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**Technical drawings — General principles of  
presentation —**

Part 30:  
**Basic conventions for views**

*Dessins techniques — Principes généraux de représentation —*

*Partie 30: Conventions de base pour les vues*



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International Standard ISO 128-30 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 10, *Technical product documentation*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Basic conventions*.

This first edition is based on ISO 128:1982, clause 2 of which it cancels and replaces.

ISO 128 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation*:

- *Part 20: Basic conventions for lines*
- *Part 21: Preparation of lines by CAD systems*
- *Part 22: Basic conventions and applications for leader lines and reference lines*
- *Part 23: Lines on construction drawings*
- *Part 24: Lines on mechanical engineering drawings*
- *Part 25: Lines on shipbuilding drawings*
- *Part 30: Basic conventions for views*
- *Part 34: Views on mechanical engineering drawings*
- *Part 40: Basic conventions for cuts and sections*
- *Part 44: Sections on mechanical engineering drawings*
- *Part 50: Basic conventions for representing areas on cuts and sections*

The following part is under preparation: *Part 1: Introduction and index*.

Annexes A, B and C form a normative part of this part of ISO 128.

## Introduction

According to the replaced clause 2 of ISO 128:1982 three different methods of presenting views are allowed. In this part of ISO 128, the method of using reference arrows has been selected as the preferred one. The first angle projection method (formerly referred to as method E) and the third angle projection method (formerly referred to as method A) are still to be regarded as normative. Annexes A and B of this part of ISO 128 give basic information on the first and third angle projection methods; ISO 5456-2 specifies the rules in detail.

# Technical drawings — General principles of presentation —

## Part 30:

### Basic conventions for views

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 128 specifies the general principles for presenting views, applicable to all kinds of technical drawings (mechanical, electrical, architectural, civil engineering, etc.), following the orthographic projection methods specified in ISO 5456-2.

Attention has also been given in this part of ISO 128 to the requirements of reproduction, including microcopying in accordance with ISO 6428.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 128. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 128 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 128-24:1999, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 24: Lines on mechanical engineering drawings.*

ISO 3098-0, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 0: General requirements.*

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

ISO 6428, *Technical drawings — Requirements for microcopying.*

ISO 10209-1, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Part 1: Terms relating to technical drawings: general and types of drawings.*

ISO 10209-2, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to projection methods.*

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 part of ISO 128, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10209-1 and ISO 10209-2 apply.

#### 4 General

The most informative view of an object shall be used as the front or principal figure, taking into consideration, for example, its functioning position, position of manufacturing or mounting.

Each view, with the exception of the front or principal figure (view, plan, principal figure), shall be given clear identification with a capital letter, repeated near the reference arrow needed to indicate the direction of viewing for the

relevant view. Whatever the direction of viewing, the capital letter shall always be positioned in normal relation to the direction of reading, and be indicated either above or on the right side of the reference arrow.

The reference arrow is defined in annex C (including the arc arrow, see clause 7), as is the lettering height of the identification.

The designated views may be located irrespective of the principal figure. The capital letters identifying the referenced views shall be placed immediately above the relevant views (see Figure 1).

