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## Heavy-duty cranked-link transmission chains

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies dimensions, tolerances, measuring forces and minimum tensile strengths, together with the tooth gap forms and rim profiles of the associated chain wheels, for cranked-link or offset sidebar roller chains suitable for the mechanical transmission of power and allied applications under onerous conditions.

The dimensions of chains specified ensure complete interchangeability of any given size and provide interchangeability of individual links of the chain for repair purposes.

NOTE 1 Since these chains have been derived from an "inch" series of chains, their original dimensions are given in annex B.

## 2 Chains

### 2.1 Nomenclature of assemblies and components

The nomenclature of chain assemblies and their component parts are illustrated in figures 1 and 2; the figures do not define the actual form of the chain plates. The symbols for chains are given in table 1 and are shown in figure 3.

### 2.2 Designation

Heavy-duty cranked-link roller chains shall be designated by the standard ISO chain number given in

table 1; the first two digits express the nominal pitch in eighths of an inch, while the second (last) two digits express the basic bearing pin diameter in sixteenths of an inch.

### 2.3 Dimensions

Chains shall conform to the dimensions shown in figure 3 and given in table 1. Maximum and minimum dimensions are specified to ensure interchangeability of links as produced by different makers of chain. They represent limits for interchangeability, but are not the manufacturing tolerances.

Pitch,  $p$ , is a theoretical reference dimension used in calculating strand lengths and chain wheel dimensions; it is not intended for inspection of individual links.

### 2.4 Tensile testing

**2.4.1** The minimum tensile strength is that value which shall be exceeded when a tensile force is applied to a sample which is tested to destruction as defined in 2.4.2. This minimum tensile strength is not a working force. It is intended primarily as a comparative figure between chains of various constructions. For application information, the manufacturers or their published data should be consulted.

**2.4.2** A tensile force, not less than the tensile strength specified in table 1, shall be applied slowly to the ends of a chain length, containing at least three free pitches, by means of shackles permitting free movement on both sides of the chain centreline, in the normal plane of articulation.

Failure shall be considered to have occurred at the first point where increasing extension is no longer accompanied by increasing load; i.e. the summit of the force extension diagram.

Tests in which failures occur adjacent to the shackles shall be disregarded.

**2.4.3** The tensile test shall be considered a destructive test. Even though a chain may not visibly fail when subjected to a force equivalent to the minimum tensile strength, it will have been stressed beyond the yield point and will be unfit for service.

## 2.5 Length accuracy

Finished chains shall be measured either dry or after only light lubrication.

The standard nominal length for measurement shall be that nearest 3 050 mm.

The chain shall be supported throughout its entire length and the measuring force specified in table 1 shall be applied.

The measured length shall be the nominal length  $\begin{matrix} +0,32 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$  %.

The length accuracy of chains which have to work in parallel shall be within the above limits but matched by agreement with the manufacturer.

## 2.6 Working clearances

The form of the line of cranking or offset, across the width of each link, may be curved or straight (see lower part of figure 3).

If straight, the distance from the pitch point shall be  $l_1$  or  $l_2$ .

If curved, this distance shall be  $l_5$  or  $l_6$ . Radii  $l_5$  and  $l_6$  shall be sufficient to allow clearance over the adjacent plate nose contained by the clearance radii  $l_3$  and  $l_4$  during chain articulation round a seven-tooth wheel.

Side plates may be extended, provided that the extension is within a 30° included angle with respect to the sidebar, as indicated in figure 3. The chain link construction shall always allow for this extension to be adopted.

## 2.7 Marking

The chains shall be marked with the following:

- a) manufacturer's name or trade mark;
- b) ISO chain number quoted in table 1.

