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Introduction

In hydraulic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid) under pressure within an enclosed circuit.

One component of such systems is the fluid power cylinder. This is a device that converts power into linear mechanical force and motion. It consists of a moveable element, i.e. a piston and a piston rod, operating within a cylindrical bore.

The spherical plain bearings rod ends are used on piston rods of hydraulic cylinders for mechanical transmitting the cylinder force under oscillatory rotational and tilting movements. The design of the spherical plain bearing rod ends is based on the maximum forces resulting from the specified internal diameter of the cylinders and pressure according to the ISO 6020 series and ISO 6022.

The dimensions and tolerances specified in this document have been selected to permit the design and use of spherical plain bearings rod ends which incorporate radial spherical plain bearings having various sliding material combinations. These spherical plain bearings can be requiring maintenance (steel/steel or steel/bronze), maintenance-free [e.g. steel/polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)] and/or sealed.

NOTE Spherical plain bearings rod ends for hydraulic fluid power cylinders can be used for other applications than hydraulic fluid power cylinders as well.

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1 Scope

This document specifies designs, dimensions, tolerances and technical requirements of spherical plain bearings rod ends for hydraulic fluid power cylinders.

The specified tolerance values apply to finished spherical plain bearing rod ends before any coating, plating, ring splitting or fracturing.

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 68-1, *ISO general purpose screw threads — Basic profile — Part 1: Metric screw threads*

ISO 286-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance classes and limit deviations for holes and shafts*

ISO 582:1995, *Rolling bearings — Chamfer dimensions — Maximum values*

ISO 965-1, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances — Part 1: Principles and basic data*

ISO 1132-1, *Rolling bearings — Tolerances — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

ISO 4762, *Hexagon socket head cap screws*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 6811, *Spherical plain bearings — Vocabulary*

ISO 8132, *Hydraulic fluid power — Mounting dimensions for accessories for single rod cylinders, 16 MPa (160 bar) medium and 25 MPa (250 bar) series*

ISO 8133, *Hydraulic fluid power — Mounting dimensions for accessories for single rod cylinders, 16 MPa (160 bar) compact series*

ISO 12240-1:1998, *Spherical plain bearings — Part 1: Radial spherical plain bearings*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1132-1, ISO 5598, ISO 6811 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1 spherical plain bearings rod end, welded type

spherical plain bearings rod end having a welding chamfer or a welding shank at the bottom for fastening the rod end to the cylinder by welding

3.2 spherical plain bearings rod end, threaded type

spherical plain bearings rod end having an internal thread that is connected to the cylinder by thread, with or without locking device

3.3 angle of tilt of bearing

α
permissible angular displacement of the inner member relative to the outer member of a spherical plain bearing or rod end

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

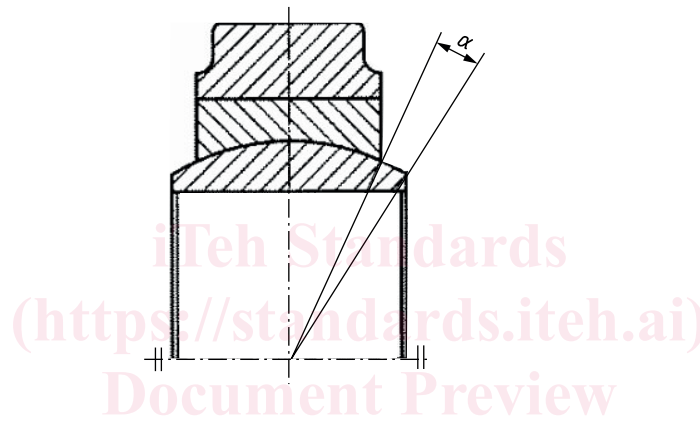


Figure 1 — Angle of tilt of a bearing

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Note 2 to entry: Attention is drawn to the fact that after mounting a spherical plain bearing rod end on a shaft, the angle through which the rod end can tilt can be restricted by design of adjacent components.

[SOURCE: ISO 6811:1998, 03.02.01, modified — "of bearing" has been added to the term and, [Figure 1](#) and Note 1 to entry have been added.]

4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols in [Table 1](#) apply.

The symbols (except those for tolerances) shown in the [Figures 1](#) to [3](#) and the values given in [Tables 2](#) to [10](#) denote nominal dimensions, unless otherwise specified.

Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Symbol/identification code according to ISO 6099 ^a	Description	Unit
B	EN	Inner ring width	mm
b	-	Width of thread connected side of rod end	mm
C_1	EU	Width of rod end eye	mm
d	CN	Bore diameter of inner ring	mm
d_k	-	Sphere diameter	mm

^a ISO 6099 covers the identification codes for cylinder mounting dimensions and accessories (see [Annex A](#)).

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Symbol/identification code according to ISO 6099 ^a	Description	Unit
d_2	<i>2EF</i>	Outside diameter of rod end eye	mm
d_4	<i>N</i>	Rod end shank shoulder diameter	mm
d_5	-	Rod end shank diameter for welding end	mm
d_6	-	Locating pin diameter	mm
d_7	-	Diameter of small flange step of rod end	mm
d_8	-	Diameter of large flange step of rod end	mm
d_9	-	Flange diameter for welded end	mm
e	-	Chamfer dimension for welded end	mm
F_n	-	Nominal cylinder force	kN
G	<i>KK</i>	Designation of thread	mm
h_1	<i>CH</i>	Centre height of threaded rod end	mm
h_2	-	Centre height of welded rod end	mm
L	-	Width of bottom side of threaded rod end	mm
l_3	<i>AV</i>	Thread length	mm
l_4	-	Overall length of threaded rod end	mm
l_6	-	Overall length of welded rod end	mm
l_7	<i>LF</i>	Length from the bearing bore centre to the stepped surface of shank	mm
l_8	-	Length of locating pin	mm
l_{33}	-	Depth of thread hole	mm
Ra	-	Surface roughness	μm
r_s	-	Single chamfer dimension of inner ring	mm
V_{dmp}	-	Variation of mean bore diameter	μm
V_{dsp}	-	Variation of bore diameter in a single radial plane	μm
α	<i>Z</i>	Angle of tilt of bearing	$^\circ$
Δ_{Bs}	-	Deviation of a single inner ring width	μm
Δ_{dmp}	-	Deviation of mean bore diameter in a single plane	μm
Δ_{h1s}	-	Deviation of centre height of threaded rod end	mm
Δ_{h2s}	-	Deviation of centre height of welded rod end	mm

^a ISO 6099 covers the identification codes for cylinder mounting dimensions and accessories (see [Annex A](#)).

[Annex A](#) shows an application example of the symbols according to this document and the identification codes of ISO 6099.

5 Design

The rod end bearings for hydraulic cylinders comprise a radial spherical plain bearing and a rod end housing. The spherical plain bearing rod end, welded type for hydraulic cylinders is shown in [Figure 2](#), and threaded type is shown in [Figure 3](#).

NOTE 1 The figures only show an example of the design. For example, the design from [Figure 3 a\)](#) can have two screws on one side. Conformity with the designs illustrated is not required.

[Table 2](#) gives an overview about the different design variants.

NOTE 2 With or without lubricating nipple or lubrication hole. Type and design of lubricating nipple or lubrication hole at manufacturer's discretion.

NOTE 3 The spherical plain bearings can be axially located in the housing by means of retaining rings.

NOTE 4 A suitable thread locking device can be used.

NOTE 5 Differences in shape of the rod end housing depending on the manufacturer’s processes can occur.

Table 2 — Overview of rod end designs

Basic type ^a	Type	Dimension series	Remark 1	Remark 2	Figure
Welded type	Rod ends with a cylindrical welding section with locating pin	E	Spherical plain bearing unassisted of retaining rings	-	2 a)
	Rod ends with a welding chamfer	E		-	2 b)
	Rod ends with a rectangular welding section	E, W		-	2 c)
Threaded type ^d	A ^b	E	Spherical plain bearing located by means of retaining rings ^c	Thread locking device by two hexagon socket head cap screws left and/or right of the internal thread of the rod end shank	3 a)
	B ^b	E		-	3 b)
	C ^b	E		Thread locking device by two hexagon socket head cap screws on one side of the internal thread of the rod end shank	3 c)
	D ^b	W	Thread locking device by two hexagon socket head cap screws	3 d)	
	E ^b	E	Spherical plain bearing unassisted of retaining rings	Thread locking device by two hexagon socket head cap screws left and/or right of the internal thread of the rod end shank	3 e)

