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Piston rings —**

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**Keystone rings made of steel**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6624-3:2001), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- PVD rings were included; and
- updates were made regarding technology improvements.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 6624 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

ISO 6624 is one of a number of series of International Standards dealing with piston rings for reciprocating internal combustion engines. Others are ISO 6621[2],[3],[4],[5], ISO 6622[6],[7], ISO 6623[8], ISO 6625[9], ISO 6626[10],[11],[12] and ISO 6627[13].

The common features and dimensional tables presented in this document constitute a broad range of variables and, in selecting a particular ring type, the designer must bear in mind the conditions under which it will be required to operate.

It is also essential that the designer refers to the specifications and requirements of ISO 6621-3[4] and ISO 6621-4 before completing a selection.

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# Internal combustion engines — Piston rings —

## Part 3: Keystone rings made of steel

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the essential dimensional features of keystone rings made of steel, types T, TB, TBA, TM, K, KB, KBA and KM, having diameters from 70 mm up to and including 160 mm, used in reciprocating internal combustion piston engines.

### 2 Normative reference

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6621-4, *Internal combustion engines — Piston rings — Part 4: General specifications*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 4 Overview

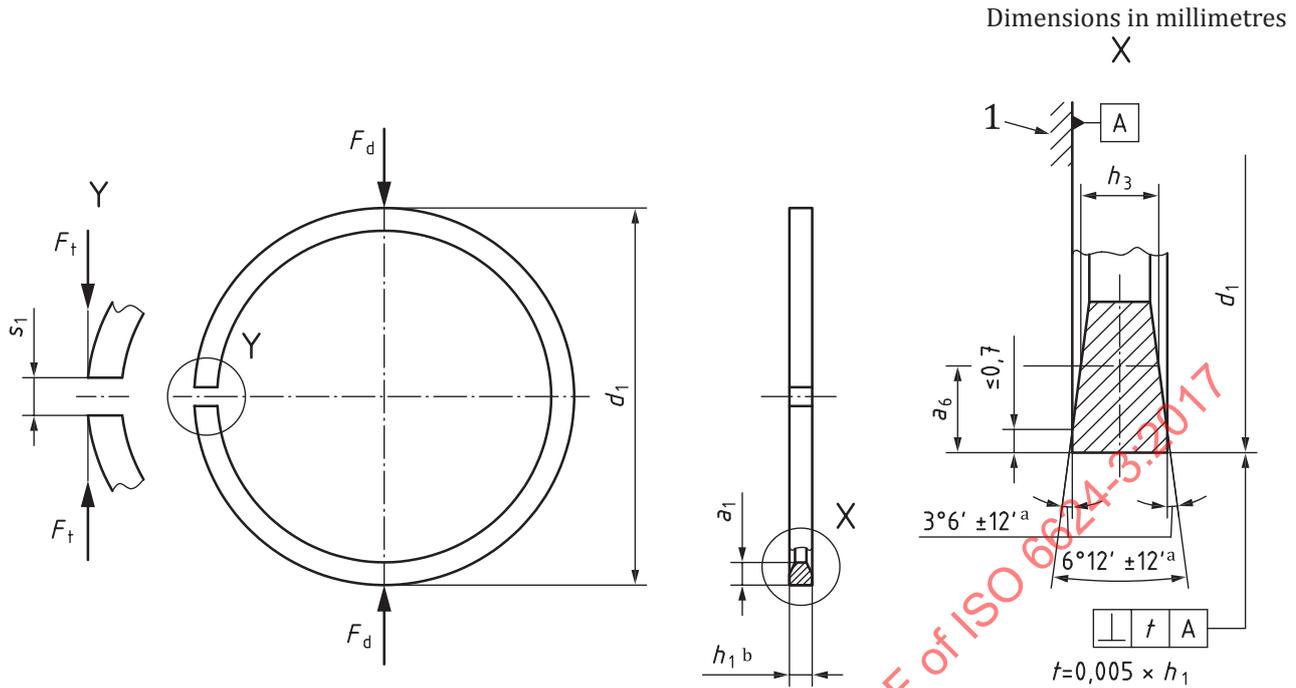
The keystone ring types are specified in [Tables 1 to 3](#) and [Figures 1 to 8](#). Their common features and the dimensions of those features are specified in [Tables 4 to 9](#) and [Figures 9 to 15](#). [Tables 11 and 12](#) give the force factors for the different types of rings, while [Table 13](#) and [Table 14](#) give the dimensions and forces of keystone rings 6° and 15°, respectively.

### 5 Ring types and designation examples

#### 5.1 Type T — Straight faced keystone ring 6°

##### 5.1.1 General features

See [Table 13](#) for dimensions and forces.