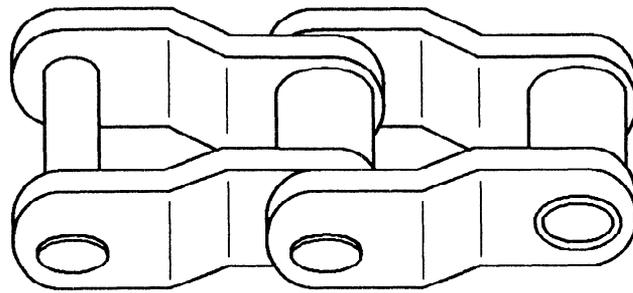


Figure 1 — Cranked-link chain assembly

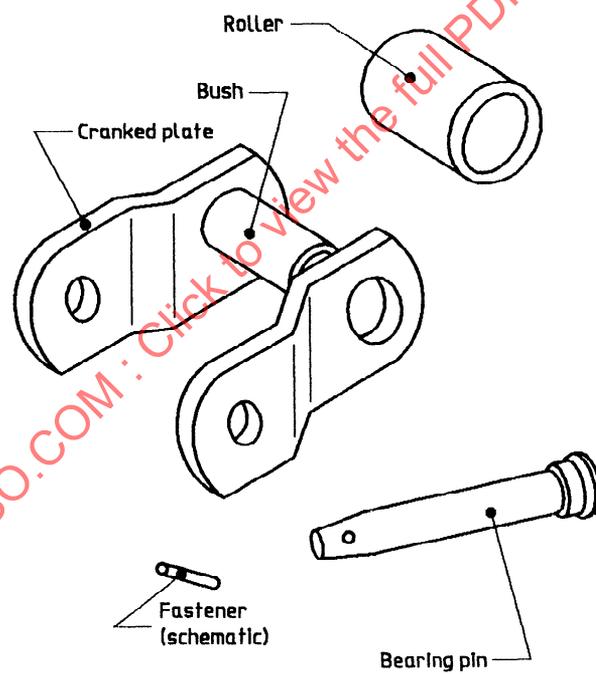


Figure 2 — Typical cranked-link components

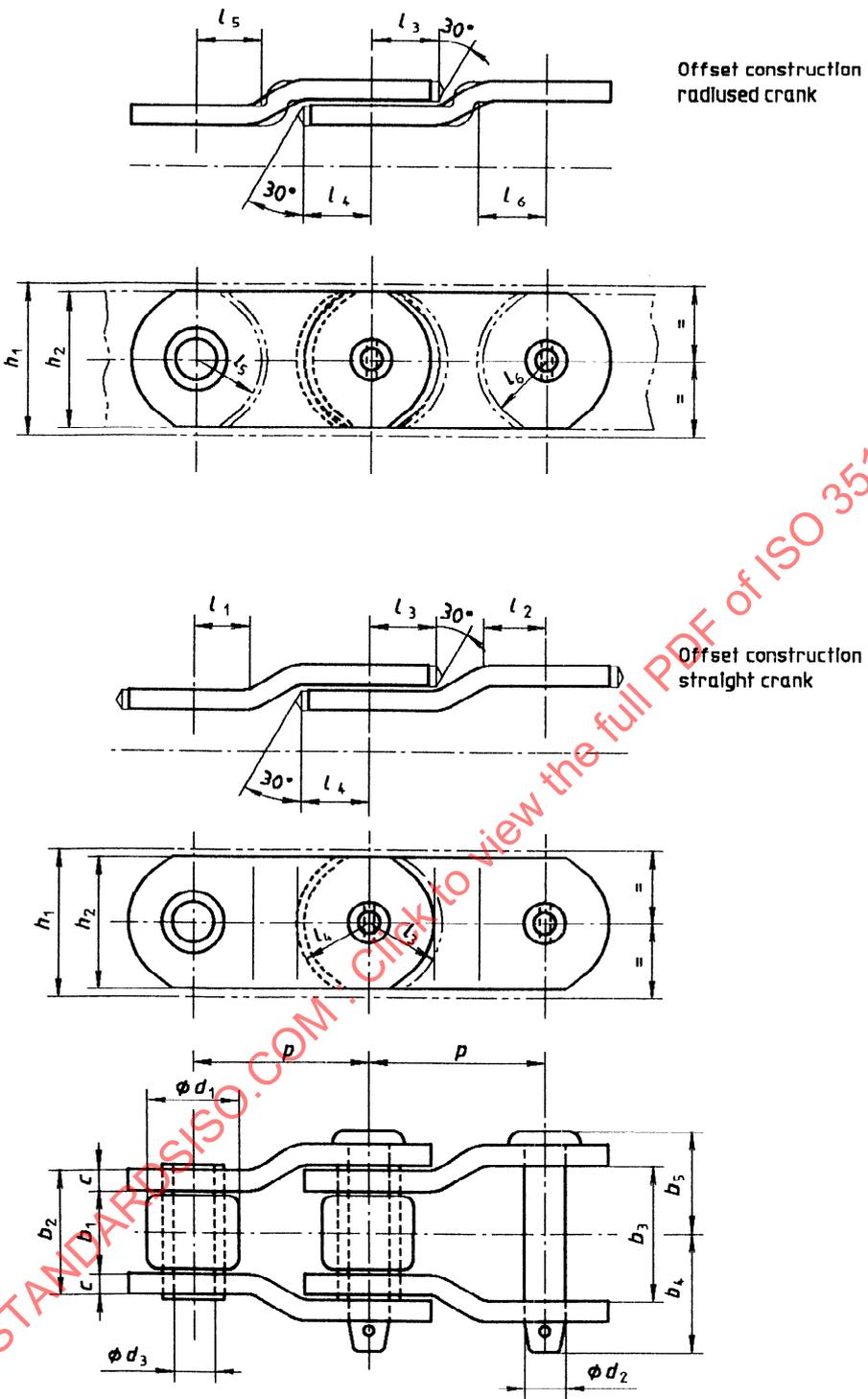


Figure 3 — Symbols for dimensions (see table 1)

Table 1 — Principal chain dimensions, measuring forces and minimum tensile strengths (see figure 3)

ISO chain number	Pitch $p$	Roller diameter $d_1$ max.	Width between plates at inner end $h_1$ 2) nom.	Bearing pin body diameter $d_2$ max.	Bush bore $d_3$ min.	Chain path depth $h_4$ min.	Plate depth $h_2$ max.	Crank clearance dimensions 1)		Width over link at inner end $h_2$ max.	Width between plates at outer end $b_3$ min.	Width over pin fastening to centreline $b_4$ max.	Width over pin head to centreline $b_5$ max.	Chain plate thickness $c$ nom.	Measuring force N	Tensile strength min. kN
								$l_1$ min.	$l_2$ min.							
2010	63,5	31,75	38,1	15,9	15,95	48,3	47,8	22,4	23,9	54,36	54,51	47,8	42,9	7,9	900	250
2512	77,9	41,28	39,6	19,08	19,13	61,1	60,5	26,9	29,5	59,13	59,26	55,6	47,8	9,7	1 300	340
