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## **Cranked-link drag chains of welded construction, attachments and sprockets**

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plaques-attaches et roues dentées*

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## Foreword

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ISO 6971 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 100, *Chains and chain wheels for power transmission and conveyors*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6971:1982), which has been technically revised. In particular, the references and terminology have been revised to bring them into conformity with other International Standards and current practice. Furthermore, in clause 5, the pitch line clearance of sprockets has been altered for consistency with current industry practice.

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# Cranked-link drag chains of welded construction, attachments and sprockets

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the characteristics of cranked-link<sup>1)</sup> drag chains of welded construction suitable for conveying bulk materials, together with associated attachments and chain sprockets. The chain dimensions specified in this International Standard ensure interchangeability of both complete chains and individual links for repair purposes.

This International Standard is applicable to sprockets with between 5 and 20 teeth.

Specifications are also given for five types of attachment for use with the conveyor chains conforming to this International Standard.

## 2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 286-2, *ISO system of limits and fits — Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance grades and limit deviations for holes and shafts*

## 3 Chains

### 3.1 General

The chain is designed to operate with the closed end of each link in the forward direction to produce the maximum scraping action against the material to be conveyed.

### 3.2 Nomenclature

The nomenclature of the chains and their component parts is specified in Figures 1 and 2.

### 3.3 Dimensions

Conveyor chain dimensions shall conform to those given in Table 1 (see Figure 3). Both maximum and minimum dimensions are specified to ensure interchangeability of links made by different chain manufacturers. Although these represent limits for interchangeability, they shall not necessarily be regarded as limits of tolerance for manufacture.

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1) In the USA, the term “offset sidebar” is used in place of “cranked link”.

### 3.4 Tensile strength

#### 3.4.1 Minimum tensile strength

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 in accordance with 3.4.2.

NOTE This minimum tensile strength is not a working force. It is intended primarily as a comparative figure between chains of different construction. For application information, it is necessary to consult the manufacturers or their published data.

#### 3.4.2 Tensile testing

A tensile force, not less than the minimum tensile strength specified in Table 1, shall be applied slowly to the ends of a chain, containing a minimum of three free pitches, by means of shackles so designed as to allow universal movement. The actual test method is at the discretion of the manufacturer.

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

Any test in which failure occurs adjacent to the shackles shall be disregarded.

### 3.5 Length accuracy

Finished chains shall be measured either in the dry state or after light lubrication.

The standard nominal length for measurement shall be that nearest to 3 048 mm.

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

The finished chain length shall be equal to the nominal chain length  $+ 0,32\%$  .

Chains that work in parallel may be matched by agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

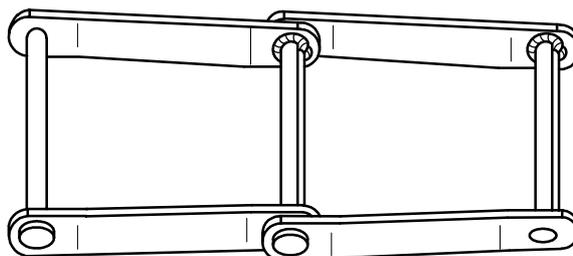
### 3.6 Designation

The designation numbers for welded-steel-type cranked link drag chains are based on the ISO chain numbers given in Table 1. These numbers are derived from those given to the cast type which they replace and have been given the prefix WD to indicate that they are of welded design.

### 3.7 Marking

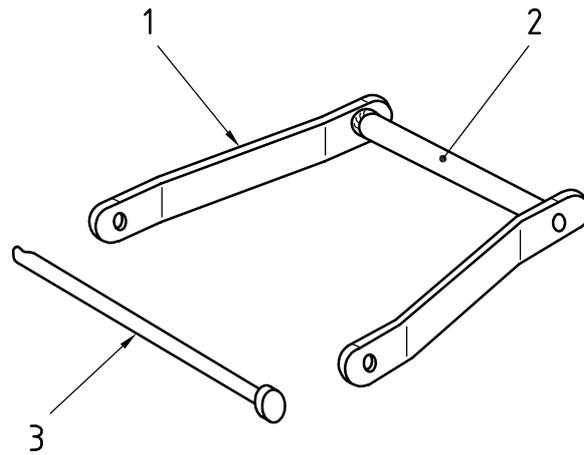
The chains shall be marked with the manufacturer's name or trademark and in addition should be marked with the appropriate ISO chain number given in Table 1.

