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**Part 3:
Specification operators**

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This first edition of ISO 21920-3 cancels and replaces ISO 4288:1996, which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 4288:1996/Cor. 1:1998.

The main changes to ISO 4288:1996 are as follows:

- no distinction between periodic and non-periodic profiles;
- the basis for defaults is the drawing indication;
- the maximum tolerance acceptance rule is the default tolerance acceptance rule;
- for the determination of the profile position, surface defects are considered as part of the specified surface in the default case.

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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 link C of the chains of standards on profile surface texture.

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 the specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated.

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

This document specifies the specification operators according to ISO 17450-2.

Throughout this document, parameters are written as abbreviated terms with lower-case suffixes (as in Rq) which are used in product documentation, drawings and data sheets.

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