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**Rolling bearings — Radial bearings,  
retaining slots — Dimensions,  
geometrical product specifications  
(GPS) and tolerance values**

*Roulements — Roulements radiaux, encoches de retenue —  
Dimensions, spécification géométrique des produits (GPS) et valeurs  
de tolérance*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 20515:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the title has been updated;
- the geometrical product specification (GPS) has been modified;
- the specification for the location of the retaining slot's bottom surface has been changed from a distance to a position specification, whereas the tolerance values have to be recalculated and rounded;
- the structure of the tables has been revised.

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](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document is a machine element geometry standard as defined in the geometrical product specification system (GPS system) as presented in matrix model of ISO 14638<sup>[5]</sup>.

The fundamental rules of ISO GPS given in ISO 8015<sup>[2]</sup> apply to this document and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1<sup>[3]</sup> apply to specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated.

The connection between functional requirements, measuring technique, and measuring uncertainty is always intended to be considered. For measurement uncertainty, it is intended that ISO 14253-2<sup>[4]</sup> should be considered.



# Rolling bearings — Radial bearings, retaining slots — Dimensions, geometrical product specifications (GPS) and tolerance values

## 1 Scope

This document specifies dimensions and tolerances of retaining slots to be used for outer rings of single-row angular contact ball bearings, four-point-contact ball bearings and radial cylindrical roller bearings.

The retaining slots are not suitable for use in the outer rings of sealed and shielded radial ball bearings, nor in the outer rings of radial cylindrical roller bearings without ribs.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirement 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 15, *Rolling bearings — Radial bearings — Boundary dimensions, general plan*

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

ISO 5593, *Rolling bearings — Vocabulary*

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

ISO 15241, *Rolling bearings — Symbols for physical quantities*

ISO 22872<sup>1)</sup>, *Rolling bearings — Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Symbols, terms and definitions associated with GPS*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document the terms and definitions given in ISO 15, ISO 1101, ISO 5593, ISO 14405-1, ISO 15241, ISO 22872 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **retaining slot**

angled slot in an outer ring at the intersection of the outside surface and the face of the ring

Note 1 to entry: See [Figures 1](#) and [2](#); also outline illustration in ISO 5593:2019, Figure 155.

Note 2 to entry: The purpose of the slot is to provide a simple means of preventing rotation of the outer ring of a bearing in relation to the application where it is mounted.

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