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## Road vehicles — M18 × 1,5 spark-plugs with conical seating and their cylinder head housing

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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies the main characteristics of M18 × 1,5 spark-plugs with conical seating and their cylinder head housing, for use with spark-ignition engines.

## 2 References

ISO 68, *ISO general purpose screw threads — Basic profile.*

ISO 261, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — General plan.*

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

ISO 965-3, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances — Part 3 : Deviations for constructional threads.*

## 3 Requirements

### 3.1 Terminals

The terminal may be either the solid post or the threaded type. If nuts are used they shall have the same external dimensions as those of the solid post terminal. See figures 1a) and 1b).

### 3.2 Dimensions and thread (see figures 1 and 2)

#### 3.2.1 Length dimensions

The length dimensions are measured from a gauging plane defined by diameter  $\square 19$  on the seating.

Dimension 13,5 min. is allowed for an interim period. For future manufacturing, the dimension 12 min. is recommended.

Dimension 10,9 ± 0,3 mm may be increased for certain spark-plug types.

#### 3.2.2 Dimensions of spark-plug housing in the cylinder head

The length dimensions 10,5 min. and 9 max. in the cylinder head are measured from a gauging plane defined by diameter  $\square 19$  on the seating.

Dimension 10,5 min. shall ensure that no threaded portion of the plug reach may enter the combustion chamber when the spark-plug is tightened with the torque specified in 3.4.

#### 3.2.3 Threads

##### 3.2.3.1 Spark-plug and cylinder head

The threads of M18 × 1,5 spark-plugs and the corresponding tapped holes in the cylinder head shall conform to ISO 68, ISO 261, ISO 965-1 and ISO 965-3. Their limiting dimensions and their tolerance classes shall be as specified in 3.2.3.1.1 and 3.2.3.1.2 respectively.

##### 3.2.3.1.1 Limiting dimensions

The limiting dimensions shall be as given in the table.

**Table**

Dimensions in millimetres

| Dimension      |      | Plug thread<br>(on finished plug) | Tapped hole in<br>cylinder head |
|----------------|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Major diameter | max. | 17,933                            | not specified                   |
|                | min. | 17,697                            | 18                              |
| Pitch diameter | max. | 16,959                            | 17,216                          |
|                | min. | 16,819                            | 17,026                          |
| Minor diameter | max. | 16,092                            | 16,676                          |
|                | min. | 15,845 <sup>1)</sup>              | 16,376                          |

1) With a root radius > 0,150 mm (0,1 P).

3.2.3.1.2 Tolerance classes

The tolerance classes of thread M18 × 1,5 of finished spark-plugs and of the corresponding tapped holes in the cylinder head shall be as follows :

- 6e for spark-plugs (see note 1);
- 6H for tapped holes in the cylinder head.

NOTES

1 In order that spark-plugs complying with this International Standard can be fitted in existing cylinder heads also in extreme cases, the value for the *maximum truncation* of the minor diameter of the spark-plug base has been slightly reduced with respect to the ISO value.

This maximum value of the minor diameter is calculated from a distance of  $H/6$  for the *maximum truncation* instead of the value given by the formula in ISO 965-1 : 1980, clause 11, according to the formula given below :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minor diameter, maximum} &= d_1 - e_s - 2 (H/4 - H/6) \\ &= 16,376 - 0,067 - 0,217 \\ &= 16,376 - 0,284 = 16,092 \end{aligned}$$

The value for the *basic profile* remains the same as for the ISO thread (16,376 - 0,067 = 16,309).

2 The initial clearance  $e = 0,067$  mm between the pitch diameters of the thread and of the tapped hole is intended to prevent the possibility of seizure, as a result of combustion deposits on the bare threads, when removing the spark-plugs.

This clearance is also intended to enable spark-plugs with threads in accordance with this International Standard to be fitted in existing tapped holes.

3.2.3.2 Threaded terminal

For spark-plugs with a threaded-type terminal, the thread tolerance class of the terminal [see figure 1b)] shall be 6e.

NOTE — Depending on manufacturing processes, class 7e is acceptable on the finished product.

Nuts for use with threaded terminals shall have internal threads to 6H tolerance prior to assembly on the threaded post.

