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**Touring ski-boots for adults —  
Interface with touring ski-bindings —  
Requirements and test methods**

*Chaussures de ski de randonnée pour adultes — Zone de contact avec  
les fixations de skis de randonnée — Exigences et méthodes d'essai*

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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 9523:2015), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- specifications for boot toe and heel area were modified in a way that allow inserts as used for specific touring bindings (4.3.3, 4.3.4);
- boot sole material was specified in hardness and friction parameters (4.3.6) and the test method was defined (4.3.6.1);
- new clause 6 added "Information supplied by the manufacturer";
- added tolerance for solelength marking (4.3.12).

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# Touring ski-boots for adults — Interface with touring ski-bindings — Requirements and test methods

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the dimensions and characteristics of the interface, requirements, test methods, and marking of ski-boots with a rigid sole (see 3.5) which are used with current systems of touring ski-bindings with attachment at the boot toe and boot heel, the proper release function of which depends on the dimensions and design of the interfaces.

For ski-binding systems that function irrespective of the sole shape or that have different requirements for the sole dimensions, it is not always necessary for the ski-boot soles to comply with this document in order to achieve the desired degree of safety.

This document is applicable to ski-boots of sizes 15,0 and larger in the Mondopoint system (see Annex A).

It is applicable to rigid touring boots. Boots with softer shells like Telemark boots are excluded as they do not have the necessary shell stability to act as part of the release systems.

## 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 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)*

ISO 1183-(all parts), *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics*

ISO 2039-1, *Plastics — Determination of hardness — Part 1: Ball indentation method*

ISO 5355, *Alpine ski-boots — Requirements and test methods*

ISO 9462, *Alpine ski-bindings — Requirements and test methods*

ISO 13992, *Alpine touring ski-bindings — Requirements and test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5355 and the following 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**

**interface area**

part of the ski-boot intended to contact with the ski-binding

**3.2**

**toe interface area**

part of the ski-boot intended to contact with the ski-binding

**3.3**

**heel interface area**

part of the ski-boot intended to contact with the rear binding

**3.4**

**free space**

space intended to avoid contact between ski-boots and binding, especially during step in/step out or release

**3.5**

**rigid ski boot sole**

ski boot sole which does not flex when walking

Note 1 to entry: See [4.3.5.1](#).

**3.6**

**median plane**

middle plane of the sole, longitudinal and perpendicular to the bearing surface

**3.7**

**bearing surface**

toe or heel surface of the boot sole which is in contact with a plane on which the boot is standing

**3.8**

**ski-brake**

device to stop the ski after release of the binding

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## 4 Requirements and test methods

### 4.1 General

If no specific test methods are indicated, check the characteristics as appropriate (e.g. by measurement).

If not otherwise indicated, execute the testing under standard atmosphere 23/50, in accordance with ISO 554, with ordinary tolerances.

### 4.2 Dimensions

The dimensions of the boot toe and heel shall correspond to [Figure 1](#). Other boot dimensions need not correspond to [Figure 1](#).

Fundamentally, all dimensions shall be within the indicated tolerance. However, relevance to safety varies in importance depending on the indicated dimensions.

