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# Heavy duty cranked link transmission chains

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies dimensions, tolerances, measuring loads and minimum breaking loads, together with the tooth gap forms and rim profiles of the associated chain wheels, for cranked link<sup>1)</sup> roller chains suitable for the mechanical transmission of power and allied applications under onerous conditions.

The dimensions of chain specified ensure complete interchangeability of any given size and provide interchangeability of individual links of chain for repair purposes.

## 2 CHAINS

### 2.1 Nomenclature

The illustrations shown below and in the key to tables 1 and 1M do not define the actual form of the chain plates.

### 2.2 Designation

Heavy duty cranked link roller chains are designated by the standard ISO numbers given in tables 1 and 1M: the first two digits express the pitch in eighths of an inch, while the second (last) two digits express the bearing pin diameter in sixteenths of an inch.

## 2.3 Dimensions

Chains shall conform to the dimension given in tables 1 and 1M. Maximum and minimum dimensions are specified to ensure interchangeability of links as produced by different makers of chain. They represent limits for interchangeability, but are not the actual tolerances that should be used in manufacture.

Pitch  $p$  is a theoretical reference dimension used in calculating strand lengths and chain wheel dimensions; it is not intended for inspection of individual links.

## 2.4 Breaking loads

The test length shall have a minimum of three free pitches. The ends shall be attached to the testing machine shackles by a pin through the plate holes or the bushes. The shackles shall be so designed as to allow universal movement; the actual method to be used is left to the discretion of the manufacturer.

Tests in which failures occur adjacent to the shackles shall be disregarded.

The minimum tensile breaking loads shall be those given in tables 1 and 1M.

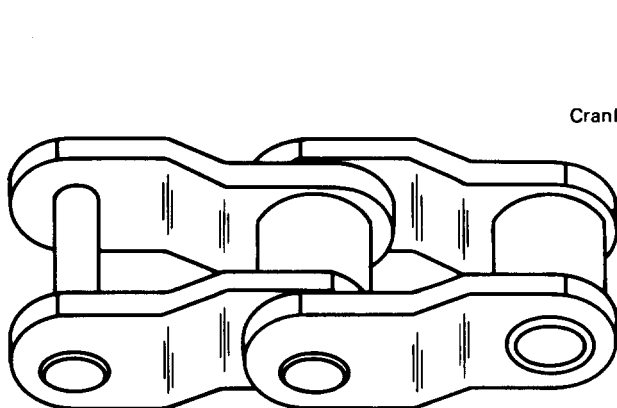


FIGURE 1 – Cranked link chain assembly

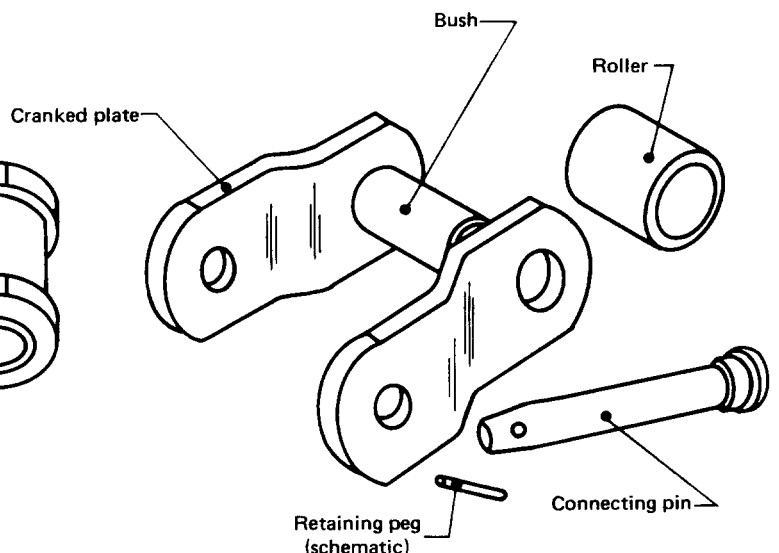


FIGURE 2 – Typical cranked link components

1) In the U.S.A., the term "offset sidebar" is used in place of "cranked link".

