
**Technical product documentation
(TPD) — General principles of
representation —**

**Part 3:
Views, sections and cuts**

*Documentation technique de produits (TPD) — Principes généraux de
représentation —*

Partie 3: Vues, sections et coupes





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- [Clause 2](#): reference to ISO 10209 has been updated;
- [Figures A.3, A.4, A.5, B.4, D.10, E.1](#) and [E.2](#) have been redrawn to be consistent with the text;
- minor editorial changes.

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Introduction

This document contains generally applicable rules for the presentation of views, sections and cuts in all kinds of technical product documentation. The first-angle projection method (formerly referred to as method E) and the third-angle projection method (formerly referred to as method A) are described in more detail in ISO 5456-2.

All figures in this document, excluding [Figure 1](#), [Figure 6](#) and [Figure 7](#), have been drawn in first-angle projection method unless other methods are stated. It should be understood that third-angle projection or other methods could have been used equally well without prejudice to the principles established.

The application of views, sections and cuts within drawings of special technical fields varies considerably. Therefore, rules of application specific to technical fields are given in [Annexes C, D, E](#) and [F](#).

Technical product documentation (TPD) — General principles of representation —

Part 3: Views, sections and cuts

1 Scope

This document specifies the general principles for presenting views, sections and cuts applicable to various kinds of technical drawings (e.g. mechanical, electrical, architectural, civil engineering), following the orthographic projection methods specified in ISO 5456-2. Views and sections for shipbuilding technical drawings are discussed in ISO 128-15. Views and sections for 3D models are discussed in ISO 16792.

Attention has also been given in this document to the requirements of reproduction, including microcopying in accordance with ISO 6428.

2 Normative references

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ISO 128-2:—,¹⁾ *Technical product documentation (TPD) — General principles of presentation — Part 2: Basic conventions for lines*

ISO 129-1, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — Presentation of dimensions and tolerances — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 3098-1, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 5456-2, *Technical drawings — Projection methods — Part 2: Orthographic representations*

ISO 6428, *Technical drawings — Requirements for microcopying*

ISO 10209:2022, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Terms relating to technical drawings, product definition and related documentation*

ISO 15519-1, *Specification for diagrams for process industry — Part 1: General rules*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10209:2022 and the following apply.

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