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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6413:1988), which has been technically revised. The following changes have been made:

- title changed from *Technical drawings — Representation of splines and serrations* to *Technical product documentation — Representation of splines and serrations*;
- Introduction added;
- normative references reviewed;
- figures improved and titles added.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

The representations of splines in technical product documentation are different from those used in mechanical drawings. In mechanical drawings, the drawings of spline teeth are complicated.

This document improves the efficiency of drawing.

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# Technical product documentation — Representation of splines and serrations

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the rules and graphical symbols for the representations of splines and serrations in technical product documentation.

Two methods of representation are specified:

- a) complete representation;
- b) simplified representation.

The rules and graphical symbols specified in this document are applicable to detail drawings of parts (shafts and hubs) and to assembly drawings of joints.

NOTE For uniformity, all the figures in this document have been drawn in the first-angle orthographic projection. A third-angle orthographic projection could equally have been used without prejudice to principles established.

## 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 128-24:2014, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 24: Lines on mechanical engineering drawings*

ISO 3098-2, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 2: Latin alphabet, numerals and marks*

## 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:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 spline joint

connecting, coaxial elements that transmit torque through the simultaneous engagement of equally spaced teeth situated around the periphery of a cylindrical external member with similar spaced mating spaces situated around the inner surface of the related cylindrical internal member

[SOURCE: ISO 4156-1:2005, 3.1]

### 3.2 involute spline

member of a spline joint having teeth or spaces that have involute flank profiles

[SOURCE: ISO 4156-1:2005, 3.2]

**3.3 straight-sided spline**

member of a spline joint with teeth or spaces that have straight-sided flank profiles

**3.4 serration**

member of a spline joint with teeth or spaces

Note 1 to entry: Serrations generally have flank profiles of 60° pressure angle.

**4 Designation**

**4.1 Graphical symbols**

The type of spline joint is indicated by graphical symbols: for the straight-sided spline as shown in [Figure 1](#) and for the involute spline and serrations as shown in [Figure 2](#).



**Figure 1 — Straight-sided spline**



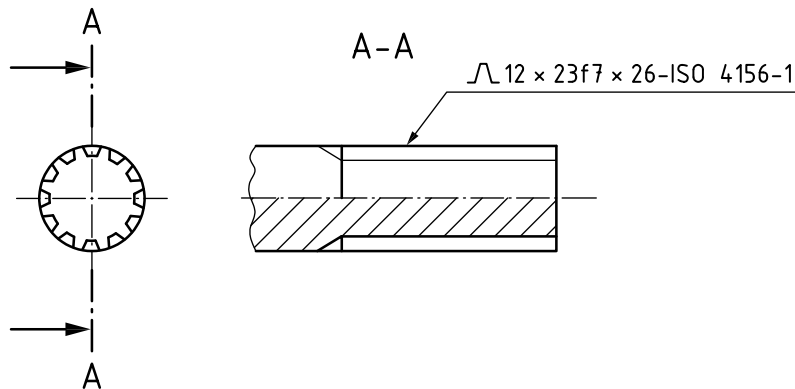
**Figure 2 — Involute spline and serrations**  
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Apply the rules for the proportions and dimensions of graphical symbols as specified in [Annex A](#).  
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**4.2 Method for indication designation**

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The designation should be indicated near the feature. Always connect it to the contour of the spline joint by a leader line (see [Figure 3](#)).



**Figure 3 — Examples of indication**

Where a spline joint is not in accordance with this document as mentioned above, or where the requirement is modified, the necessary data shall be tabulated on the drawing or any other associated document and shall be cross-referenced by a leader line and graphical symbol to the applicable contour.

**5 Complete representation of spline joints**

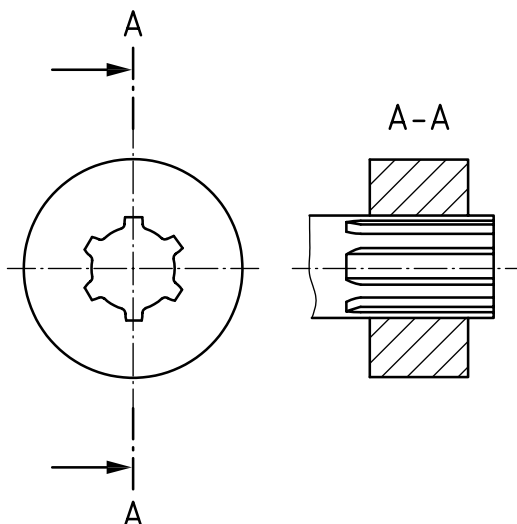
A complete representation of spline joints showing all details with their true dimensions is generally not necessary in technical product documentation and should be avoided.



When such a representation has to be made, the drawing rules laid down in ISO 128-24 shall be applied.

If necessary, a designation of the spline joint in accordance with [Clause 4](#) may be added.

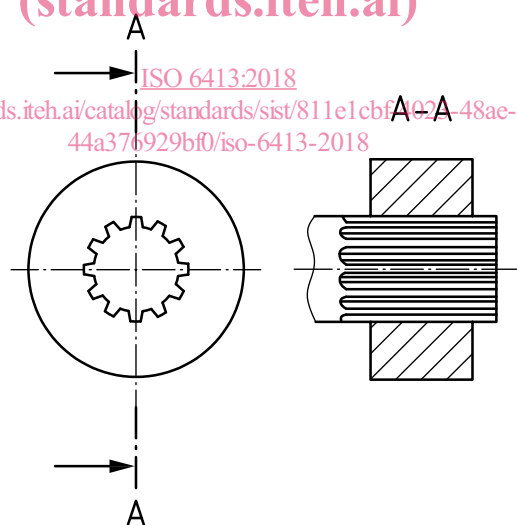
[Figure 4](#) shows an example of a complete representation of a straight-sided spline joint.



**Figure 4 — Example of a complete representation of a straight-sided spline joint**

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[Figure 5](#) shows an example of a complete representation of an involute spline joint.



**Figure 5 — Example of a complete representation of an involute spline joint**

[Figure 6](#) shows an example of a complete representation of a serration.