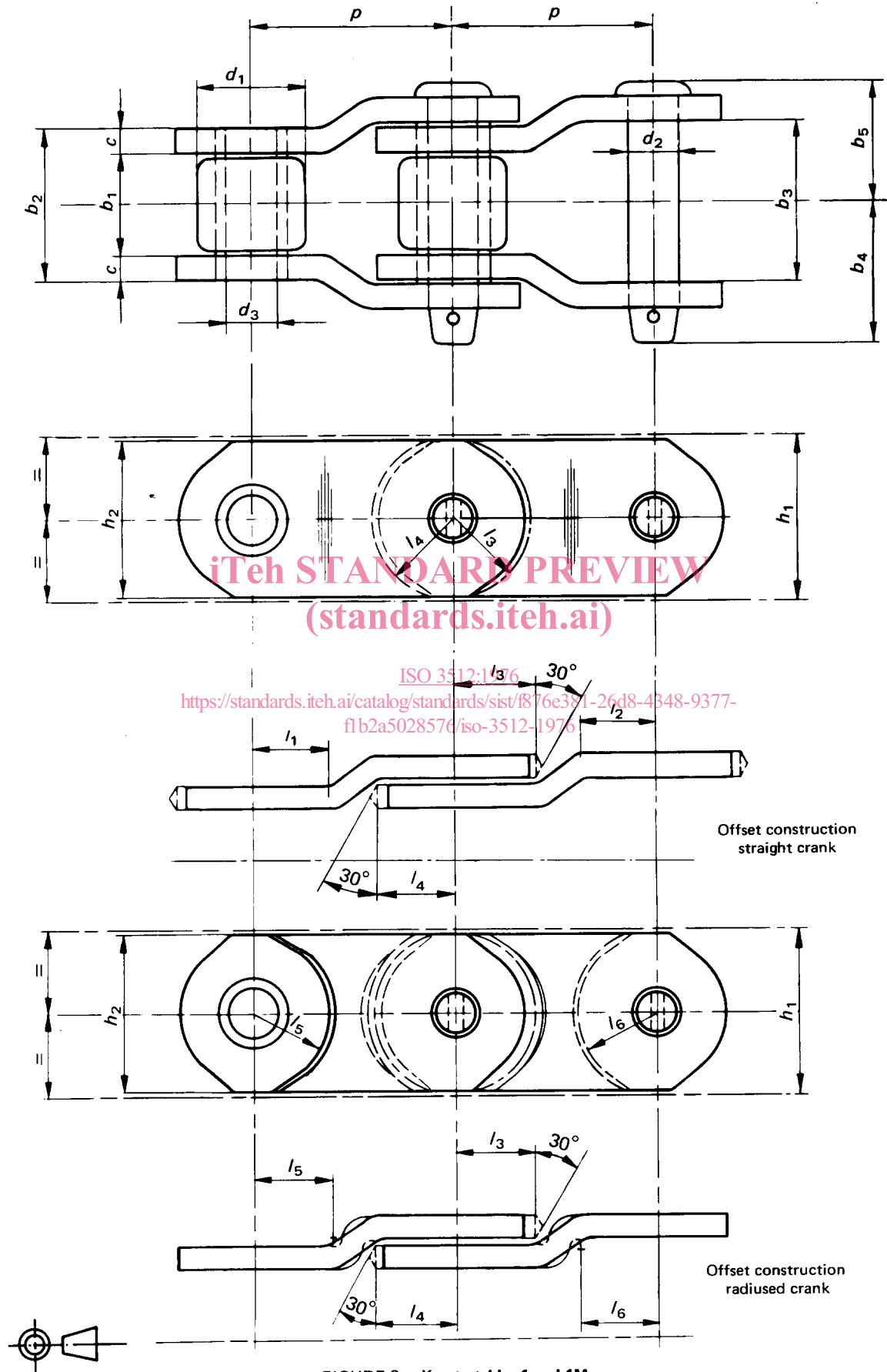


FIGURE 3 – Key to tables 1 and 1M

TABLE 1 – Chain dimensions, measuring loads and breaking loads (Inch-pound units)

