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(TPD) — Presentation of dimensions  
and tolerances —**

Part 1:  
**General principles**

*Documentation technique de produits — Représentation des  
dimensions et tolérances —*

*Partie 1: Principes généraux*





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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 10, *Technical product documentation*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 129-1:2004), which has been technically revised.

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

- that this document does not cover the application of dimensioning tolerances has been clarified;
- property indicator, surface indicator, developed length and between symbols have been discussed;
- flag notes and textual instructions have been discussed;
- dimensioning repeated features and restricted areas have been clarified.

A list of all parts in the ISO 129 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

This document is intended for all fields of application. See other parts of ISO 129 for information pertaining to specific application areas.

The principles of tolerancing and the interpretation of tolerance presentations are given in the ISO 14405 series.

Figures in this document illustrate the rules and are not intended to show complete representations. It should be understood that third-angle projection could equally well have been used without prejudice to the principles established.

# Technical product documentation (TPD) — Presentation of dimensions and tolerances —

## Part 1: General principles

### 1 Scope

This document establishes the general principles for presentation of dimensions and associated tolerances that apply to 2D technical drawings in all disciplines and trades but which can also be applied to 3D applications.

This document does not cover the application of dimensional tolerances and their meaning. See ISO 14405-1 for tolerancing principles. This document can only be used to describe the nominal model of a drawing, not the non-ideal surface model (skin model) used for tolerancing purposes (for more information on tolerancing specifications, see the list of GPS standards listed as normative reference or as bibliography)

Considering the ISO 14405 series, the presentation of tolerance indication is unambiguous when it is applied to a dimension which is a size and ambiguous when the dimension is not a size.

All rules presented in this document are available for any type of drawing (see ISO 29845).

In addition, this document introduces the concept of property indicators, developed length, between, surface indicators, flag notes and textual instructions.

NOTE 1 All figures are shown in 2D views only.

NOTE 2 Additional information and details for construction engineering are given in ISO 6284.

### 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 128-20, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 20: Basic conventions for lines*

ISO 128-22, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 22: Basic conventions and applications for leader lines and reference lines*

ISO 128-24:2014, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 24: Lines on mechanical engineering drawings*

ISO 3098 (all parts), *Technical product documentation — Lettering*

ISO 10209, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Terms relating to technical drawings, product definition and related documentation*

ISO 14405 (all parts), *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional tolerancing*

ISO 81714-1, *Design of graphical symbols for use in the technical documentation of products — Part 1: Basic rules*