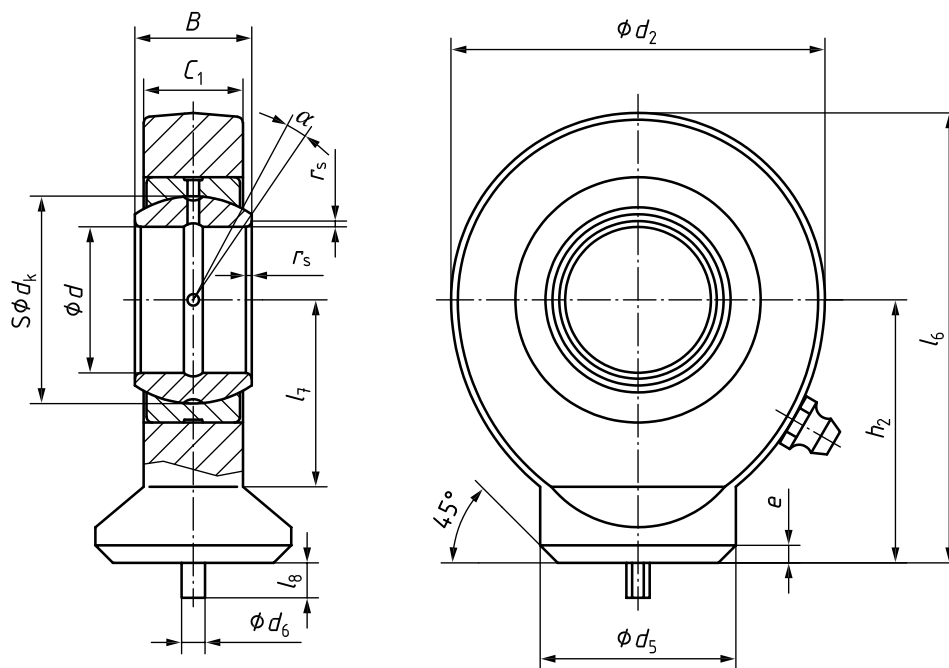
^a Spherical plain bearing shall be in accordance with ISO 12240-1.

^b The different stud holes are given for $d \leq 30$ mm and $d > 30$ mm.

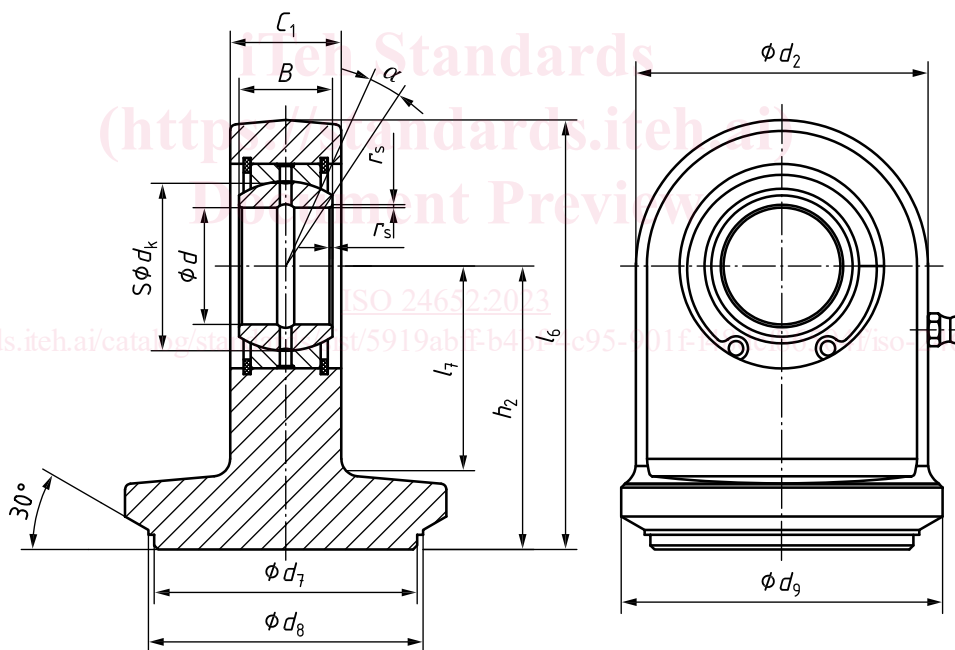
^c See [Annex B](#).

^d Threads shall be in accordance with ISO 68-1.

