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methodologies for internationally  
compatible anthropometric  
databases —**

Part 2:

**Evaluation protocol of surface  
shape and repeatability of relative  
landmark positions**

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 159, *Ergonomics*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Anthropometry and biomechanics*.

ISO 20685 consists of the following parts, under the general title *3-D scanning methodologies for internationally compatible anthropometric databases*:

— *Part 2: Evaluation protocol of surface shape and repeatability of relative landmark positions*

A revision of ISO 20685:2010 is under preparation; when revised, it will become

— *Part 1: Evaluation protocol for body dimensions extracted from 3-D body scans*

## Introduction

Anthropometric measures are key to many International Standards. These measures can be gathered using a variety of instruments. An instrument with relatively new application to anthropometry is a three-dimensional (3-D) scanner. 3-D scanners generate a 3-D point cloud of the outside of the human body that can be used in a number of situations including clothing and automotive design, engineering and medical applications. Recently, digital human models are created from a 3-D point cloud, and used for various applications related to technological design process. Quality control of scan-extracted anthropometric data is important since required quality can differ according to applications.

There are a number of different fundamental technologies that underlie commercially available systems. These include stereophotogrammetry, ultrasound and light (laser light, white light and infrared), among others. Further, the software that is available to process data from the scan varies in its methods. Additionally, methods to extract landmark positions are different between commercially available systems. In some systems, anthropometrists decide landmark locations and paste marker stickers, and scanner system calculate locations of marker stickers and identify their names, while in other systems, landmark positions are automatically calculated from the surface shape data. Quality of landmark locations have significant effects on the quality of scan-extracted 1-D measurements as well as digital human models created based on these landmarks.

As a result of differences in fundamental technology, hardware and software, the quality of body surface shape and landmark locations from several different systems can be different for the same individual. Since 3-D scanning can be used to gather these data, it was important to develop an International Standard that allows users of such systems as well as users of scan-extracted measurements to judge whether the 3-D system is adequate for these needs.

The intent of this part of ISO 20685 is to ensure the quality control process of body scanners, especially that of surface shape and locations of landmarks as specified by ISO 7250-1.

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# Ergonomics — 3-D scanning methodologies for internationally compatible anthropometric databases —

## Part 2:

# Evaluation protocol of surface shape and repeatability of relative landmark positions

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 20685 addresses protocols for testing of 3-D surface-scanning systems in the acquisition of human body shape data and measurements. It does not apply to instruments that measure the motion of individual landmarks.

While mainly concerned with whole-body scanners, it is also applicable to body-segment scanners (head scanners, hand scanners, foot scanners). This International Standard applies to body scanners that measure the human body in a single view. When a hand-held scanner is evaluated, it has to be noted that the human operator can contribute to the overall error. When systems are evaluated in which the subject is rotated, movement artefacts can be introduced; these can also contribute to the overall error. This part of ISO 20685 applies to the landmark positions determined by an anthropometrist. It does not apply to landmark positions automatically calculated by software from the point cloud.

The quality of surface shape of the human body and landmark positions is influenced by performance of scanner systems and humans including measurers and subjects. This part of ISO 20685 addresses the performance of scanner systems by using artefacts rather than human subjects as test objects.

Traditional instruments are required to be accurate to millimetre. Their accuracy can be verified by comparing the instrument with a scale calibrated according to an international standard of length. To verify or specify the accuracy of body scanners, a calibrated test object with known form and size is used.

The intended audience is those who use 3-D body scanners to create 3-D anthropometric databases including 3-D landmark locations, the users of these data, and scanner designers and manufacturers. This part of ISO 20685 intends to provide the basis for the agreement on the performance of body scanners between scanner users and scanner providers as well as between 3-D anthropometric database providers and data users.

## 2 Normative references

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 7250-1, *Basic human body measurements for technological design — Part 1: Body measurement definitions and landmarks*

ISO 10360-8, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Acceptance and reverification tests for coordinate measuring systems (CMS) — Part 8: CMMs with optical distance sensors*

ISO 20685, *3-D scanning methodologies for internationally compatible anthropometric databases*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1 error of spherical form measurement**

error within the range of the Gaussian radial distance, determined by a least-squares fit of measured data points on a test sphere

Note 1 to entry: Error of spherical form measurement is associated with the performance of the body scanner and the sphericity of the test sphere.

**3.2 spherical form dispersion value**

smallest width of a spherical shell that includes  $n$  % of all the measured data points

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#), right.

Note 2 to entry:  $n$  should be 90 %.

