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Optics and optical instruments — Microscopes — Screw thread for objectives

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the dimensions of a screw thread for connecting a microscope objective to the nose-piece.

NOTE — The values given in this International Standard conform, except for the length of the thread lug¹⁾ (see figure 1), to the internationally used screw thread laid down by the Royal Microscopical Society, London, in 1858, and published in the *Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society*, Ser. 3, Vol. 56, pp. 377-379, as Royal Microscopical Society Standard (RMS-Standard) in December 1936 after revision.

2 Field of application

The use of this screw thread is recommended for all microscopes unless other fittings are required for optical or design reasons.

Objectives which are not optically compatible with other existing microscope systems are not restricted to the maximum thread length of 5 mm.

3 Dimensions

The dimensions of the screw thread shall be as illustrated in figure 2 and given in the table.

Table

Dimensions in millimetres

Dimensions for		External diameter		Pitch diameter		Core diameter		Calculated play between internal and external threads		Allowances	Tolerance
External thread	max.	D	20,396	D_2	19,944	D_1	19,492	—	Maximum play 0,198	+0,076	0,076
	min.		20,320		19,868		19,416	Minimum play 0,046		0	
Internal thread	max.	d	20,274	d_2	19,822	d_1	19,370	—	Maximum play 0,198	-0,046	0,076
	min.		20,198		19,746		19,294			-0,122	

NOTE — See also figures 1 and 2.

1) The length of the thread lug according to this International Standard is 5 mm max. The RMS-Standard specifies the length of the thread as 3,175 mm and the length of the guide cylinder as 2,540 mm, thus giving a total of 5,715 mm.