
**Dentistry — Shanks for rotary and
oscillating instruments**

*Médecine bucco-dentaire — Queues pour instruments rotatifs et
oscillants*

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces ISO 1797-1, ISO 1797-2, and ISO 1797-3, which have been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) combination of three material parts into one International Standard;
- b) reprocessing requirements for plastic shanks have been added;
- c) AQL-values have been deleted;
- d) quality control concept was moved to [Annex A](#).

Dentistry — Shanks for rotary and oscillating instruments

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for dimensions and material properties of shanks used in dentistry for rotary or oscillating instruments. It describes the measurement methods for the verification of the requirements.

This document is not applicable to tips fixed to the handpiece with a screw, e.g. scaler tips.

Information about the location of marking is also given. [Annex A](#) on quality control is included in order to ensure a high quality level.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 3274, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Nominal characteristics of contact (stylus) instruments*

ISO 4288, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*

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

ISO 8325, *Dentistry — Test methods for rotary instruments*

ISO 14457, *Dentistry — Handpieces and motors*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942, ISO 14457 and the following 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>

**3.1.1
handpiece**

powered handheld device used to operate a rotary or *oscillating instrument* (3.1.3)

Note 1 to entry: This definition includes reciprocating instruments.

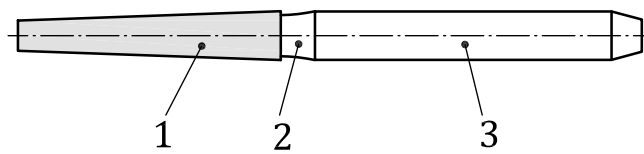
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**3.1.2
instrument**

tool used for rotary or oscillating movements, consisting of working part, neck (if applicable) and *shank* (3.1.5), which is constructed to fit into a *handpiece* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: This includes continuous rotation or *oscillating instruments* (3.1.3).

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).



- Key**
- 1 working part
 - 2 neck
 - 3 shank

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Figure 1 — Designation of instrument parts

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**3.1.3
oscillating instrument**

instrument (3.1.2) used with an alternate (cyclic) movement, including vibrating, consisting of a *shank* (3.1.5) and a working part used in a *handpiece* (3.1.1) for dental procedures

Note 1 to entry: All movements can be combined with axial movements.

**3.1.4
rotary instrument**

instrument (3.1.2) used with a continuous rotation in a *handpiece* (3.1.1) consisting of a *shank* (3.1.5) and a working part used for dental procedures

**3.1.5
shank**

part of the shaft of a rotary or *oscillating instrument* (3.1.3) used in dentistry which is designed to fit into the chuck of a *handpiece* (3.1.1) or a handpiece for laboratory use

**3.1.6
fitting length**

length of the *shank* (3.1.5) that is contained within the chuck of a *handpiece* (3.1.1) or a handpiece for laboratory use

3.2 Symbols

- d_1 shank diameter
- d_2 diameter in the groove
- d_3 second distance for plastic shanks

l_1	fitting length
l_2	shoulder to end length
l_3	shoulder to groove length
l_4	width of groove
l_5	length of conical or rounded end
R_a	surface roughness
s	maximum distance from the circumference to the flat area
δ	shank cylindricity

4 Classification

Shanks for rotary or oscillating instruments are classified into the following types, according to their diameters and designs:

- Type 1: RA (right angle), CA (contra angle): diameter 2,35 mm, with groove and flat area (see [Figure 2](#));
- Type 2: HP (handpiece): diameter 2,35 mm, cylindrical (see [Figure 3](#));
- Type 3: FG (friction grip): diameter 1,6 mm, cylindrical with conical or rounded end (see [Figure 4](#));
- Type 4: HP (handpiece): diameter 3 mm cylindrical (see [Figure 3](#)).

NOTE All movements can be combined with axial movements.

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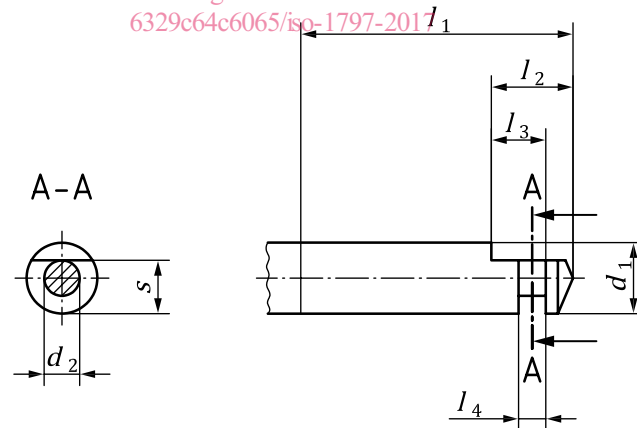


Figure 2 — Type 1 shank

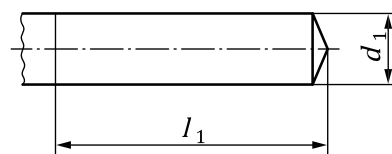


Figure 3 — Type 2 and Type 4 shank

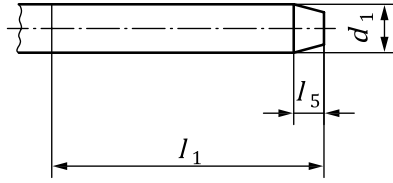


Figure 4 — Type 3 shank

5 Requirements

5.1 Dimensions

5.1.1 Dimensions of shanks made of metal, tungsten carbide or ceramic material

The dimensions and tolerances for shanks made of metal, tungsten carbide or ceramic material shall be as shown in Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7 and Figure 8 and as given in Table 1.

