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Part 12:
Accuracy of finished test pieces

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Partie 12: Exactitude des pièces d'essai finies



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Introduction

The purpose of the ISO 230 series is to standardize methods of testing the accuracy of machine tools, excluding portable power tools.

When a machine tool is used to repeatedly machine a single test piece in a mass production line, some machine tool users want to test cut that single test piece and check its geometric accuracy, as a part of acceptance tests for a machine tool. For machines machining multiple types of test pieces, standard test pieces should be used. The geometric error of the finished test piece can be caused by various error motions of a spindle, linear axes, rotary axes, or other mechanical components of a machine tool. A proper set of machining tests should be chosen such that it exhibits the influence of machine error motions for a machine tool user's possible machining applications. This document specifies a set of machining tests that can be used to assess the influence of various quasi-static error motions of a machine tool. This document is intended to supply minimum requirements for assessing the finish-cutting accuracy of the machine.

Standard test pieces are defined in machine-specific International Standards. In some machine-specific International Standards, recent machining applications are not be fully covered. For example, five-axis machining centres can perform turning operations by using a rotary table. The machine-specific International Standard for a machining centre, ISO 10791-7, describes no machining test for turning operation. Turning tests are included in ISO 13041-5. This document describes a family of machining tests that covers potential applications of various types of machine tools.

In general, machining tests described in machine-specific international standards, influenced by multiple causes, are not intended to identify individual error sources contributing to the measured errors of the machined test pieces. In contrast, tests for identifying quasi-static error motions described in ISO 230-1 are designed to identify individual error sources for each motion axis. This document provides test pieces for machining tests to isolate certain error sources and allow manufacturers/users to pick those corresponding to their intended machining applications.

The tests described in this document can be used either for testing different types of machine tools (type testing) or testing individual machine tools for acceptance purposes.

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for defining machining tests for manufacturing accurate test pieces, and for evaluating the influence of quasi-static geometric errors of linear axes and rotary axes, and the influence of the synchronization error of simultaneously controlled multiple axes. Although quasi-static geometric errors are often major contributors for geometric errors of finished test pieces, other factors, e.g. the dynamic contouring error, can also have significant influence.

This document describes examples of test piece geometry applicable to individual machine tools, possible contributors to machining error, deviations to be measured and measuring instruments. By clarifying possible contributors to machining error in each machining test, this document gives a guidance to machine tool manufacturers or users such that proper machining tests can be chosen to evaluate a machine tool's machining performance in specified machining applications.

Machining tests to evaluate the geometric accuracy of a single surface are described in [Clause 5](#), and those to evaluate geometric relationship of multiple machining features are described in [Clause 6](#). [Clause 7](#) presents machining tests for other objectives: machining tests for evaluation of short-term capability ([7.2](#)), and machining tests for evaluation of thermal influence ([7.3](#)).

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 230-1:2012, *Test code for machine tools — Part 1: Geometric accuracy of machines operating under no-load or quasi-static conditions*

ISO 1101:2017, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 230-1:2012 and ISO 1101:2017 apply.

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