2814	88,9	44,45	38,1	22,25	22,33	61,1	60,5	31,8	33,3	64,01	64,14	62	55,6	12,7	1 800	470
3315	103,45	45,24	49,3	23,85	23,93	64,1	63,5	33,3	35,1	78,28	78,41	71,4	63,5	14,2	2 200	550
3618	114,3	57,15	52,3	27,97	28,07	80	79,2	39,6	41,2	81,46	81,58	76,2	65	14,2	2 700	760
4020	127	63,5	69,9	31,78	31,88	93	91,9	47,8	52,3	102,39	102,51	90,4	77,7	15,7	3 600	990
4824	152,4	76,2	76,2	38,13	38,25	105,7	104,6	55,6	58,7	115,09	115,21	98,6	88,9	19	5 000	1 400
5628	177,8	88,9	82,6	44,48	44,63	134,6	133,4	65	68,1	127,79	127,91	114,3	101,6	22,4	6 800	1 890

mm

NOTE — Overall width of the connecting link =  $b_4 + b_5$  in the case of a fastener on both sides, overall width =  $2b_4$ .

1)  $l_3$  max. =  $l_1$  min.;  $l_4$  max. =  $l_2$  min..  
 2) Minimum width =  $0,95l_1$ .

### 3 Chain wheels

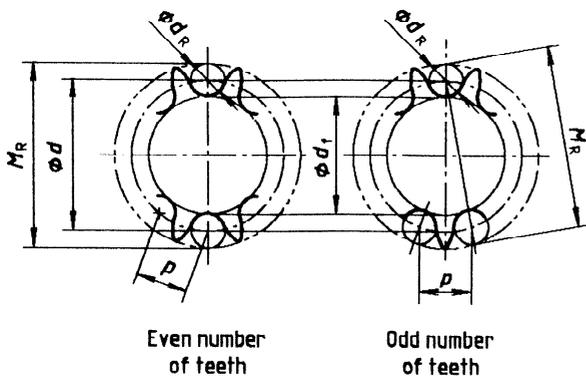
#### 3.1 Nomenclature

The nomenclature for basic chain dimensions on which all the following wheel data are based is given in table 1. Chain wheel nomenclature is covered under the respective headings.

