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**Belt drives — Pulleys and V-ribbed  
belts for the automotive industry —  
PK profile: Dimensions**

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9981:1998), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references list has been updated;
- clarification has been made where the standard is not for elastic belts;
- [5.3.5](#) has been revised to reference ISO 254 for pulley roughness;
- the current roughness values have been removed;
- the maximum pulley groove radius ([Table 2](#)) has been specified.

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## Introduction

A V-ribbed belt drive is composed of an endless belt with a longitudinally ribbed traction surface which engages and grips, by friction, pulley grooves of similar shape. The belt ribbed surface fits the pulley grooves to make nearly total contact.



# Belt drives — Pulleys and V-ribbed belts for the automotive industry — PK profile: Dimensions

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the principal dimensional characteristics of V-ribbed pulley groove profiles, together with the corresponding endless V-ribbed belts of PK profile which are used predominantly for automotive accessory drive applications.

This document does not apply to the complete array of V-ribbed belts and pulleys of PH, PJ, PK, PL and PM profile for industrial and other non-automotive applications which are covered by ISO 9982. PK belt profile dimensions and tolerances are the same in both International Standards.

[6.2](#) and [6.3](#) of this document do not apply to elastic belts.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/>

## 4 Symbols

For the purpose of this document, the symbols given in [Table 1](#) apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols**

Symbol	Designation	Unit
$b$	nominal width of the belt	mm
$b_e$	effective line differential	mm
$d_B$	checking ball or rod diameter	mm
$d_e$	effective diameter	mm
$d_o$	outer diameter	mm
$d_p$	pitch diameter	mm
$E$	centre distance between the pulleys	mm
$E_{max}$	maximum centre distance between the pulleys	mm
$E_{min}$	minimum centre distance between the pulleys	mm
$e$	groove pitch	mm
$F$	measuring force per rib	N
$f$	distance between the outside of the rim and the axis of the first groove	mm