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Road vehicles — Screened and waterproof spark-plug and its connection — Type 3

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the essential dimensional characteristics of a spark-plug type used with spark ignition engines.

2 Field of application

The requirements of this International Standard apply to screened and waterproof spark-plugs and their connections, type 3.

3 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.*

ISO 3412, *Road vehicles — Screened and waterproof spark plug and its connection — Type 1.*

ISO 3895, *Road vehicles — Screened and waterproof spark-plug and its connection — Type 2.*

4 Required characteristics for spark-plug and housing in the cylinder head

4.1 Dimensions and thread (see figure)

4.1.1 Plug reach and other dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

A	M18 × 1,5	7/8"-18	
		Normal reach 15,9 ± 0,2	Long reach 19,4 ± 0,2
B	20,3 ± 0,2		
C (see 4.1.2)	2,0 to 2,3	1,1 to 1,7	
D	15,5 ± 0,25	19,8 ± 0,25	
E max.	24,7	28,4	
F min.	27	32	
G min.	36	40	29
H min.	34	38	27

4.1.2 Gasket

When the spark-plugs have been tightened with a torque of 48 N·m (threads clean, smooth and dry), the gasket thickness shall correspond to dimension C in the table in 4.1.1. If the gaskets are of a different thickness, a corresponding adjustment to dimension B shall be made.

4.1.3 Thread

4.1.3.1 Dimension limits of M18 × 1,5 thread

Dimensions in millimetres

Dimension	Plug thread (on finished plug) 6e		Tapped hole in cylinder head 6H
	Major diameter	max.	17,933
	min.	17,697	18,000
Pitch diameter	max.	16,959	17,216
	min.	16,819	17,026
Minor diameter	max.	16,092	16,676
	min.	15,845*	16,376

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

4.1.3.2 Tolerance classes of M18 × 1,5

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

- 6e for spark-plugs (see note 2);
- 6H for tapped holes in the cylinder head.

NOTES

1 The threads M18 × 1,5 of the 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.

2 In order that the spark-plugs complying with this International Standard can be fitted in existing cylinder heads also in limiting 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 was calculated from a distance of H/6 for the *maximum truncation* instead of the value given by the formula of ISO 965/1, clause 11, according to the formula given below.

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

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

3 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.

4.1.3.3 Dimension limits of 7/8"-18 thread

Dimensions in millimetres

Dimension	Plug thread (on finished plug) 6e		Tapped hole in cylinder head 6H
	Major diameter	max.	22,225
	min.	22,017	22,225
Pitch diameter	max.	21,295	21,412
	min.	21,191	21,308
Minor diameter	max.	20,493	20,851
	min.	not specified	20,698

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

The other dimensions are indicated on the figure.

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

5 Required characteristics for the connection

5.1 Dimension limits of 3/4-20 UNEF-3 connection thread

Dimensions in millimetres

Dimension	Plug thread 3/4-20 UNEF-3A		Connector thread 3/4-20 UNEF-3B
	Major diameter	max.	19,050
	min.	18,845	19,050
Pitch diameter	max.	18,224	18,333
	min.	18,141	18,225
Minor diameter	max.	17,492	17,873
	min.	not specified	17,679

5.2 Other characteristics for connection

The connector of this spark-plug shall have a 3/4-20 UNEF-3B thread and a hexagon size of $22,2 \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -0,4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm, with a width across corners of 24,6 mm min.

Moreover, the connector fitted to the spark-plug shall provide good watertightness, good electrical contact and good screening against emission of radio-electric radiation.

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