The marking of the chain shall not be obscured by the attachments.



NOTE The illustration does not define the actual form of the cranked link.

Figure 1 — Cranked link chain assembly

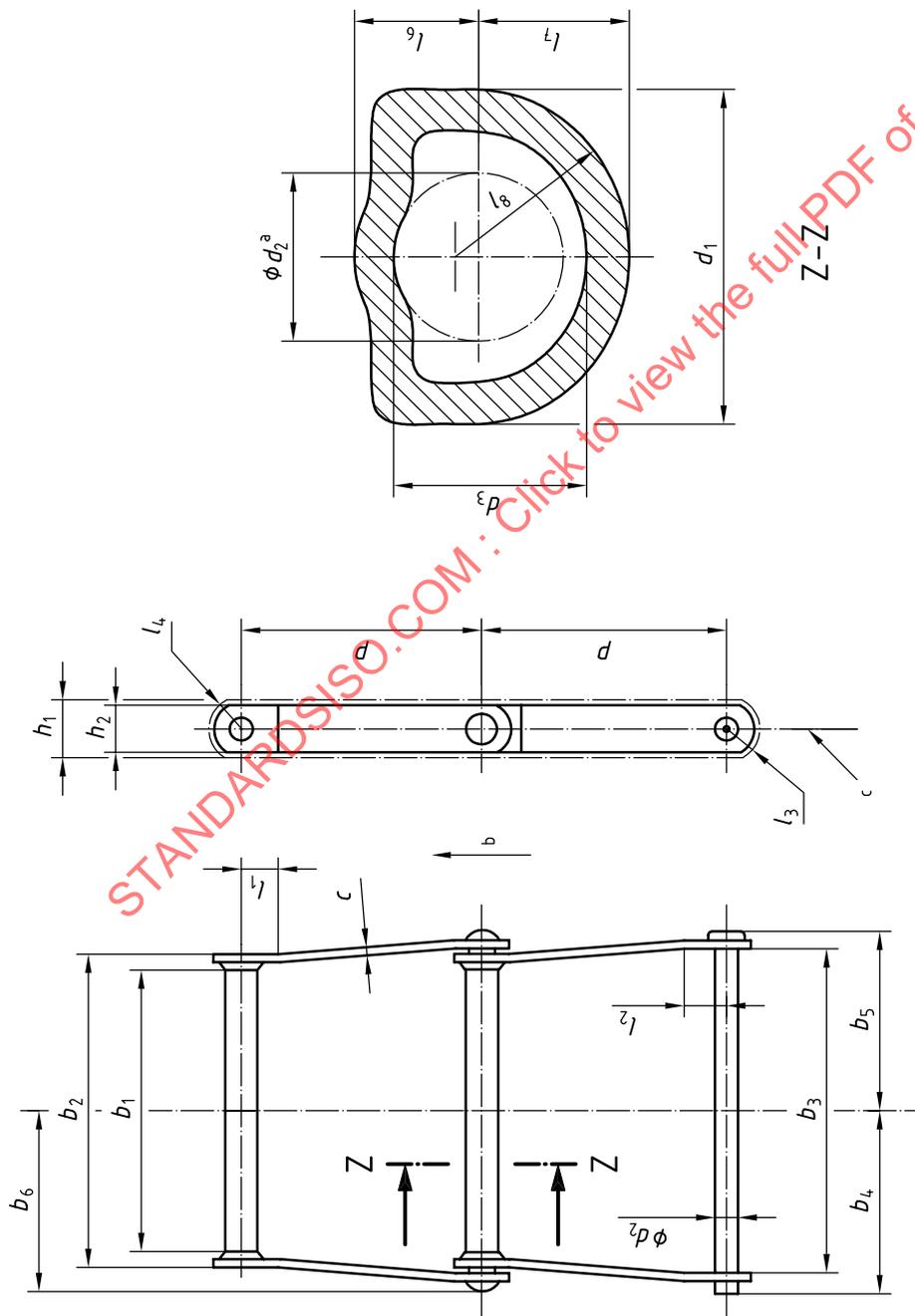
**Key**

- 1 Cranked plate
- 2 Barrel
- 3 Connecting pin

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**Figure 2 — Typical cranked link components**

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The overall width of connecting links is  
 $b_5 + b_6$ , when riveted  
 $b_4 + b_5$ , when there is a fastener at one side  
 $2b_4$ , when there is a fastener at both sides

The line of cranking, or offset, between  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  is straight.

NOTE The illustration does not define the actual form of the cranked link.

- a (ref.)
- b Direction of travel
- c Pitch line

Figure 3 — Chain dimensions and symbols (see Table 1)

Table 1 — Chain dimensions, measuring forces and tensile strengths

ISO chain number	Pitch $p^a$	Barrel shape				Width across the barrel with respect to section Z-Z $d_1$	Plate hole for barrel bore		Width between plates for sprocket contact at inner end $b_1$	Connecting pin body diameter $d_2$	Chain path depth $h_1$	Barrel diameter or plate depth $h_2$	Crank clearance dimensions		Plate end clearance dimensions		Width over link at inner end $b_2$	Width between plates at outer end $b_3$	Width over pin fastening to centreline $b_4$	Width over pin head to centreline $b_5$	Width over rivet to centreline $b_6$	Chain plate thickness $c$	Measuring force		Tensile strength	