| 1                | 2               | 3                                   | 4   | 5   | 6                             | 7                                    | 8                               | 9                          |                     | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13   | 14                                      | 15                    | 16                           |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|                  |                 |                                     |   |   |                               |                                      |                                 | Crank clearance dimensions |                     |  |   |   |  |   |                       |                              |
| ISO chain number | Pitch $p$<br>in | Roller diameter $d_1$<br>max.<br>in | Width between plates at inner end $b_1^*$<br>nom.<br>in | Bearing pin body diameter $d_2$<br>max.<br>in | Bush bore $d_3$<br>min.<br>in | Chain path depth $h_1$<br>min.<br>in | Plate depth $h_2$<br>max.<br>in | $l_1$<br>min.<br>in        | $l_2$<br>min.<br>in | Width over link at inner end $b_2$<br>max.<br>in | Width between plates at outer end $b_3$<br>min.<br>in | Width over pin fastening to centre line $b_4$<br>max.<br>in | Width over pin head to centre line $b_5$<br>max.<br>in | Chain plate thickness $c$<br>nom.<br>in | Measuring load<br>lbf | Breaking load<br>min.<br>lbf |
|                  |                 |                                     |   |   |                               |                                      |                                 |                            |                     |  |   |   |  |   |                       |                              |
| 2 512            | 3.067           | 1.625                               | 1.56  | 0.751   | 0.753                         | 2.40                                 | 2.38                            | 1.06                       | 1.16                | 2.328  | 2.333   | 2.19  | 1.88   | 0.38                                    | 300                   | 85 000                       |
| 2 814            | 3.500           | 1.750                               | 1.50  | 0.876   | 0.879                         | 2.40                                 | 2.38                            | 1.25                       | 1.31                | 2.520  | 2.525   | 2.44  | 2.19   | 0.50                                    | 400                   | 116 000                      |
| 3 315            | 4.073           | 1.781                               | 1.94  | 0.939   | 0.942                         | 2.52                                 | 2.50                            | 1.31                       | 1.38                | 3.082  | 3.087   | 2.81  | 2.50   | 0.56                                    | 500                   | 134 000                      |
| 3 618            | 4.500           | 2.250                               | 2.06  | 1.101   | 1.105                         | 3.15                                 | 3.12                            | 1.56                       | 1.62                | 3.207  | 3.212   | 3.00  | 2.56   | 0.56                                    | 600                   | 183 000                      |
| 4 020            | 5.000           | 2.500                               | 2.75  | 1.251   | 1.255                         | 3.66                                 | 3.62                            | 1.88                       | 2.06                | 4.031  | 4.036   | 3.56  | 3.06   | 0.62                                    | 800                   | 237 000                      |
| 4 824            | 6.000           | 3.000                               | 3.00  | 1.501   | 1.506                         | 4.16                                 | 4.12                            | 2.19                       | 2.31                | 4.531  | 4.536   | 3.88  | 3.50   | 0.75                                    | 1 100                 | 342 000                      |
| 5 628            | 7.000           | 3.500                               | 3.25  | 1.751   | 1.757                         | 5.30                                 | 5.25                            | 2.56                       | 2.68                | 5.031  | 5.036   | 4.50  | 4.00   | 0.88                                    | 1 500                 | 465 000                      |

TABLE 1M – Chain dimensions, measuring loads and breaking loads (Metric units)