3.3 Other dimensions of spark-plug and housing in the cylinder head

The other dimensions are indicated in figures 1 and 2.

The contour of the insulator is optional; however, between the reference planes defined for spark-plugs with solid post terminal by the dimensions 29 and 33 mm and for spark-plugs with threaded terminal by the dimensions 26 and 30 mm, its largest diameter shall be  $12,2 \pm 0,3$  mm.

Details not specified are left to the manufacturer's choice.

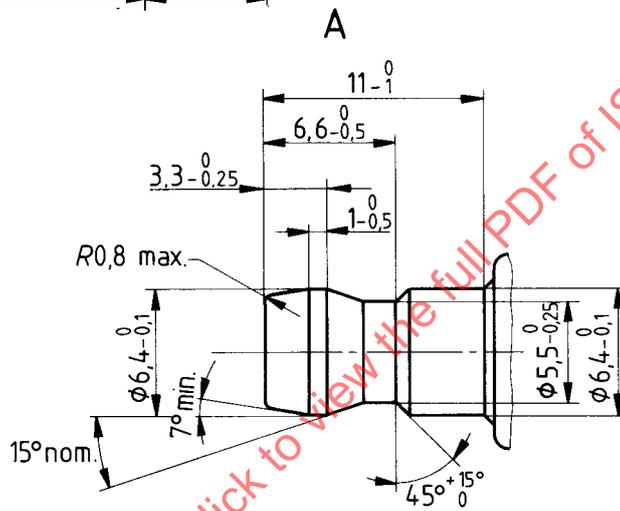
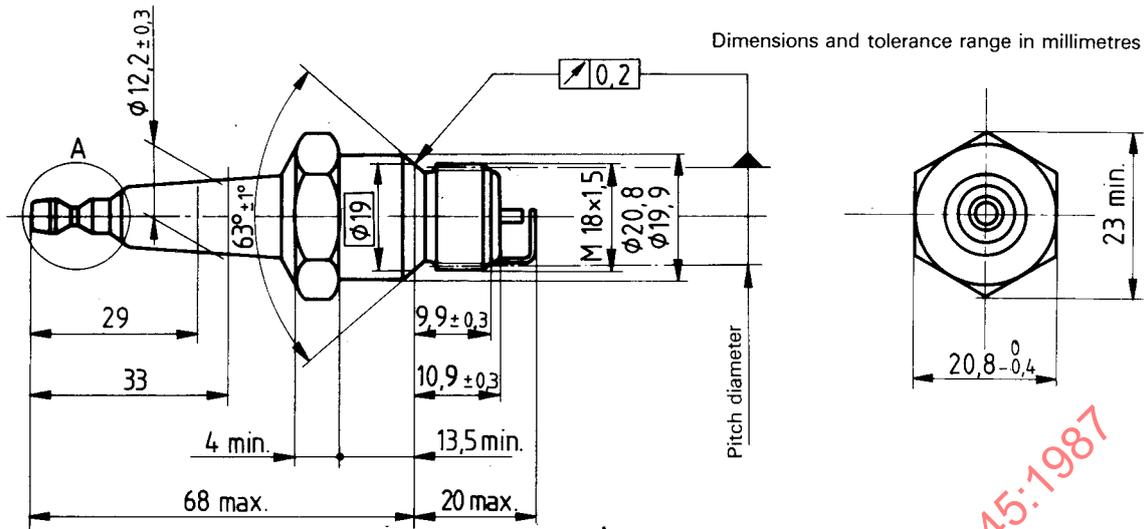
3.4 Installation tightening torque

The installation torque values apply to new spark-plugs without lubricant on the threads. If threads are lubricated, the torque value shall be reduced by approximately one-third to avoid overstressing.

