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**Rolling bearings — Radial bearings,  
retaining slots — Dimensions and  
tolerances**

*Roulements — Roulements radiaux, encoches de retenue —  
Dimensions et tolérances*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20515:2007), of which it constitutes a minor revision. In particular, a new Figure 2 and a corrected title for Table 6 have been added.

# Rolling bearings — Radial bearings, retaining slots — Dimensions and tolerances

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies dimensions and tolerances of retaining slots to be used for outer rings of single-row angular contact ball bearings, four-point-contact ball bearings and radial cylindrical roller bearings. The retaining slots are not suitable for use in the outer rings of sealed and shielded radial ball bearings, nor in the outer rings of radial cylindrical roller bearings without ribs.

## 2 Normative references

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

ISO 15, *Rolling bearings — Radial bearings — Boundary dimensions, general plan*

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

ISO 5593, *Rolling bearings — Vocabulary*

ISO 15241, *Rolling bearings — Symbols for quantities*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1132-1 and ISO 5593 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **retaining slot**

angled slot in an outer ring at the intersection of the outside surface and the face of the ring

NOTE The slot is to provide a simple means of preventing rotation of the outer ring of a bearing.

## 4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in ISO 15241 and the following apply.

The symbols (except those for tolerances) shown in Figure 1, and the values given in Tables 1 to 6, denote nominal dimensions, unless specified otherwise.

NOTE Figures 1 and 2 show four-point-contact ball bearings with one retaining slot and two retaining slots, respectively.

$b$	retaining slot width
$D$	outside diameter of outer ring
$h$	retaining slot depth
$r_0$	fillet radius at bottom of retaining slot
$t$	retaining slot symmetry or position tolerance