edge is deleted.

Introduction

In technical drawings, the ideal geometric shape is represented without any deviation and, in general, without consideration of the conditions of the edges. Nevertheless, for many purposes (the functioning of a part or out of safety considerations, for example) particular conditions of edges need to be indicated. Such conditions include those of external edges free from burr or those with a burr of limited size, and internal edges with a passing.

This document provides a symbology for the indication of the desired edge.

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Technical product documentation — Edges of undefined shape — Indication and dimensioning

1 Scope

This document specifies rules for the indication and dimensioning of undefined edges in technical product and dimensions. The proportions and dimensions of the graphical symbols to be used are also specified.

In cases where the geometrically defined shape of an edge (for example, $1 \times 45^\circ$) is required, the general dimensioning principles given in ISO 129-1 apply.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references cited in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

edge of undefined shape

transition line, included in an intersection plane, which is not defined on the nominal model and which exists between two adjacent integral surfaces

3.2

undercut

deviation inside the ideal geometrical shape of an edge defined by two tangent outside straight lines to the adjacent feature of the zone of the undefined edge

Note 1 to entry: The explanation of the definition is given in [Figures 1](#) and [3](#). In order to simplify the illustration, only the undercut and the two tangents outside straight lines are represented.

Note 2 to entry: Examples are presented in [Figures 2](#) and [4](#).

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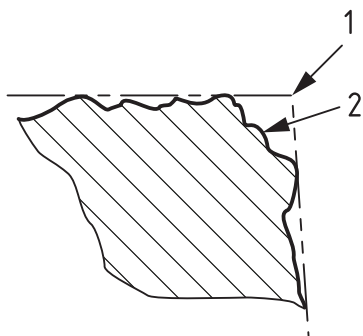
passing

deviation outside the ideal geometrical shape of an edge defined by two tangent outside straight lines to the adjacent feature of the zone of the undefined edge

Note 1 to entry: The explanation of the definition is given in [Figures 5](#) and [7](#). In order to simplify the illustration, only the passing and the two tangents outside straight lines are represented.

Note 2 to entry: A burr or a flash (see [Figure 5](#)) can be considered to be a special case of external passing.

Note 3 to entry: Examples are presented in [Figures 6](#) and [8](#).



Key

- 1 ideal sharp edge
- 2 undercut

Figure 1 — Undercut on an external edge

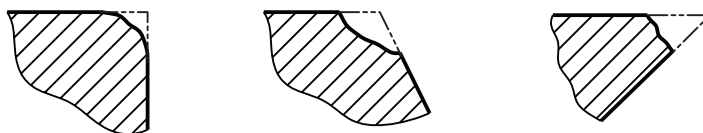
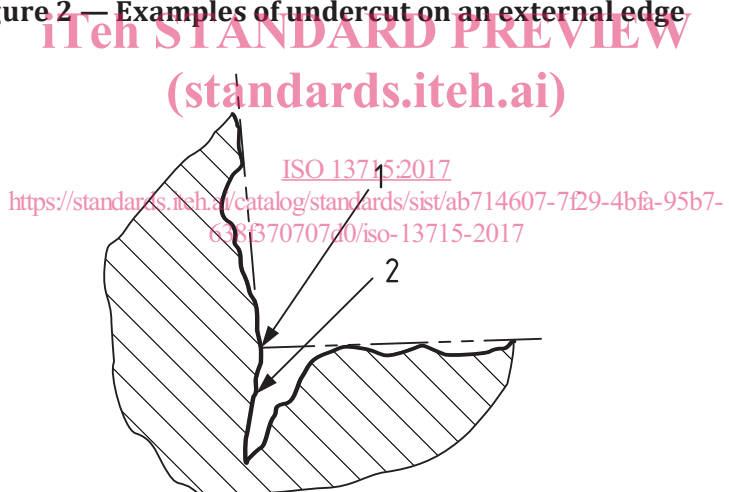


