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**Geometrical product specifications  
(GPS) — Surface texture: Profile  
method — Calibration of contact  
(stylus) instruments**

*Spécification géométrique des produits (GPS) — État de surface:  
Méthode du profil — Étalonnage des instruments à contact (palpeur)*



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The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Annex C](#) has been amended.

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## Introduction

This document is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO 14638). It influences chain link G of the chain of standards on profile surface texture.

The ISO GPS matrix model is given in ISO 14638, For more detailed information on the relationship of this document to the GPS matrix model, see [Annex F](#). An overview of standards on profiles and areal surface texture is given in [Annex E](#).

This document introduces calibration of contact (stylus) instruments as defined in ISO 3274. The calibration is carried out with the aid of measurement standards.

# Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Calibration of contact (stylus) instruments

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the calibration and adjustment of the metrological characteristics of contact (stylus) instruments for the measurement of surface texture by the profile method as defined in ISO 3274. The calibration and adjustment is intended to be carried out with the aid of measurement standards.

[Annex B](#) specifies the calibration and adjustment of metrological characteristics of simplified operator contact (stylus) instruments which do not conform with ISO 3274.

## 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 3274, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Nominal characteristics of contact (stylus) instruments*

ISO 5436-1:2000, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method; Measurement standards — Part 1: Material measures*

ISO 10012, *Measurement management systems — Requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment*

ISO 14253-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 1: Decision rules for verifying conformity or nonconformity with specifications*

ISO 14253-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 2: Guidance for the estimation of uncertainty in GPS measurement, in calibration of measuring equipment and in product verification*

ISO 21920-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile — Part 2: Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

ISO 25178-73, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Areal — Part 73: Terms and definitions for surface defects on material measures*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3274, ISO 14253-1, ISO 21920-2, GUM and VIM and the following apply.