
**Geometrical product specifications
(GPS) — General concepts and
requirements for GPS measuring
equipment**

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee 213, *Dimensional and geometrical product specifications and verification*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14978:2006), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 14978:2006/Cor. 1:2008.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the terms and definitions have been updated relative to ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007;
- a number of design characteristics common in GPS measuring equipment have been added;
- an updated discussion of calibration and verification, including concepts from ISO 14253-5:2015, has been added.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

This document is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO 14638). It influences chain links F and G for measuring equipment and calibration in the general GPS matrix model (see [Annex E](#)).

The ISO/GPS matrix model given in ISO 14638 gives an overview of the ISO/GPS system of which this document is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO/GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this document and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated; see ISO/TR 14253-6 for additional information on the selection of alternative decision rules.

For more detailed information of the relation of this document to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see [Annex E](#).

This document contains guidance for writing the standards for specific GPS measuring equipment.

This document is intended to give the user a basic understanding of the use of ISO standards for GPS measuring equipment. This document presents and defines general concepts to be used in connection with GPS measuring equipment to avoid multiple repetitions in the ISO standards for specific GPS measuring equipment. This document is also intended as guidance for the manufacturer/supplier to evaluate and present specifications for characteristics for GPS measuring equipment.

This document is necessary when reading and using ISO standards for specific GPS measuring equipment.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the general requirements, calibration, terms and definitions of characteristics of GPS measuring equipment, for example micrometers, callipers, gauge blocks and rotary axis form measuring instruments. This document forms the basis for standards defining and describing the design characteristics and metrological characteristics for measuring equipment and gives guidance for the development and content of standards for GPS measuring equipment.

This document is intended to ease the communication between manufacturer/supplier and customer/user and to make the specification phase of GPS measuring equipment more accurate. This document is also intended as a tool to be used in companies in the process of defining and selecting relevant characteristics for measuring equipment.

This document includes terms which are frequently used in connection with the characterization of specific measuring equipment.

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 14253-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 1: Decision rules for verifying conformity or nonconformity with specifications*

ISO 14253-5:2015, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 5: Uncertainty in verification testing of indicating measuring instruments*

ISO/TR 14253-6, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 6: Generalized decision rules for the acceptance and rejection of instruments and workpieces*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-4:2012, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 4: Role of measurement uncertainty in conformity assessment*

ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, ISO/IEC Guide 98-4:2012, ISO 14253-1, ISO 14253-5:2015, ISO/TR 14253-6 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/>