		$d_3$	min.	$l_6$	max.		$l_7$	max.					$l_8$	max.	min.	max.							min.	max.	min.	max.
WD102	127	38,1	39,1	19,25	14,2	17,5	19,6	162	19,13	39,6	38,12	25,6	25,6	25,4	25,4	197,1	197,6	127,8	117,6	127,8	9,7	2,7	170	245		
WD104	152,4	38,1	39,1	19,25	14,2	17,5	19,6	104,6	19,13	39,6	38,12	25,6	25,6	25,4	25,4	136,9	137,4	94	87,4	94	9,7	1,8	170	245		
WD110	152,4	38,1	39,1	19,25	14,2	17,5	19,6	228,6	19,13	39,6	38,12	25,6	25,6	25,4	25,4	263,9	264,4	157,5	151,1	157,5	9,7	3,1	170	245		
WD112	203,2	38,1	39,1	19,25	14,2	17,5	19,6	228,6	19,13	39,6	38,12	25,6	25,6	25,4	25,4	263,9	264,4	157,5	151,1	157,5	9,7	2,7	170	245		
WD113	152,4	38,1	39,1	22,43	15,7	17,5	19,6	228,6	22,3	39,6	38,12	25,6	25,6	25,4	25,4	270,2	270,7	165,1	157,2	165,1	12,7	3,6	213	253		
WD116	203,2	44,45	45,2	19,25	16	20,6	22,6	330,2	19,13	46	45,21	28,7	28,7	28,4	28,4	359,1	359,6	205,2	200,7	205,2	9,7	3,6	245	262		
WD118	203,2	50,8	51,8	22,43	20,6	23,9	25,9	336,5	22,3	52,3	51,8	35,3	35,3	35	35	378,2	378,7	220	211,1	220	12,7	5,8	311	351		
WD122	203,2	50,8	51,8	22,43	20,6	23,9	25,9	222,2	22,3	52,3	51,8	35,3	35,3	35	35	260,6	261,1	162,1	152,4	162,1	12,7	4	311	351		
WD480	203,2	50,8	51,8	22,43	20,6	23,9	25,9	282,4	22,3	52,3	51,8	32	35,3	31,7	35	324,1	324,6	193,8	184,2	193,8	12,7	4,4	311	351		

<sup>a</sup> The pitch,  $p$ , is a theoretical reference dimension used in the calculation of chain lengths and sprocket dimensions, and is not intended for use in the inspection of individual links.