Figure 2 — Examples of undercut on an external edge



Key

- 1 ideal sharp edge
- 2 undercut

Figure 3 — Undercut on an internal edge

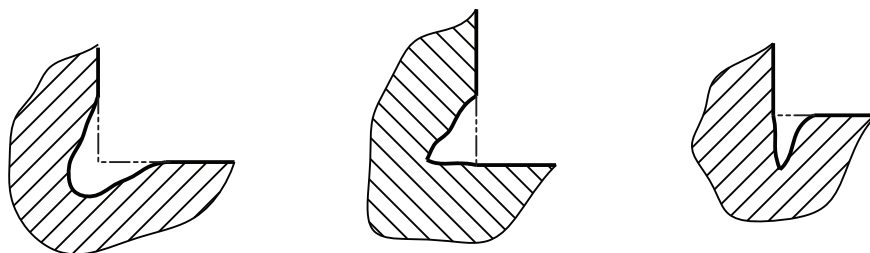
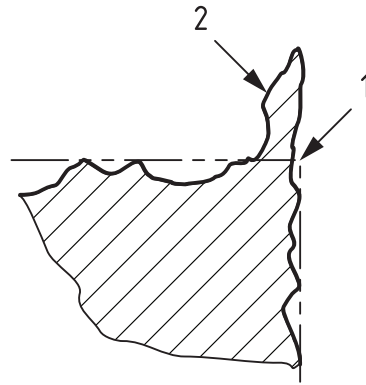


Figure 4 — Examples of undercut on an internal edge



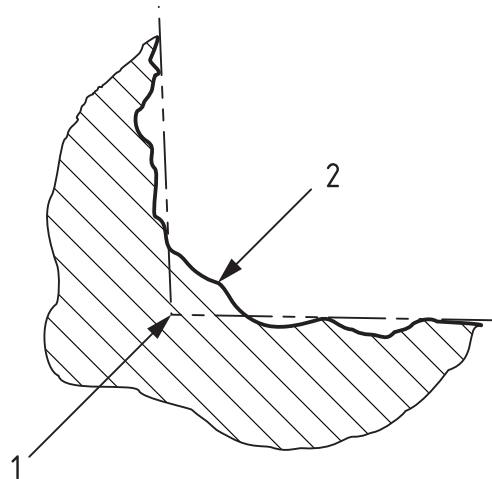
Key

- 1 ideal sharp edge
- 2 passing

Figure 5 — Passing on an external edge (flash or burr)



Figure 6 — Examples of passing on external edge (burr or flash)



- Key**
- 1 ideal sharp edge
 - 2 passing

Figure 7 — Passing on an internal edge

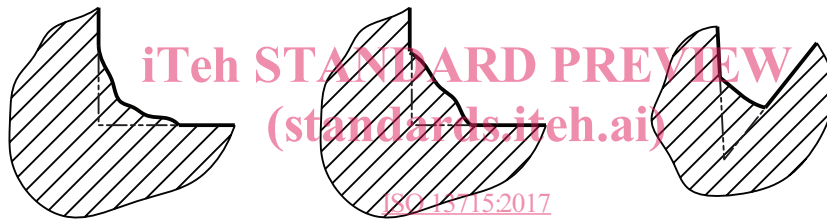


Figure 8 — Examples of passing on an internal edge

4 Indications on drawings

4.1 Basic indication

The requirements for an edge of a part shall be indicated by the basic graphical indication shown in [Figure 9](#). If all edges of a part are to be specified as undefined, the basic general indication is used (see [Figure 10](#)).

The graphical symbol and the specification shall be represented in such a way that they can be read from the bottom of the drawing.

The proportions of this symbol are given in [Annex A](#). Additional indications can be placed in the areas a₁, a₂ or a₃, see [Figure A.1](#).

Undefined edges cannot be described by the basic element alone. As a minimum indication, the type of undefined edge shall be specified.

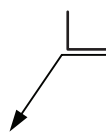


Figure 9 — Basic indication

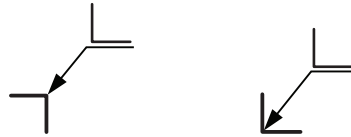


Figure 10 — Basic general indication

4.2 Types of undefined edge

The type of an undefined edge shall be indicated in the area a_1 (see Figure A.1), inside the basic symbol. The symbol element + (plus), - (minus) or \pm (plus or minus) is used in accordance with Table 1.

The symbol element + (plus) indicates permitted excess material, i.e. passing.