|       | mm     | mm    | mm   | mm    | mm    | mm    | mm    | mm   | mm   | mm     | mm     | mm    | mm    | mm   | mm  | daN     | daN |
|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|-----|---------|-----|
|       |        |       |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |        |       |       |      |     |         |     |
| 2 512 | 77,90  | 41,28 | 39,6 | 19,08 | 19,13 | 61,1  | 60,5  | 26,9 | 29,5 | 59,13  | 59,26  | 55,6  | 47,8  | 9,7  | 130 | 37 800  |     |
| 2 814 | 88,90  | 44,45 | 38,1 | 22,25 | 22,33 | 61,1  | 60,5  | 31,8 | 33,3 | 64,01  | 64,14  | 62,0  | 55,6  | 12,7 | 180 | 51 600  |     |
| 3 315 | 103,45 | 45,24 | 49,3 | 23,85 | 23,93 | 64,1  | 63,5  | 33,3 | 35,1 | 78,28  | 78,41  | 71,4  | 63,5  | 14,2 | 220 | 59 600  |     |
| 3 618 | 114,30 | 57,15 | 52,3 | 27,97 | 28,07 | 80,0  | 79,2  | 39,6 | 41,2 | 81,46  | 81,58  | 76,2  | 65,0  | 14,2 | 270 | 81 400  |     |
| 4 020 | 127,00 | 63,50 | 69,9 | 31,78 | 31,88 | 93,0  | 91,9  | 47,8 | 52,3 | 102,39 | 102,51 | 90,4  | 77,7  | 15,7 | 360 | 105 400 |     |
| 4 824 | 152,40 | 76,20 | 76,2 | 38,13 | 38,25 | 105,7 | 104,6 | 55,6 | 58,7 | 115,09 | 115,21 | 98,6  | 88,9  | 19,0 | 500 | 152 100 |     |
| 5 628 | 177,80 | 88,90 | 82,6 | 44,48 | 44,63 | 134,6 | 133,4 | 65,0 | 68,1 | 127,79 | 127,91 | 114,3 | 101,6 | 22,4 | 680 | 206 800 |     |

\* Minimum width =  $0,95 b_1$   
 $l_1$  min. =  $l_3$  max.  
 $l_2$  min. =  $l_4$  max.  
 Overall width of the connecting link =  $b_4 + b_5$   
 In the case of a fastener on both sides, overall width =  $2 b_4$

**2.5 Length accuracy**

Finished chains shall be measured either dry or after only light lubricating.

The standard nominal length for measurement shall be that nearest to 3 048 mm (120 in).

The chain shall be supported throughout its entire length and the measuring load given in tables 1 and 1M applied. To comply with this International Standard, the length shall be the nominal length subject to the limits of tolerance of  $+0,32\%$   
0

The length accuracy of chains which have to work in parallel shall be within the above limits but matched by agreement with the manufacturer.

**2.6 Working clearances** (see figure 3)

The form of the line of cranking, or offset, across the width of the link may be curved or straight.

If straight, the distance from the pitch point is  $l_1$  or  $l_2$ .

If curved, this distance is  $l_5$  or  $l_6$ . Radii  $l_5$  and  $l_6$  shall be sufficient to allow clearance over the adjacent plate nose contained by the clearance radii  $l_3$  and  $l_4$  during chain articulation round a seven-tooth wheel.

Side plates may be extended, provided that the extension is within a  $30^\circ$  included angle with respect to the sidebar, as indicated in figure 3. The chain link construction shall always allow for this extension to be adopted.

**2.7 Marking**

The chain should be marked with

- a) the manufacturer's name or trade mark;
- b) the ISO number (see 2.2).

**3 CHAIN WHEELS**

**3.1 Nomenclature**

The nomenclature for basic chain dimensions on which all wheel data are based will be found in the keys to tables 1 and 1M. Chain wheel nomenclature is covered under the respective headings.

**3.2 Diametral dimensions of wheel rim**

**3.2.1 Nomenclature**

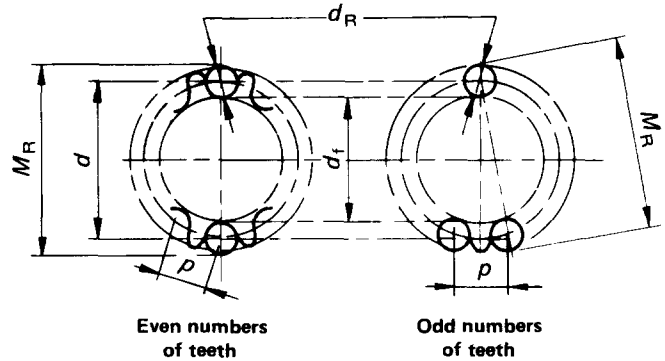


FIGURE 4 – Diametral dimensions

$p$  = chordal pitch, equal to chain pitch

$d_R$  = measuring pin diameter

$z$  = number of teeth

$d$  = pitch circle diameter

$d_f$  = root diameter

$M_R$  = measurement over pins

**3.2.2 Dimensions**

**3.2.2.1 PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETER**

$d = \frac{p}{\sin \frac{180^\circ}{z}}$  (see the annex for nominal dimensions of the normal range of teeth)

