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

**Part 2:  
Basic conventions for lines**

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

*Partie 2: Conventions de base pour les traits*



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## Foreword

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- ISO 128-20:1996
- ISO 128-21:1997
- ISO 128-22:1999
- ISO 128-23:1999
- ISO 128-24:2014
- ISO 128-25:1999

The main changes to these documents are as follows:

- harmonization of the former parts listed above;
- introduction of the hierarchy of overlapping lines.

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

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## Introduction

ISO 128-2 contains generally applicable rules for the presentation of lines in all kinds of technical product documentation.

All figures in this document have been drawn in first-angle projection. 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 lines within drawings of special technical fields varies considerably. Therefore, rules of application specific to technical fields are given in [Annexes B](#) to [G](#).

[Annex A](#) provides information for the calculation of the most important basic types of non-continuous lines according to types of lines and their line elements.



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

## Part 2: Basic conventions for lines

### 1 Scope

This document establishes the types of lines used in technical drawings (e.g. diagrams, plans or maps), their designations and their configurations, as well as general rules for the draughting of lines. In addition, this document specifies general rules for the representation of leader and reference lines and their components as well as for the arrangement of instructions on or at leader lines in technical documents. Annexes have been provided for specific information on mechanical, construction and shipbuilding technical drawings.

For the purposes of this document the term “technical drawing” is 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 128-3, *Technical drawings — General principles of representation — Part 3: Views, sections and cuts*

ISO 128-15, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — General principles of presentation — Part 15: Presentation of shipbuilding drawings*

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

ISO 129-5, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — Presentation of dimensions and tolerances — Part 5: Dimensioning of structural metal work*

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

ISO 2203, *Technical drawings — Conventional representation of gears*

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

ISO 3766, *Construction drawings — Simplified representation of concrete reinforcement*

ISO 4463-1, *Measurement methods for building — Setting-out and measurement — Part 1: Planning and organization, measuring procedures, acceptance criteria*

ISO 4463-3, *Measurement methods for building — Setting-out and measurement — Part 3: Check-lists for the procurement of surveys and measurement services*