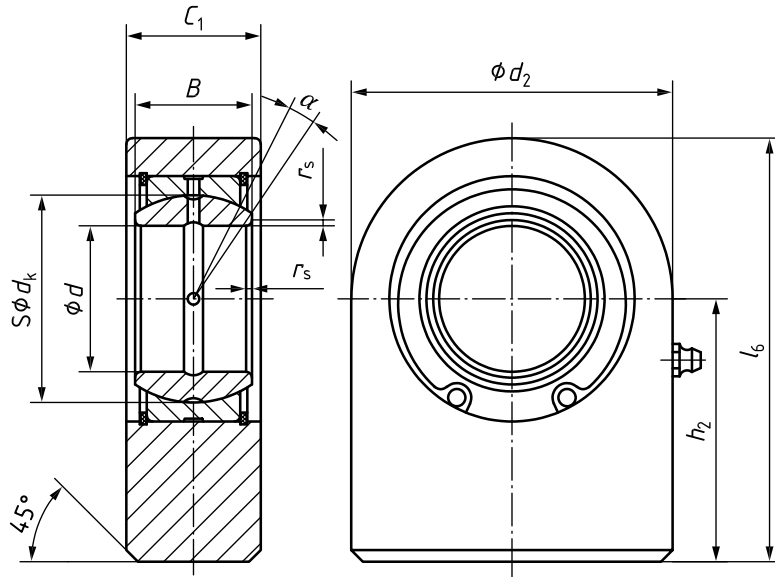
Retaining rings and retaining ring grooves are shown in [Annex B](#). [Annex C](#) shows a mounting example of a spherical plain bearing rod end on a hydraulic fluid power cylinder.



