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**Geometrical product specifications  
(GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing  
— Maximum material requirement  
(MMR), least material requirement  
(LMR) and reciprocity requirement  
(RPR)**

*Spécification géométrique des produits (GPS) — Tolérancement  
géométrique — Exigence du maximum de matière (MMR), exigence  
du minimum de matière (LMR) et exigence de réciprocité (RPR)*



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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 213, *Dimensional and geometrical product specifications and verification*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 2692:2006), of which subclauses 3.10, 4.1, 4.2.1 (rule D), 4.2.2 (rule G), 4.3.1 (rule K), 4.3.2 (rule N) and [Annex A](#) have been revised.

# Introduction

## 0.1. General

This International Standard is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO/TR 14638). It influences the chain links 1, 2 and 3 of the chain of standards on size of linear “features of size” and form of a line (independent/dependent of a datum), form of a surface (independent/dependent of a datum), orientation and location of derived features based on “features of size” and datums also based on “features of size”.

The ISO GPS Masterplan given in ISO/TR 14638 gives an overview of the ISO GPS system of which this document is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this document and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated.

For more detailed information on the relation of this International Standard to the GPS matrix model, see [Annex C](#).

This International Standard covers some frequently occurring workpiece functional cases in design and tolerancing. The “maximum material requirement”, MMR, covers “assembleability” and the “least material requirement”, LMR, covers, for example, “minimum wall thickness” of a part. Each requirement (MMR and LMR) combines two independent requirements into one collective requirement, which more accurately simulates the intended function of the workpiece. In some cases of both MMR and LMR, the “reciprocity requirement”, RPR, can be added.

**NOTE** In ISO GPS standards, threaded features are often considered as features of size of type cylinder. However, no rules are defined in this International Standard for how to apply MMR, LMR and RPR to threaded features. Consequently, the tools defined in this International Standard cannot be used for threaded features.

## 0.2 Information about maximum material requirement, MMR

The assembly of parts depends on the combined effect of

- a) the size (of one or more extracted features of size), and
- b) the geometrical deviation of the (extracted) features and their derived features, such as the pattern of bolt holes in two flanges and the bolts securing them.

The minimum assembly clearance occurs when each of the mating features of size is at its maximum material size (e.g. the largest bolt size and the smallest hole size) and when the geometrical deviations (e.g. the form, orientation and location deviations) of the features of size and their derived features (median line or median surface) are also at their maximum. Assembly clearance increases to a maximum when the sizes of the assembled features of size are furthest from their maximum material sizes (e.g. the smallest shaft size and the largest hole size) and when the geometrical deviations (e.g. the form, orientation and location deviations) of the features of size and their derived features are zero. It therefore follows that if the sizes of one mating part do not reach their maximum material size, the indicated geometrical tolerance of the features of size and their derived features may be increased without endangering the assembly to the other part.

This assembly function is controlled by the maximum material requirement. This collective requirement is indicated on drawings by the symbol  $\textcircled{M}$ .

## 0.3 Information about least material requirement, LMR

The least material requirement is designed to control, for example, the minimum wall thickness, thereby preventing breakout (due to pressure in a tube), the maximum width of a series of slots, etc. It is indicated on drawings by the symbol  $\textcircled{L}$ . The least material requirement is also characterized by a collective requirement for the size of a feature of size, the geometrical deviation of the feature of size (form deviations) and the location of its derived feature.

#### **0.4 Information about reciprocity requirement, RPR**

The reciprocity requirement is an additional requirement, which may be used together with the maximum material requirement and the least material requirement in cases where it is permitted — taking into account the function of the tolerated feature(s) — to enlarge the size tolerance when the geometrical deviation on the actual workpiece does not take full advantage of, respectively, the maximum material virtual condition or the least material virtual condition.

The reciprocity requirement is indicated on the drawing by the symbol ®.

#### **0.5 General information about terminology and figures**

The terminology and tolerancing concepts in this International Standard have been updated to conform to GPS terminology, notably that in ISO 286-1, ISO 14405-1, ISO 14660-2:1999 and ISO 17450-1:2011.

# Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Maximum material requirement (MMR), least material requirement (LMR) and reciprocity requirement (RPR)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines the maximum material requirement, the least material requirement and the reciprocity requirement. These requirements can only be applied to features of size.

These requirements are used to control specific functions of workpieces where size and geometry are interdependent, e.g. to fulfil the functions “assembly of parts” (for maximum material requirement) or “minimum wall thickness” (for least material requirement). However, the maximum material requirement and least material requirement are also used to fulfil other functional design requirements.

Considering this interdependence between size and geometry, the *principle of independency* defined in ISO 8015 does not apply when the maximum material requirement, least material requirement, or reciprocity requirement, are used.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1101:2012, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 5459:2011, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Datums and datum systems*

ISO 14405-1:2010, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional tolerancing — Part 1: Linear sizes*

ISO 14660-2:1999, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Geometrical features — Part 2: Extracted median line of a cylinder and a cone, extracted median surface, local size of an extracted feature*

ISO 17450-1:2011, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — General concepts — Part 1: Model for geometrical specification and verification*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5459:2011, ISO 14405-1:2010, ISO 14660-2:1999, ISO 17450-1:2011 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **integral feature**

geometrical feature belonging to the real surface of the workpiece or to a surface model

Note 1 to entry: An integral feature is intrinsically defined, e.g. skin of the workpiece.

Note 2 to entry: Adapted from ISO 17450-1:2011, definition 3.3.5.