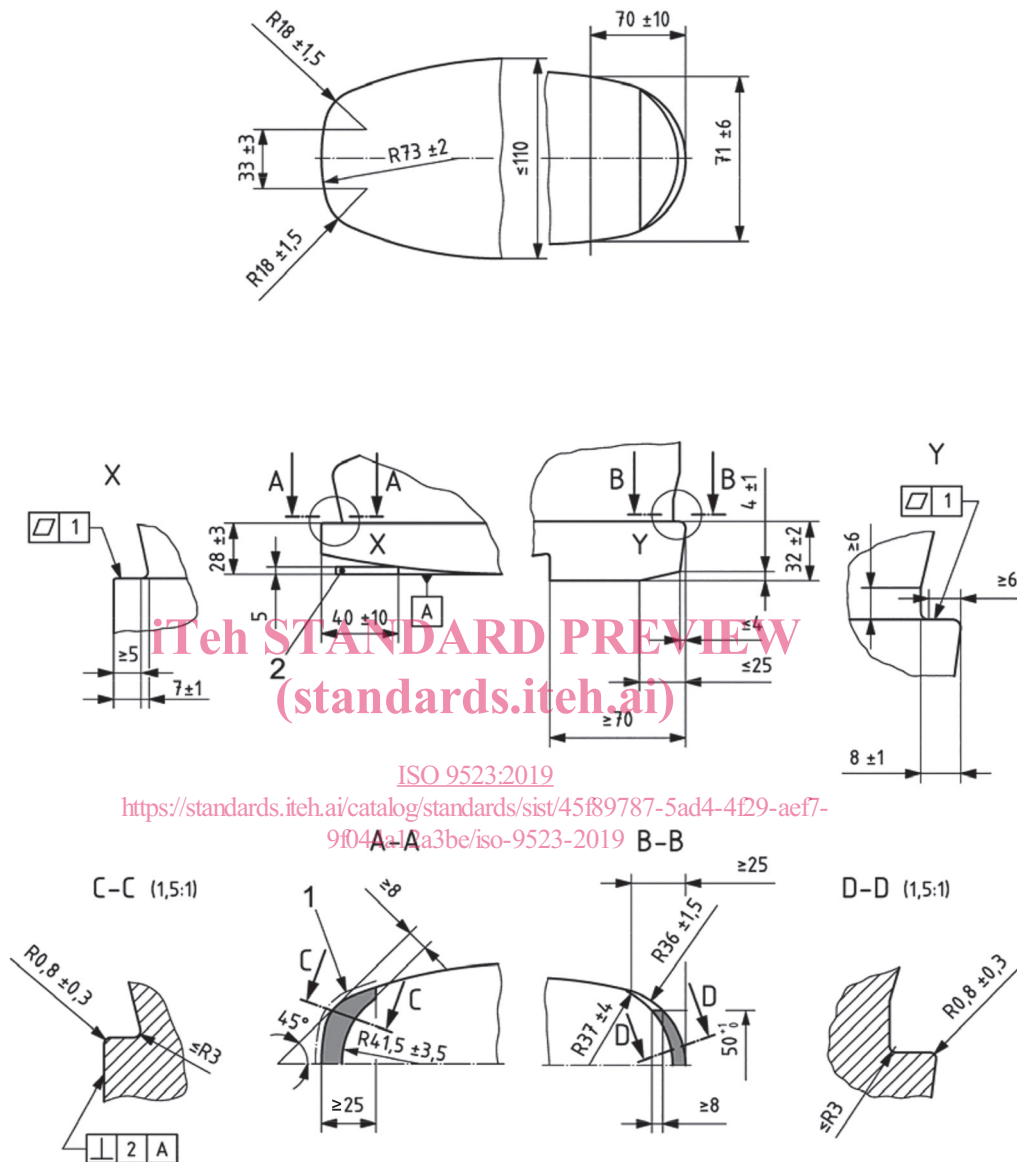
Looking at several dimensions (see [Annex B](#)), deviations may be accepted, provided that the following requirements are respected:

- a) deviations remain exceptional;
- b) deviations are small;
- c) no limitations of function arise with all marketable and critical bindings;

d) tolerance is respected at the next possible chance (e.g. reconstruction of a tool).

The gauge (see Figure 1) shall be wider than the boot sole.

Dimensions in millimetres



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**Key**

- 1 area where perpendicularity tolerance is valid
- 2 gauge

NOTE Shaded areas are those in which the tolerance of evenness and the dimensions  $28 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm}$  and  $32 \text{ mm} \pm 2 \text{ mm}$  are valid.

**Figure 1 — Dimensions of boot toe and heel**

4.3 Design

4.3.1 Sole length

The sole lengths of the two ski-boots in a pair shall not differ by more than 2 mm.

4.3.2 Boot sole interface

The sole dimensions in the toe and heel boot binding interface areas shall be symmetrical about the median plane within an admissible deviation of 1 mm.

There shall be no protrusion of the sole beyond the shell for the whole perimeter of the whole boot sole interface areas.

The design of the toe and heel boot binding interface areas shall not negatively influence the function of the binding.

4.3.3 Side walls at boot toe

The side walls of the sole at the boot toe up to a distance of at least 25 mm from the toe end shall be perpendicular to the bearing surface within an admissible inward-outward deviation as shown in [Figure 1](#), section C-C.

If the side walls of the sole are built in two parts, it shall be ensured that no part of the lower area of the sole protrudes beyond the upper profile.

Cut outs with an outside diameter of not more than 5.5 mm with a centre in  $14 \text{ mm} \pm 1 \text{ mm}$  from the tip and  $6,5 \text{ mm} \pm 1,5 \text{ mm}$  surface from the top surface are allowed (see [Figure 2](#)).

Different material than the shell material around the hole is allowed, if the surface is in line with the flush material.

