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Foreword

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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO/TR 24496:2012, which has been technically revised.

The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 136, *Furniture*.

Introduction

The test methods in this document are based on the manner in which anthropometric measurements are measured.

Therefore, in order to be able to relate the dimensions of office seating to the anthropometric dimensions, a theoretical reference seating posture has been adopted. This posture does, however, not automatically correspond to the ideal or optimum seating posture.

The reference seating posture is as follows:

- the sole of the foot placed on the floor;
- the foot forms an angle of approximately 90° with the lower leg;
- the lower leg is approximately vertical;
- the lower leg forms an angle of approximately 90° with the thigh;
- the thigh is almost horizontal;
- the thigh forms an angle of approximately 90° with the trunk;
- the trunk is erect.

Further information on the anthropometric dimensions can be found in ISO 7250-1, ISO 20685 and ISO 14738.

This document is meant to be used in conjunction with requirements documents. Such documents will specify which of the dimensions are to be measured. It is possible that not all of the measurements that can be taken by this document will be specified by the individual requirements document.

For the background and rationale for the provisions contained in this document, see [Annex C](#).

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Office furniture — Office chairs — Methods for the determination of dimensions

1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the determination of the dimensions of office chairs.

This document does not contain dimensional specifications or requirements.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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:

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

Note 1 to entry For the anthropometric equivalents of the terms and definitions, see [Annex B](#).

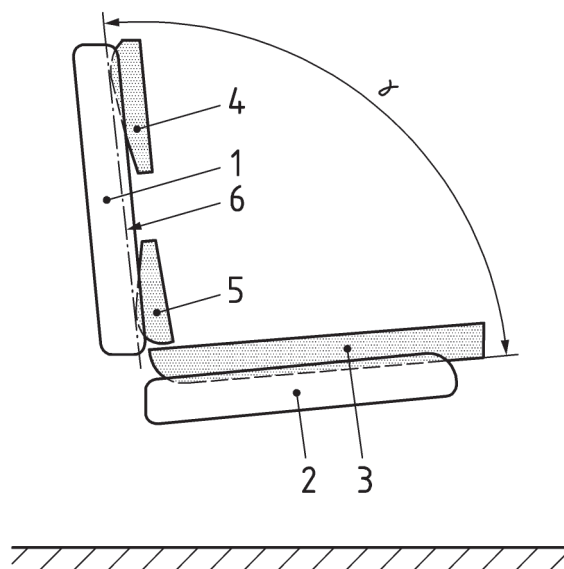
3.1

angle between backrest and seat

γ

angle between the loaded backrest and the loaded seat

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



Key

- 1 backrest
- 2 seat
- 3 CMD (Chair Measurement Device) buttocks pad
- 4 CMD thoracic pad
- 5 CMD pelvic pad
- 6 backrest line
- γ angle between backrest and seat

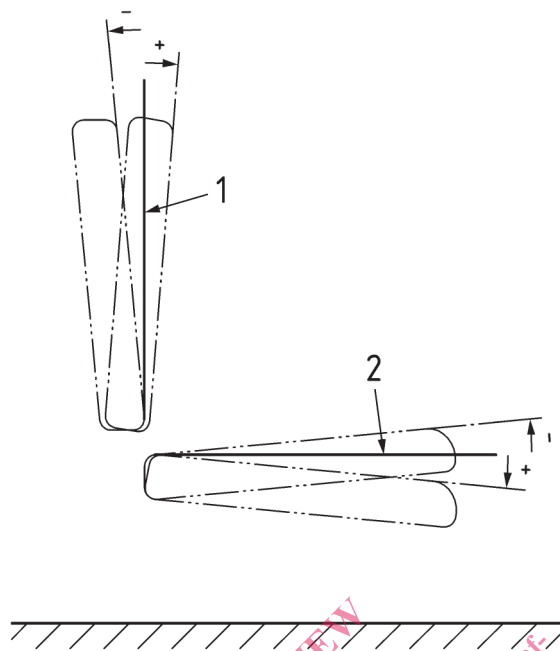
Figure 1 — Angle between backrest and seat

