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## Introduction

Many organizations will need to evaluate the capability and performance of their key processes when the specifications are defined by requirements other than linear size. The methods described in this ~~part of~~ [ISO 22514 document](#) are intended to assist the organization in this respect.

During the last couple of years, it has more common in the design and development departments in companies to not only use linear tolerances alone, but also including modifiers as well as geometrical tolerances with or without use of the maximum material requirements.

This situation has been supported by new measurement methods used in production, where it is common to use measurement equipment, where the results are given in form of point clouds instead of one single value.

It is a challenge in such cases to calculate capability and performance, but organizations and customers still require the capability indices in acceptance of produced or delivered batches of parts.

This ~~part of~~ [ISO 22514 document](#) describes how to calculate capability or performance where functional requirements on parts are given.

As an example, the “maximum material requirement”, MMR, covers “assemble ability” and the “least material requirement”, LMR, covers, for example, “minimum wall thickness” of a part. Each requirement (MMR and LMR) combines two independent requirements into one collective requirement, which simulates the intended function of the workpiece. In some cases of both MMR and LMR, the “reciprocity requirement”, RPR, can be added.

[In Annex D, a case study of process analysis, where the characteristic to be improved is perpendicularity, is introduced.](#)

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size characteristic having by definition a non-unique result of evaluation along and/or around the feature of size

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Note 1 to entry: For a given feature, an infinity of local sizes exists.

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**3.1.3 two-point size**

<local size> distance between two opposite points on an extracted integral linear feature of size

Note 1 to entry:—A two-point size taken on a cylinder can be called a "two-point diameter". In ISO 17450-3, this is defined as a local diameter of an extracted cylinder.

Note 2 to entry:—A two-point size taken on two opposite planes can be called "two-point distance". In ISO 17450-3, this is defined as a local size of two parallel extracted surfaces.

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**3.1.4 envelope requirement**

combination of the two-point size applied for the least material limit of the size and either the minimum circumscribed size or the maximum inscribed size for the maximum material limit of the size

Note 1 to entry:—The "envelope requirement" was previously referred to as the "Taylor principle".

Note 2 to entry:—According to ISO 8015:2011, the surface of a single feature of size (e.g., cylindrical surface or a feature based on two parallel plane surfaces) may not/cannot violate the envelope of a geometrical ideal form at a maximum material limit of size

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**3.1.5 maximum material virtual size MMVS**

size generated by the collective effect of the maximum material size, MMS, of a feature of size and the geometrical tolerance (form, orientation or location) given for the derived feature of the same feature of size

Note 1 to entry:—Maximum material virtual size, MMVS, is a parameter for size used as a numerical value connected to maximum material virtual condition, MMVC.

Note 2 to entry:—For external features, MMVS is the sum of MMS and the geometrical tolerance, whereas for internal features, it is the difference between MMS and the geometrical tolerance.

Note 3 to entry:—The MMVS for external features of size,  $l_{MMVS,e}$ , is given by ~~Formula~~the following formula:

$$l_{MMVS,e} = l_{MMS} + \delta$$

and the MMVS for internal features of size,  $l_{MMVS,i}$ , is given by ~~Formula~~the following one:

$$l_{MMVS,i} = l_{MMS} - \delta$$

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where

$l_{MMS}$  is the maximum material size;  
 $\delta$  is the geometrical tolerance.

**3.1.6  
 least material virtual size  
 LMVS**

size generated by the collective effect of the least material size, LMS, of a feature of size and the geometrical tolerance (form, orientation or location) given for the derived feature of the same feature of size

Note 1 to entry:—Least material virtual size, LMVS, is a parameter for size used as a numerical value connected to least material virtual condition, LMVC.

Note 2 to entry:—For external features, LMVS is the difference between LMS and the geometrical tolerance, whereas for internal features, it is the sum of LMS and the geometrical tolerance.

Note 3 to entry:—The LMVS for external features of size,  $l_{LMVS,e}$ , is given by Formula the following formula:

$$l_{LMVS,e} = l_{LMS} - \delta$$

and the LMVS for internal features of size,  $l_{LMVS,i}$ , is given by Formula the following one:

$$l_{LMVS,i} = l_{LMS} + \delta$$

where

$l_{LMS}$  is the least material size;  
 $\delta$  is the geometrical tolerance.

**3.1.7  
 maximum material requirement  
 MMR**

requirement for a feature of size, defining a geometrical feature of the same type and of perfect form, with a given value for the intrinsic characteristic (dimension) equal to the maximum material virtual size, which limits the non-ideal feature on the outside of the material

Note 1 to entry:—Maximum material requirement, MMR, is used to control the assembly ability of a workpiece.

