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

Part 1:
**Introduction and fundamental
requirements**

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

Partie 1: Introduction et exigences fondamentales





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Foreword

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- the index has been moved to ISO 128-100;
- references have been updated to point to the revised parts of the ISO 128 series.

A list of all parts in the ISO 128 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

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

Part 1: Introduction and fundamental requirements

1 Scope

This document gives general rules for the execution of technical drawings (2D and 3D), as well as presenting the structure of the other parts of the ISO 128 series. This document is applicable to technical drawing in the fields of mechanical engineering, construction, architecture and shipbuilding. It is applicable to both manual and computer-based technical drawings.

For the purpose of this document the term “technical drawing” shall be interpreted in the broadest possible sense, encompassing the total package of documentation specifying the product (workpiece, subassembly, assembly).

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 129 (all parts), *Technical product documentation (TPD) — Presentation of dimensions and tolerances*

ISO 286-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 1: Basis of tolerances, deviations and fits*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 1302, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Indication of surface texture in technical product documentation*

ISO 2538-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Wedges — Part 2: Dimensioning and tolerancing*

ISO 2553, *Welding and allied processes — Symbolic representation on drawings — Welded joints*

ISO 2692, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Maximum material requirement (MMR), least material requirement (LMR) and reciprocity requirement (RPR)*

ISO 3040, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensioning and tolerancing — Cones*

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

ISO 5457, *Technical product documentation — Sizes and layout of drawing sheets*

ISO 5458, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Pattern and combined geometrical specification*

ISO 5459, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Datums and datum systems*

ISO 6284, *Construction drawings — Indication of limit deviations*

ISO 6428, *Technical drawings — Requirements for microcopying*

ISO 128-1:2020(E)

ISO 6433, *Technical product documentation — Part references*

ISO 7083, *Technical drawings — Symbols for geometrical tolerancing — Proportions and dimensions*

ISO 7200, *Technical product documentation — Data fields in title blocks and document headers*

ISO 7573, *Technical product documentation — Parts lists*

ISO 8015, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Fundamentals — Concepts, principles and rules*

ISO 8560, *Technical drawings — Construction drawings — Representation of modular sizes, lines and grids*

ISO 9431, *Construction drawings — Spaces for drawing and for text, and title blocks on drawing sheets*

ISO 10135, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Drawing indications for moulded parts in technical product documentation (TPD)*

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

ISO 13715, *Technical product documentation — Edges of undefined shape — Indication and dimensioning*

ISO 14405-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional tolerancing — Part 1: Linear sizes*

ISO 14405-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional tolerancing — Part 2: Dimensions other than linear or angular sizes*

ISO 14405-3, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional tolerancing — Part 3: Angular sizes*

ISO 15785, *Technical drawings — Symbolic presentation and indication of adhesive, fold and pressed joints*

ISO 15787, *Technical product documentation — Heat-treated ferrous parts — Presentation and indications*

ISO 16016, *Technical product documentation — Protection notices for restricting the use of documents and products*

ISO 25178-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Areal — Part 1: Indication of surface texture*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

ISO 80000-3, *Quantities and units — Part 3: Space and time*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10209 and the following 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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 technical drawing

drawing showing a technical installation, process or product with a view to clarifying its structure and enabling its construction

[SOURCE: ISO 5127:2017, 3.4.7.54, modified — Note 1 to entry removed.]

4 Arrangement of the ISO 128 series

The ISO 128 series specifies the graphical representation of objects in technical drawings with the aim of facilitating the international exchange of information on drawings and ensuring their uniformity in a comprehensive system.

- ISO 128-1 for fundamental requirements;
- ISO 128-2 for line types;
- ISO 128-3 for views, cuts and sections;
- ISO 128-15 for representation of shipbuilding technical drawings;
- ISO/TS 128-71 for simplified representation of mechanical engineering technical drawings;
- ISO 128-100 for index of subject topics.

Within these subject groupings, parts consist of requirements and applications for the different industrial branches – a concept allowing the integration of future developments. A matrix of the structure of the ISO 128 series (excluding this document) is given in [Table 1](#). Only those parts which are publicly available at the time of publication of this document are indicated.

Table 1 — Matrix of structure of the ISO 128 series

Subject	Application				
	Basic conventions	Special applications	Construction and architecture	Mechanical engineering	Shipbuilding
Lines	ISO 128-2		ISO 128-2:— ^a , Annexes B and C	ISO 128-2:— ^a , Annexes D and E	ISO 128-2:— ^a , Annexes F and G
CAD lines	ISO 128-2:— ^a , Annex A	—	—	—	—
Views	ISO 128-3	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annexes A and B	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annex F	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annex C	ISO 128-15
Cuts and sections	ISO 128-3	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annexes A and B	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annex F	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annex D	ISO 128-15
Areas on section	ISO 128-3	—	—	—	—
Projection	ISO 128-3	—	ISO 128-3:— ^b , Annex E	—	ISO 128-15
Simplified representation	—	—	—	ISO/TS 128-71	ISO 128-15
Coding and symbols	—	—	—	—	ISO 128-15
Index of subjects	ISO 128-100	ISO 128-100	ISO 128-100	ISO 128-100	ISO 128-100
^a Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/FDIS 128-2:2020.					
^b Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/FDIS 128-3:2020.					