**Key**

- 1 reference plane
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

**Figure 1 — Type T**

**5.1.2 Designation**

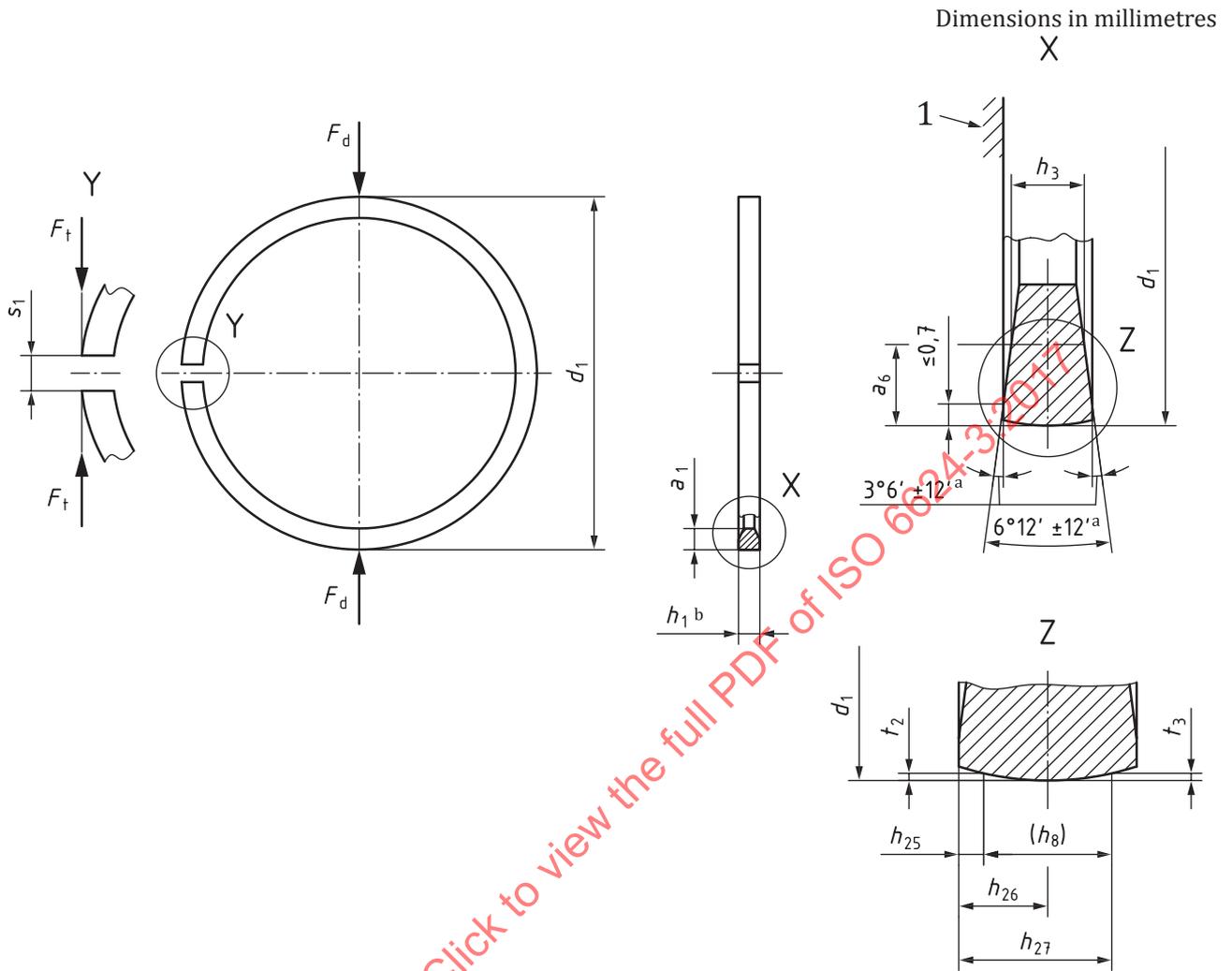
**EXAMPLE** Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 6° keystone ring with straight-faced peripheral surface (T), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of CrSi alloyed steel, subclass 62 (MC 62), and having a fully faced chromium plated peripheral surface with a minimum thickness of 0,1 mm (CR2). Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 T-90 x 2,5-MC 62/CR2**

**5.2 Type TB — Symmetrical barrel faced keystone ring 6°**

**5.2.1 General features**

See [Table 13](#) for dimensions and forces.



**Key**

- 1 reference plane
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

**Figure 2 — Type TB**

**Table 1 — Symmetrical barrel dimensions**

Dimensions in millimetres

$h_1$	$h_{25}$	$h_{26}$		$h_{27}$	$t_2, t_3$	$h_8^a$
		Tolerance				
2,0	0,40	1,00	$\pm 0,30$	1,60	0,003...0,015	1,2
2,5	0,45	1,25	$\pm 0,40$	2,05		1,6
3,0	0,50	1,50	$\pm 0,50$	2,50	0,005...0,020	2,0
3,5	0,55	1,75		2,95		2,4
4,0	0,60	2,00	$\pm 0,60$	3,40	0,005...0,023	2,8

<sup>a</sup> Gauge width  $h_8$ , informative only, shall be used only if agreed between the manufacturer and customer.

5.2.2 Designation

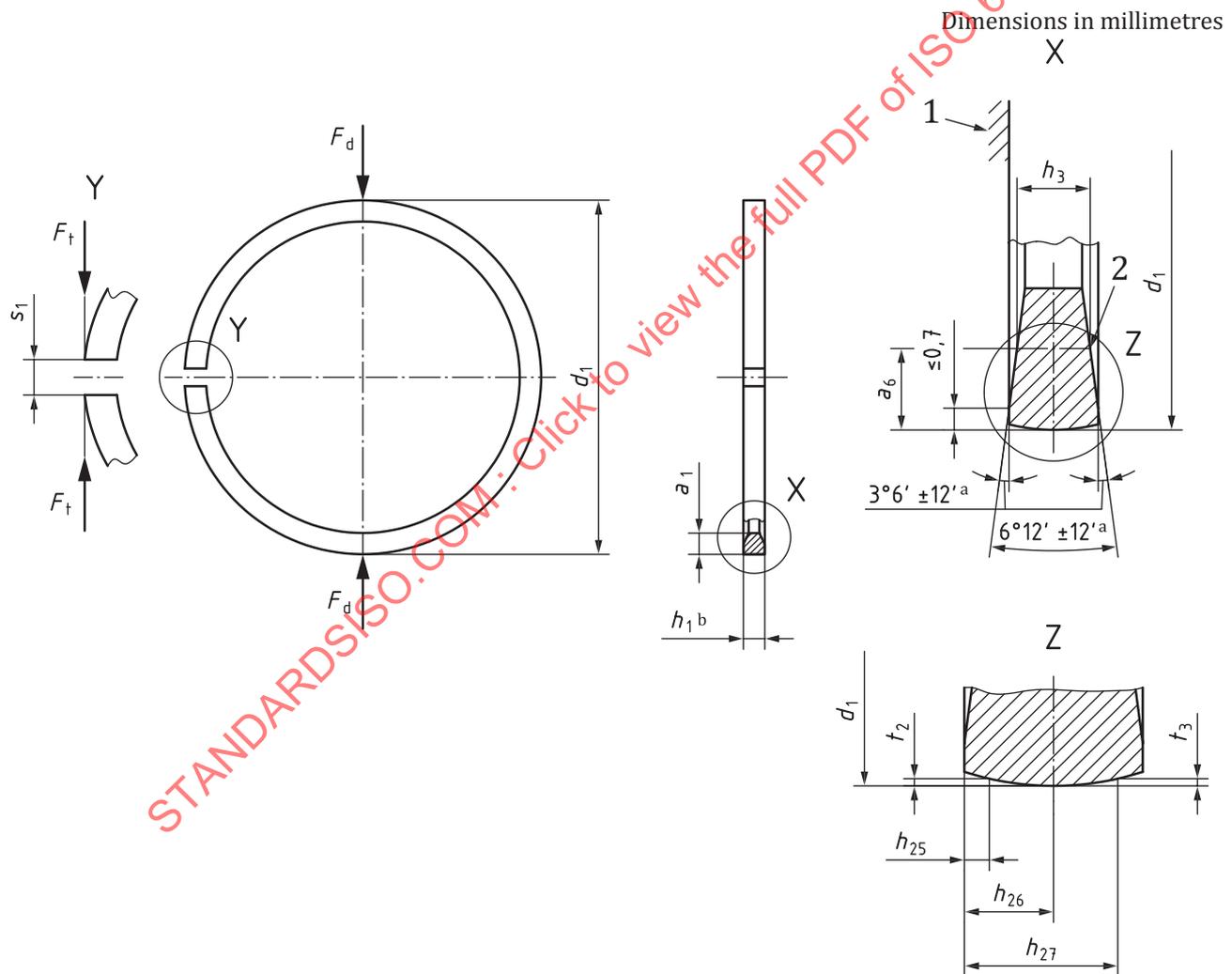
EXAMPLE Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 6° keystone ring with barrel faced peripheral surface (TB), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of martensitic steel (11 % Cr min.), subclass 65 (MC 65), nitrided on the peripheral surface and side faces (NT) to a depth of 0,070 mm min. on the peripheral surface (070), and with an associated side face depth of a minimum of 0,020 mm. Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