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Dimensions in millimetres

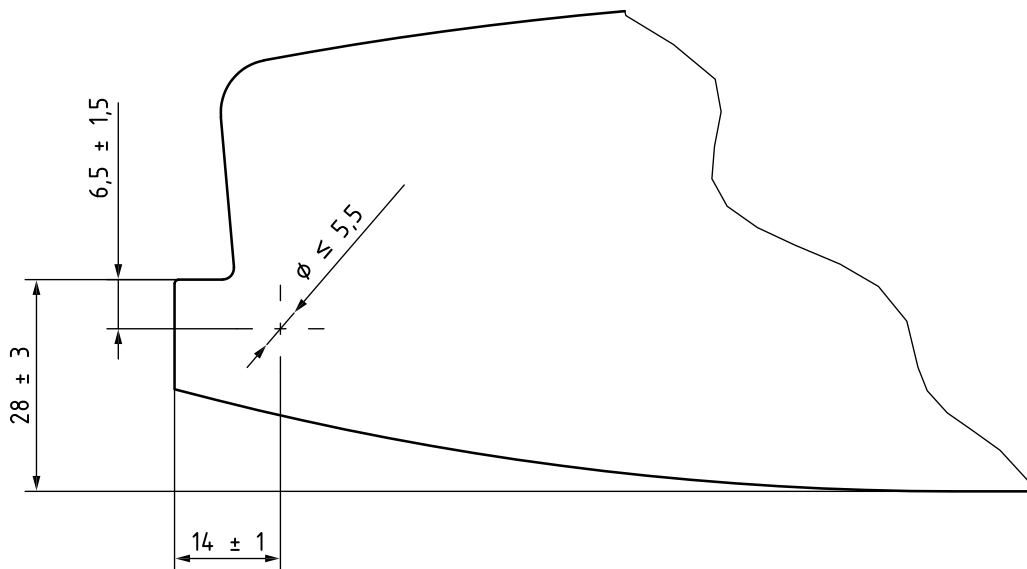


Figure 2 — Boot with the position and dimensions of an example for cut outs allowed in the toe area



#### 4.3.4 Side walls at boot heel

The lateral side walls of the sole at the boot heel up to a distance of at least 70 mm from the heel end shall be perpendicular to the bearing surface or tapered inwards-outwards between  $0^\circ$  and  $10^\circ$  up to a height of 14 mm.

If lateral grooves of more than 2 mm depth are present at the heel (see [Figure 3](#)), supports at least complying with [Figure 4](#) shall remain.

Other configurations of grooves are allowed if they are within the given dimensions in [Figure 3](#), [Figure 4](#) and [Figure 5](#).

