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**Rubber — Tolerances for products —  
Part 1:  
Dimensional tolerances**

*Caoutchouc — Tolérances pour produits —  
Partie 1: Tolérances dimensionnelles*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3302-1:1996), which has been technically revised to incorporate the Amendment ISO 3302-2:1996/Amd.1:2001.

ISO 3302 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber — Tolerances for products*:

- *Part 1: Dimensional tolerances*
- *Part 2: Geometrical tolerances*

## Introduction

Rubber products are subject to changes in their dimensions after processing and vulcanization. This can be due to a variety of factors, such as mould shrinkage or relaxation of die swell.

These changes should be determined and allowed for when designing such items as moulds and dies used in the manufacture of a given product.

The closer tolerance classes outlined in this specification are not to be demanded unless required by the final application and are to be restricted to those dimensions deemed to be critical. The greater the degree of accuracy demanded, the closer the control to be exercised during manufacture, and hence the higher the costs.

When particular physical properties are required in the product, it might not always be possible to provide them in a mix which is capable of fabrication to close tolerances. It is advisable, in these circumstances, that consultation should take place between the interested parties. In general, softer vulcanizates (i.e. those of hardness below 50 IRHD - see ISO 48) need greater tolerances than harder ones.

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