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**Calculation of load capacity of spur  
and helical gears —**

**Part 6:  
Calculation of service life under  
variable load**

*Calcul de la capacité de charge des engrenages cylindriques à  
dentures droite et hélicoïdale —*

*Partie 6: Calcul de la durée de vie en service sous charge variable*

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6336-6:2006), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 6336-6:2006/Cor.1:2007.

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

- in [Annex A](#), examples have been revised;
- integration of [Annex B](#) "Equivalent cumulative damage".

A list of all parts in the ISO 6336 series can be found on the ISO website.

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](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

ISO 6336 (all parts) consists of International Standards, Technical Specifications (TS) and Technical Reports (TR) under the general title *Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears* (see [Table 1](#)).

- International Standards contain calculation methods that are based on widely accepted practices and have been validated.
- Technical Specifications (TS) contain calculation methods that are still subject to further development.
- Technical Reports (TR) contain data that is informative, such as example calculations.

The procedures specified in parts 1 to 19 of the ISO 6336 series cover fatigue analyses for gear rating. The procedures described in parts 20 to 29 of the ISO 6336 series are predominantly related to the tribological behavior of the lubricated flank surface contact. Parts 30 to 39 of the ISO 6336 series include example calculations. The ISO 6336 series allows the addition of new parts under appropriate numbers to reflect knowledge gained in the future.

Requesting standardized calculations according to the ISO 6336 series without referring to specific parts requires the use of only those parts that are currently designated as International Standards (see [Table 1](#) for listing). When requesting further calculations, the relevant part or parts of the ISO 6336 series need to be specified. Use of a Technical Specification as acceptance criteria for a specific design need to be agreed in advance between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

**Table 1 — Parts of the ISO 6336 series (STATUS AS OF DATE OF PUBLICATION)**

Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears	International Standard	Technical Specification	Technical Report
<i>Part 1: Basic principles, introduction and general influence factors</i>	X		
<i>Part 2: Calculation of surface durability (pitting)</i>	X		
<i>Part 3: Calculation of tooth bending strength</i>	X		
<i>Part 4: Calculation of tooth flank fracture load capacity</i>		X	
<i>Part 5: Strength and quality of materials</i>	X		
<i>Part 6: Calculation of service life under variable load</i>	X		
<i>Part 20: Calculation of scuffing load capacity (also applicable to bevel and hypoid gears) — Flash temperature method</i> (replaces: ISO/TR 13989-1)		X	
<i>Part 21: Calculation of scuffing load capacity (also applicable to bevel and hypoid gears) — Integral temperature method</i> (replaces: ISO/TR 13989-2)		X	
<i>Part 22: Calculation of micropitting load capacity</i> (replaces: ISO/TR 15144-1)		X	
<i>Part 30: Calculation examples for the application of ISO 6336-1, 2, 3, 5</i>			X
<i>Part 31: Calculation examples of micropitting load capacity</i> (replaces: ISO/TR 15144-2)			X