## 4 Attachments

### 4.1 Types

This International Standard specifies five types of attachment designated C1, C3, C4, RR and wing with the following characteristics:

- C1, C3, and C4: have a scraper bar attached to the barrel perpendicular to the direction of travel, as shown in Figure 4;
- RR: has a triangular spur attached to each cranked plate, as shown in Figure 5;
- wing: has an angle section attached to the outer face of each cranked plate, as shown in Figure 6

### 4.2 Dimensions

The respective dimensions of the attachments shall be as specified in Tables 2 to 6.

NOTE The actual form of the attachments is at the discretion of the manufacturer.

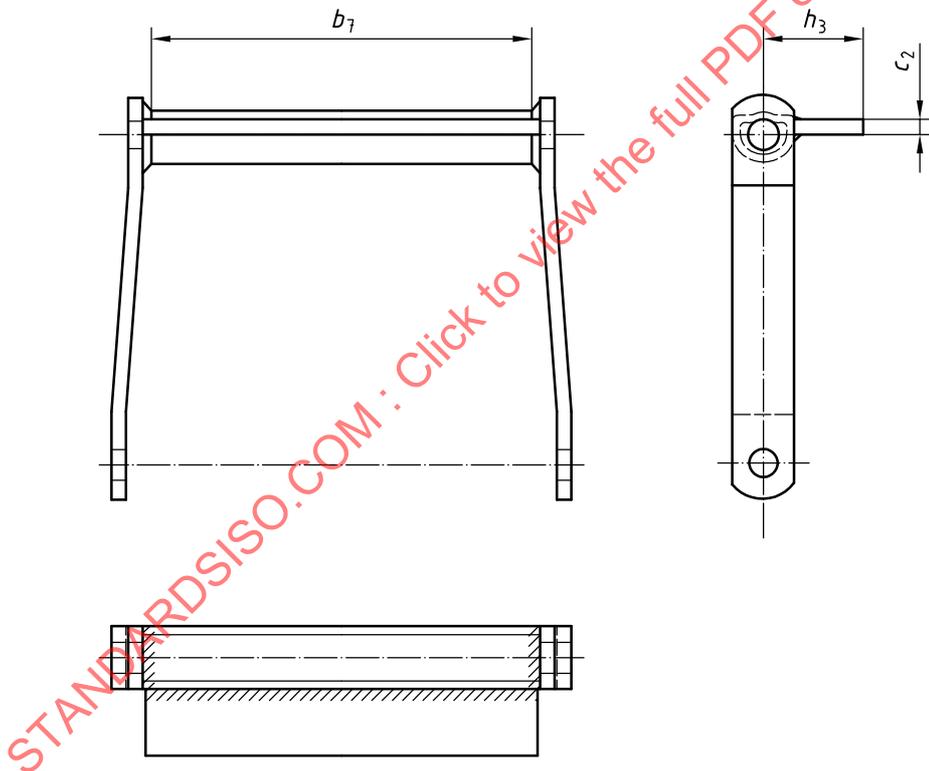


Figure 4 — C1, C3 and C4 attachments (see Tables 2, 3 and 4)

Table 2 — Dimensions of C1 attachment

Dimensions in millimetres

ISO chain number	$c_2$	$b_7$ max.	$h_3$ max.
WD102	9,7	197,1	62
WD104	9,7	136,9	62
WD110	9,7	263,9	62
WD112	9,7	263,9	62
WD116	9,7	359,2	68,1

Table 3 — Dimensions of C3 attachment

Dimensions in millimetres

ISO chain number	$c_2$	$b_7$ max.	$h_3$ max.
WD110	12,7	263,9	58,7
WD113	12,7	270,3	58,7
WD118	12,7	378,2	77,7
WD480	12,7	324,1	77,7

