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**ISO general purpose metric screw  
threads — Tolerances —**

**Part 2:**

Limits of sizes for general purpose external  
and internal screw threads — Medium quality

*Filetages métriques ISO pour usages généraux — Tolérances —*

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 965-2:1980), which has been technically revised.

ISO 965 consists of the following parts, under the general title *ISO general purpose metric screw threads – Tolerances*

- *Part 1: Principles and basic data*
- *Part 2: Limits of sizes for general purpose bolt and nut threads – Medium quality*
- *Part 3: Deviations for constructional screw threads*
- *Part 4: Limits of sizes for hot-dip galvanized external threads to mate with internal threads tapped with tolerance position H or G after galvanizing*
- *Part 5: Limits of sizes for internal screw threads to mate with hot-dip galvanized external screw threads with maximum size of tolerance position h before galvanizing*

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# ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances —

## Part 2:

## Limits of sizes for general purpose external and internal screw threads — Medium quality

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 965 specifies limits of sizes for pitch and crest diameters for ISO general purpose metric screw threads (M) conforming to ISO 262 having basic profile according to ISO 68-1.

The limits of sizes for the tolerance quality specified are derived from the fundamental deviations and tolerances specified in ISO 965-1.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 965. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 965 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 68-1:1998, *ISO general purpose screw threads Basic profile — Part 1: Metric screw threads*.

ISO 262:1998, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Selected sizes for screws, bolts and nuts*.

ISO 965-1:1998, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances — Part 1: Principles and basic data*.

ISO 5408:1983, *Cylindrical screw threads — Vocabulary*.

### 3 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of ISO 965 the definitions given in ISO 5408 apply.

### 4 Designation

A screw thread in conformity with this part of ISO 965 shall be designated according to ISO 965-1.

### 5 Limits of sizes

The root contour shall not at any point transgress the basic profile.

For coated threads, the tolerances apply to the parts before coating, unless otherwise stated. After coating, the actual thread profile shall not at any point transgress the maximum material limits for position H or h respectively.

NOTE These provisions are intended for thin coatings, for example those obtained by electroplating.