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**Geometrical product specifications  
(GPS) — Dimensional measuring  
equipment —**

Part 2:  
**Calliper depth gauges; Design and  
metrological characteristics**

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## Foreword

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ISO 13385-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 213, *Dimensional and geometrical product specifications and verification*.

This first edition of ISO 13385-2, together with ISO 13385-1, cancels and replaces ISO 3599:1976 and ISO 6906:1984, which have been technically revised.

ISO 13385 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment*:

- *Part 1: Callipers; Design and metrological characteristics*
- *Part 2: Calliper depth gauges; Design and metrological characteristics*

## Introduction

This part of ISO 13385 is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO/TR 14638). It influences chain link 5 of the chains of standards on size and distance in the general GPS matrix.

The ISO/GPS Masterplan given in ISO/TR 14638 gives an overview of the ISO/GPS system of which this document is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO/GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this document and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to specifications made in accordance with this document unless otherwise indicated.

For more detailed information on the relation of this part of ISO 13385 to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see Annex E.

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# Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment —

## Part 2: Calliper depth gauges; Design and metrological characteristics

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 13385 provides the most important design and metrological characteristics of calliper depth gauges:

- with analogue indication: vernier scale or circular scale (dial), and
- with digital indication: digital display.

### 2 Normative references

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

ISO 14253-1, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 1: Decision rules for proving conformance or non-conformance with specifications*

ISO 14253-2:2011, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 2: Guidance for the estimation of uncertainty in GPS measurement, in calibration of measuring equipment and in product verification*

ISO 14978:2006, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — General concepts and requirements for GPS measuring equipment*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection by enclosures (IP Code)*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14978, ISO/IEC Guide 99 and the following apply.

**3.1 calliper depth gauge**  
 measuring instrument which gives the evaluation of a dimensional quantity of a step or depth of a feature corresponding to the distance between the end of a beam and the face of a measuring base on the basis of the movement of a slider, moving relative to a measuring scale on a rigid beam

See Figure 1.

NOTE The indication may be either analogue (vernier), circular scale or digital. Regarding data transfer, see 4.3.2.

**3.2 measuring face contact**  
 contact between the measuring face and a feature of a workpiece

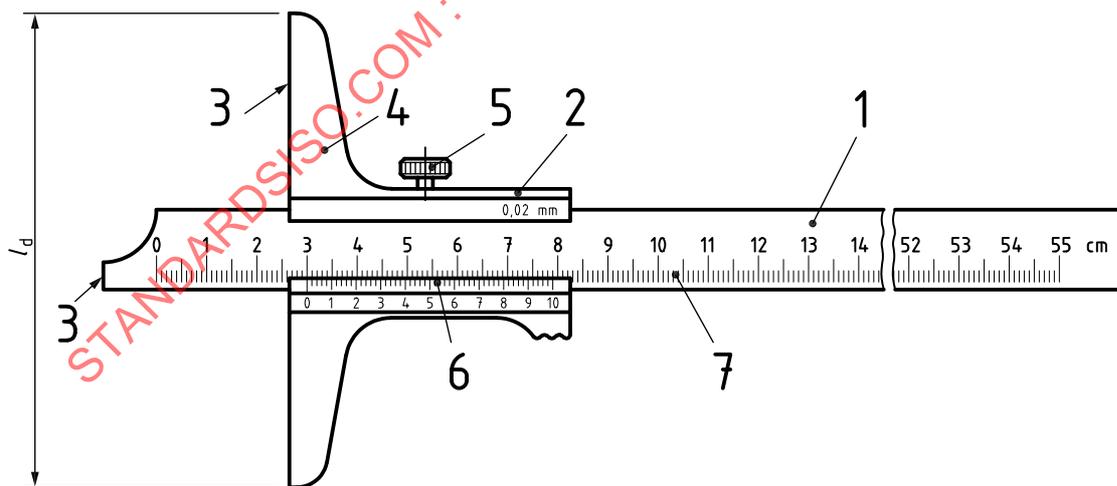
**3.2.1 partial measuring face contact**  
 contact between a partial area of the measuring face and a feature of a workpiece

### 4 Design characteristics

#### 4.1 General design and nomenclature

The general design and workmanship of the calliper depth gauges shall be such that its metrological characteristics comply with this part of ISO 13385 under all operational orientations unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

See Figure 1 for general design.