Piston ring ISO 6624-3 TB - 90 x 2,5-MC 65/NT070

5.3 Type TBA — Asymmetrical barrel faced keystone ring 6°

5.3.1 General features

See Table 13 for dimensions and forces.



Key

- 1 reference plane
- 2 top side identification mark
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

Figure 3 — Type TBA

Table 2 — Asymmetrical barrel dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

$h_1$	$h_{25}^a$	$h_{26}$		$h_{27}$	$t_2^b$	$t_3^b$
		Tolerance				
2,00	0,40	0,60	$\pm 0,20$	1,50	0...0,007	0,009...0,030
2,50	0,45	0,70	$\pm 0,25$	1,80	0...0,008	0,011...0,035
3,00	0,55	0,80		2,10		0,012...0,038
3,50	0,60	0,90	$\pm 0,30$	2,40	0...0,009	0,012...0,040
4,00	0,65	0,95		2,80		0,013...0,045

<sup>a</sup>  $h_{25}$  may be lowered for rings with reduced edge dimensions.

<sup>b</sup>  $t_2$  or  $t_3$  or both may be varied as agreed between the manufacturer and customer.

### 5.3.2 Designation

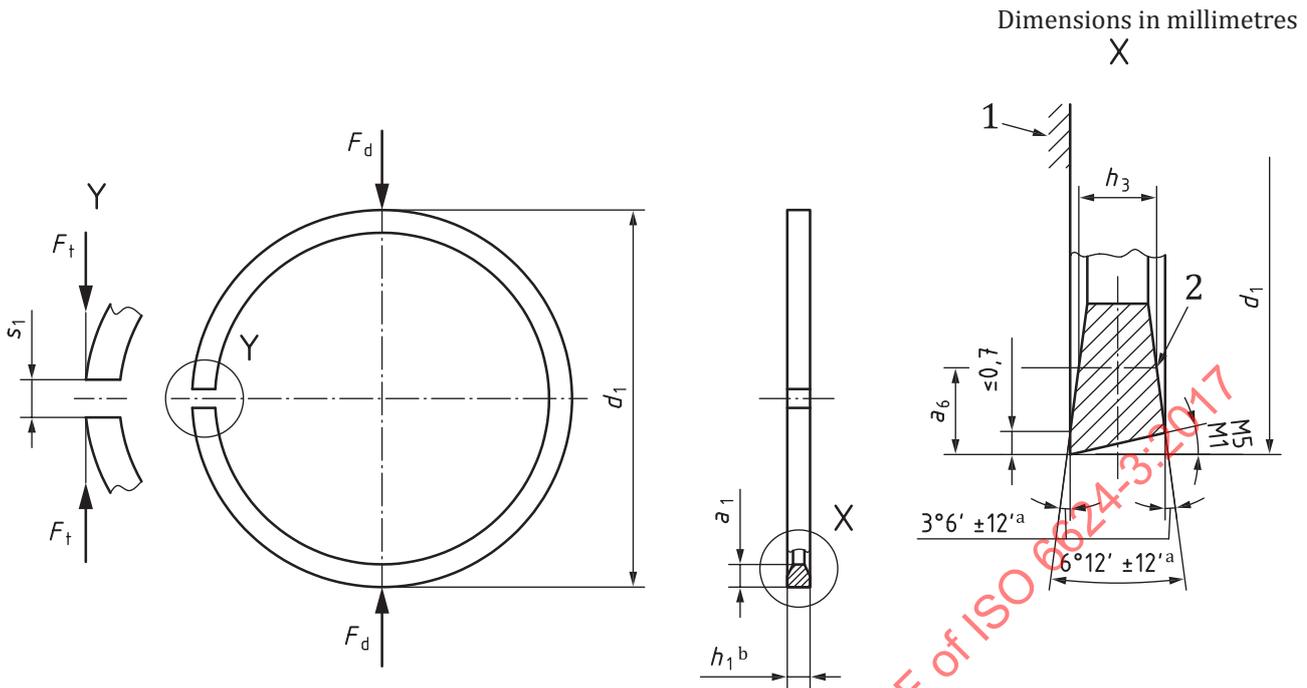
EXAMPLE Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 6° keystone ring with asymmetrical barrel faced peripheral surface (TBA), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of martensitic steel (17 % Cr min.), subclass 66 (MC 66), nitrided on the peripheral surface and side faces (NT) to a minimum depth of 0,070 mm on the peripheral surface (070), and with an associated side face depth of a minimum of 0,020 mm. Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 TBA - 90 x 2,5-MC 66/NT070**

## 5.4 Type TM — Taper faced keystone ring 6°

### 5.4.1 General features

See [Table 13](#) for dimensions and forces.



**Key**

- 1 reference plane
- 2 top side identification mark
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

**Figure 4 — Type TM**

**Table 3 — Taper**

Code	Taper	Tolerance <sup>a</sup>	Dimensions in minutes
			Internal twist feature designs Tolerance <sup>a</sup>
M1 <sup>b</sup>	10	+50 0	+60 0
M2	30		
M3	60	+60 0	+70 0
M4	90		
M5	120		

<sup>a</sup> For chromium plated rings with a tapered peripheral surface that is not ground, the tolerance shall be increased by 10 (e.g. M3 = 60 tolerance:  $\begin{matrix} +70 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$ ; M3 with internal features = 60 tolerance:  $\begin{matrix} +80 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$ ).