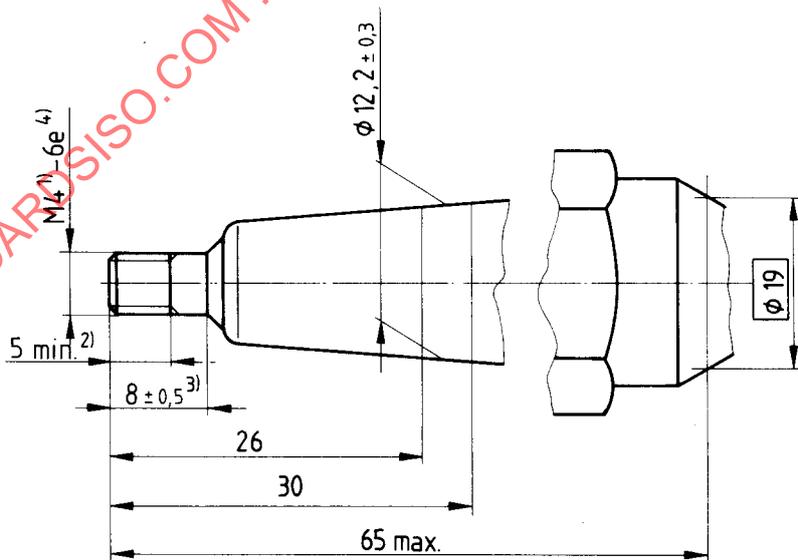
The spark-plugs shall be tightened with a torque of

20 to 30 N·m in cast iron cylinder heads.

NOTE — Engine manufacturers may specify a different torque for the first spark-plug installation.



a) solid post terminal



b) threaded post terminal

Figure 1 — M18 × 1,5 spark-plug with conical seating

- 1) 0,7 mm pitch complying with ISO 68 and with ISO 261.
- 2) Length of usable thread.
- 3) Cylindrical part.
- 4) Depending on manufacturing processes, class 7e is acceptable on the finished product.

Dimensions and tolerance range in millimetres

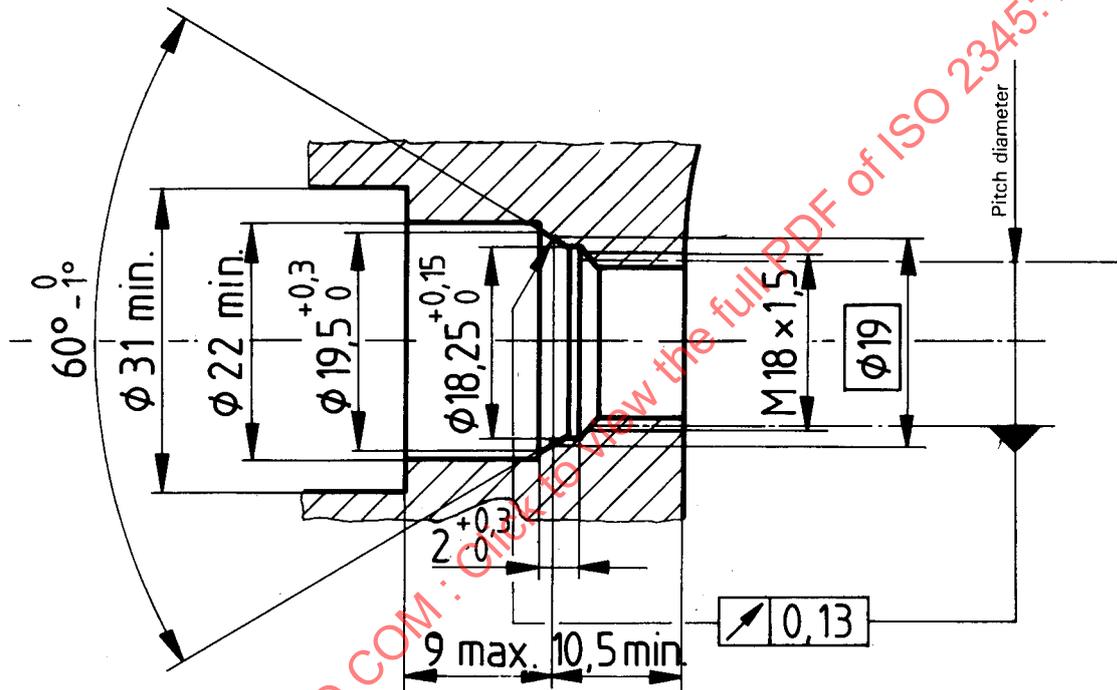


Figure 2 — Housing of the spark-plug in the cylinder head