**3.2.2.2 MEASURING PIN DIAMETER**

$d_R = d_1$  (see 3.3.1) subject to tolerance limits  $+0,01$  mm  
0

**3.2.2.3 ROOT DIAMETER**

$d_f = d - d_1$  subject to the following tolerance limits :

| Root diameter                | Tolerance for machined teeth  |
|------------------------------|---|
| $d_f \leq 305$ mm (12 in)    | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,38 \text{ mm} \end{matrix} \left( \begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,015 \text{ in} \end{matrix} \right)$ |
| $d_f \leq 1\,215$ mm (48 in) | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,50 \text{ mm} \end{matrix} \left( \begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,020 \text{ in} \end{matrix} \right)$ |
| $d_f > 1\,215$ mm (48 in)    | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,77 \text{ mm} \end{matrix} \left( \begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,030 \text{ in} \end{matrix} \right)$ |

| Root diameter                     | Tolerance for non-machined teeth  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| $d_f \leq 305 \text{ mm (12 in)}$ | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -1,52 \text{ mm } (-0,06 \text{ in}) \end{matrix}$ |
| $d_f \leq 508 \text{ mm (20 in)}$ | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -2,54 \text{ mm } (-0,10 \text{ in}) \end{matrix}$ |
| $d_f \leq 914 \text{ mm (36 in)}$ | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -3,81 \text{ mm } (-0,15 \text{ in}) \end{matrix}$ |
| $d_f > 914 \text{ mm (36 in)}$    | $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -6,35 \text{ mm } (-0,25 \text{ in}) \end{matrix}$ |

$M_R$  for EVEN numbers of teeth =  $d + d_R$

$M_R$  for ODD numbers of teeth =  $d \cos \frac{90^\circ}{z} + d_R$

The measurement over pins of wheels with EVEN numbers of teeth shall be carried out over pins inserted in opposite tooth gaps.

The measurement over pins of wheels with ODD numbers of teeth shall be carried out over pins in the tooth gaps most nearly opposite.

During measurement the pins shall always be in contact with the corresponding working faces of the respective teeth.

The limits of tolerance for the measurement over pins are identical with those for the corresponding root diameter.

### 3.3 Wheel tooth gap forms

#### 3.3.1 Nomenclature (see figure 5)

$p$  = chordal pitch, equal to chain pitch

$d$  = pitch circle diameter

$d_1$  = roller diameter, maximum

$r_i$  = roller seating radius

$s$  = pitch line clearance

$\theta$  = pressure angle

$\beta$  = tooth thickness angle (see the annex)

