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products — Dimensional and shape  
tolerances**

*Tôles en acier laminées à chaud en continu — Tolérances sur  
dimensions et forme*

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# Continuously hot-rolled steel sheet products — Dimensional and shape tolerances

## 1 Scope

This International Standard applies to dimensional and shape tolerances for all continuously hot-rolled steel sheet products.

NOTE Hot-rolled steel strip and hot-rolled heavy-thickness steel sheet coils are not covered by this International Standard.

## 2 Dimensional tolerances

Dimensional tolerances are given in Tables 1 to 10.

**Table 1 — Normal thickness tolerances for hot-rolled sheet steel (including descaled sheet), coils and cut lengths**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified width	Thickness tolerance <sup>a</sup> for specified thicknesses <sup>b</sup>									
	0,8 ≤ 1,5	> 1,5 ≤ 2,0	> 2,0 ≤ 2,5	> 2,5 ≤ 3,0	> 3,0 ≤ 4,0	> 4,0 ≤ 5,0	> 5,0 ≤ 6,0	> 6,0 ≤ 8,0	> 8,0 ≤ 10,0	> 10,0 ≤ 12,5
600 ≤ 1 200	±0,15	±0,17	±0,18	±0,20	±0,22	±0,24	±0,26	±0,29	±0,32	±0,35
> 1 200 ≤ 1 500	±0,17	±0,19	±0,21	±0,22	±0,24	±0,26	±0,28	±0,30	±0,33	±0,36
> 1 500 ≤ 1 800	—	±0,21	±0,23	±0,24	±0,26	±0,28	±0,29	±0,31	±0,34	±0,37
> 1 800	—	—	±0,25	±0,26	±0,27	±0,29	±0,31	±0,35	±0,40	±0,43

The values specified do not apply to the uncropped ends for a total length,  $l$ , of a mill edge coil. The total length,  $l$ , would be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Total length, } l, \text{ in metres} = \frac{90}{\text{Thickness in millimetres}}$$

provided that the result was not greater than 20 m, inclusive of both ends.

When International Standards that reference this standard permit slitting sheet to less than 600 mm in width to be considered as sheet, tolerances shall be subject to agreement.

<sup>a</sup> For specified strength levels of  $R_e = 360$  MPa and greater, increase the thickness tolerances by 10 %, applying normal rounding-off procedures.

<sup>b</sup> Thickness is measured at any point on the sheet not less than 25 mm from a sheared edge and 40 mm from a mill edge. Points closer than these are subject to negotiation.

**Table 2 — Restricted thickness tolerances for hot-rolled sheet steel (including descaled sheet), coils and cut lengths**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified width	Thickness tolerance <sup>a</sup> for specified thicknesses <sup>b</sup>									
	0,8 ≤ 1,5	> 1,5 ≤ 2,0	> 2,0 ≤ 2,5	> 2,5 ≤ 3,0	> 3,0 ≤ 4,0	> 4,0 ≤ 5,0	> 5,0 ≤ 6,0	> 6,0 ≤ 8,0	> 8,0 ≤ 10,0	> 10,0 ≤ 12,5
600 ≤ 1 200	±0,10	±0,13	±0,14	±0,15	±0,17	±0,19	±0,21	±0,23	±0,26	±0,28
> 1 200 ≤ 1 500	±0,12	±0,14	±0,15	±0,17	±0,18	±0,21	±0,22	±0,24	±0,26	±0,29
> 1 500 ≤ 1 800	—	±0,14	±0,17	±0,19	±0,21	±0,22	±0,23	±0,25	±0,27	±0,30
> 1 800	—	—	±0,20	±0,21	±0,22	±0,23	±0,25	±0,28	±0,32	±0,36

The values specified do not apply to the uncropped ends for a total length, *l*, of a mill edge coil. The total length, *l*, would be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Total length, } l, \text{ in metres} = \frac{90}{\text{Thickness in millimetres}}$$

provided that the result was not greater than 20 m, inclusive of both ends.

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<sup>b</sup> Thickness is measured at any point on the sheet not less than 25 mm from a sheared edge and 40 mm from a mill edge. Points closer than these are subject to negotiation.

