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## Woodruff keys and keyways

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## FOREWORD

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# Woodruff keys and keyways

## 1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies the dimensional characteristics of Woodruff keys and of the alternative Whitney key and of the corresponding keyways in shaft and hub. It also gives the relationship to be observed between the diameter of the shaft and the section of the key for both torque transmission and positional applications.

## 2 FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard is intended for general application to cylindrical shafts and cylindrical shaft ends.<sup>1)</sup>

## 3 DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES OF KEYS

See the figures and table 1 on page 2.

## 4 MATERIAL

Steel having a tensile strength of not less than 590 N/mm<sup>2</sup> in the finished condition, unless otherwise agreed between the interested parties.

NOTE — The mechanical properties of the steel will be specified completely at a later date.

## 5 SHAPE, DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES OF KEYWAYS

See the figure and table 2 on page 3.

## 6 RELATIONSHIP OF SHAFT DIAMETER TO KEY SIZE

Two series of relationships between shaft diameter and key size are given in table 3, page 4 : series 1 for torque applications and series 2 for positional applications (for example where, as in the case of an interference fit, the torque is not transmitted through the key but through the shaft/hub interface).

## 7 DESIGNATION

A woodruff key shall be designated by its width and its height and by reference to this International Standard.

### Examples

- For a key of normal form and with a section  $b \times h_1 = 5 \times 6,5$  mm :

**Key ISO 3912 — 5 × 6,5**

- For a key of Whitney form and with a section  $b \times h_2 = 5 \times 5,2$  mm :

**Key ISO 3912 — 5 × 5,2**

1) The relationship between the diameter of a conical shaft end and the key section is given in ISO . . . (in preparation).