Dimensions in millimetres

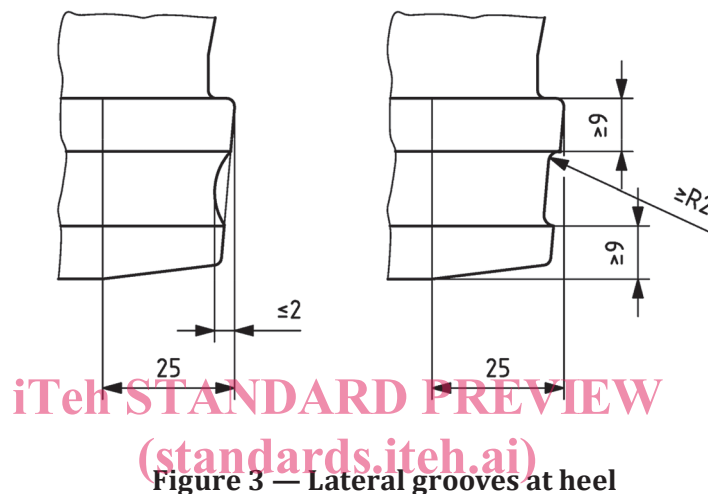


Figure 3 — Lateral grooves at heel

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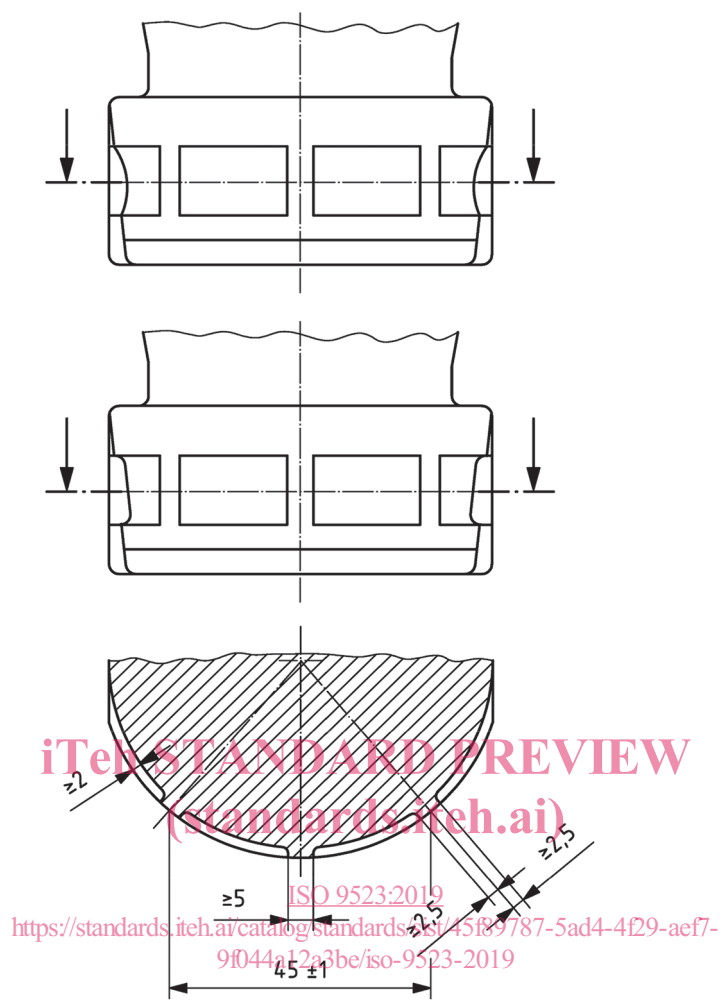
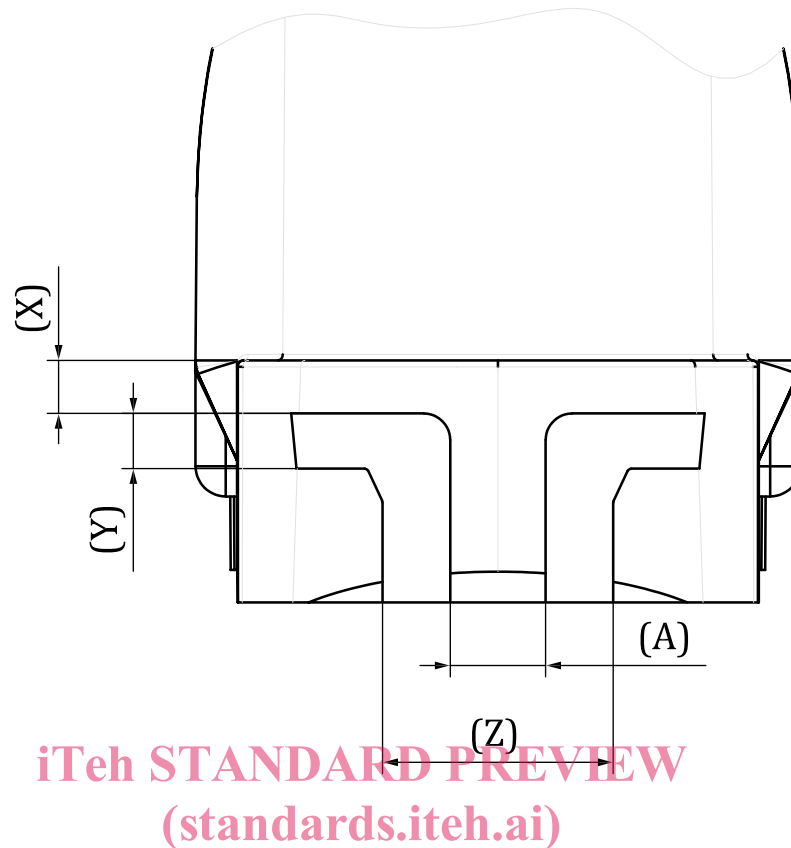
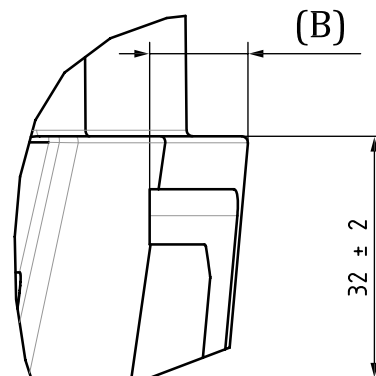


Figure 4 — Lateral supports at heel

Dimensions in millimetres



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**Key**

- (A)  $\leq 12,8$  mm
- (B)  $(13 -0/+1)$  mm
- (X)  $\geq 6,5$  mm
- (Y)  $(7,5 \pm 0,5)$  mm
- (Z)  $(25,5 +6/-0)$  mm

**Figure 5 — Boot with the position and dimensions of an example for cut outs allowed in the heel area**

The design of the cut out at the heel area of the boot shall not negatively influence the function of the binding.