Table 4 — Dimensions of C4 attachment

Dimensions in millimetres

ISO chain number	$c_2$	$b_7$ max.	$h_3$ max.
WD102	9,7	197,1	96,8
WD104	9,7	136,9	96,8
WD110	9,7	263,9	96,8
WD112	9,7	263,9	96,8
WD113	12,7	270,3	122,2
WD116	9,7	359,2	125,5
WD480	12,7	324,1	128,5

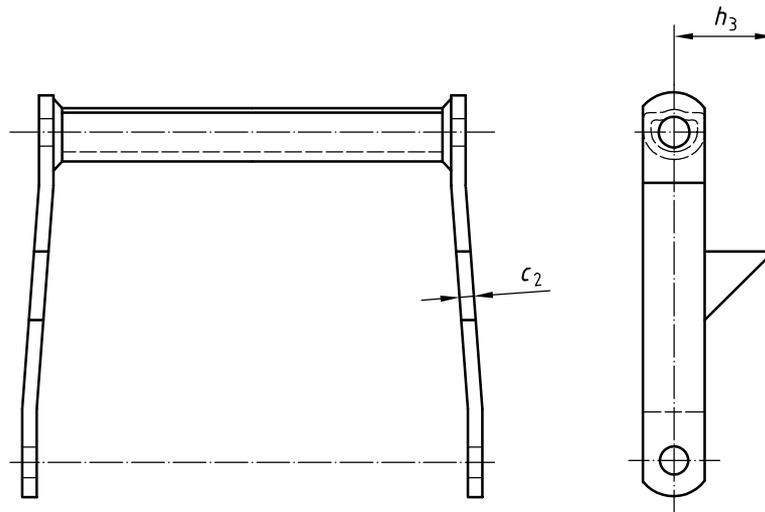


Figure 5 — RR attachment (see Table 5)

Table 5 — Dimensions of RR attachment

Dimensions in millimetres

ISO chain number	$h_3$ max.	$c_2$
WD102	65	9,7
WD104	65	9,7
WD110	65	9,7
WD112	65	9,7
WD113	65	12,7
WD116	77,7	9,7
WD118	79,2	12,7
WD480	84,1	12,7

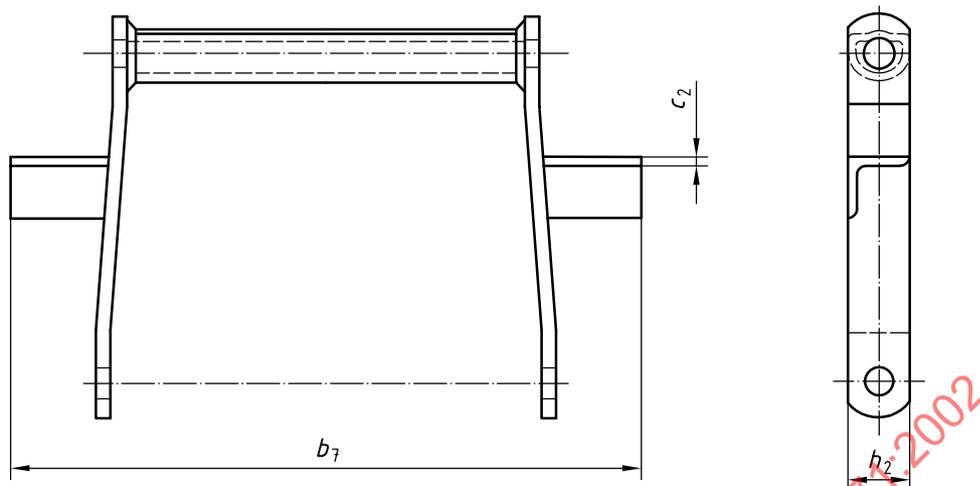


Figure 6 — Wing attachment (see Table 6)