The symbol element - (minus) indicates required material removal, i.e. undercut.

The symbol element \pm (plus or minus) indicates permitted excess material or material removed, i.e. an undercut or a passing. This can only be used with an indication of size (see 4.3).

The deviation from ideal nominal shape can be controlled by indicating the size of passing and undercut (see 4.3) and the direction (see 4.4).

Table 1 — Symbols for the shapes of edges

Symbol	Meaning			
	External edge		Internal edge	
	Passing	Undercut	Passing	Undercut
 Can only be used with an indication of size.	Permitted	Not permitted	Permitted	Not permitted
	Not permitted	Required	Not permitted	Required
	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted

4.3 Size

The maximum deviation of the undercut or passing shall be controlled by indication of the dimensions (size). The value is placed after the symbol element +, - or \pm in the area a_1 (see Figure A.1).

When a single limit for the size of an edge is specified with a positive value, the second limit deviation is the value zero; undercut is not permitted (see Figures 11 and 12).

When a single limit for the size of an edge is specified with a negative value, the second limit deviation is the value zero; passing is not permitted (see Figures 11 and 12).

Whenever the specification of an upper and lower limit deviation for the size of an edge is necessary, both values shall be indicated. The upper limit deviation is placed above the lower limit deviation (see Figure 13). The indicated limit deviations correspond to the maximum and minimum dimensions, respectively.

When a particular direction of passing or undercut is required, the indication shall be positioned accordingly (see 4.4).

NOTE The thickness of passing on external edges and the thickness of undercuts on internal edges cannot be specified according to this document.

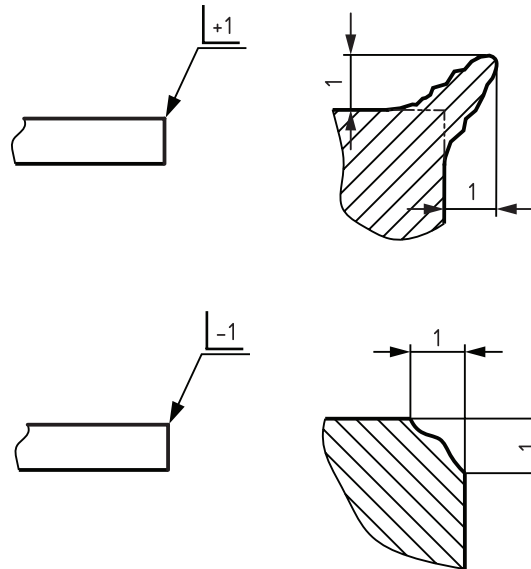


Figure 11 — Size of an external edges
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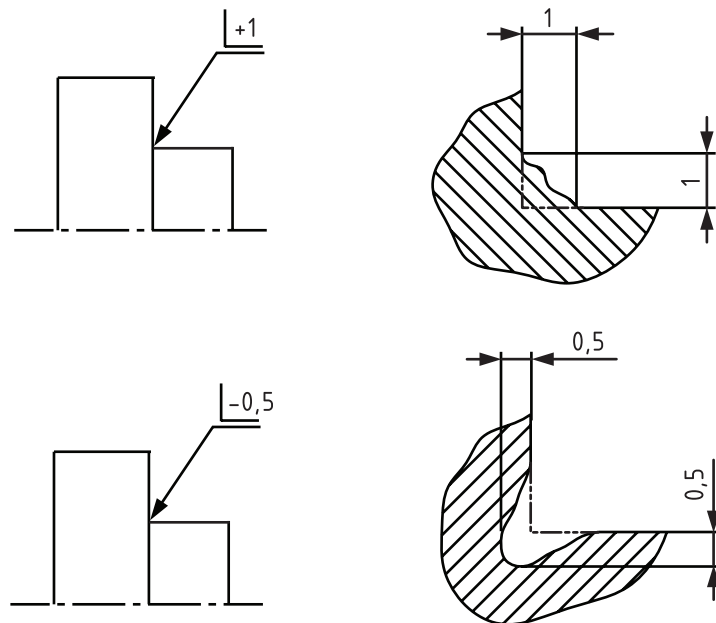


Figure 12 — Size of internal edges