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**Statistical methods in process  
management — Capability and  
performance —**

**Part 2:  
Process capability and performance of  
time-dependent process models**

*Méthodes statistiques dans la gestion de processus — Aptitude et  
performance —*

*Partie 2: Aptitude de processus et performance des modèles de  
processus dépendants du temps*



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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 22514-2 cancels and replaces ISO 21747:2006, of which it constitutes a technical revision.

ISO 22514 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Statistical methods in process management — Capability and performance*:

- *Part 1: General principles and concepts*
- *Part 2: Process capability and performance of time-dependent process models*
- *Part 3: Machine performance studies for measured data on discrete parts*
- *Part 4: Process capability estimates and performance measures*
- *Part 5: Process capability statistics for attribute characteristics*
- *Part 6: Process capability statistics for characteristics following a multivariate normal distribution*
- *Part 7: Capability of measurement processes*
- *Part 8: Machine performance of a multi-state production process*

## Introduction

Many standards have been created concerning the quality capability/performance of processes by international, regional and national standardization bodies and also by industry. All of them assume that the process is in a state of statistical control, with stationary, normally distributed processes. However, a comprehensive analysis of production processes shows that, over time, it is very rare for processes to remain in such a state.

In recognition of this fact, this part of ISO 22514 provides a framework for estimating the quality capability/performance of industrial processes for an array of standard circumstances. These circumstances are categorized based on the stability of the mean and variance, as to whether they are constant, changing systematically, or changing randomly. As such, the quality capability/performance can be assessed for very differently shaped distributions with respect to time.

In other parts of ISO 22514 more detailed information about calculations of indices can be found. It should be noted that where the capability indices given in this part of ISO 22514 are computed they only form point estimates of their true values. It is therefore recommended that wherever possible the indices' confidence intervals are computed and reported.



# Statistical methods in process management — Capability and performance —

## Part 2:

## Process capability and performance of time-dependent process models

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 22514 describes a procedure for the determination of statistics for estimating the quality capability or performance of product and process characteristics. The process results of these quality characteristics are categorized into eight possible distribution types. Calculation formulae for the statistical measures are placed with every distribution.

The statistical methods described in this part of ISO 22514 only relate to continuous quality characteristics. They are applicable to processes in any industrial or economical sector.

**NOTE** This method is usually applied in case of a great number of serial process results, but it can also be used for small series (a small number of process results).

### 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 3534-2, *Statistics — Vocabulary and symbols — Part 2: Applied statistics*

ISO 5479, *Statistical interpretation of data — Tests for departure from the normal distribution*

ISO 22514-1, *Statistical methods in process management — Capability and performance — Part 1: General principles and concepts*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3534-2 and ISO 22514-1, and the following symbols and abbreviated terms, apply.

#### 3.1 Symbols

$C_p$	process capability index
$C_{pk}$	minimum process capability index
$C_{pkL}$	lower process capability index
$C_{pkU}$	upper process capability index
$c_4$	constant based on subgroup size $n$
$\Delta$	dispersion of the process