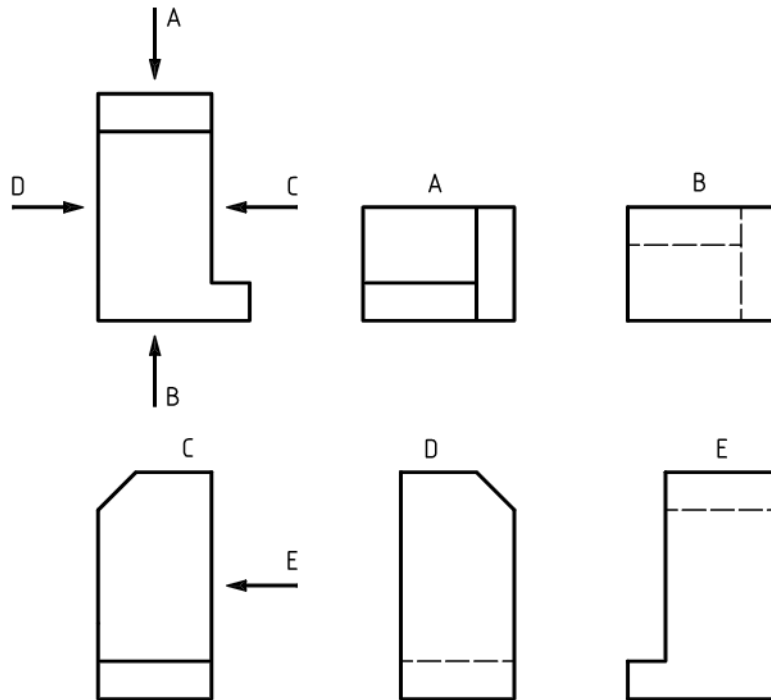


Figure 1 — Identification of referenced views

## 5 Choice of views

When views (including cuts and sections) are needed, these shall be selected according to the following principles:

- limit the number of views (and cuts and sections) to the minimum necessary but sufficient to fully delineate the object without ambiguity;
- avoid the need for hidden outlines and edges;
- avoid unnecessary repetition of a detail.

## 6 Partial views

### 6.1 General

Features needing specific illustration, but not meriting a full view, may be illustrated using a partial view limited by a continuous narrow line with zigzags of type 01.1.19 according to ISO 128-24:1999 (see Figure 2).

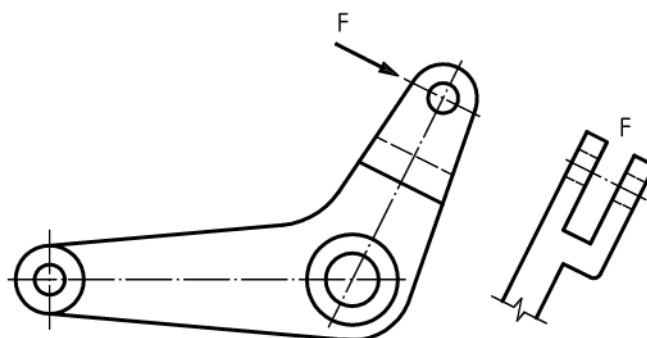
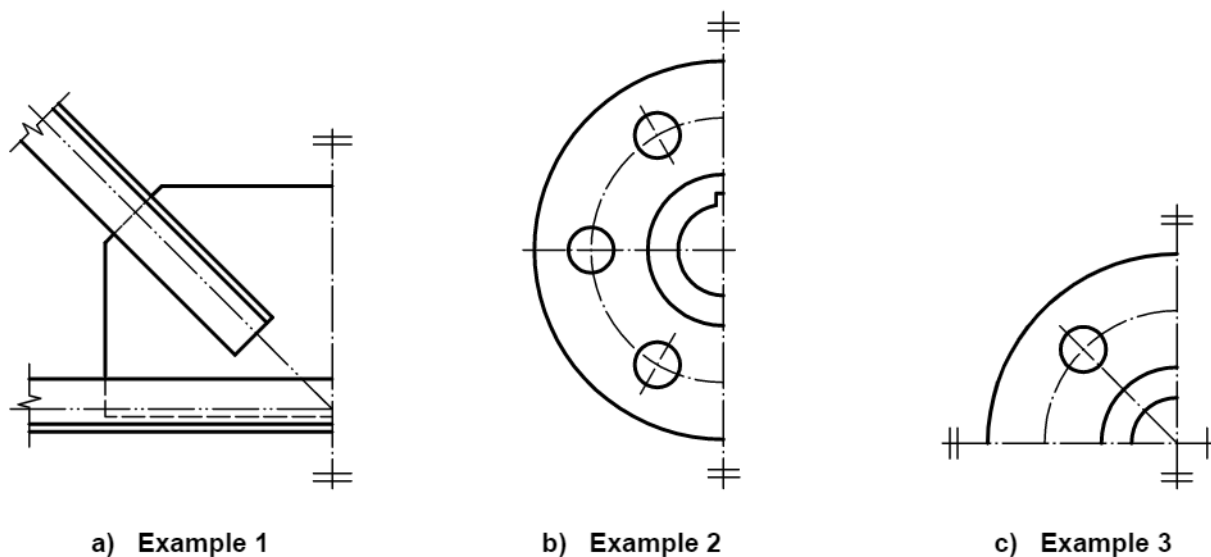


Figure 2 — Partial view

### 6.2 Partial view of symmetrical parts

To save time and space, symmetrical objects may be drawn as a fraction of the whole [see Figure 3 a), b) and c)].