Table 6 — Dimensions of wing attachment

Dimensions in millimetres

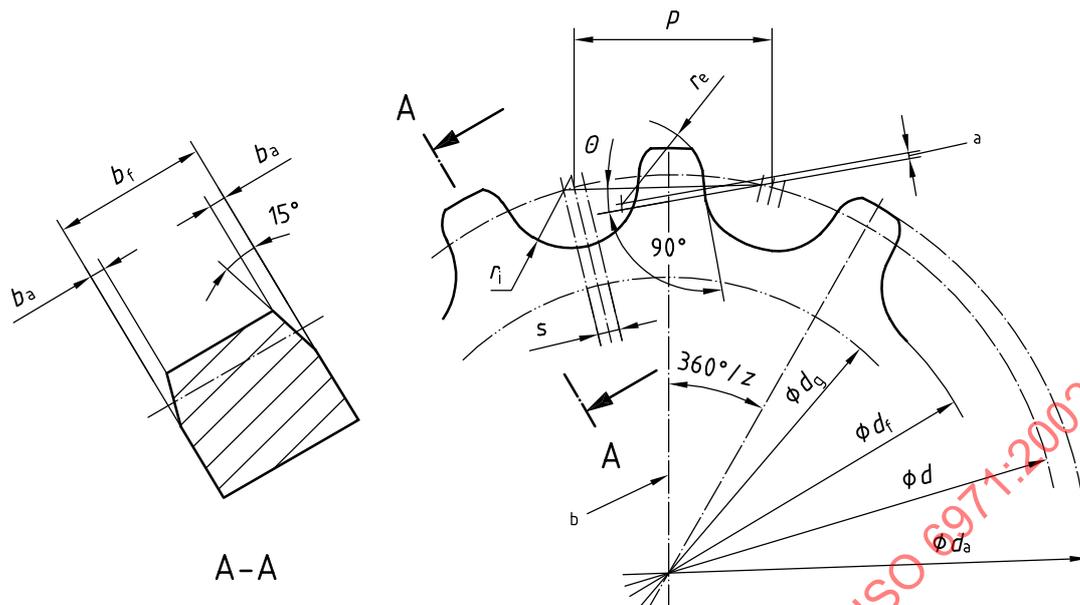
ISO chain number	$c_2$	$b_7$ max.	$h_2$ max.
WD102	9,7	365,3	39,6
WD104	9,7	295,1	39,6
WD110	9,7	434,8	39,6
WD112	9,7	434,8	39,6
WD113	9,7	434,8	39,6
WD116	9,7	561,8	46
WD480	9,7	561,8	52,3

## 5 Sprockets

### 5.1 Diametral dimensions

#### 5.1.1 General

The sprocket diametral dimensions are shown in Figure 7 and specified in 5.1.2 to 5.1.6.



**Key**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| $b_a$ tooth side relief                | $p$ chordal pitch, equal to chain pitch |
| $b_f$ tooth width                      | $r_e$ tooth flank (topping radius)      |
| $d$ pitch circle diameter              | $r_i$ barrel seating radius             |
| $d_a$ tip diameter                     | $s$ pitch line clearance                |
| $d_f$ root diameter                    | $z$ number of teeth                     |
| $d_g$ maximum chain clearance diameter | $\theta$ pressure angle                 |
| $a$ Working face                       |   |
| $b$ Centreline of tooth                |   |

**Figure 7 — Diametral dimensions and tooth form**

**5.1.2 Pitch circle diameter,  $d$**

$$d = p \times p_{cf}$$

where  $p_{cf}$  is the pitch diameter factor according to the number of teeth, as specified in 5.2.4 and Table 7.

**5.1.3 Tip diameter,  $d_a$**

$$d_a = (p \times d_{gf}) + h_2$$

where  $d_{gf}$  is the chain clearance diameter and outside diameter factor according to the number of teeth, as specified in 5.2.5 and Table 7.

The tip diameter may be increased to give a full height tooth when the top of the chain is clear of flights, pans, buckets, etc.

**5.1.4 Measuring pin diameter,  $d_R$**

$$d_R = d_1$$

where  $d_1$  is the width across the barrel, as specified in Table 1.

