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Classification of instruments and devices for measurement and evaluation of the geometrical parameters of surface finish

Classification des appareils et dispositifs servant à mesurer et à évaluer les paramètres géométriques des états de surface

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Foreword

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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard

— establishes a classification scheme for the instruments and devices used for the measurement and evaluation of the geometrical parameters of surface finish (roughness, waviness, errors of form);

— specifies the composition and structure of International Standards relating to these instruments and devices.

2 Classification

2.1 The classification of these instruments and devices is based on the following considerations :

— the nature of the irregularities : roughness, waviness, errors of form;

— the method of measurement or evaluation : by the surface area or by the profile;

— the method of interpretation : geometrical or non-geometrical;

— the method of transformation of the information about the real profile : progressive or instantaneous;

— the method of investigation (method of interaction of the instrument with the surface) : contact or non-contact;

— the method of presenting the results.

2.2 The classification scheme for the instruments and devices used for the measurement and evaluation of the geometrical parameters of surface finish shall be as shown in the diagram.

NOTES

1 The characteristics of the instruments or devices may result from a combination of the various characteristics given in the classification scheme.

2 Instruments and devices not mentioned in the diagram may be included as considerations proceed.

3 The positions framed by broken lines indicate instruments and devices non-existent at present but which are possible (in principle) as future developments.

4 By 'profile transformation' (positions 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the diagram) is meant the conversion of information about the surface profile from one form into another.

3 Composition and structure of related International Standards

3.1 International Standards relating to the first five rows of the classification scheme shall include definitions and terms common to the prescribed group of instruments and devices.

International Standards relating to the sixth row shall include three sections : terminology, basic parameters and standards of accuracy.

3.2 Each International Standard shall have references to the International Standards from which terms, standards of accuracy, definitions, etc. were taken.