#### 3.2 Diametral dimensions of wheel rim

##### 3.2.1 Nomenclature

See figure 4.



- $p$  = chordal pitch, equal to chain pitch
- $d_R$  = measuring-pin diameter
- $z$  = number of teeth
- $d$  = pitch-circle diameter
- $d_t$  = root diameter
- $M_R$  = measurement over pins

Figure 4 — Chain wheel diametral dimensions

#### 3.2.2 Dimensions

##### 3.2.2.1 Pitch-circle diameter, $d$

$$d = \frac{p}{\sin \frac{180^\circ}{z}}$$

Annex A gives the pitch-circle diameter for unit pitch as a function of the number of teeth.

##### 3.2.2.2 Measuring-pin diameter, $d_R$

$$d_R = d_t \text{ (see figure 5)}$$

subject to tolerance limits of  $\begin{matrix} +0,01 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$  mm.

##### 3.2.2.3 Root diameter, $d_t$

$$d_t = d - d_1$$

subject to the tolerance limits given in tables 2 and 3.

Table 2 — Machined teeth

Dimensions in millimetres

Root diameter	Tolerance
$d_t \leq 305$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,38 \end{matrix}$
$305 < d_t \leq 1\ 215$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,5 \end{matrix}$
$d_t > 1\ 215$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,77 \end{matrix}$

Table 3 — Non-machined teeth

Dimensions in millimetres

Root diameter	Tolerance
$d_t \leq 305$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -1,52 \end{matrix}$
$305 < d_t \leq 508$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -2,54 \end{matrix}$
$508 < d_t \leq 914$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -3,81 \end{matrix}$
$d_t > 914$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -6,35 \end{matrix}$

##### 3.2.2.4 Measurement over pins

For an *even* number of teeth:

$$M_R = d + d_R \text{ min.}$$

For an *odd* number of teeth:

$$M_R = d \cos \frac{90^\circ}{z} + d_R \text{ min.}$$

The measurement over pins of wheels with an *even* number of teeth shall be carried out over pins inserted in opposite tooth gaps.

The measurement over pins of wheels with an *odd* number of teeth shall be carried out over pins in the tooth gaps most nearly opposite.

During measurements, the pins shall always be in contact with the corresponding working faces of the respective teeth.

The limits of tolerance for the measurement over pins are identical to those for the corresponding root diameters.

**3.3 Wheel tooth gap forms**

**3.3.1 Nomenclature**

See figure 5.

**3.3.2 Dimensions**

The actual tooth gap form which is provided by cutting or by an equivalent method shall have tooth flanks of a form defined by the tooth flank (topping) radius, the working face length and roller seating curve, with a smooth blending from one portion to the next, taking into account the criteria set out in 3.3.2.1 to 3.3.2.6.

**3.3.2.1 Working face**

This is the functional part of the tooth form having a length equal to  $0,01pz$ , unless reduced by the limitation imposed by having all lines perpendicular to the tooth form pass inside the adjacent pitch point on the pitch circle.

The working face may be straight or convex.

NOTE 2 The above relationship allows for a chain pitch elongation of approximately 6 % where  $z < 40$ , progressively decreasing to under 2 % at  $z = 100$ .

**3.3.2.2 Pressure angle,  $\theta$**

This is the angle between the pitch line of the chain link and the line perpendicular to the working face at the point of roller contact.