<sup>b</sup> M1 not for rings with partly cylindrical peripheral surface.

## 5.4.2 Designation

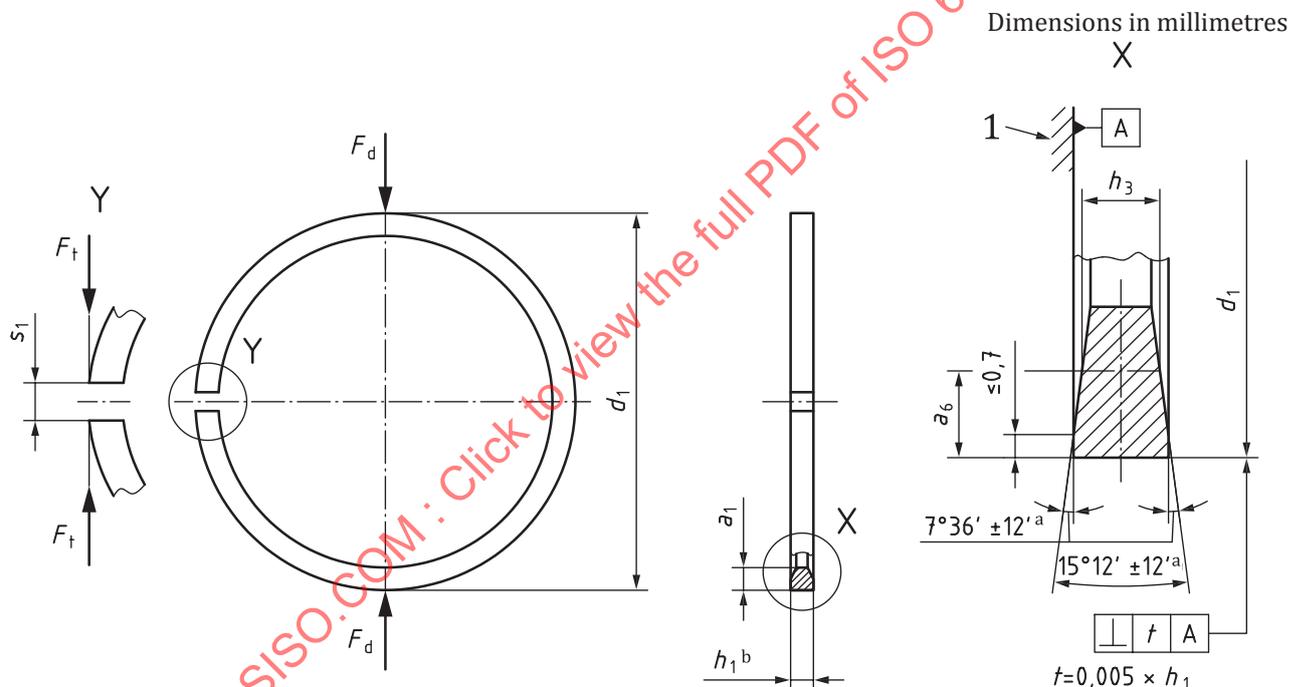
**EXAMPLE** Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 6° keystone ring with 10° taper faced peripheral surface (TM1), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of martensitic steel (11 % CR min.), subclass 65 (MC 65), and having a fully faced chromium plated peripheral surface with a minimum thickness of 0,1 mm (CR2). Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 - TM1 x 2,5-MC 65/CR2**

## 5.5 Type K — Straight faced keystone ring 15°

### 5.5.1 General features

See [Table 14](#) for dimensions and forces.



#### Key

- 1 reference plane
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

**Figure 5 — Type K**

## 5.5.2 Designation

**EXAMPLE** Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 15° keystone ring with straight-faced peripheral surface (K), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of CrMoV alloyed steel, subclass 61 (MC 61), and having a fully faced chromium plated peripheral surface with a minimum thickness of 0,1 mm (CR2). Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

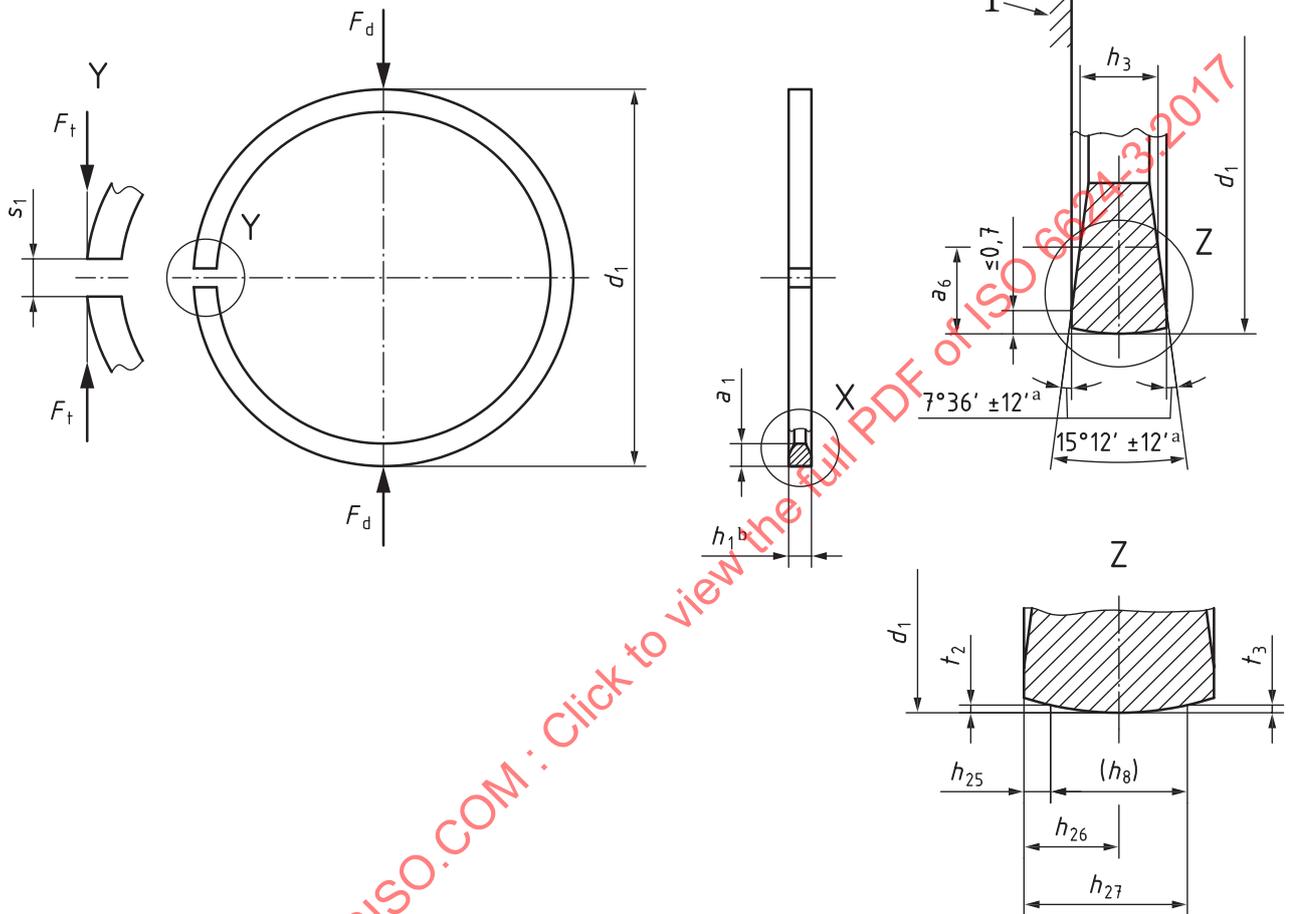
**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 K - 90 x 2,5-MC 61/CR2**

