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**Technical drawings — General principles of  
presentation —**

**Part 30:  
Basic conventions for views**

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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 128-30 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 10, *Technical product documentation*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Basic conventions*.

This first edition is based on ISO 128:1982, clause 2 of which it cancels and replaces.

ISO 128 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation*:

- *Part 20: Basic conventions for lines*
- *Part 21: Preparation of lines by CAD systems*
- *Part 22: Basic conventions and applications for leader lines and reference lines*
- *Part 23: Lines on construction drawings*
- *Part 24: Lines on mechanical engineering drawings*
- *Part 25: Lines on shipbuilding drawings*
- *Part 30: Basic conventions for views*
- *Part 34: Views on mechanical engineering drawings*
- *Part 40: Basic conventions for cuts and sections*
- *Part 44: Sections on mechanical engineering drawings*
- *Part 50: Basic conventions for representing areas on cuts and sections*

The following part is under preparation: *Part 1: Introduction and index*.

Annexes A, B and C form a normative part of this part of ISO 128.

## Introduction

According to the replaced clause 2 of ISO 128:1982 three different methods of presenting views are allowed. In this part of ISO 128, the method of using reference arrows has been selected as the preferred one. The first angle projection method (formerly referred to as method E) and the third angle projection method (formerly referred to as method A) are still to be regarded as normative. Annexes A and B of this part of ISO 128 give basic information on the first and third angle projection methods; ISO 5456-2 specifies the rules in detail.

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# Technical drawings — General principles of presentation —

## Part 30:

## Basic conventions for views

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 128 specifies the general principles for presenting views, applicable to all kinds of technical drawings (mechanical, electrical, architectural, civil engineering, etc.), following the orthographic projection methods specified in ISO 5456-2.

Attention has also been given in this part of ISO 128 to the requirements of reproduction, including microcopying in accordance with ISO 6428.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 128. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 128 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 128-24:1999, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 24: Lines on mechanical engineering drawings*.

ISO 3098-0, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 0: General requirements*.

ISO 5456-2, *Technical drawings — Projection methods — Part 2: Orthographic representations*.

ISO 6428, *Technical drawings — Requirements for microcopying*.

ISO 10209-1, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Part 1: Terms relating to technical drawings: general and types of drawings*.

ISO 10209-2, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to projection methods*.

ISO 81714-1, *Design of graphical symbols for use in the technical documentation of products — Part 1: Basic rules*.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 128, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10209-1 and ISO 10209-2 apply.

### 4 General

The most informative view of an object shall be used as the front or principal figure, taking into consideration, for example, its functioning position, position of manufacturing or mounting.

Each view, with the exception of the front or principal figure (view, plan, principal figure), shall be given clear identification with a capital letter, repeated near the reference arrow needed to indicate the direction of viewing for the