The line of symmetry is identified at each of its ends by two narrow short parallel lines drawn at right angles to it [see Figure 3 a), b) and c)]. The graphical symbol for symmetry shall be drawn in accordance with clause C.4.



a) Example 1

b) Example 2

c) Example 3

Figure 3 — Partial view of symmetrical parts

## 7 Special positions of view

When necessary, it is permitted to show the view in another position than that indicated by the reference arrow.

The fact that the view is shown in another position should be clarified by an arc arrow showing the direction of rotation according to Figure 4 a) and b). The angle of rotation of the view after the capital letter may be indicated. If used, the sequence shall be:

“view identification — arc arrow — angle of rotation”

The arc arrow shall be drawn in accordance with clause C.3.

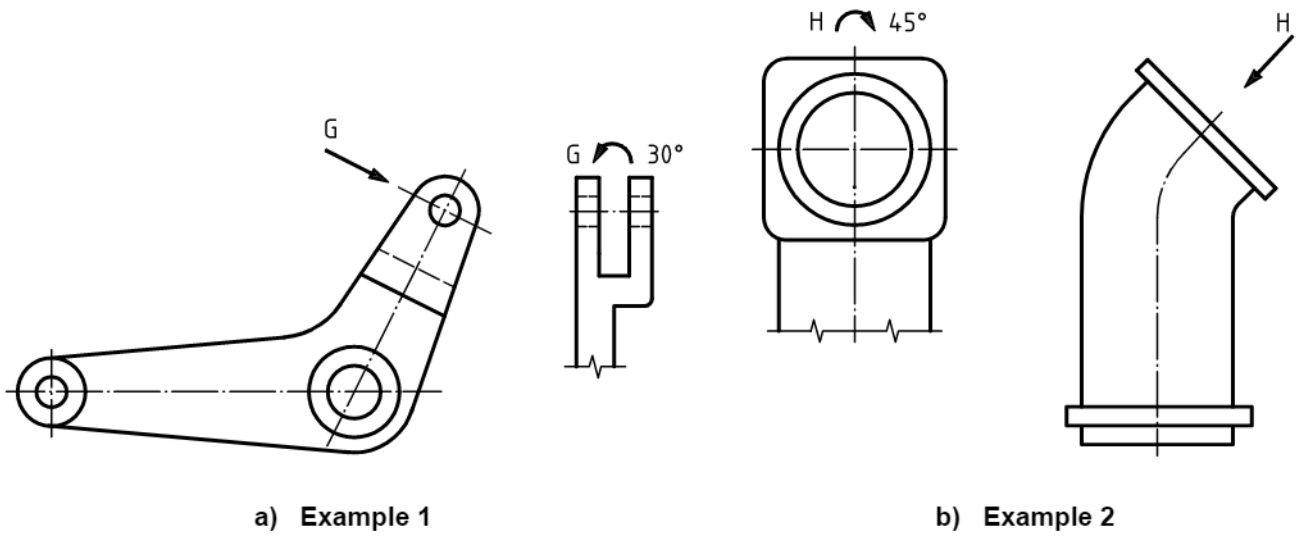


Figure 4 — Special view positions



## Annex A (normative)

### First angle projection method

#### A.1 General

The first angle projection method is to be regarded as a requirement of this part of ISO 128. A more detailed description of the first angle projection method is to be found in ISO 5456-2.

#### A.2 First angle projection method

With reference to the front view, (a), the other views are arranged as follows (see Figure A.1):

- the view from above, (b), is placed underneath;
- the view from below, (e), is placed above;
- the view from the left, (c), is placed on the right;
- the view from the right, (d), is placed on the left;
- the view from the rear, (f), may be placed on the left or right, as convenient.