5.6 Type KB — Symmetrical barrel faced keystone ring 15°

5.6.1 General features

See Table 1 for symmetrical barrel dimensions. See Table 14 for dimensions and forces.

Dimensions in millimetres  
X



Key

- 1 reference plane
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

Figure 6 — Type KB

5.6.2 Designation

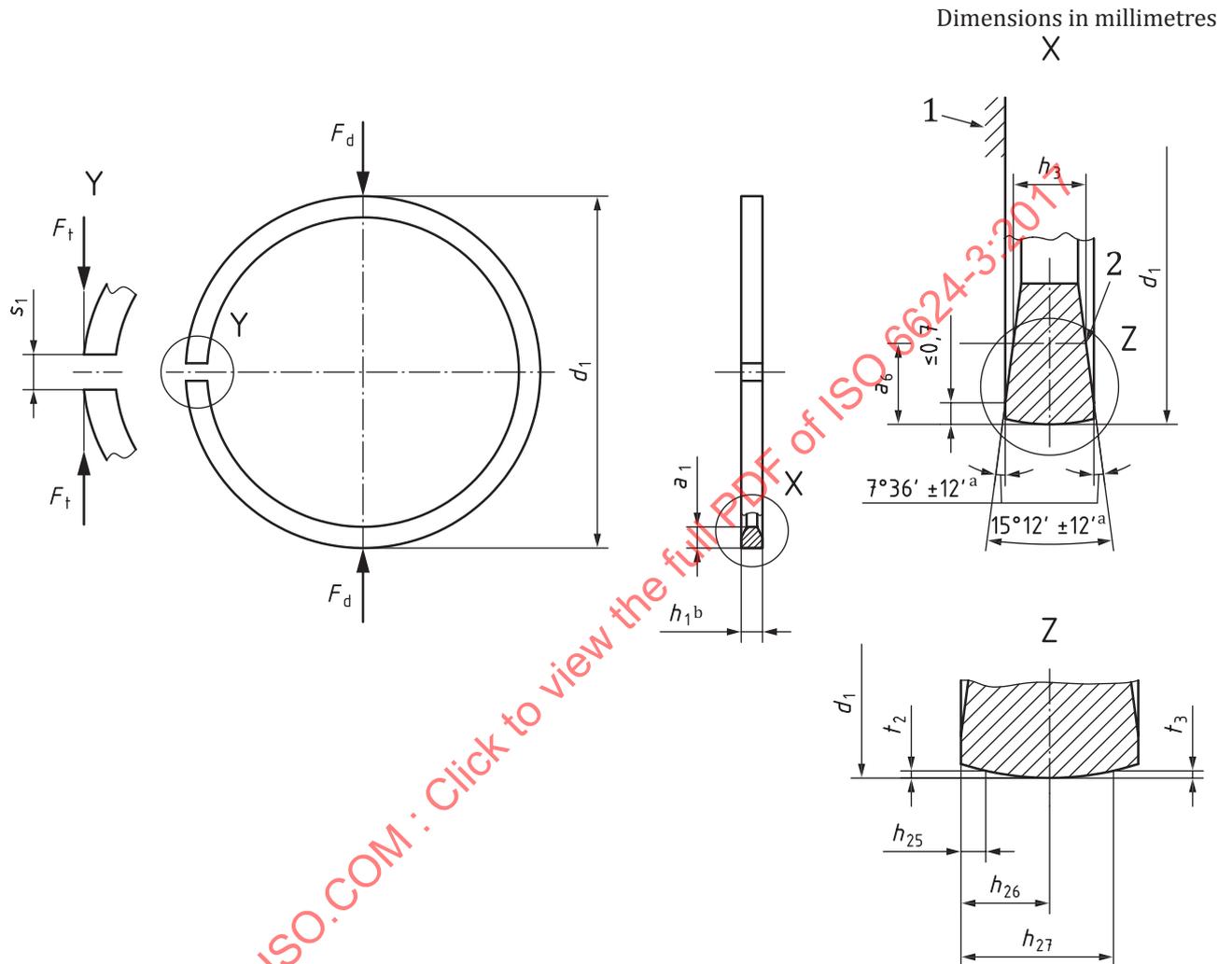
EXAMPLE Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 15° keystone ring with barrel faced peripheral surface (KB), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of martensitic steel (17 % Cr min.), subclass 66 (MC 66), nitrided on the peripheral surface and side faces (NT), to a minimum depth of 0,090 mm on the peripheral surface (090), and with an associated side face depth of a minimum of 0,020 mm. Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 KB- 90 x 2,5-MC 66/NT090**

## 5.7 Type KBA — Asymmetrical barrel faced keystone ring 15°

### 5.7.1 General features

See [Table 2](#) for asymmetrical barrel dimensions. See [Table 13](#) for dimensions and forces.



