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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- revision of definitions [3.1.3](#), [3.1.4](#), and [3.2.1](#);
- revision of design and metrological characteristics of GO gauge type B to K in [Clause 5](#) and in [Tables 4](#) and [5](#);
- inclusion of full form cylindrical ring, full form notch gauge and gap gauge in [Table B.1](#).

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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 E, F and G of the size chain of standards in the general GPS matrix. For more detailed information of the relation of this document to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see [Annex C](#).

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.

This document deals with verification, using plain limit gauges, of linear sizes for features of size when the dimensional specifications are required (see ISO 14405-1), for rigid workpieces.

NOTE [Tables 4](#) and [5](#) use the modifiers given in ISO 14405-1 and ISO 1101.

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Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment —

Part 1: Plain limit gauges of linear size

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the most important metrological and design characteristics of plain limit gauges of linear size.

This document defines the different types of plain limit gauges used to verify linear dimensional specifications associated with linear size.

This document also defines the design characteristics and the metrological characteristics for these limit gauges as well as the new or wear limits state maximum permissible limits (MPLs) for the new state or wear limits state for these metrological characteristics.

In addition, this document describes the use of limit gauges. It covers linear sizes of up to 500 mm.

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 286-1:2010, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 1: Basis of tolerances, deviations and fits*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 14405-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional tolerancing — Part 1: Linear sizes*

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 14253-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 2: Guidance for the estimation of uncertainty in GPS measurement, in calibration of measuring equipment and in product verification*

ISO 17450-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — General concepts — Part 2: Basic tenets, specifications, operators, uncertainties and ambiguities*

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

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *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 286-1, ISO 14405-1, ISO 17450-2, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 and ISO/IEC Guide 99 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 Limits

3.1.1

maximum material limit of size

MMLS

upper limit of size or lower limit of size corresponding to the maximum material condition of feature of size

Note 1 to entry: MMLS includes the numerical value for the size and the specified association criteria.

Note 2 to entry: A number of different association criteria for size are given in ISO 14405-1 and ISO 17450-3.

3.1.2

least material limit of size

LMLS

upper limit of size or lower limit of size corresponding to the least material condition of feature of size

Note 1 to entry: LMLS includes the numerical value for the size and the specified association criteria.

Note 2 to entry: A number of different association criteria for size are given in ISO 14405-1 and ISO 17450-3.

3.1.3

upper limit of size

ULS

largest permissible size of a feature of size

Note 1 to entry: ULS is a numerical value.

[SOURCE: ISO 286-1:2010, 3.2.3.1]

3.1.4

lower limit of size

LLS

smallest permissible size of a feature of size

Note 1 to entry: LLS is a numerical value.

[SOURCE: ISO 286-1:2010, 3.2.3.2]

3.1.5

upper specification limit

USL

<of the gauge> limit of a specification for a metrological characteristic of a gauge having the largest value

3.1.6

lower specification limit

LSL

<of the gauge> limit of a specification for a metrological characteristic of a gauge having the smallest value

3.2 Gauge types

3.2.1

limit gauge

gauge designed and intended to verify only if workpiece characteristics are lower or upper at one of its tolerance limits

Note 1 to entry: When a limit gauge is designed to verify an internal feature of size (a hole for example), then it can be called internal limit gauge.

Note 2 to entry: When a limit gauge is designed to verify an external feature of size (a shaft for example), then it can be called external limit gauge.

Note 3 to entry: General application of limit gauge is given in [Annex A](#).

Note 4 to entry: A limit gauge may be physical or a virtual object (simulated by a geometrical model to be compared to the extracted integral feature of size of the workpiece).

3.2.2

plain limit gauge

physical limit gauge with only one or two gauge elements, each one simulating a perfect feature of size, whose size is derived from upper or lower specification limits of the size of a feature of size

Note 1 to entry: When a plain limit gauge consists of only one element, it is qualified as simple (simple plain limit gauge: GO plain limit gauge, see [3.3.3](#) or NO GO plain limit gauge, see [3.3.4](#)).

Note 2 to entry: When a plain limit gauge consists of two elements, it is qualified as double (double plain limit gauge: GO and NO GO).

3.2.3

gauge type A

full form cylindrical plug gauge

plain limit gauge designed to simulate a cylinder as a contacting feature with an internal cylinder

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

Note 2 to entry: The GO gauge type A simulates a dimensional specification defining the maximum material limit of size with the envelope requirement when the gauge length is greater or at least equal to the length of the feature of size of the workpiece.

3.2.4

gauge type B

segmental cylindrical bar gauge

plain limit gauge designed to simulate two opposite angular portions of a cylinder as a contacting feature with an internal cylinder

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

3.2.5

gauge type C

segmental cylindrical bar gauge with reduced gauging surfaces

segmental cylindrical bar gauge designed to simulate two reduced opposite angular portions of a cylinder as a contacting surface with an internal cylinder

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

3.2.6

gauge type D

full form spherical plug gauge

plain limit gauge designed to simulate a circle as a contacting feature with an internal cylinder

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