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**Statistical methods in process  
management — Capability and  
performance —**

Part 2:  
**Process capability and performance of  
time-dependent process models**

*Méthodes statistiques dans la gestion de processus — Aptitude et  
performance —*

*Partie 2: Aptitude de processus et performance des modèles de  
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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 69, *Applications of statistical methods*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Applications of statistical methods in process management*.

This second edition of ISO 22514-2 cancels and replaces the corrected version of the first edition (ISO 22514-2:2013), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the symbols and indices in  $C_{pk_L}$ ,  $C_{pk_U}$ ,  $P_{pk_L}$  and  $P_{pk_U}$  have been improved;
- in [Table 2](#), row "Location", column "C", the letter "s" has been replaced by "s/r";
- in [Table 2](#), row "Location", column "D", the capital letter "S" has been replaced by "s/r";
- in [Table 3](#), row "Location method label", rows "3" and "4" – in Formulae (13) and (14) the usage of indices has been improved and it is more precise now;
- editorial adjustments have been made to comply with the latest edition of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, 2016.

A list of all parts in the ISO 22514- series, published under the general title *Statistical methods in process management — Capability and performance*, can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

Many standards have been created concerning the quality capability/performance of processes by international, regional and national standardization bodies and also by industry. All of them assume that the process is in a state of statistical control, with stationary, normally distributed processes. However, a comprehensive analysis of production processes shows that, over time, it is very rare for processes to remain in such a state.

In recognition of this fact, this document provides a framework for estimating the quality capability/performance of industrial processes for an array of standard circumstances. These circumstances are categorized based on the stability of the mean and variance, as to whether they are constant, changing systematically, or changing randomly. As such, the quality capability/performance can be assessed for very differently shaped distributions with respect to time.

In other parts of ISO 22514 more detailed information about calculations of indices can be found. It should be noted that where the capability indices given in this document are computed they only form point estimates of their true values. It is therefore recommended that wherever possible the indices' confidence intervals are computed and reported.



# Statistical methods in process management — Capability and performance —

## Part 2:

# Process capability and performance of time-dependent process models

## 1 Scope

This document describes a procedure for the determination of statistics for estimating the quality capability or performance of product and process characteristics. The process results of these quality characteristics are categorized into eight possible distribution types. Calculation formulae for the statistical measures are placed with every distribution.

The statistical methods described in this document only relate to continuous quality characteristics. They are applicable to processes in any industrial or economical sector.

**NOTE** This method is usually applied in case of a great number of serial process results, but it can also be used for small series (a small number of process results).

## 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 5479, *Statistical interpretation of data — Tests for departure from the normal distribution*

## 3 Terms definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3534-2 and ISO 22514-1, and the symbols and abbreviated terms given below, apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 Symbols

$C_p$	process capability index
$C_{pk}$	minimum process capability index
$C_{pk_L}$	lower process capability index
$C_{pk_U}$	upper process capability index
$c_4$	constant based on subgroup size $n$