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## Foreword

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## Technical drawings — Item references

### 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard gives general rules for the application and presentation of item references on technical drawings.

In the context of this International Standard the purpose of item references is restricted to the identification of component parts of assemblies and/or the identification of individual items detailed on the same drawing.

### 2 References

ISO 128, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation*.<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 3098/1, *Technical drawings — Lettering — Part 1: Currently used characters*.

ISO 7573, *Technical drawings — Item list*.<sup>2)</sup>

### 3 General requirements

**3.1** It is recommended that item references be assigned in sequential order to each component part shown in an assembly and/or each detailed item on the drawing.

Identical parts shown in the same assembly shall have the same item reference.

Each complete sub-assembly incorporated in the main assembly shown on the drawing can be identified by a single item reference.

NOTE — If the drawing concerns one part only, it is not necessary to assign an item reference, the drawing number being already an adequate means of identifying the part concerned.

**3.2** All item references shall be shown in an item list (see ISO 7573) giving the appropriate information on the items concerned.

### 4 Presentation

**4.1** Item references should generally be composed of arabic numerals only. They may, however, be augmented by capital letters when necessary.

The design, dimensions and spacing of the characters shall comply with ISO 3098/1.

**4.2** All item references on the same drawing shall be of the same type and height of lettering. They must be clearly distinguishable from all other indications. This can be achieved for example by :

- a) using characters of a larger height, for example twice the height as used for dimensioning and similar indications;
- b) encircling the characters of each item reference (see figure 3); in that case, the circles shall have the same diameter and be drawn with continuous thin lines (type B of ISO 128);
- c) combining methods a) and b).

**4.3** Item references shall be placed outside the general outlines of the items concerned.

Each item reference should be connected to its associated item by a leader line (see figures 1, 2 and 3), the termination of which shall comply with ISO 128.

The leader line may be omitted if the relation between the item reference and its associated item is evident.

Leader lines shall not intersect. They should be kept as short as practicable and generally they should be drawn at an angle to the item reference. In the case of encircled item references, the leader line shall be directed towards the centre of the circle.

1) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO/R 128-1959.)

2) At present at the stage of draft.