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## **Manipulating industrial robots — Mechanical interfaces —**

### **Part 1:** Plates (form A)

*Robots manipulateurs industriels — Interfaces mécaniques —  
Partie 1: Interfaces à plateau (forme A)*



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## Foreword

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ISO 9409 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Manipulating industrial robots — Mechanical interfaces*:

- Part 1: *Plates (form A)*
- Part 2: *Shafts (form A)*

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## Introduction

This part of ISO 9409 is one of a series of standards dealing with the requirements of manipulating industrial robots. Other documents cover such topics as terminology, general characteristics, coordinate systems, performance criteria and related test methods, safety, robot programming languages, and robot companion standard to MMS. It is noted that these standards are interrelated and also related to other International Standards.

Manipulating industrial robots are steadily growing in importance in industrial automation. Depending on the type of application, they may require removable end effectors such as grippers or tools which are attached to the mechanical interface.

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# Manipulating industrial robots — Mechanical interfaces —

## Part 1: Plates (form A)

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 9409 defines the main dimensions, designation and marking for a circular plate as mechanical interface (form A). It is intended to ensure the exchangeability and orientation of hand-mounted end effectors.

This part of ISO 9409 does not define other requirements of the end effector coupling device.

This part of ISO 9409 does not contain any correlation of load-carrying ranges.

The mechanical interface specified in this part of ISO 9409 will also find applications in simple handling systems which are not covered by the definition of manipulating industrial robots, such as pick and place or master-slave units.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 9409. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 9409 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 261:—<sup>1)</sup>, *ISO general-purpose metric screw threads — General plan.*

ISO 286-1:1988, *ISO system of limits and fits — Part 1: Bases of tolerances, deviations and fits.*

ISO 286-2:1988, *ISO system of limits and fits — Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance grades and limit deviations for holes and shafts.*

ISO 1101:—<sup>2)</sup>, *Technical drawings — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerancing of form, orientation, location and run-out — Generalities, definitions, symbols, indications on drawings.*

ISO 8373:1994, *Manipulating industrial robots — Vocabulary.*

ISO 9787:1990, *Manipulating industrial robots — Coordinate systems and motions.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 9409, the definitions given in ISO 8373 apply.

### 4 Dimensions

#### 4.1 General

It is recommended that the dimensions for the mechanical interface be specified in accordance with table 1, series 1. The supplementary series 2 shall be used only in special cases where the graduation of series 1 is not sufficient for the intended use.

Only one centring diameter is required.  $d_3$  is preferred. The use of  $d_2$  is application dependent.

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2) To be published. (Revision of ISO 1101:1983)

The hole,  $d_5$ , is intended to have a location pin fitted, which is application dependent. The location pin may have different shapes, e.g. cylindrical or diamond. Any over-dimension shall be excluded by the selection of the location pin.

The location pin hole centre shall be aligned with the  $+X_m$  axis vector of the mechanical interface coordinate system (see ISO 9787).

Detailed dimensions (e.g. undercuts), not stated here, are to be selected appropriately.

#### 4.2 Tolerances

The mechanical interface dimensions shall be tolerated in accordance with ISO 286. Geometric tolerances shall be interpreted in accordance with ISO 1101. The counterbore diameter,  $d_3$ , and the guide pin hole,  $d_5$ , shall be datum references for all geometric tolerances, as shown in figure 1.

#### 4.3 Thread form

Threaded holes shall be in accordance with ISO 261.

#### 4.4 Provision for routing service lines

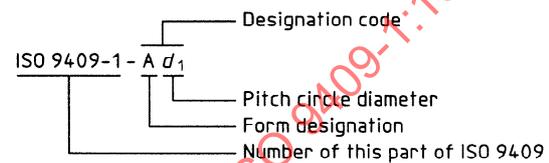
The flange may be constructed with a hollow centre. This centre hole shall have a diameter  $d_6$  equal to or less than  $d_3$ .

#### 4.5 End effector requirements

The dimensions and related tolerances of the mating surface of the end effector shall be compatible with the dimensions and tolerances specified in this part of ISO 9409.

### 5 Designation code

The designation of the mechanical interface whose dimensions are in accordance with this part of ISO 9409, shall be as follows:



EXAMPLE — A mechanical interface of a pitch circle diameter,  $d_1 = 40$  mm, shall be designated as follows:

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### 6 Marking

When plate mechanical interface and related end effectors made in accordance with this part of ISO 9409 are marked, they shall be permanently stamped with the designation code (see clause 5).