### 5.1.5 Root diameter, $d_f$

$$d_f \text{ max.} = (p \times p_{cf}) - d_1$$

NOTE Root diameters exceeding the maximum obtained from this equation result in improper chain and sprocket action and excessive chain loads.

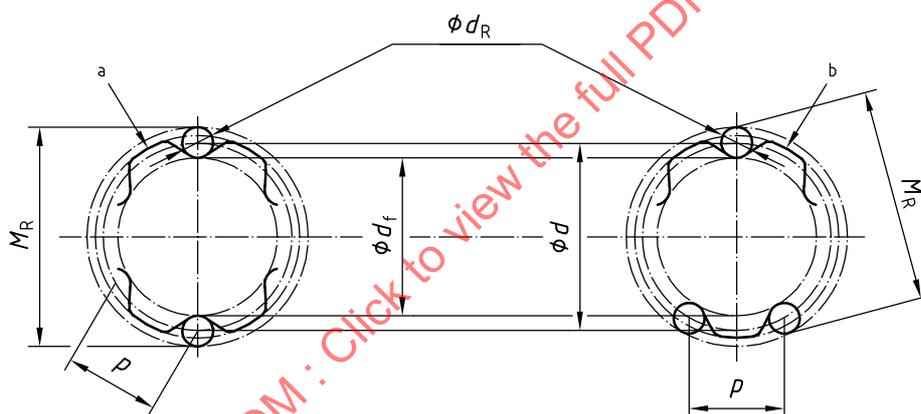
### 5.1.6 Measurement over measuring pins, $M_R$

The measurement over measuring pins is illustrated in Figure 8.

$$M_R \text{ for even numbers of teeth} = d + d_R \text{ min.}$$

$$M_R \text{ for odd numbers of teeth} = d \cos \frac{90^\circ}{z} + d_R \text{ min.}$$

For a sprocket having an even number of teeth, measurement shall be made over the appropriate pins inserted in diametrically opposed tooth spaces. For a sprocket having an odd number of teeth, measurement shall be made over pins inserted in the two tooth spaces most nearly diametrically opposite with respect to each other. During measurement, the pins shall remain in contact with the root diameter of the corresponding teeth.



#### Key

- $d$  pitch circle diameter
- $d_f$  root diameter
- $d_R$  diameter of measuring pins
- $M_R$  measurement over measuring pins
- $p$  chordal pitch, equal to chain pitch
- a Even number of teeth
- b Odd number of teeth

Figure 8 — Measurement over measuring pins

## 5.2 Tooth gap form

### 5.2.1 General

The tooth gap form shall have tooth flanks or a profile defined by the tooth flank (topping radius)  $r_e$ , the working face length and the barrel seating radius  $r_i$  with a smooth blending from one portion to the next.

### 5.2.2 Working face

The working face is the functional part of the tooth form. It shall not extend beyond the line through the adjacent pitch point which is perpendicular to the working face.

The length of the working face shall be equal to  $0,01p \times z$ .

NOTE The working face length provides for approximately 6 % chain pitch elongation.

### 5.2.3 Pressure angle, $\theta$

The pressure angle is the angle between the pitch line of the chain link and the line perpendicular to the working face at the point of barrel contact. The pressure angle at any point on the working face shall be in accordance with Table 7.

### 5.2.4 Pitch diameter factor, $p_{cf}$

$$p_{cf} = \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{180^\circ}{z}\right)$$

Values for  $p_{cf}$  are given in Table 7.

### 5.2.5 Chain clearance diameter and outside diameter factor, $d_{gf}$

$$d_{gf} = \cot\left(\frac{180^\circ}{z}\right)$$

Values for  $d_{gf}$  are given in Table 7.

### 5.2.6 Pitch line clearance, $s$

$$s = 0,3 p$$

### 5.2.7 Barrel seating radius, $r_i$

$$r_i \text{ max.} = 0,5 d_1$$

### 5.2.8 Tooth flank (topping radius), $r_e$

$$r_e = 0,5 p$$