a) Rod ends with a cylindrical welding section with locating pin

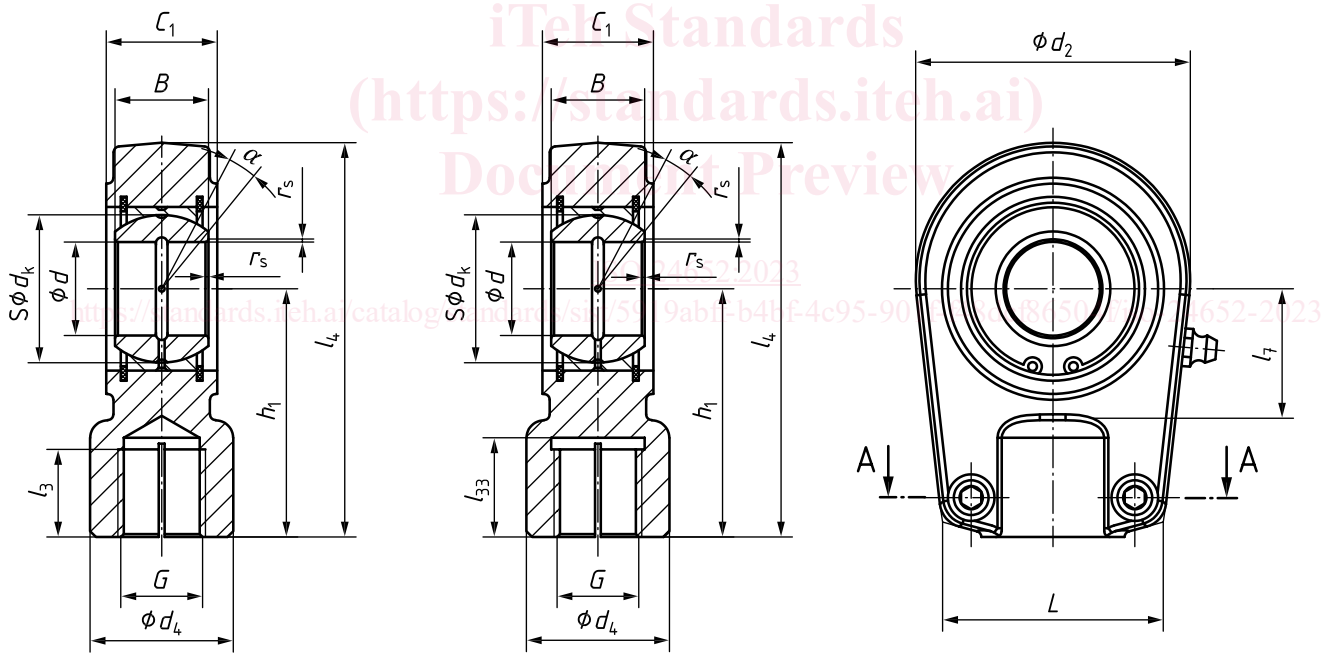


b) Rod ends with a welding chamfer



c) Rod ends with a rectangular welding section

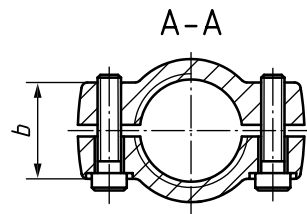
Figure 2 — Spherical plain bearings rod end, welded type

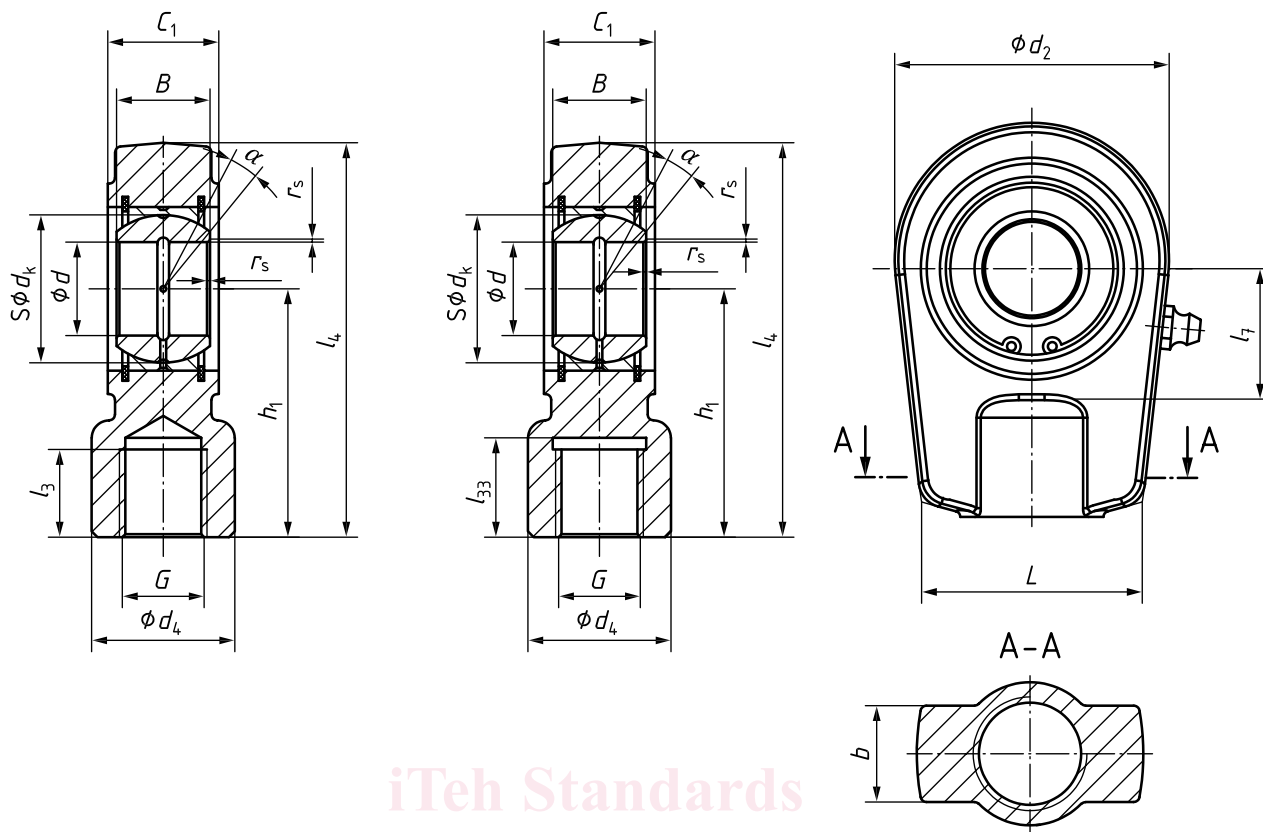


$d \leq 30 \text{ mm}$

$d > 30 \text{ mm}$

a) Type A





$d \leq 30 \text{ mm}$

$d > 30 \text{ mm}$

b) Type B

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