**3.3 standard deviation of radial distances**

standard deviation of radial distances from measured data points and best-fit sphere

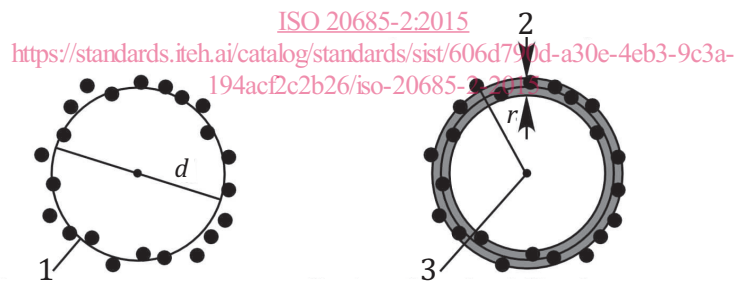
Note 1 to entry: Standard deviation of radial distances is an indicator of error of spherical form measurement and is highly correlated with error of spherical form measurement (90 %).

**3.4 error of diameter measurement**

error of the diameter of a least-squares fit of measured data points on a test sphere

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#), left.

Note 2 to entry: It is calculated as the measured diameter minus the calibrated diameter.



**Key**

- 1 best-fit sphere
- 2 spherical form dispersion value ( $n$ )
- 3 centre of the best-fit sphere
- $d$  diameter of the best-fit sphere
- $r$  radial distance of a measured data point from the centre of the best-fit sphere

NOTE Spherical form dispersion value ( $n$ ), in which  $n$  % of the measured data points are located, is shown as the radial thickness of the shaded area of the right figure. Spherical form dispersion value ( $n$ ) is calculated as the 100 -  $n/2$  percentile value minus  $n/2$  percentile value of the radial distances of the measured data points from the centre of the best-fit sphere.

**Figure 1 — Error of diameter measurement and spherical form dispersion value**



## 4 Test protocol for evaluating surface shape measurement

### 4.1 General aspects

The environmental conditions shall correspond to the operating conditions of the 3-D body scanner. When operation mode needs to be modified to measure the test object, it shall be specified in the report.

### 4.2 Test sphere

Sphere made of steel, ceramic, or other suitable materials with diffusely reflecting surface are used to determine the quality parameter spherical form dispersion value and error of diameter measurement. It is desirable that the diameter of the sphere should be larger than 10 % of the largest dimension of a rectangular parallelepiped scanning volume.

The diameter and form of the test sphere shall be calibrated, and a calibration certificate shall be available. Since the form deviation and the roughness of the test sphere influence the test results, error of spherical form measurement in the certificate shall be smaller than one fifth of the maximum permissible error determined by the body scanner manufacturer.

The surface properties of the test sphere may significantly affect the test results. The material of test sphere shall be reported.

The reference sphere supplied with the body scanner for the calibration purposes shall not be used for this test.

Example of sphere is shown in [Annex A](#).