$r_e$  = tooth flank (topping) radius

$d_f$  = root diameter

$d_g$  = chain clearance diameter

$z$  = number of teeth

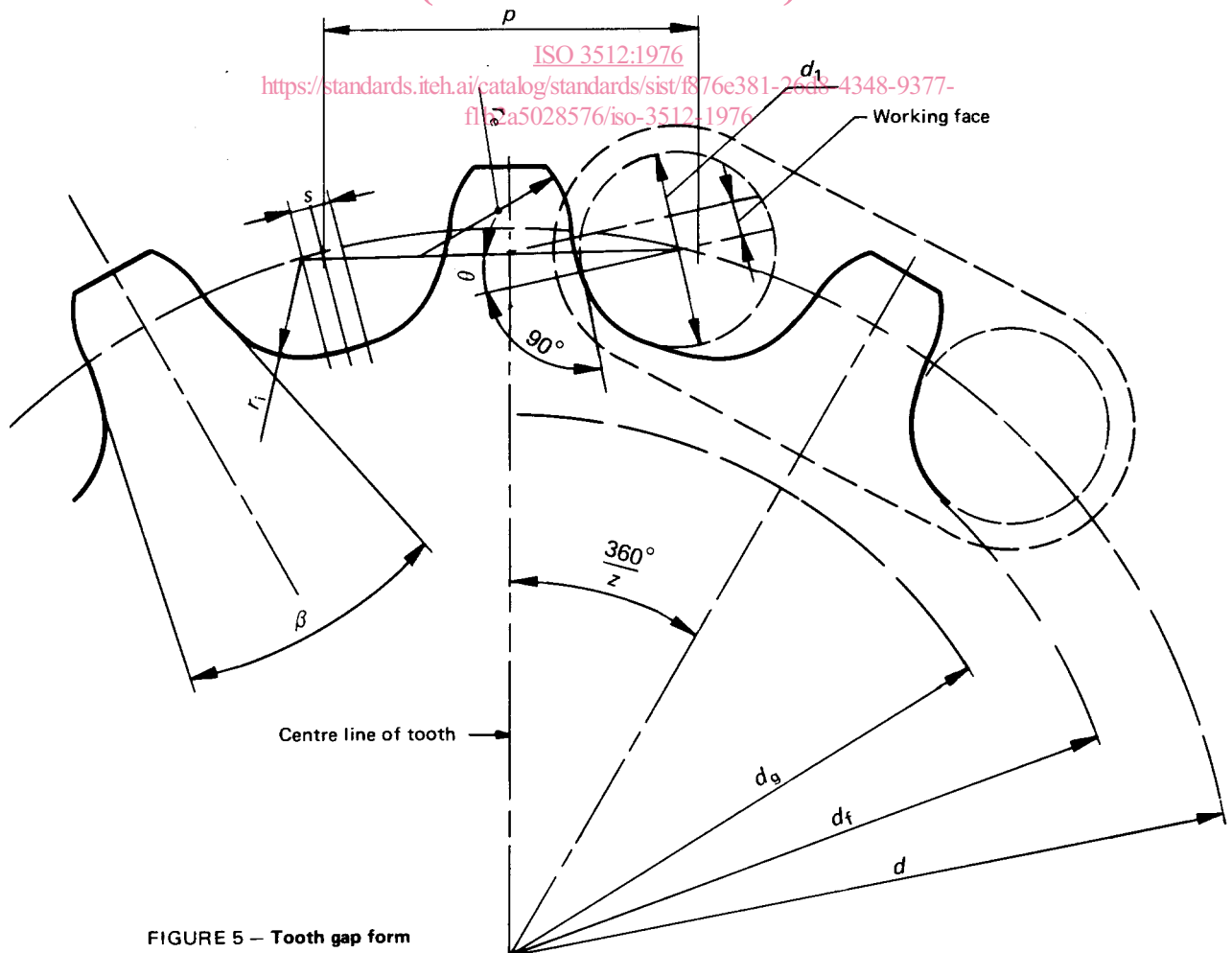


FIGURE 5 – Tooth gap form

**3.3.2 Dimensions**

The actual tooth gap form which is provided by cutting or by an equivalent method shall have tooth flanks of a form defined by the tooth flank (topping) radius, the working face length and roller seating curve, with a smooth blending from one portion to the next, taking into account the criteria set out as follows :

**3.3.2.1 WORKING FACE**

This is the functional part of the tooth form having a length given by the following :

$$\text{working face length} = 0,01 \times p \times z$$

unless reduced by the limitation imposed by having all lines perpendicular to the tooth form pass inside the adjacent pitch point on the pitch circle.

The working face may be straight or convex.

NOTE – The above relationship allows for a chain pitch elongation of approximately 6 % where  $z$  is less than 40, progressively decreasing to under 2 % at  $z = 100$ .

**3.3.2.2 PRESSURE ANGLE  $\theta$**

This is the angle between the pitch line of the chain link and the line perpendicular to the working face at the point of roller contact.

The values of  $\theta$  at any point on the working face length vary according to the value of  $z$ , and are set out in the annex.

