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by the profile method – Vocabulary**

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Instruments for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method – Vocabulary

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard defines basic terms relating to all instruments for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method.

2 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 profile method of measurement of the surface roughness: A method of evaluation of surface roughness according to the parameters of its effective profiles.

2.2 instrument for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method: An instrument for the determination of the parameters of surface roughness by its effective profiles.

2.3 contact (stylus) instrument of progressive transformation of a profile: An instrument used for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method giving progressive transformation of information about the

profile during the mechanical traversing of a stylus along the surface to be measured.

NOTES

1 Traversing of a stylus may be either continuous or intermittent.

2 The stylus of an instrument has a prescribed geometrical form and is used for tracing a profile in the process of the transformation of information.

2.4 contactless instrument of progressive profile transformation: An instrument used for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method, giving progressive transformation of information about the profile without any mechanical contact with the surface being measured.

2.5 contact instrument of instantaneous profile transformation: An instrument used for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method, giving instantaneous transformation of information about the profile during mechanical contact with the surface being measured.

2.6 contactless instrument of instantaneous profile transformation: An instrument used for the measurement of surface roughness by the profile method, giving instantaneous transformation of information about the profile without any mechanical contact with the surface being measured.