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### 4.3 Procedure

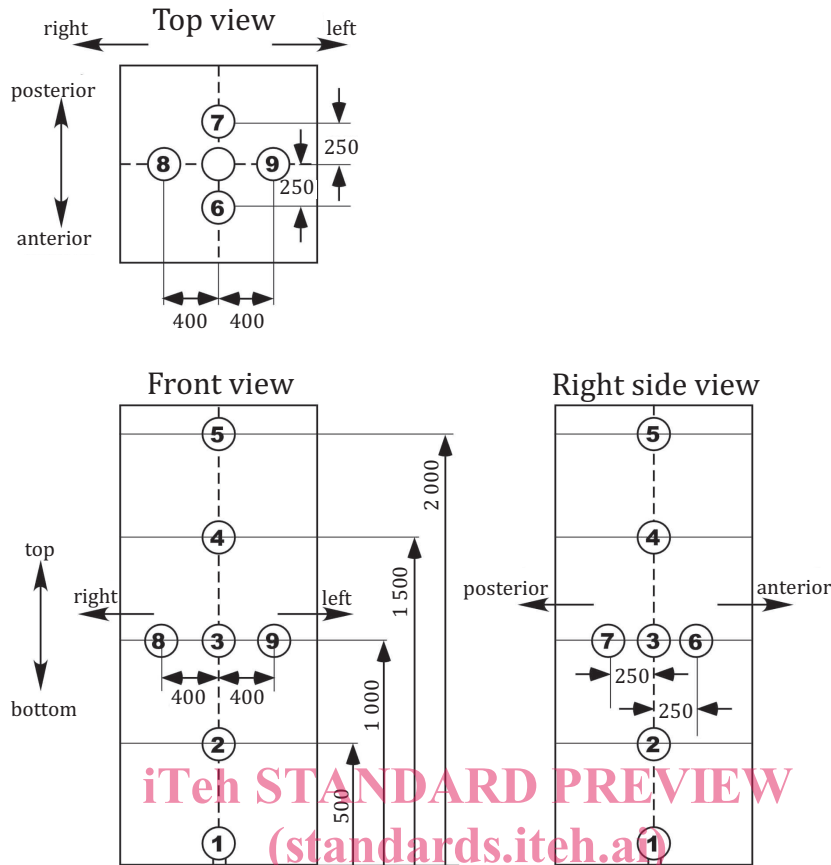
#### 4.3.1 Measurement of test sphere

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The sphere shall be measured at least nine different positions within the scanning volume. Measurement positions shall include the following nine positions ([Figure 2](#)): position 1 is the centre of the scanning volume on the floor; position 2 to position 5 are 500 mm, 1 000 mm, 1 500 mm, and 2 000 mm off the floor, above position 1; position 6 and position 7 are 250 mm anterior to or posterior to the centre position and 1 000 mm off the floor; position 8 and position 9 are 400 mm right or left to the centre position and 1 000 mm off the floor.

When the sphere cannot be measured at positions described above due to a smaller scanning volume, measure the sphere at a position closest to the intended position, and record the exact position.



**Figure 2 — Measurement positions of the sphere**  
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**4.3.2 Calculation of quality parameters**

Data points from objects other than the test sphere, such as a tripod, shall be deleted manually. Outlying data points due to reflection can be also removed.

Centre of a best-fit sphere is calculated from the measured data points. Calculate radial distances from the centre of the best-fit sphere to all data points. The diameter of the best-fit sphere is calculated as the mean of all radial distances.

Error of diameter measurement is calculated as the diameter of the best-fit sphere minus the calibrated diameter.

Spherical form dispersion value (90 %) is calculated as 95 percentile value minus 5 percentile value of the radial distances.

Standard deviation of all radial distances shall be calculated.

**4.3.3 Report**

Material and calibration results of test sphere (diameter and probing dispersion value) shall be reported.

For each position, actual measurement position, error of diameter measurement, spherical form dispersion value (90 %), and standard deviation of radial distances from measured data points and the best-fit sphere shall be reported. Figures of measured data points of test sphere help interpreting results.

Example of test procedure and report are shown in [Annex B](#).

## 5 Test protocol for evaluating repeatability of landmark positions

### 5.1 General aspects

The environmental conditions shall correspond to the operating conditions of the 3-D body scanner. When operation mode needs to be modified to measure the test object, it shall be specified in the report.

### 5.2 Test object

An anthropomorphic dummy representing the size and shape of a natural human, rather than an idealized human, shall be used. It is desirable that the dummy has no movable parts, and the posture recommended in ISO 20685 for circumferences. It is further desirable that it be made of FRP (fibre reinforced plastics), metal or other suitable materials with a diffuse reflecting surface. The landmarks to be evaluated should be premarked on the dummy.

An example of dummy is shown in [Annex A](#).

### 5.3 Landmarks

Landmarks to be evaluated are listed in [Table 1](#). Among the 47 landmarks, #1 to #29 are defined in ISO 20685, and shall be evaluated. Landmarks #30 to #47 are optional. When landmarks other than those listed in [Table 1](#) need to be evaluated, these landmarks are numbered from #48.

Before measurement, marker stickers are pasted on landmark positions to be evaluated. Marker stickers should be chosen to be appropriate for the scanner being tested.

**Table 1 — Landmarks to be evaluated**

#	Landmark	Clause # in ISO 20685
1	Vertex (top of head)	3.30
2	Tragion, right	3.31
3	Tragion, left	3.31
4	Infraorbitale, right	3.15
5	Infraorbitale, left	3.15
6	Glabella	3.13
7	Sellion	3.24
8	Menton	3.18
9	Opisthocranium	3.20
10	Cervicale	3.10
11	Acromion, right	3.6
12	Acromion, left	3.6
13	Mesosternale	3.19
14	Thelion, right	3.27
15	Thelion, left	3.27
16	Iliocristale, right	3.14
17	Iliocristale, left	3.14
18	Anterior superior iliac spine, right	3.8
19	Anterior superior iliac spine, left	3.8
20	Stylian, right	3.25
21	Stylian, left	3.25