**3.3.2.3 MAXIMUM CLEARANCE DIAMETER**

$$d_g = p \cot \frac{180^\circ}{z} - 1,05 h_z - 2 r_a \text{ (actual)}$$

where  $h_z$  = plate depth (see figure 3 and table 1)

The circle defines the limit beyond which no portion of the hubs, beads, lugs or fillets shall extend in the proximity of the chain side plates.

**3.3.2.4 PITCH LINE CLEARANCE**

$s = 0,1 p$  for wheels of NON-MACHINED form or in a dirty environment.

or  $s = 0,003 p$  for wheels of MACHINED form or in clean environment.

**3.3.2.5 ROLLER SEATING RADIUS**

$$r_i \text{ max.} = \frac{d_1}{2}$$

**3.3.2.6 TOOTH FLANK (TOPPING) RADIUS**

$$r_e = \frac{p}{2}$$

**3.4 Wheel rim profile**

**3.4.1 Nomenclature**

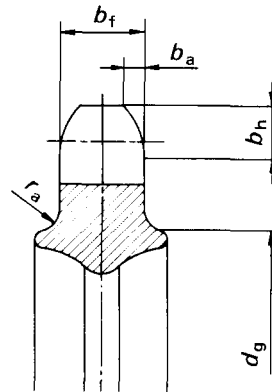


FIGURE 6 – Wheel rim profile

$b_f$  = tooth width

$b_a$  = tooth-side relief

$b_h$  = tooth-side relief depth

$d_g$  = maximum clearance diameter

$r_a$  = maximum shroud fillet radius

**3.4.2 Dimensions**

$$b_f \text{ max.} = 0,9 b_1$$

$$b_a \approx 0,2 b_f$$

$$b_h \approx 0,5 d_1$$

**3.5 Radial run-out**

The radial run-out, measured on one revolution, between the bore and the root diameter shall not exceed the values indicated below :

0,005  $d_f$ , or 1,5 mm (0.06 in) for NON-MACHINED teeth. The larger of the two values shall be taken, but in no case shall the radial run-out exceed 10 mm (0.40 in).

0,001  $d_f$ , or 0,2 mm (0.008 in) for MACHINED teeth.

The larger of the two values shall be taken, but in no case shall the radial run-out exceed 5 mm (0.20 in).

**3.6 Axial run-out**

Axial run-out, measured with reference to the bore and the flat part of the side face of the teeth, shall not exceed the value for total indicator reading as stipulated for radial run-out in 3.5.

**3.7 Range of teeth**

These recommendations apply primarily to a range of teeth from 7 to 100 inclusive.

**3.8 Marking**

Wheels should be marked with :

- maker's name or trade mark;
- number of teeth;
- chain designation (ISO number or maker's equivalent).



## ANNEX

## PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETERS

The table below gives correct pitch circle diameters for wheels to suit a chain of unit pitch (for example 1 mm, 1 in). The pitch circle diameters for wheels to suit a chain of any other pitch are directly proportional to the pitch of the chain (see 3.1).

The last digit is rounded down to avoid the risk of oversize root diameters.