[SOURCE: ISO 2692:2014/2021, 3.12]

**3.1.8  
 least material requirement  
 LMR**

requirement for a feature of size, defining a geometrical feature of the same type and of perfect form, with a given value for the intrinsic characteristic (dimension) equal to LMVS, which limits the non-ideal feature on the inside of the material

Note 1 to entry:—Least material requirements, LMR, are used in pairs, e.g., to control the minimum wall thickness between two symmetrical or coaxially located similar features of size.

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 reciprocity requirement  
 RPR**

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additional requirement for a feature of size used as an addition to the maximum material requirement, MMR, or the least material requirement, LMR to indicate that the size tolerance is increased by the difference between the geometrical tolerance and the actual geometrical deviation

[SOURCE: ISO 2692:2014/2021, 3.14]

### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
LMC	least material conditions
LMS	least material size
LMR	least material requirement
LMVC	least material virtual condition
LMVS	least material virtual size
MMC	maximum material condition
MMR	maximum material requirement
MMS	maximum material size
MMVS	maximum material virtual size
PCI	process capability indices
RPR	reciprocity requirement

### 3.3 Symbols

In addition to the symbols listed below, some symbols are defined where they are used within the text.

$C_p$	process capability index
$C_{pk}$	minimum process capability index
$C_{pkL}$	lower process capability index
$C_{pkU}$	upper process capability index
$D$	Diameter
$\Delta$	geometrical tolerance
$\delta_A$	measured geometrical tolerance
$l_{LMS}$	least material size
$l_{LMVS,e}$	LMVS for external features of size
$l_{LMVS,i}$	LMVS for internal features of size
$l_{MMS}$	maximum material size
$l_{MMVS}$	maximum material virtual size
$l_{MMVS,e}$	MMVS for external features of size
$l_{MMVS,i}$	MMVS for internal features of size
$L_{SL}$	lower specification limit
$N$	total sample size

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$n$	subgroup sample size
$\mu$	location of the process; population mean value
$P_p$ $P_{po}$	process performance index
$P_{pk}$ $P_{pok}$	minimum process performance index
$P_{pkL}$	lower process performance index
$P_{pkU}$	upper process performance index
$\theta$	parameter required for the Rayleigh distribution
$s$	standard deviation, sample statistic
$\bar{s}$	average sample standard deviation
$\sigma$	standard deviation, population
$U_{SL}$	upper specification limit
$\bar{x}$	arithmetic mean value, sample
$X_{99,865\%}$	upper 99,865 % quantile
$X_{0,135\%}$	lower 0,135 % quantile

## 4 Statistical measures used in the calculation of process capability or performance

### 4.1 General

The statistical analysis described in this ~~part of the ISO 22514 series of standards document~~ is designed to determine capability or performance indices when the characteristic of interest is a feature of linear size, and this size has a geometrical modifier added to the specification or a geometrical tolerance with or without maximum material condition.

### 4.2 Independency principle

#### 4.2.1 General

A GPS specification for a feature or relation between features ~~may can~~ be fulfilled independent of other specifications except when it is stated by special indication e.g., ~~“<img alt="ISO 22514-9-ed1figText\_01.EPS" data-bbox="380 615 480 630"/> modifiers according to ISO 2692, CZ according to ISO 1101 or “<img alt="ISO 22514-9-ed1figText\_02.EPS" data-bbox="380 635 480 650"/> modifiers according to ISO 14405-1:2016 as part of the specification. Each requirement – (“<img alt="ISO 22514-9-ed1figText\_02.EPS" data-bbox="380 655 480 670"/> modifiers according to ISO 2692, CZ according to ISO 1101 or “<img alt="ISO 22514-9-ed1figText\_02.EPS" data-bbox="380 675 480 690"/> modifiers according to ISO 14405-1 as part of the specification. Each requirement (“<img alt="ISO 22514-9-ed1figText\_02.EPS" data-bbox="380 695 480 710"/> MMR and LMR) combines two independent requirements into one collective requirement, which more accurately simulates the intended function of the workpiece. In some cases of both MMR and LMR, the “reciprocity requirement”, RPR, can be added.~~

If those special indications are used as requirements, they need to be considered as a collective requirement and the capability indices can be calculated as one common value.

#### 4.2.2 Maximum Material ISO versus ASME

In this standard the ISO definitions as defined in ~~ISO 8015:2011~~ are used. Geometrical product specifications in ASME are defined in Y 14.5 ~~that often differs from the definitions in ISO. Tolerancing in~~

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