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## Foreword

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# Rolling bearings — Symbols for quantities

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines the presentation of symbols for physical quantities — dimensions, dimensional tolerances, accuracy, load ratings, life, etc. — in the field of rolling bearings. These symbols are primarily intended for use in ISO Standards and ISO documents relating to rolling bearings, but they are also suitable for use in other printed materials such as catalogues, drawings and pamphlets.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 31-0:1992, *Quantities and units — Part 0: General principles*

ISO 31-11:1992, *Quantities and units — Part 11: Mathematical signs and symbols for use in the physical sciences and technology*

ISO 281:1990/Amd. 2:2000, *Rolling bearings — Dynamic load ratings and rating life — Amendment 2: Life modification factor  $a_{XYZ}$*

ISO 1132-1:2000, *Rolling bearings — Tolerances — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

ISO 5593:1997, *Rolling bearings — Vocabulary*

## 3 Symbols for quantities

### 3.1 Principles of symbol system

The following principles have been applied in this International Standard.

- Principles of the symbol system are generally in accordance with ISO 31-0 and ISO 31-11.
- Symbols for physical quantities used in the field of rolling bearings are defined as quantities in physics. Symbols for dimensionless values such as coefficients, factors and parameters are thus also involved. Mathematical variables are also included, e.g. probability ( $n$ ).
- Subscripts of subscripts should not be adopted; e.g. the subscript letters “amp” of  $V_{amp}$  should be printed in the same point size. The form  $V_{amp}$  should not be used (see Figure 1).
- Superscripts should not be used.