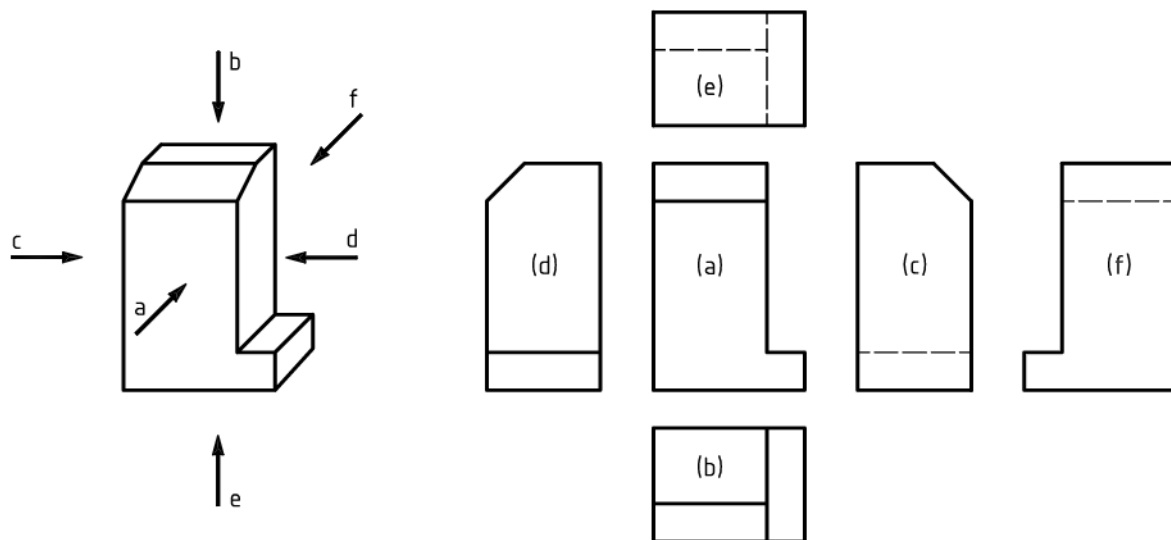


Figure A.1 — First angle projection method

### A.3 Graphical symbol

The graphical symbol for the first angle projection method is shown in Figure A.2. The proportions and dimensions of this graphical symbol are specified in ISO 5456-2.

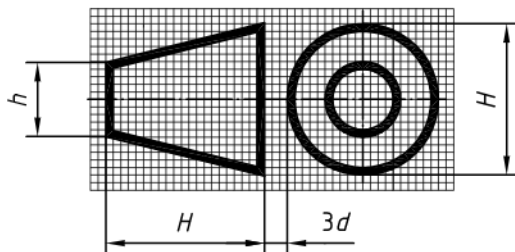


Figure A.2 — Graphical symbol

## Annex B (normative)

### Third angle projection method

#### B.1 General

The third angle projection method is to be regarded as a requirement of this part of ISO 128. A more detailed description of the third angle projection method is to be found in ISO 5456-2.

#### B.2 Third angle projection method

With reference to the front view, (a), the other views are arranged as follows (see Figure B.1):

- the view from above, (b), is placed above;
- the view from below, (e), is placed underneath;
- the view from the left, (c), is placed on the left;
- the view from the right, (d), is placed on the right;
- the view from the rear, (f), may be placed on the left or right, as convenient.