**Key**

1	beam	5	locking screw
2	slider	6	vernier scale
3	measuring face	7	main scale
4	measuring base		
$l_d$	length of measuring base		

**Figure 1 — Example for a design of a calliper depth gauge (slider with locking screw)**

## 4.2 Dimensions

The dimensions of the measuring base which are given in Table 1 are typical dimensions.

**Table 1 — Dimensions of calliper depth gauges**

Dimensions in millimetres

Measuring range up to	Typical length, $l_d$ , of the measuring base
150	100
200	100
250	100
300	100 to 150
350	100 to 150
500	150 to 250
600	150 to 250

For calliper depth gauges with changeable bases, the following base lengths are preferred: 180 mm, 260 mm, 320 mm.

## 4.3 Types of indicating devices

### 4.3.1 General

Several types of indicating devices exist:

- analogue indicating devices with either a vernier scale or a circular scale (see Figures 2 and 7);
- digital indicating devices with a digital display (see Figure 8).

On calliper depth gauges with analogue indicating devices, the scale interval and its unit shall be labelled.

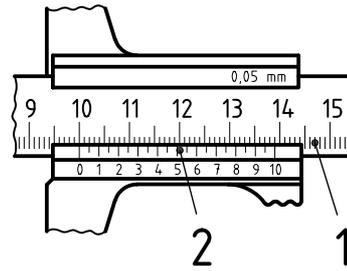
On calliper depth gauges with a digital indicating device, the unit of the indication shall be labelled.

### 4.3.2 Analogue indicating devices

#### 4.3.2.1 General

The scale interval of the main scale on the beam of a calliper depth gauge with a vernier scale shall be 1 mm. The main scale shall be longer by at least one vernier scale length than the measuring range of the calliper depth gauge. In the case of calliper depth gauges with circular scales, the scale interval on the beam may be 1 mm or 2 mm (see Figure 7).

4.3.2.2 Main scale and vernier scale



- Key**  
 1 main scale  
 2 vernier scale

NOTE The actual reading in this figure is 100,00 mm.

Figure 2 — Example of an analogue indicating device with vernier scale

4.3.2.3 Design of vernier scale

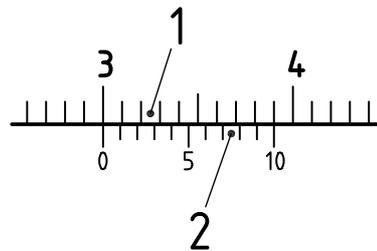
The graduating method of vernier scales is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 — Graduating methods of vernier scales

Dimensions in millimetres

Main scale interval	Graduating method of vernier scales	Nominal vernier scale interval	Explanatory figure
1	Divide 9 mm into 10 equal parts	0,1	Figure 3
1	Divide 19 mm into 10 equal parts	0,1	
1	Divide 19 mm into 20 equal parts	0,05	
1	Divide 39 mm into 20 equal parts	0,05	
1	Divide 49 mm into 50 equal parts	0,02	Figure 4

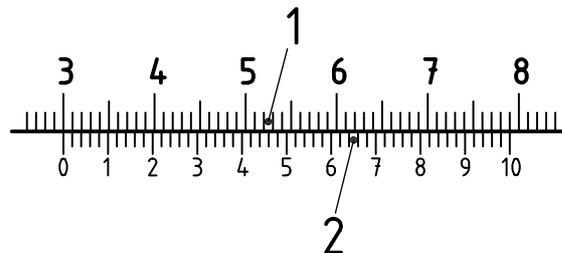
Examples of vernier scales with vernier intervals of 0,1 mm and 0,02 mm are shown in Figures 3 and 4.



- Key**  
 1 main scale  
 2 vernier scale

NOTE The actual reading in this figure is 30,0 mm.

Figure 3 — 0,1 vernier scale of length 9 mm



- Key**  
 1 main scale  
 2 vernier scale

NOTE The actual reading in this figure is 30,00 mm.

