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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 1, *Screw threads*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 965-3:1998), which has been technically revised.

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

- in the document title, “constructional” has been deleted;
- in [Clause 1](#), the third paragraph has been added;
- in [Clause 4](#), the phrase “basic profiles” has been replaced by “basic profile and fundamental deviation” (first paragraph of ISO 965-3:1998; second paragraph of ISO 965-3:2020);
- in [Clause 4](#) and [Table 1](#), the deviation formula and values for the minor diameter of external threads have been deleted;
- in [Table 1](#) four tolerance classes (4g, 5g4g, 8e and 9e8e) have been added.

A list of all parts in the ISO 965 series can be found on the ISO website.

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# ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances —

## Part 3: Limit deviations for screw threads

### 1 Scope

This document specifies limit deviations for pitch and crest diameters for ISO general purpose metric screw threads (M) conforming to ISO 261 having basic profile in accordance with ISO 68-1.

The limit deviations specified are derived from the fundamental deviations and tolerances specified in ISO 965-1.

This document is applicable to ISO general purpose metric screw threads with the recommended tolerance classes.

### 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 5408, *Screw threads — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5408 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Limit deviations

Limit deviations are given in [Table 1](#).

For internal threads as well as external threads, the actual root contour shall not in any point transgress the basic profile and fundamental deviation.

For coated threads, the tolerances apply to the parts before coating, unless otherwise stated. After coating the actual thread profile shall not in any point transgress the maximum material limits for position H or h respectively.

NOTE These provisions are intended for thin coatings, for example those obtained by electroplating.