**Table 3 — Width tolerances for coils and cut lengths (including descaled material), mill edge**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified width	Tolerance
≤ 1 500	+ 20 0
> 1 500	+ 25 0

The values specified do not apply to the uncropped ends for a total length, *l*, of a mill edge coil. The total length, *l*, would be calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Total length, } l, \text{ in metres} = \frac{90}{\text{Thickness in millimetres}}$$

provided that the result was not greater than 20 m, inclusive of both ends.

**Table 4 — Width tolerances for coils and cut lengths  
(including descaled material), sheared edge, not resquared**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified width	Tolerance
$\leq 1\ 200$	+3 0
$> 1\ 200 \leq 1\ 500$	+5 0
$> 1\ 500$	+6 0

NOTE For resquared material, more restrictive tolerances are subject to negotiation.

**Table 5 — Length tolerances for cut lengths (including descaled material), not resquared**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified length	Tolerance
$\leq 2\ 000$	+10 0
$> 2\ 000 \leq 8\ 000$	+0,5 % × length 0
$> 8\ 000$	+40 0

NOTE For resquared material, more restrictive tolerances are subject to negotiation.

**Table 6 — Camber tolerances for coils and cut lengths (including descaled material), not resquared**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Form	Camber tolerance
Coils	25 in any 5 000 length
Cut lengths	0,5 % length

NOTE For resquared material, more restrictive tolerances are subject to negotiation. The values specified do not apply to the uncropped ends of a mill edge coil for a total length of 7 m. Camber is the greatest deviation of a side edge from a straight line, the measurement being taken on the concave side with a straight edge as shown in Figure 1.

**Table 7 — Out-of-square tolerance for cut lengths (including descaled material), not resquared**

Dimensions	Out-of-square tolerance
All thicknesses and all sizes	1 % × width

NOTE Out-of-square is the greatest deviation of an edge from a straight line, at right angles to a side and touching one corner, the measurement being taken as shown in Figure 2. It can also be measured as one-half of the difference between the diagonals of the cut-length sheet.

**Table 8 — Out-of-square tolerance for resquared material (including descaled material)**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified length	Specified width	Out-of-square tolerance ≤ 6 mm thickness
≤ 3 000	≤ 1 200	+2 0
	> 1 200	+3 0
> 3 000	All widths	+3 0

NOTE Out-of-square is the greatest deviation of an edge from a straight line, at right angles to a side and touching one corner, the measurement being taken as shown in Figure 2. It can also be measured as one-half of the difference between the diagonals of the cut-length sheet. When measuring material to resquared tolerances, consideration might have to be given to extreme variations in temperature.

**Table 9 — Standard flatness tolerances for cut lengths (including descaled material)**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified thickness	Specified width	Flatness tolerance		
		Specified strength level of $R_e$		
		< 220 MPa	≥ 220 ≤ 340 MPa	> 340 MPa
≤ 2	≤ 1 200	21	26	32
	> 1 200 ≤ 1 500	25	31	38
	> 1 500	30	38	45
> 2	≤ 1 200	18	22	27
	> 1 200 ≤ 1 500	23	29	34
	> 1 500	28	35	42

NOTE Maximum deviation from a flat horizontal surface: with the sheet lying under its own weight on a flat surface, the maximum distance between the lower surface of the sheet and the flat horizontal surface is the maximum deviation from flatness as shown in Figure 3. This table also applies to sheet cut to length from coil by the customer when agreed-upon flattening procedures are performed.

**Table 10 — Restricted flatness tolerances for cut lengths (including descaled material)**

Dimensions and tolerances in millimetres

Specified thickness	Specified width	Flatness tolerance		
		Specified strength level of $R_e$		
		< 220 MPa	≥ 220 ≤ 340 MPa	> 340 MPa
≤ 2	≤ 1 200	18	20	25
	> 1 200 ≤ 1 500	20	25	32
	> 1 500	25	30	40
> 2	≤ 1 200	16	18	23
	> 1 200 ≤ 1 500	20	23	30
	> 1 500	25	28	38

NOTE Maximum deviation from a flat horizontal surface: with the sheet lying under its own weight on a flat surface, the maximum distance between the lower surface of the sheet and the flat horizontal surface is the maximum deviation from flatness as shown in Figure 3. This table also applies to sheet cut to length from coil by the customer when agreed-upon flattening procedures are performed.

More restrictive tolerances may be negotiated.