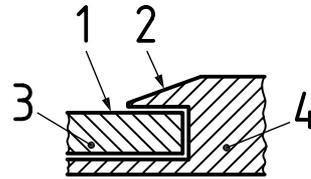
Figure 4 — 0,02 vernier scale of length 49 mm

**4.3.2.4 Scale surface**

For common types of scale surfaces, see Figures 5 and 6.

**Key**

- 1 main scale
- 2 vernier scale
- 3 beam
- 4 slider

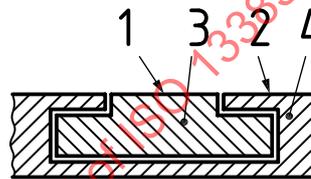


The height difference between the edge of the vernier scale surface and the main scale surface should be as small as practical.

**Figure 5 — Standard slider with vernier scale**

**Key**

- 1 main scale
- 2 vernier scale
- 3 beam
- 4 slider



The main scale surface and vernier scale surface shall be nominally at the same level and the distance between the main scale and the vernier scale should be as small as practical.

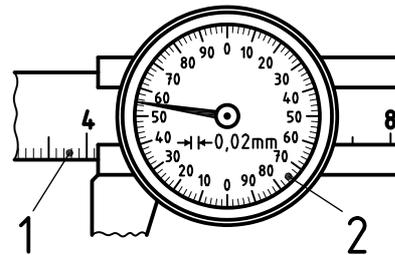
**Figure 6 — Slider with vernier scale for readings without parallax error**

**4.3.2.5 Main scale and circular scale**

The main scale is located on the beam and the circular scale is located on the slider. The circular scale shall be graduated in scale intervals. The scale interval and its unit shall be labelled.

**Key**

- 1 main scale
- 2 circular scale



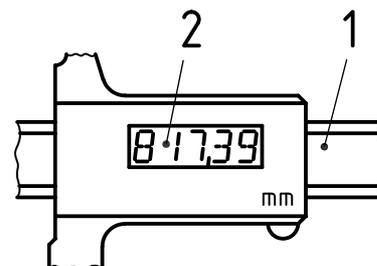
NOTE The actual reading in this figure is 41,55 mm.

**Figure 7 — Example of analogue indicating device with circular scale**

**4.3.3 Digital indicating devices**

**Key**

- 1 electronic main scale
- 2 digital display



**Figure 8 — Example of digital indicating device with digital display**

Calliper depth gauges with a digital display may also be capable of data transfer. In this case, the manufacturer shall describe the data output protocol (interface) in sufficient detail.

#### 4.3.4 Protection for field use

Manufacturers shall express clearly which type of water and dust protection is provided (IP code according to IEC 60529), and whether electromagnetic field protection is given or not.

#### 4.4 Measuring faces

Measuring faces shall consist of wear-resistant material of suitable surface finish. Measuring faces shall not be sharp-edged.

### 5 Metrological characteristics

#### 5.1 General

Calliper depth gauges with a vernier scale have a fixed zero point.

Adjustable calliper depth gauges with a digital display shall be able to be set to zero in any position within the measuring range; adjustable callipers with a circular scale shall be able to be set to zero within the range of the scale.

The metrological characteristics of this part of ISO 13385 apply when the measuring faces are pressed against a flat surface, e.g. a surface plate for zero setting.

NOTE Requirements for the flatness of the measuring faces are not given separately.

#### 5.2 Effect of slider locking

If the slider is clamped (in the case of a slider equipped with a locking screw), the dimension which is set shall not change and the indication shall fulfil the following conditions.

- Calliper depth gauges with analogue indication: the indication shall not change.
- Calliper depth gauges with digital indication: the indicated value shall not change by more than the last significant digit of the indication.

When the slider is locked, the digital display shall not change by more than one digital step.

#### 5.3 Maximum permissible error of indication (limited by MPE)

##### 5.3.1 General

The error-of-indication characteristics apply to any indications based on the zero setting stated in 5.1. These characteristics apply independently of the measuring range of the calliper depth gauges. The error of indication shall not be greater than the maximum permissible error (MPE).

NOTE The limits of permissible error cannot be smaller than the digital step or the scale interval.