| Number of teeth<br><i>z</i> | Pitch circle diameter | Pressure angle $\theta$<br>degrees<br>$\pm 2^\circ$ | Tooth thickness angle $\beta$<br>approximately<br>degrees | Number of teeth<br><i>z</i> | Pitch circle diameter | Pressure angle $\theta$<br>degrees<br>$\pm 2^\circ$ | Tooth thickness angle $\beta$<br>approximately<br>degrees |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 7                           | 2,304                 | 10  | 25  | 54                          | 17,198                | 27  | 55  |
| 8                           | 2,613                 | 11  | 26  | 55                          | 17,516                | 27  | 55  |
| 9                           | 2,923                 | 12  | 28  | 56                          | 17,834                | 27  | 55  |
| 10                          | 3,236                 | 13  | 30  | 57                          | 18,152                | 27  | 55  |
| 11                          | 3,549                 | 14  | 31  | 58                          | 18,471                | 27  | 55  |
| 12                          | 3,863                 | 15  | 33  | 59                          | 18,789                | 27  | 55  |
| 13                          | 4,178                 | 16  | 35  | 60                          | 19,107                | 27  | 55  |
| 14                          | 4,494                 | 17  | 36  | 61                          | 19,425                | 27  | 55  |
| 15                          | 4,809                 | 18  | 38  | 62                          | 19,743                | 27  | 55  |
| 16                          | 5,125                 | 19  | 40  | 63                          | 20,061                | 27  | 55  |
| 17                          | 5,442                 | 20  | 42  | 64                          | 20,380                | 27  | 55  |
| 18                          | 5,758                 | 20  | 42  | 65                          | 20,698                | 27  | 55  |
| 19                          | 6,075                 | 21  | 44  | 66                          | 21,016                | 27  | 55  |
| 20                          | 6,392                 | 21  | 44  | 67                          | 21,334                | 27  | 55  |
| 21                          | 6,709                 | 22  | 46  | 68                          | 21,652                | 27  | 55  |
| 22                          | 7,026                 | 22  | 46  | 69                          | 21,970                | 27  | 55  |
| 23                          | 7,343                 | 22  | 46  | 70                          | 22,289                | 27  | 55  |
| 24                          | 7,661                 | 23  | 47  | 71                          | 22,607                | 28  | 56  |
| 25                          | 7,978                 | 23  | 47  | 72                          | 22,925                | 28  | 56  |
| 26                          | 8,296                 | 23  | 47  | 73                          | 23,243                | 28  | 56  |
| 27                          | 8,613                 | 23  | 47  | 74                          | 23,562                | 28  | 56  |
| 28                          | 8,931                 | 24  | 49  | 75                          | 23,880                | 28  | 56  |
| 29                          | 9,249                 | 24  | 49  | 76                          | 24,198                | 28  | 56  |
| 30                          | 9,566                 | 24  | 49  | 77                          | 24,516                | 28  | 56  |
| 31                          | 9,884                 | 24  | 49  | 78                          | 24,834                | 28  | 56  |
| 32                          | 10,202                | 24  | 49  | 79                          | 25,153                | 28  | 56  |
| 33                          | 10,520                | 25  | 51  | 80                          | 25,471                | 28  | 56  |
| 34                          | 10,837                | 25  | 51  | 81                          | 25,789                | 28  | 56  |
| 35                          | 11,155                | 25  | 51  | 82                          | 26,107                | 28  | 56  |
| 36                          | 11,473                | 25  | 51  | 83                          | 26,426                | 28  | 56  |
| 37                          | 11,791                | 25  | 51  | 84                          | 26,744                | 28  | 56  |
| 38                          | 12,109                | 25  | 51  | 85                          | 27,062                | 28  | 56  |
| 39                          | 12,427                | 25  | 51  | 86                          | 27,380                | 28  | 56  |
| 40                          | 12,745                | 25  | 51  | 87                          | 27,699                | 28  | 56  |
| 41                          | 13,063                | 26  | 53  | 88                          | 28,017                | 28  | 56  |
| 42                          | 13,381                | 26  | 53  | 89                          | 28,335                | 28  | 56  |
| 43                          | 13,699                | 26  | 53  | 90                          | 28,653                | 28  | 56  |
| 44                          | 14,017                | 26  | 53  | 91                          | 28,971                | 28  | 56  |
| 45                          | 14,335                | 26  | 53  | 92                          | 29,290                | 28  | 56  |
| 46                          | 14,653                | 26  | 53  | 93                          | 29,608                | 28  | 56  |
| 47                          | 14,971                | 26  | 53  | 94                          | 29,926                | 28  | 56  |
| 48                          | 15,289                | 26  | 53  | 95                          | 30,244                | 28  | 56  |
| 49                          | 15,607                | 26  | 53  | 96                          | 30,563                | 28  | 56  |
| 50                          | 15,926                | 26  | 53  | 97                          | 30,881                | 29  | 58  |
| 51                          | 16,244                | 26  | 53  | 98                          | 31,199                | 29  | 58  |
| 52                          | 16,562                | 26  | 53  | 99                          | 31,518                | 29  | 58  |
| 53                          | 16,880                | 27  | 55  | 100                         | 31,836                | 29  | 58  |