The documents of the ISO 128 series are at the top of the hierarchy of ISO standards dealing with the graphical execution of technical drawings.

5 Fundamental requirements

Technical drawings (2D and 3D) are a specific type of communication. Technical drawings follow the rules of ISO/TC 10 and shall conform with the following principles.

- a) **Unambiguous and clear.** A technical drawing shows the end condition of the represented object for a specific function. For any feature of a technical drawing, there shall be only one interpretation.

The content shall be definitive, for example, for the manufacture of a part and the verification of its specifications. Only indicated requirements on the technical drawing or in the related documentation are manufactured or verified.

- b) **To scale.** The outlines and details of a representation should be proportional to the represented part. (For scales, see ISO 5455.) Nevertheless, values for the dimensions of an object shall not be determined or scaled directly from the technical drawing.
- c) **Appropriate for duplication and copying.** To provide a high-quality product when plotting, copying or microcopying and reproducing; these shall be done in accordance with ISO 6428.
- d) **Language independent.** It is preferable that technical drawings be language independent. Words should be used only within the title block or where it is impracticable to present information graphically.
- e) **In accordance with standards.** The ISO 128 series and its normative references shall be respected.

Assembly technical drawings shall have an associated item list in accordance with ISO 7573, which may be included on the technical drawing itself or presented as a separate document. The release procedures for a technical drawing and any changes on released technical drawings shall be clearly documented.

6 Basic entities of technical drawings

6.1 General

A technical drawing shall consist of, when applicable, the following elements:

- technical drawing sheet layout in accordance with ISO 5457;
- title block in accordance with ISO 7200 for technical drawings or ISO 9431 for construction drawings;
- representation of the object(s) in accordance with the ISO 128 series;
- dimensioning in accordance with ISO 129-1;
- lettering in accordance with ISO 3098-1;
- part references in accordance with ISO 6433;
- quantities, units and symbols in accordance with ISO 80000-1 and ISO 80000-3;
- protection notice in accordance with ISO 16016;
- references to standards for applicable elements.

6.2 Mechanical engineering

The geometrical specifications shall be in accordance with the rules of ISO standards as per the geometrical product specification (GPS) matrix model (see ISO 14638), including but not limited to:

- ISO 8015 for general concepts, principles and rules;
- ISO 286-1, ISO 14405-1, ISO 14405-2 and ISO 14405-3 for the indication and tolerancing of sizes;
- ISO 129-5 for dimensioning of structural metal work;
- ISO 1101, ISO 2692, ISO 5458 and ISO 7083 for the indication of geometrical specifications;
- ISO 1302 and ISO 25178-1 for the indication of surface texture and surface imperfections;
- ISO 2538-2 for the indication and tolerancing of wedges;

- ISO 3040 for the indication of cones;
- ISO 5459 for the indication of datums and datum systems.

6.3 Construction engineering

The geometrical specifications shall be in accordance with the rules of standards including, but not limited to:

- ISO 129-5 for dimensioning of structural metal work;
- ISO 6284 for the indication of limit deviations;
- ISO 8560 for the indication of modular sizes, lines and grids.

6.4 Shipbuilding

The geometrical specifications shall be in accordance with the rules of standards including, but not limited to:

- ISO 129-4 for dimensioning of shipbuilding.

6.5 Materials and processes

The geometrical specifications shall be in accordance with the rules of inherent standards applicable in different branches, including, but not limited to:

- ISO 2553 for the indication of welded, brazed and soldered joints;
- the ISO 2768 series for the indication of general tolerances for machined products;
- ISO 10135 for the indication of moulded products;
- ISO 13715 for the indication and tolerancing of edges;
- ISO 15785 for the indication of adhesive, fold and pressed joints;
- ISO 15787 for the indication of heat treatment.

7 Using the ISO 128 series

For the execution of mechanical engineering technical drawings, the following documents shall be used:

- ISO 128-2 for the types of lines to be used to express specific appearances;
- ISO 128-2:—¹⁾, Annexes D and E, for special line types used only for mechanical technical drawings;
- ISO 128-3 for the manner in which views on an object are arranged and for special rules or simplifications useful in drafting; for the manner in which cuts and sections are to be made and for rules for the representation of areas on cuts and sections;
- ISO 128-3:—²⁾, Annexes C and D, for special views, cuts and sections used only for mechanical technical drawings;
- ISO/TS 128-71 for simplified representation of mechanical engineering technical drawings.

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