##### 5.3.2 Partial surface contact error, $E$ (limited by $E_{MPE}$ )

This is the error of indication when the measurement is performed by using a part of the measuring face (partial measuring surface) at any position along the base and at any position within the measuring range. For an example, see A.2.2.

### 5.3.3 Repeatability of partial surface contact error, $R$ (limited by $R_{MPE}$ )

This is the closeness of the agreement between the results of successive measurements of the same measurand carried out closest to the beam under the same conditions of measurement. For an example, see A.2.3. The manufacturer shall express the manner in which the repeatability is assessed and reported.

### 5.4 MPE and MPL for a number of metrological characteristics

The maximum permissible error (MPE) is the extreme value of an error of a metrological characteristic permitted by the specification.

The maximum permissible limit (MPL) is the extreme value of a metrological characteristic permitted by the specification.

The manufacturer shall specify the MPE and MPL information for the calliper depth gauge metrological characteristics listed in Figure 9. Unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer, the MPE/MPL values shall comply at any position within the measuring range and at any orientation of the calliper depth gauge.

According to ISO 14978:2006, 7.5.1, MPEs shall be given as a continuous function (e.g. straight lines connecting given points); see ISO 14978:2006, 7.5.3, for the model. Figure 9 provides an example specification sheet for individual dimensions.

Nominal value	Maximum permissible error of indication	
	Measuring force, scale interval or digital step	
	$MPE_E$	
mm	$\mu\text{m}$	
50		$MPE_R$ ..... $\mu\text{m}$
100		Scale interval ..... mm
150		Digital step ..... mm
200		Maximum
300		measuring force <sup>a</sup> ..... N
400		
600		
<sup>a</sup> Maximum force under which the MPEs apply; see also Annex B.		

Figure 9 — Example of specification sheet for metrological characteristics

## 6 Indication in product documentation and data sheets

The indications shown in Table 3 are allowed for use in product documentation, drawings, data sheets, etc. as these alternatives reduce the amount of small text in subscripts to allow for improved visibility and clarity. An example of a data sheet is shown in Annex C.

Table 3 — Symbols and corresponding indications in product documentation, drawings, data sheets, etc.

Symbol used in this document	Corresponding indication
$E_{MPE}$	$MPE_E$
$R_{MPE}$	$MPE_R$

## 7 Proof of conformance with specifications

### 7.1 General

To prove conformance and non-conformance with specifications, apply ISO 14253-1. Uncertainty evaluation shall be performed according to ISO 14253-2 and ISO/IEC Guide 98-3.

### 7.2 Measurement standards for the calibration of metrological characteristics

Measurement standards shall be used in accordance with the applicable ISO standards. For information on calibration, see Annex D.

## 8 Marking

Calliper depth gauges shall be marked with serialized alphanumeric identification.

Any marking shall be easy to read and permanent and shall be placed on the surface of the calliper in a place that will not impair the metrological quality of the equipment.

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## Annex A (informative)

### Error tests

#### A.1 Test methods

The methods should evaluate the performance of the calliper depth gauges throughout its measuring range.

The methods described below do not purport to be the only valid test methods, but their use is recommended.

A calibration curve provides the simplest means of evaluating the performance of the calliper depth gauge under test (see ISO 14978).

#### A.2 Error of indication

##### A.2.1 General

The error of indication may be tested with suitable instruments or measurement standards with an appropriate uncertainty, for example with gauge blocks according to ISO 3650 or step blocks.

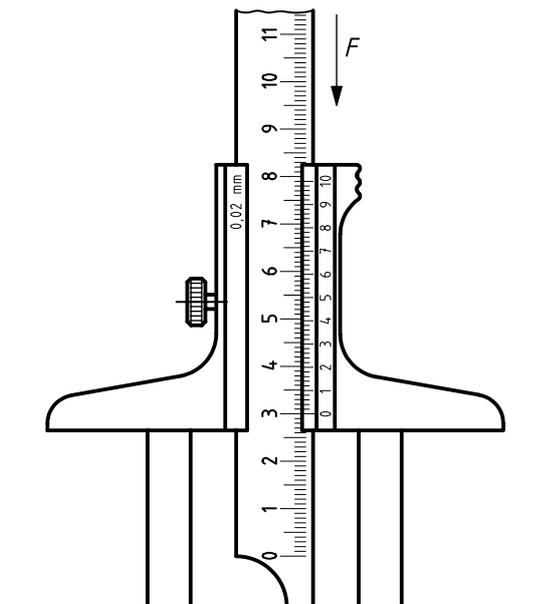
##### A.2.2 Partial surface contact error, $E$ (limited by $E_{\text{MPE}}$ )

