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Part 1: Inside diameters, cross-sections, tolerances and designation codes

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## Foreword

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ISO 3601 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Fluid power systems — O-rings*:

- *Part 1: Inside diameters, cross-sections, tolerances and designation codes*
- *Part 2: Housing dimensions for general applications*
- *Part 3: Quality acceptance criteria*
- *Part 4: Anti-extrusion rings (back-up rings)*
- *Part 5: Suitability of elastomeric materials for industrial applications*

## **Introduction**

In fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid (liquid or gas) under pressure within an enclosed circuit. To avoid leakage or to seal different chambers of a component from each other, sealing devices are used. O-rings are one type of sealing device.

# Fluid power systems — O-rings —

## Part 1: Inside diameters, cross-sections, tolerances and designation codes

### 1 Scope

**A1** This document specifies the inside diameters, cross-sections, tolerances and designation codes for O-rings used in fluid power systems for general industrial and aerospace applications.

The ISO 3601 series of standards basically addresses O-rings with moulded cross-sections without a radial joint. The dimensions and tolerances specified in this document are suitable for any elastomeric material, provided that suitable tooling is available.

**NOTE** The tooling most commonly available is based on 70 IRHD NBR shrinkage rates (see ISO 48). For materials that shrink differently from this standard NBR compound, a special mould can be required to maintain the mean diameters and the tolerance limits listed. **A1**

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

ISO 3601-3, *Fluid power systems — O-rings — Part 3: Quality acceptance criteria*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 apply.

### 4 Symbols

The following symbols are used in this part of ISO 3601:

- $d_1$  O-ring inside diameter;
- $d_2$  O-ring cross-section diameter.

### 5 Configuration

The shape of the O-ring shall be toroidal, as shown in [Figure 1](#).