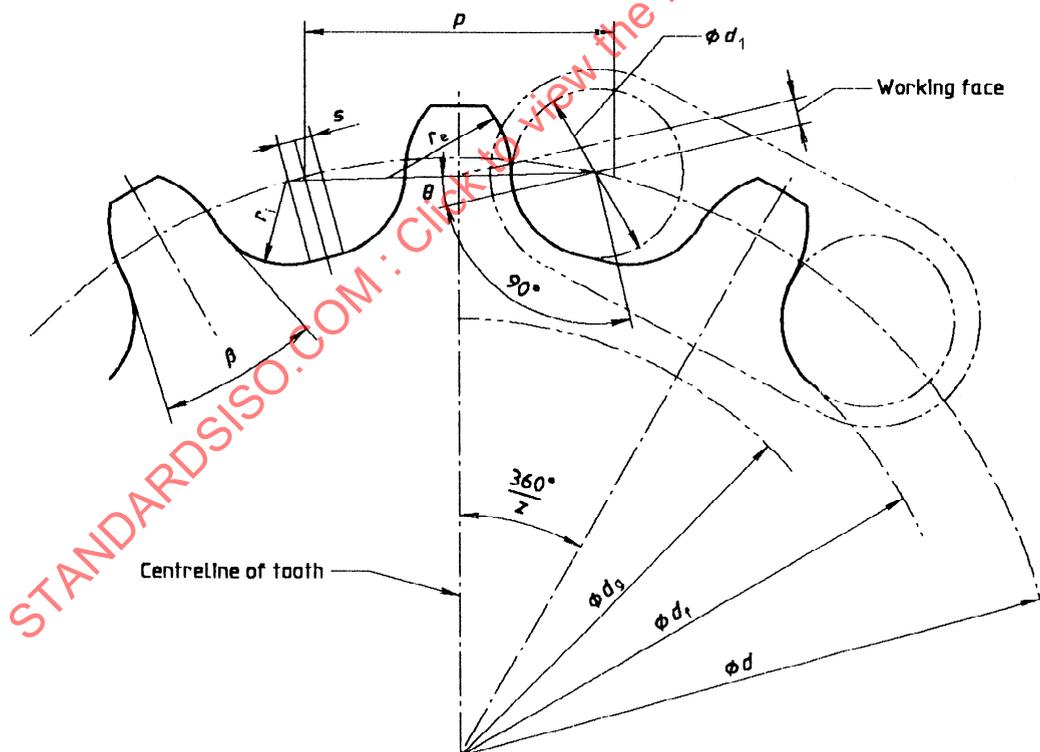
The values of  $\theta$  at any point on the working face length vary according to the value of  $z$ , and are set out in annex A.

**3.3.2.3 Maximum clearance diameter,  $d_g$**

$$d_g = p \cot \frac{180^\circ}{z} - 1,05h_2 - 2r_a \text{ (actual)}$$

where  $h_2$  is the plate depth (see figure 3 and table 1).

The circle defines the limit beyond which no portion of the hubs, beads, lugs or fillets shall extend in the proximity of the chain plates.



- $p$  = chordal pitch, equal to chain pitch
- $d$  = pitch-circle diameter
- $d_1$  = roller diameter, maximum
- $r_1$  = roller seating radius
- $s$  = pitch line clearance

- $\theta$  = pressure angle
- $\beta$  = tooth thickness angle (see annex A)
- $r_e$  = tooth flank (topping) radius
- $d_r$  = root diameter
- $d_g$  = chain clearance diameter
- $z$  = number of teeth

Figure 5 — Tooth gap forms

**3.3.2.4 Pitch line clearance,  $s$**

For wheels of *non-machined* form or in a dirty environment:

$$s = 0,1p$$

For wheels of *machined* form or in a clean environment:

$$s = 0,003p$$

**3.3.2.5 Roller seating radius,  $r_i$**

$$r_i \text{ max.} = \frac{d_1}{2}$$

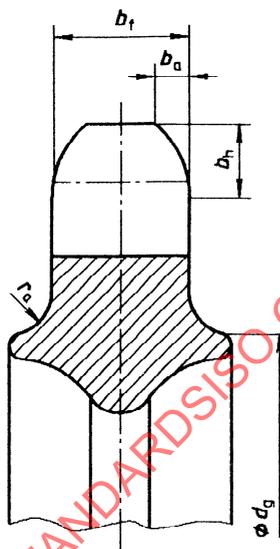
**3.3.2.6 Tooth flank (topping) radius,  $r_e$**

$$r_e = \frac{p}{2}$$

**3.4 Wheel rim profile**

**3.4.1 Nomenclature**

See figure 6.



- $b_t$  = tooth width
- $b_a$  = tooth-side relief
- $b_h$  = tooth-side relief depth
- $d_g$  = maximum clearance diameter
- $r_a$  = maximum shroud fillet radius

**Figure 6 — Wheel rim profile**

**3.4.2 Dimensions**

$$b_t \text{ max.} = 0,9b_1$$

$$b_a \approx 0,2b_t$$

$$b_h \approx 0,5d_1$$

**3.5 Radial run-out**

The radial run-out, measured on one revolution, between the bore and the root diameter shall not exceed the values indicated below.

