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0 Introduction

Ribbons of many different widths are available for use on office machines and on printing machines used for information processing. This variety forces up costs, creates stock difficulties, and may cause confusion.

To reduce the number of widths, this International Standard has selected nine of them which cover the majority of requirements.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies the principal widths to be retained for fabric printing ribbons of 19 mm (0.75 in) width and less, on spools, intended for office machines and printing machines used for information processing.

In case of two-coloured fabric printing ribbons, this International Standard also specifies the widths of the colour bands.

Ribbons of more than 19 mm width are the subject of International Standard ISO 3866.

2 Methods of measuring widths

Widths shall be measured on the ribbon when it is ready for use, kept flat, and not stretched, on a flat support.

Measurements shall be carried out with the aid of any appropriate instrument, at a minimum of five points distributed at random over the whole length.

For ribbons longer than 10 m (395 in) carry out measurements every 2 m (79 in).

The arithmetical mean of the measurements shall be taken as the final result.

3 Widths

3.1 Widths of printing ribbons

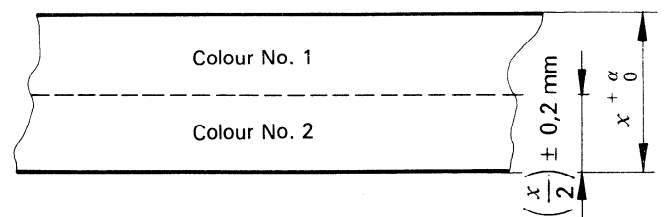
For current requirements, it is recommended that printing ribbons of the following widths only be used :

mm	in
4,8 ^{+ 0,3} ₀	0.19 ^{+ 0.012} ₀
6,3 ^{+ 0,3} ₀	0.25 ^{+ 0.012} ₀
8,0 ^{+ 0,3}₀	0.31 ^{+ 0.012}₀
11,0 ^{+ 0,4} ₀	0.43 ^{+ 0.016} ₀
12,7 ^{+ 0,5}₀	0.50 ^{+ 0.020}₀
13,0 ^{+ 0,5}₀	0.51 ^{+ 0.020}₀
14,3 ^{+ 0,5}₀	0.56 ^{+ 0.020}₀
16,0 ^{+ 0,5} ₀	0.63 ^{+ 0.020} ₀
19,0 ^{+ 0,5} ₀	0.75 ^{+ 0.020} ₀

NOTE — The widths indicated in bold type are specially recommended.

3.2 Width of colour bands

The width of the colour bands of a specified two-coloured printing ribbon shall be as shown in the figure.



x : nominal ribbon width

α : ribbon width tolerance (in accordance with 3.1)

Figure — Widths of colour bands

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