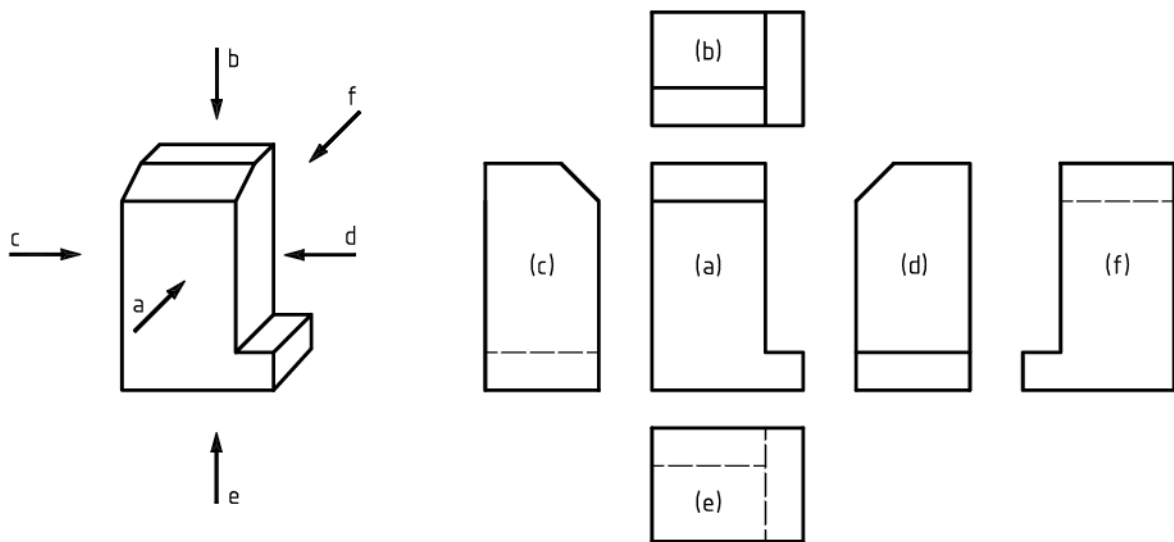


Figure B.1 — Third angle projection method

### B.3 Graphical symbol

The graphical symbol for the third angle projection method is shown in Figure B.2. The proportions and dimensions of this graphical symbol are specified in ISO 5456-2.

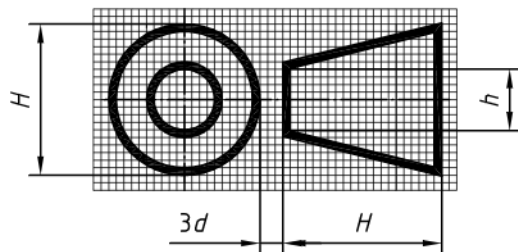


Figure B.2 — Graphical symbol

## Annex C (normative)

### Graphical symbols

#### C.1 General

In order to harmonize the sizes of the graphical symbols specified in this part of ISO 128 with those of the other inscriptions on the drawing (dimensions, tolerances, etc.), the rules given in ISO 81714-1 shall apply.

The view identification lettering height,  $h$ , shall be larger than the normal lettering on the technical drawing by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ .

Within Figures C.1, C.2 and C.3, lettering type B, vertical, according to ISO 3098-0, applies. Other lettering types are also permitted.

#### C.2 Reference arrow

See Figure C.1.

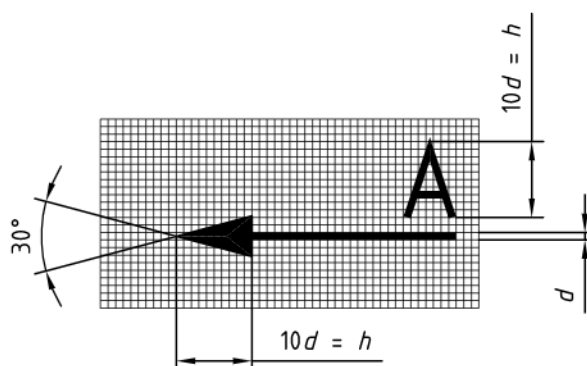


Figure C.1 — Graphical symbol for reference arrows

#### C.3 Arc arrow

See Figure C.2.

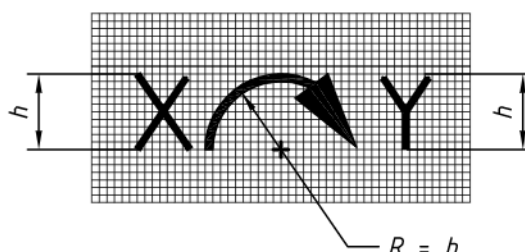


Figure C.2 — Graphical symbol for arc arrows

## C.4 Symmetry

See Figure C.3.

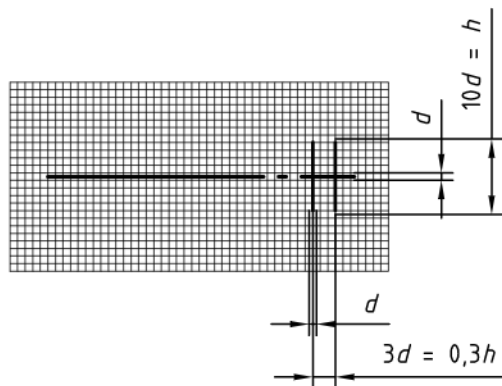


Figure C.3 — Graphical symbol for symmetry

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