Dimensions are given in millimetres and surface roughness in micrometres.

The end of the shank for Type 1, Type 2 and Type 4 shall be flat, conical or rounded. The end of the shank for Type 3 shall be conical or rounded.

Test in accordance with 7.1 to 7.4.

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Table 1 — Fitting length of shank

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Dimensions in millimetres

Shank	Diameter	Fitting length, l_1		
		Miniature, short	Standard, long	Extra long
Type 1 ^a	2,35	9	11	12
Type 2	2,35	15	30	30
Type 3	1,6	9	11	12
Type 4	3	—	30	30

^a The start of any enlargement on a Type 1 shank (e.g. by marking or the working head) shall be outside the fitting length.

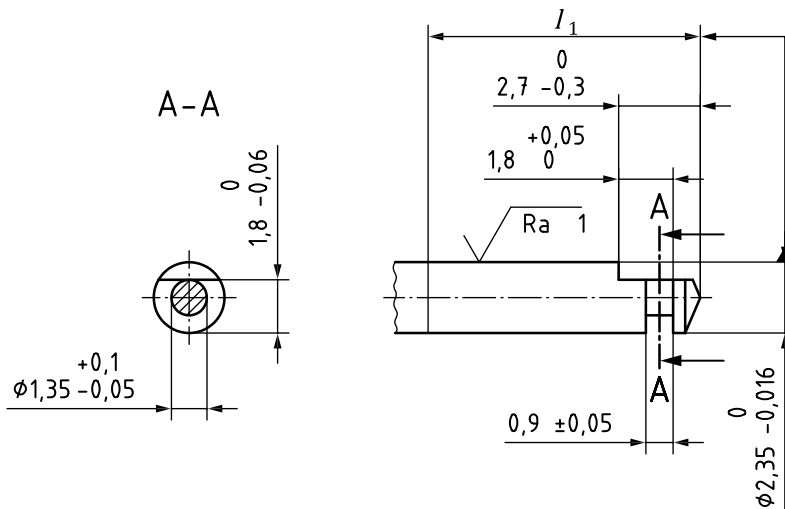


Figure 5 — Dimensions, tolerances and surface roughness for Type 1 shank

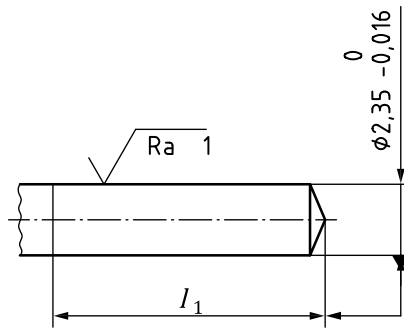


Figure 6 — Dimensions, tolerances and surface roughness for Type 2 shank

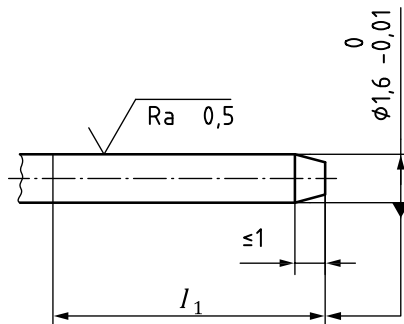


Figure 7 — Dimensions, tolerances and surface roughness for Type 3 shank

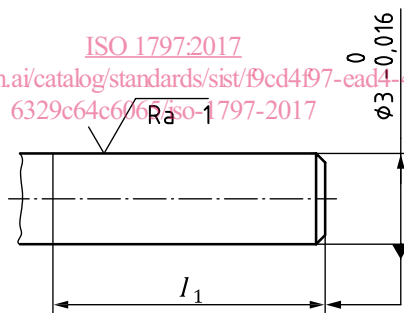


Figure 8 — Dimensions, tolerances and surface roughness for Type 4 shank

5.1.2 Dimensions of Type 1 plastic shanks

5.1.2.1 General

The dimensions and tolerances for Type 1 plastic shanks shall be as shown in [Figure 9](#) and [Figure 10](#).

Dimensions are given in millimetres and surface roughness in micrometres.

The fitting lengths shall be in accordance with [Table 1](#).

The end of the shank for Type 1 shall be flat, conical or rounded.

Test in accordance with [7.1](#) to [7.4](#), if applicable.