3.2

angle – origin and sign convention

right horizontal viewed from the right side of the chair; when the user is seated in the chair and the angle sign convention is clockwise, angle rotation is positive (+) and counterclockwise is negative (–)

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

**Key**

- 1 vertical
- 2 horizontal (0°)

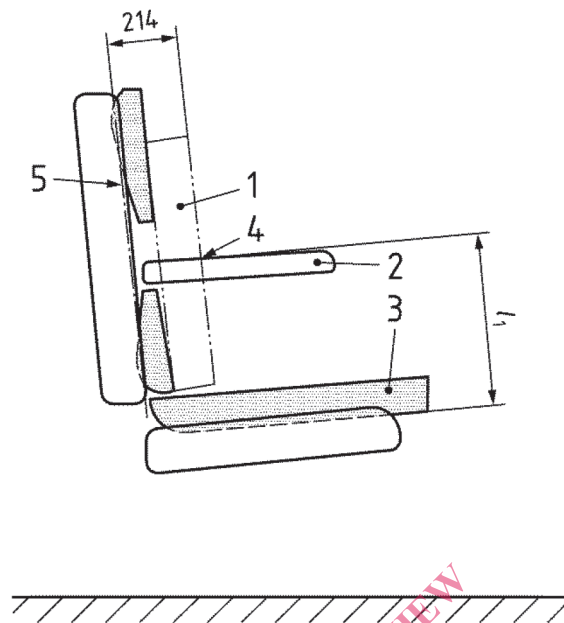
Figure 2 – Angle – origin and sign convention

3.3**armrest height**

distance from the top surface of the armrest to the bottom of the loaded CMD buttocks pad parallel to the backrest line at a distance of 214 mm from the backrest line

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

- 1 CMD vertical member
- 2 armrest
- 3 CMD buttocks pad
- 4 intersection of projection of vertical member front face and armrest
- 5 backrest line
- l_1 armrest height

Figure 3 — Armrest height

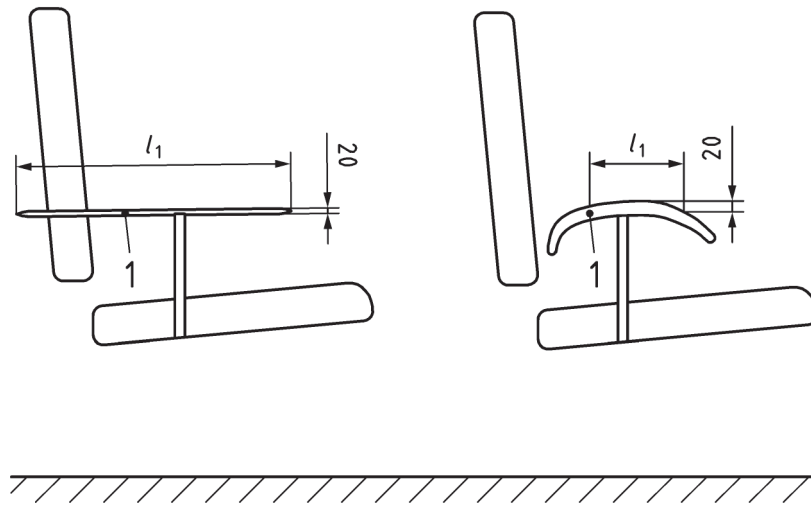
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armrest length

distance along the armrest within an envelope down from the top of the armrest that is 20 mm deep

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 4](#).