#### Key

- 1 reference plane
- 2 top side identification mark
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

Figure 7 — Type KBA

### 5.7.2 Designation

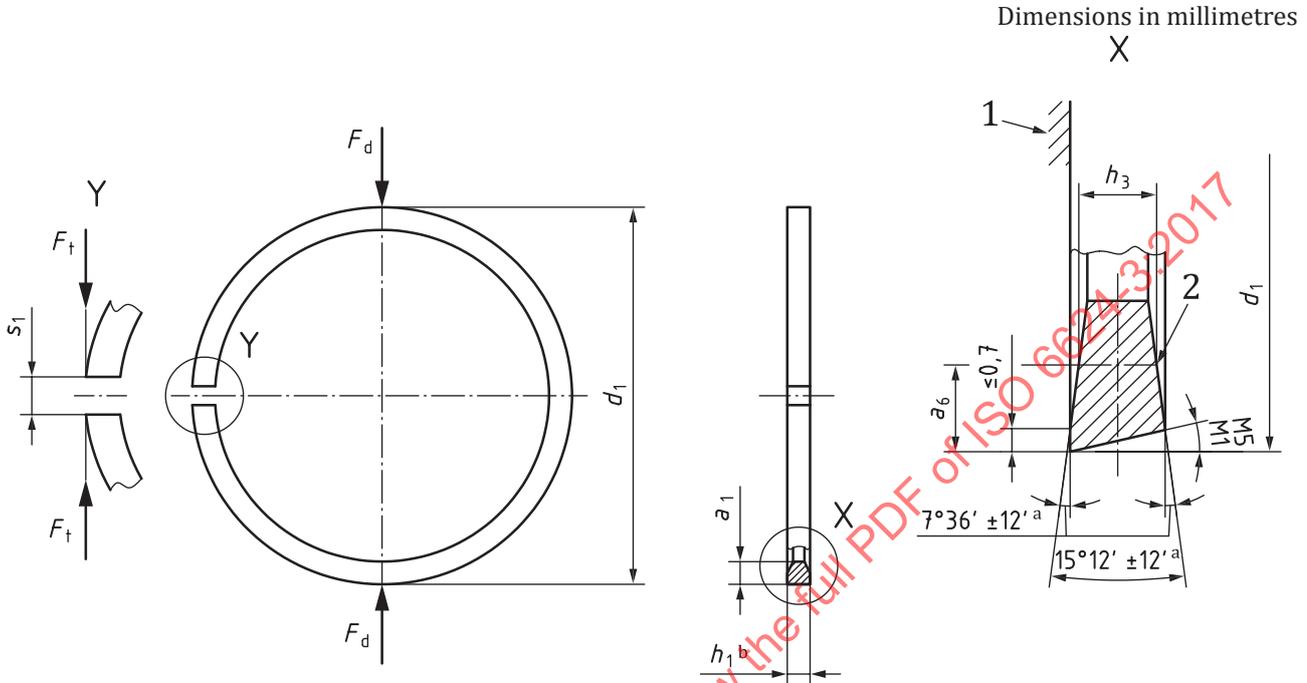
**EXAMPLE** Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 15° keystone ring with asymmetrical barrel faced peripheral surface (KBA), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of martensitic steel (17 % Cr min.), subclass 66 (MC 66), nitrided on the peripheral surface and side faces (NT), to a depth of 0,070 mm min. on the peripheral surface (070), and with an associated side face depth of a minimum of 0,020 mm. Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 KBA - 90 x 2,5-MC 66/NT070**

## 5.8 Type KM — Taper faced keystone ring 15°

### 5.8.1 General features

See [Table 3](#) for taper. See [Table 14](#) for dimensions and forces.



#### Key

- 1 reference plane
- 2 top side identification mark
- a Due to manufacturing processing, side angle tolerances are not cumulative.
- b Nominal.

Figure 8 — Type KM

### 5.8.2 Designation

**EXAMPLE** Designation of a piston ring complying with the requirements of ISO 6624-3, being a steel, 15° keystone ring with 10° taper faced peripheral surface (KM1), of nominal diameter  $d_1 = 90$  mm (90) and nominal ring width  $h_1 = 2,5$  mm (2,5), made of CrMoV alloyed steel, subclass 61 (MC 61), and having a fully faced chromium plated peripheral surface with a minimum thickness 0,1 mm (CR2). Parameters in parenthesis are used in the ISO ring designation:

**Piston ring ISO 6624-3 KM1 x 2,5-MC 61/CR2**

## 6 Common features

### 6.1 Type T, TB, TBA, TM, K, KB, KBA, KM rings — Outside and inside rounded edges

Outside and inside rounded edges are shown in [Figure 9](#) and [Figure 10](#); their dimensions are given in [Table 4](#).

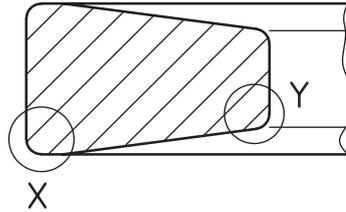


Figure 9 — Outside and inside rounded edges

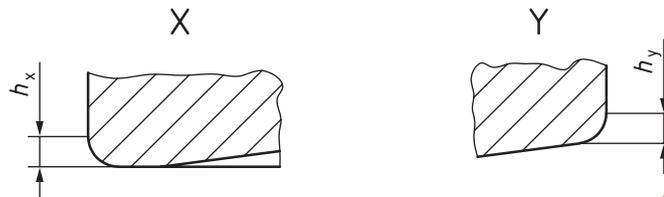


Figure 10 — Details of Figure 9

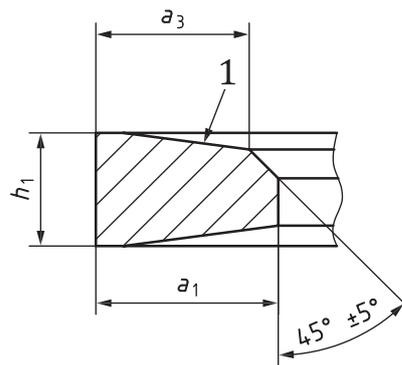
Table 4 —  $h_x$  and  $h_y$  dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

$h_1$	$h_x$ max.	$h_y$ max.
$2 \leq h_1 < 2,5$	0,3	0,35
$h_1 \geq 2,5$	0,3	0,4

6.2 Type T, TB, TBA, TM, K, KB, KBA, KM rings (positive twist type) — Internal bevel top side

An internal bevel is not recommended for the 15° keystone rings with ring width  $h_1$  given in the “nominal value of ring width” column 1 of Table 14.