The partial surface contact error may be tested by measuring a measurement standard whose physical interface with the base has a relatively small surface, e.g. gauge blocks according to ISO 3650 (a pair of gauge blocks), standing on a surface plate according to ISO 8512-2:1990, grade 1, at different positions along the base, at any position within the measuring range (see Figure A.1). The difference between the indicated reading and the true value of the measurement standard shall not exceed the MPEs specified according to ISO 14978:2006, 7.5.3, or given in the data sheet.

It is possible to reduce the test expense by testing the straightness of the base.

NOTE Form deviation of the measuring surface of the base as well as scale errors are included.

Pay attention to the flatness of the surface plate.



**Key**

$F$  maximum measuring force

**Figure A.1 — Test arrangement for partial surface contact error**

**A.2.3 Repeatability of partial surface contact error,  $R$  (limited by  $R_{MPE}$ )**

The repeatability of partial surface contact error may be tested by measuring a measurement standard, e.g. gauge blocks, at any position on the measuring face of the measuring base and for any size (position within the measuring range). The repeatability evaluated according to ISO 14978 shall not exceed the MPE given in the data sheet.

## **Annex B** (informative)

### **Advice on application**

The measuring system of calliper depth gauges is in line with the conditions prescribed in the Abbe Principle when the measuring face of the base contacts the part to be measured in an adequate length so that there will be no angular deviations that influence the measuring value and the error of indication.

Temperature and deformation factors have a length-oriented influence. As a result, the smallest possible uncertainty of measurement is larger than the resolution of the measuring instrument. This has to be taken into consideration when evaluating the measured result. There are additional factors that contribute to the measuring uncertainty. For more details, see ISO 14253-2.

In the case of digital indications, pay attention to environmental factors, e.g. magnetic fields, electrical fields, dampness, etc., which could affect the functioning of the electronic components of the calliper depth gauge.

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**Annex C**  
(informative)

**Data sheet (example)**

This data sheet is intended for communication between technical experts and the purchasing department of the same company.

**Name of equipment** .....

Detailed characteristics  
(e.g. scale layout, clamping device,  
fine-adjustment device,  
IP protection, ...): .....

Accessories: .....

Possible suppliers: .....

Delivery requirements: .....

Price range (optional): .....

Additional requirements  
(e.g. inspection report, calibration certificate): .....

**The design and metrological characteristics refer to the International Standard ISO 13385**

**Design characteristics**

Length  $d$  ( $l_d$ ) of measuring base: ..... mm

Measuring range: ..... mm

**Metrological characteristics**

Scale interval/digital step: ..... mm

Repeatability ( $MPE_R$ ): .....  $\mu\text{m}$

Errors (MPE) of indication

Nominal value mm	$MPE_E$ $\mu\text{m}$

Organization: .....

Department: ..... Person responsible: .....

Date: .....

## Annex D (informative)

### Calibration of metrological characteristics

The methods shall evaluate the performance of the calliper depth gauge within its measuring range.

The global calibration at each scale point or at each digital step over the measuring range will necessitate a large number of readings. When it is considered that the intended use of the calliper does not warrant global calibration, partial calibration or task related calibration should be taken into consideration.

For the determination of the errors of indication, a suitable number of intervals are necessary. These intervals are dependent on the scale interval or digital step and the measuring range used. Using these values, calibration curves with a fixed zero can be recorded (see ISO 14978:2006, Figure 5).

The MPE function for the characteristics can also be defined according to Figure 10 in ISO 14978:2006, or may be obtained from the specification sheet.

It is possible to perform a modified global calibration by using a suitable sampling technique, but this will result in an increase in the uncertainty of measurement.

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