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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4156-1:2005), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition includes:

- ISO 268-1 has been removed from [Clause 2](#);
- ISO 4156-2 and ISO 4156-3 have been moved from [Clause 2](#) to Bibliography;
- the definitions of base diameter, major diameter, minor diameter, depth of engagement, theoretical clearance, out-of-roundness, and auxiliary dimension have been removed;
- symbols of length and arc length between two points, according to ISO 80000-3, have been adopted and used in calculation examples in [Annex A](#);
- in [Figure 8](#), clearance between external spline and mating part has been corrected;
- in [Figure 10](#), measurement of space width, effective and tooth thickness, effective have been corrected;
- in [Figure 11](#), the figure title has been changed;
- in [Figure 15](#), the indication of form tooth height and minor tooth height has been corrected;
- in [Table 11](#), the tolerance on D_{ii} for diameter > 80 to 120 in column H 11 has been corrected;
- the previous Tables 14 to 17 have been corrected and moved to [Annex A](#);
- in [A.4](#), the calculation of $M_{Re\ min}$ has been completed.

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This corrected version of ISO 4156-1:2021 incorporates the following corrections:

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- in [A.4](#), the calculation of F_α has been added;
- in [A.4](#), [A.5](#) and [A.6](#), the formulae for calculating l_{BOe} have been corrected.

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Introduction

ISO 4156 (all parts) provides the data and indications necessary for the design, manufacture and inspection of straight (non-helical) side-fitting cylindrical involute splines.

Straight cylindrical involute splines manufactured in accordance with ISO 4156 (all parts) are used for clearance, sliding and interference connections of shafts and hubs. They contain all the necessary characteristics for the assembly, transmission of torque, and economic production.

The nominal pressure angles are 30°, 37,5° and 45°. For electronic data processing purposes, the form of expression 37,5° has been adopted instead of 37°30'. ISO 4156 (all parts) establishes a specification based on the following modules:

- for pressure angles of 30° and 37,5° the module increments are:
0,5; 0,75; 1; 1,25; 1,5; 1,75; 2; 2,5; 3; 4; 5; 6; 8; 10;
- for pressure angle of 45° the module increments are:
0,25; 0,5; 0,75; 1; 1,25; 1,5; 1,75; 2; 2,5.

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Part 1: Generalities

1 Scope

This document provides the data and indications necessary for the design and manufacture of straight (non-helical) side-fitting cylindrical involute splines.

Limiting dimensions, tolerances, manufacturing deviations and their effects on the fit between connecting coaxial spline elements are defined in the formulae and given in the tables. Unless otherwise specified, linear dimensions are expressed in millimetres and angular dimensions in degrees.

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

3.1 spline joint

connecting, coaxial elements that transmit torque through the simultaneous engagement of equally spaced teeth situated around the periphery of a cylindrical external member with similar spaced mating spaces situated around the inner surface of the related cylindrical internal member

3.2 involute spline

member of *spline joint* (3.1) having teeth or spaces that have involute flank profiles

3.3 internal spline

spline formed on the inner surface of a cylinder

3.4 external spline

spline formed on the outer surface of a cylinder