Key

- 1 top side identification mark

Figure 11 — Internal bevel top side (IF)

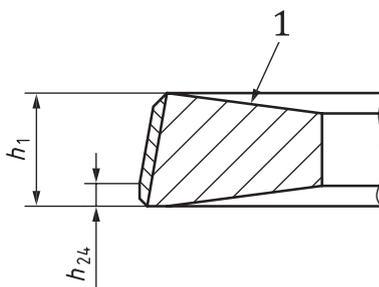
**Table 5 —  $a_3$  dimensions**

Dimensions in millimetres

$d_1$	$a_3$	Tolerance
$70 \leq d_1 \leq 160$	$0,8 \times a_1$	$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ -0,3 \end{matrix}$

**6.3 Type TM or KM rings with partly cylindrical machined (LM) or lapped (LP) peripheral surface**

Taper M1 is excluded.



**Key**

1 top side identification mark

**Figure 12 — Partly cylindrical peripheral surface**

**Table 6 —  $h_{24}$  dimensions**

Dimensions in millimetres

$h_1$	$h_{24}$ max.	$h_{24}$ max. each side of gap up to 30°
2,0	0,7	1,4
2,5	0,8	1,6
3,0	1,0	2,0
3,5	1,2	2,3
4,0	1,3	2,6

Partly cylindrical peripheral surfaces shall be visible.

**6.4 Type T, TB, TBA, TM, K, KB, KBA, KM rings — Plating or coating configuration**

**6.4.1 Chromium plated or spray coated rings**

**6.4.1.1 General**

Semi-inlaid types are not recommended.

**6.4.1.2 Fully faced**

See [Figure 13](#).

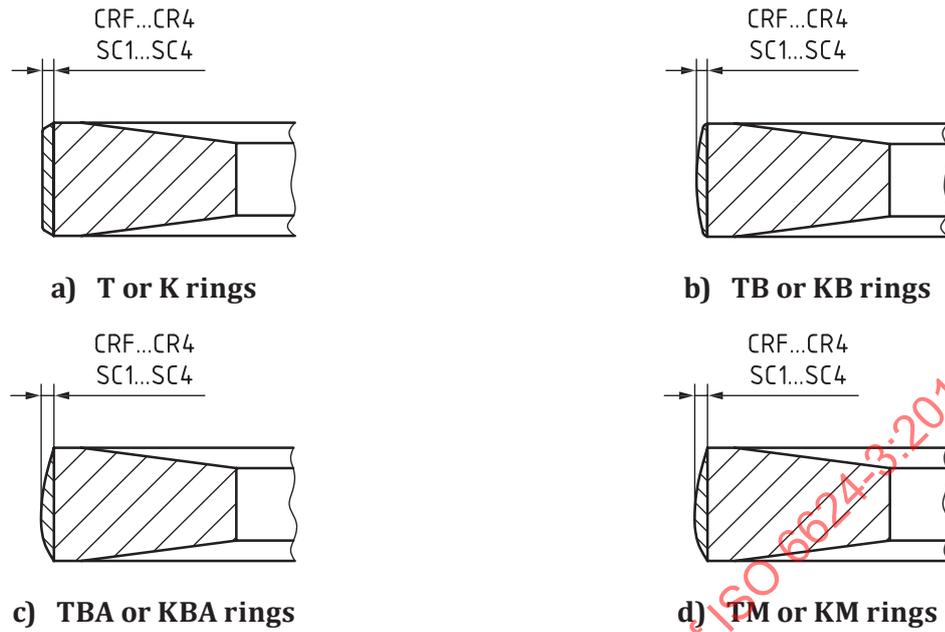


Figure 13 — Fully faced rings

#### 6.4.1.2.1 Inlaid

Inlaid types are not recommended for chromium plated rings. See [Figure 14](#).