For *non-machined* teeth:  $0,005d_1$  or 1,5 mm.

The larger of the two values shall be taken, but in no case shall the radial run-out exceed 10 mm.

For *machined* teeth:  $0,001d_1$  or 0,2 mm.

The larger of the two values shall be taken, but in no case shall the radial run-out exceed 5 mm.

**3.6 Axial run-out**

Axial run-out, measured with reference to the bore and the flat part of the side face of the teeth, shall not exceed the value for total indicator reading as stipulated for radial run-out in 3.5.

**3.7 Number of teeth**

This International Standard primarily applies to a number of teeth from 7 to 100 inclusive.

**3.8 Marking**

Wheels shall be marked with the following:

- a) manufacturer's name or trade mark;
- b) number of teeth;
- c) chain designation (ISO chain number and/or manufacturer's equivalent).

## Annex A (normative)

### Pitch-circle diameters

Table A.1 gives correct pitch-circle diameters for wheels to suit a chain of unit pitch. The pitch-circle diameters for wheels to suit a chain of any other

pitch are directly proportional to the pitch of the chain.

NOTE 3 The last digit is rounded down to avoid the risk of oversize root diameters.

**Table A.1 — Pitch-circle diameters**

Number of teeth $z$	Pitch-circle diameter $d$ for unit pitch <sup>1)</sup> mm	Pressure angle $\theta$ degrees $\pm 2^\circ$	Tooth thickness angle $\beta$ degrees $\approx$	Number of teeth $z$	Pitch-circle diameter $d$ for unit pitch <sup>1)</sup> mm	Pressure angle $\theta$ degrees $\pm 2^\circ$	Tooth thickness angle $\beta$ degrees $\approx$
7	2,304	10	25	54	17,198	27	55
8	2,613	11	26	55	17,516	27	55
9	2,923	12	28	56	17,834	27	55
10	3,236	13	30	57	18,152	27	55
11	3,549	14	31	58	18,471	27	55
12	3,863	15	33	59	18,789	27	55
13	4,178	16	35	60	19,107	27	55
14	4,494	17	36	61	19,425	27	55
15	4,809	18	38	62	19,743	27	55
16	5,125	19	40	63	20,061	27	55
17	5,442	20	42	64	20,380	27	55
18	5,758	20	42	65	20,698	27	55
19	6,075	21	44	66	21,016	27	55
20	6,392	21	44	67	21,334	27	55
21	6,709	22	46	68	21,652	27	55
22	7,026	22	46	69	21,971	27	55
23	7,343	22	46	70	22,289	27	55
24	7,661	23	47	71	22,607	28	56
25	7,978	23	47	72	22,925	28	56
26	8,296	23	47	73	23,243	28	56
27	8,613	23	47	74	23,562	28	56
28	8,931	24	49	75	23,880	28	56
29	9,249	24	49	76	24,198	28	56
30	9,566	24	49	77	24,516	28	56
31	9,884	24	49	78	24,834	28	56
32	10,202	24	49	79	25,153	28	56
33	10,520	25	51	80	25,471	28	56
34	10,837	25	51	81	25,789	28	56
35	11,155	25	51	82	26,107	28	56
36	11,473	25	51	83	26,426	28	56
37	11,791	25	51	84	26,744	28	56
38	12,109	25	51	85	27,062	28	56
39	12,427	25	51	86	27,380	28	56
40	12,745	25	51	87	27,699	28	56
41	13,063	26	53	88	28,017	28	56
42	13,381	26	53	89	28,335	28	56
43	13,699	26	53	90	28,653	28	56
44	14,017	26	53	91	28,971	28	56
45	14,335	26	53	92	29,290	28	56
46	14,653	26	53	93	29,608	28	56
47	14,971	26	53	94	29,926	28	56
48	15,289	26	53	95	30,244	28	56
49	15,607	26	53	96	30,563	28	56
50	15,926	26	53	97	30,881	29	58
51	16,244	26	53	98	31,199	29	58
52	16,562	26	53	99	31,518	29	58
53	16,880	27	55	100	31,836	29	58

1) This is sometimes referred to as "unit pitch-circle diameter".

**Annex B**  
(informative)

**Original values**

Table B.1 records for reference purposes the original dimensions, etc., from which the values of this International Standard have been derived. It relates to table 1 of this International Standard.

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