Dimensions in millimetres

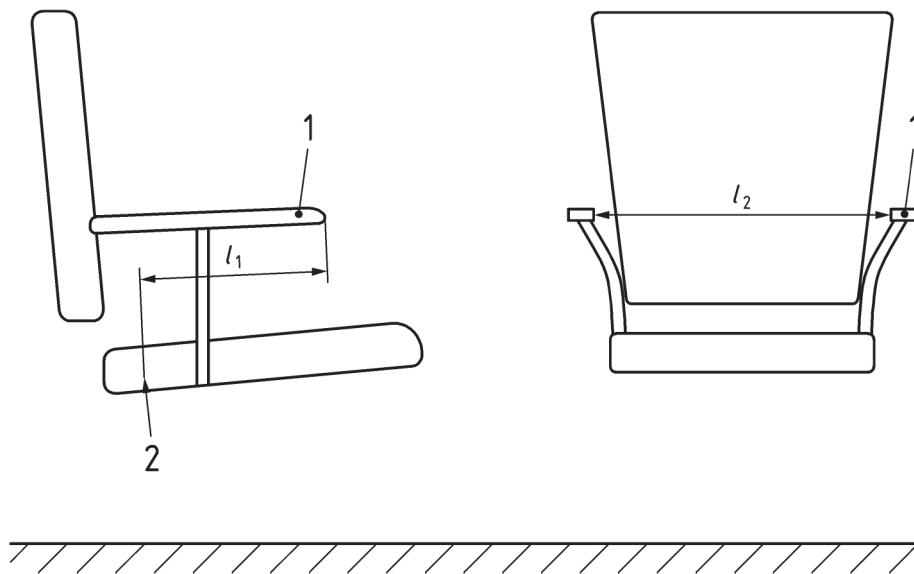
**Key**

- 1 armrest
 l_1 armrest length

Figure 4 — Armrest length**3.5****distance between armrests**

horizontal distance between armrests from the rear of the seat surface width zone forward to the front edge of the seat within the measurement zone 5 mm down from the top of the armrest

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 5](#), [Figure 7](#) and [3.28](#).



Key

- 1 armrest
- 2 rear of seat width zone
- l_1 armrest pad measurement zone
- l_2 distance between armrests

Figure 5 — Distance between armrests

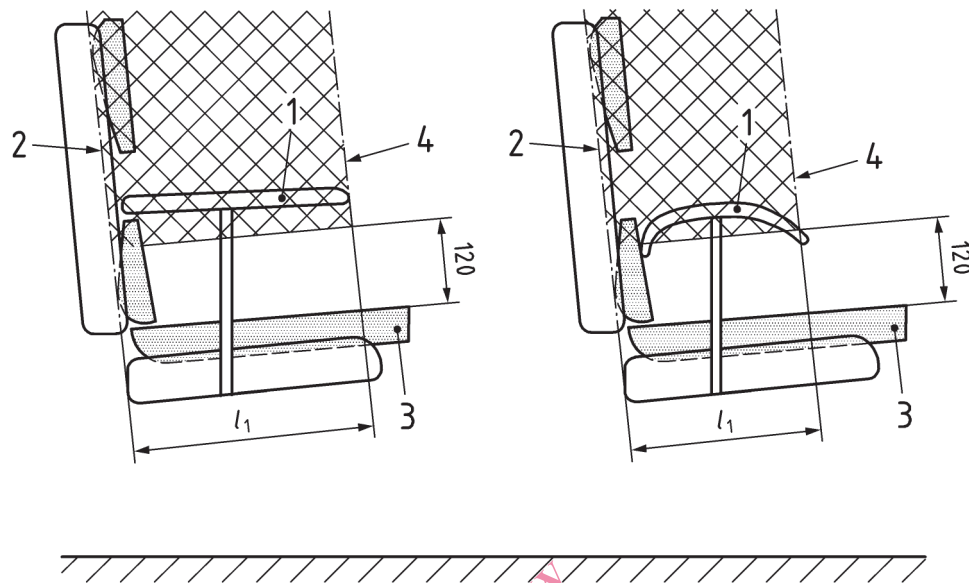
3.6

front of armrest position

perpendicular distance from the backrest line to the front of the armrest that is in the measurement zone 120 mm and greater above the top surface of the loaded CMD buttocks pad

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 6](#).

Dimensions in millimetres

**Key**

- 1 armrest
- 2 backrest line
- 3 CMD buttocks pad
- 4 measurement zone
- l_1 front of armrest position

Figure 6 — Front of armrest position**3.7****armrest width**

horizontal distance across the armrest within the measurement zone 5 mm down from the top of the armrest

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 7](#).