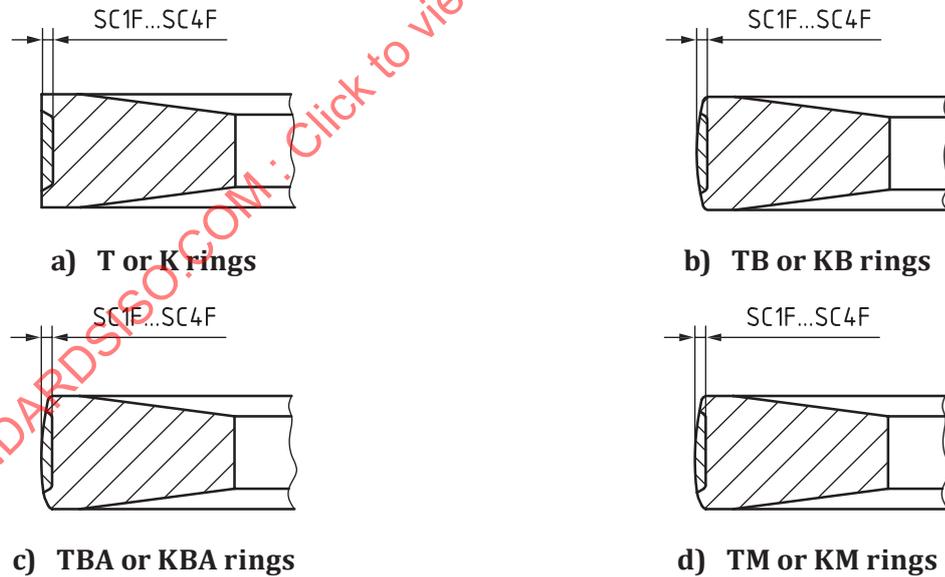


Figure 14 — Inlaid rings

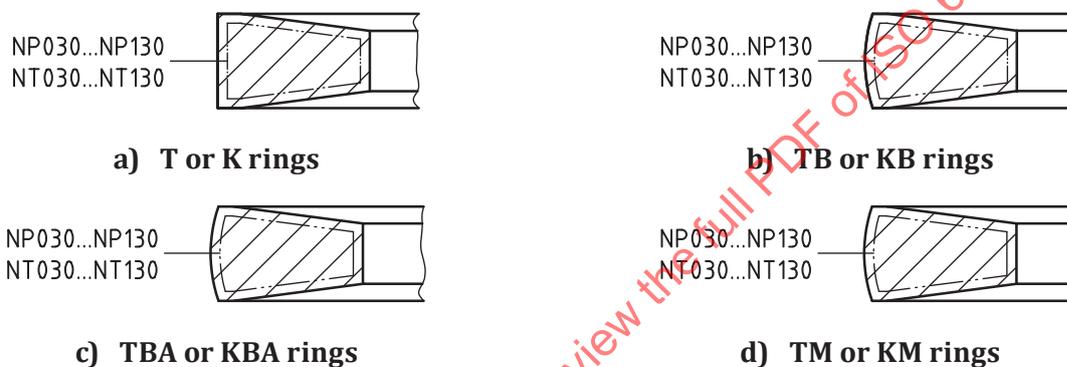
**Table 7 — Plating/coating thickness**

Dimensions in millimetres

Chromium plating Code	Spray Coating Code	Thickness min.
CRF	—	0,005
CR1	SC1	0,05
CR2	SC2	0,10
CR3	SC3	0,15
CR4	SC4	0,20

**6.4.2 Nitrided surface**

See [Figure 15](#).



**Figure 15 — Nitrided rings**

**Table 8 — Nitrided case depth of peripheral surface**

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Nitrided case depth min.
NP030	0,030
NP050	0,050
NP070	0,070
NP090	0,090
NP110	0,110
NP130	0,130

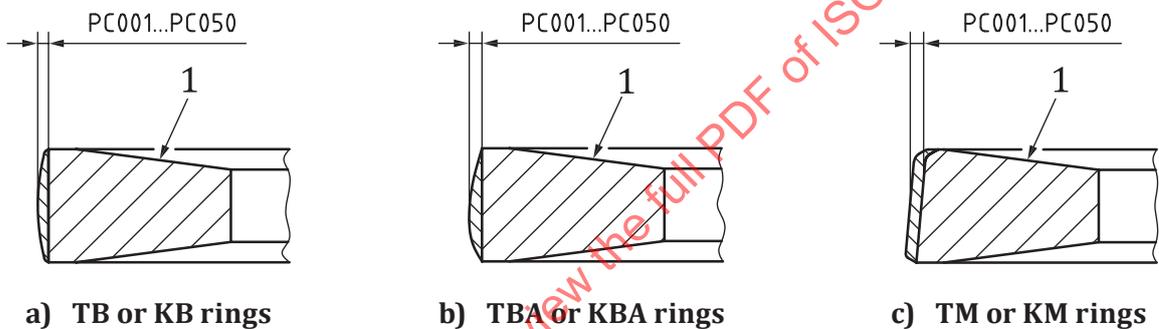
NOTE The nitrided case depth on side faces and the inside surface is not specified.

**Table 9 — Nitrided case depth of peripheral surface and side faces**

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Nitrided case depth	
	Peripheral surface min.	Side faces min.
NT030	0,030	0,010
NT050	0,050	0,015
NT070	0,070	0,020
NT090	0,090	0,020
NT110	0,110	0,030
NT130	0,130	0,030

NOTE The nitrided case depth on the inside surface is not specified.

**6.4.3 PVD rings****Key**

1 top side identification mark

**Figure 16 — PVD rings****Table 10 — PVD coating thickness**

PVD coating code	Thickness min.
PC001	0,001
PC003	0,003
PC005	0,005
PC010 <sup>a</sup>	0,010
PC020 <sup>a</sup>	0,020
PC030 <sup>a</sup>	0,030
PC040 <sup>a</sup>	0,040
PC050 <sup>a</sup>	0,050

<sup>a</sup> Not typical for Diamond Like Carbon coatings (DLC).**7 Force factors**

The tangential and diametral forces given in [Tables 13](#) and [14](#) shall be corrected when additional features are used.





Table 13 (continued)

Nominal diameter	Radial wall thickness		Nominal value of ring width		Keystone ring width						Closed gap		Tangential force $F_t$ [N]			Diametral force $F_d$ [N]		
					Method A			Method B										
					$a_1$	$h_1$	$a_6$	Measured value		Measured value			$s_1$	$h_1$	$h_1$	$h_1$	Tolerance	1
$d_1$	Tolerance	1	2	1	2	1	2	$a_6$	Tolerance	1	2	Tolerance	1	2	Tolerance			
121												21,9	26,8		47,0	57,6		
122	4,3											21,5	26,3		46,2	56,6		
123												21,1	25,9		45,5	55,7		
124												20,8	25,5		44,7	54,7		
125												29,0	34,3		62,3	73,8		
126												28,3	33,5		60,9	72,1		
127	4,5								0,35			27,7	32,7		59,5	70,4		
128												27,0	32,0		58,0	68,7		
129												26,3	31,2		56,6	67,1		
130												29,9	35,5		64,4	76,3		
131												29,5	35,0		63,4	75,2		
132	4,7					2,724	3,224					29,0	34,3		62,3	73,8		
133						0	0					28,5	33,8		61,3	72,7		
134						-0,024	-0,024					28,0	33,2	±30 % if	60,2	71,3	±30 % if	
135												27,4	32,5	$F_t < 10$ N	59,0	69,9	$F_d < 21,5$ N	
136												31,2	37,0		67,2	79,6		
137												30,7	36,4		66,0	78,2		
138	4,9											30,2	35,7		64,8	76,9		
139		±0,20				surface:	surface:	2,71	3,21	surface:	0,40	29,6	35,1		63,7	75,5		
140			3,0	3,5	2,5	+0,010	+0,010					29,1	34,5		62,5	74,1		
141						-0,024	-0,024					28,5	33,8	±20 % if	61,3	72,7	±20 % if	
142		Within										32,4	38,5	$F_t \geq 10$ N	69,7	82,7	$F_d \geq 21,5$ N	
143		a ring:										31,9	37,8		68,5	81,3		
144	5,1	0,20 max.										31,3	37,2		67,3	79,9		
145												30,8	36,5		66,2	78,5		
146												30,2	35,9		65,0	77,1		
147												29,6	35,1		63,6	75,5		
148												33,7	40,0		72,4	86,0		
149												32,9	39,1		70,8	84,0		
150	5,3											32,1	38,2		69,1	82,1		
151						2,724	3,224					31,3	37,1		67,2	79,9		
152						0	0					30,5	36,2		65,6	77,9		
153						-0,029	-0,029					34,7	41,2		74,6	88,6		