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Foreword

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Introduction

This Technical Specification is intended to provide limits to the wear of standardized mechanical couplings mounted on heavy commercial vehicles, in order to ensure their safe on-road operation.

This Technical Specification has been considered necessary because the lack of any compulsory requirement applicable to the allowable wear of mechanical couplings has meant that the competent authorities, when checking in-use vehicles, make reference only to the design dimensions of standardized mechanical couplings. Nor have they been taking into consideration the wear limits indicated by each mechanical coupling manufacturer on the instructions for use and maintenance of the coupling.

This Technical Specification is addressed to all parties involved in the safe use of heavy commercial vehicles, i.e. the owner, any competent person who conducts the periodical maintenance and the competent authorities conducting the periodical inspection and check of in-use vehicles.

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies the maximum allowable wear and the limit dimensions of worn components of in-use mechanical couplings, which, when respected, will ensure the safe operation on the road of heavy commercial vehicles fitted with such couplings.

It is applicable to the following standardized mechanical couplings:

— 40 mm and 50 mm drawbar couplings (see ISO 3584);

— 40 mm and 50 mm drawbar eyes (see ISO 8755 and ISO 1102);

— 50 mm and 90 mm fifth wheel kingpins (see ISO 337 and ISO 4086);

— hook couplings and toroidal eyes (see ECE Regulation No. 55).

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 337:1981, *Road vehicles — 50 semi-trailer fifth wheel coupling pin — Basic and mounting/ interchangeability dimensions*

ISO 1102:2001, *Commercial road vehicles — 50 mm drawbar eye — Interchangeability*

ISO 3584:2001, *Road vehicles — Drawbar couplings — Interchangeability*

ISO 4086:2001, *Road vehicles — 90 semi-trailer fifth wheel kingpin — Interchangeability*

ISO 8755:2001, *Commercial road vehicles — 40 mm drawbar eye — Interchangeability*

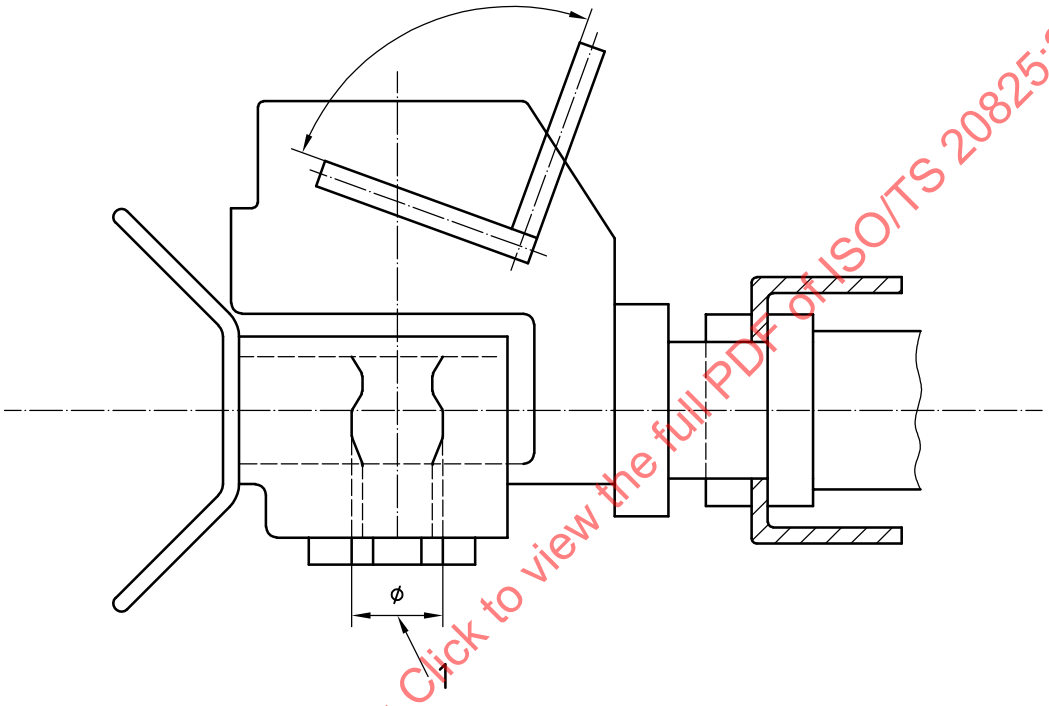
ECE Regulation No. 55, Revision 1:2001, *Uniform Provisions Concerning the Approval of Mechanical Coupling Components of Combinations of Vehicles*

3 Checking worn components

3.1 40 mm and 50 mm drawbar couplings

3.1.1 During normal operation, mechanical contact between the drawbar coupling pin and the drawbar eye bush generates wear of the pin surface. It is generally noted that this results in an elliptical section of the pin on the horizontal symmetry plane, the minimum dimension being in the longitudinal axis direction (Figure 1 shows the dimension to be checked).

3.1.2 Check worn coupling pins either by direct measurement or using special gauges.



Key

1 dimension to be checked

Figure 1 — Dimension to be checked on 40 mm and 50 mm drawbar couplings

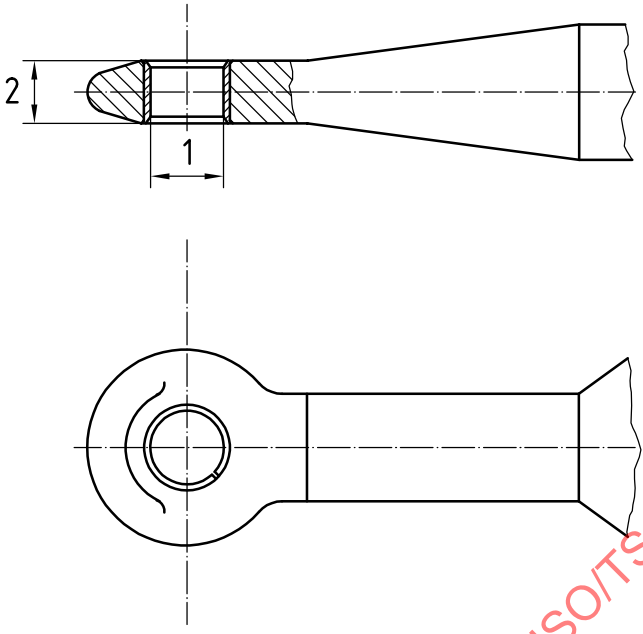
3.2 40 mm and 50 mm drawbar eyes

3.2.1 During normal operation, mechanical contact between the drawbar eye bush and the drawbar coupling pin generates wear of the bush surface. It is generally noted that this results in an elliptical section of the bush on the horizontal symmetry plane, the maximum dimension being in the longitudinal axis direction (Figures 2 and 3 show the dimension to be checked).

3.2.2 During normal operation, mechanical contact between the drawbar eye and the drawbar coupling jaw generates wear of the upper and lower surfaces of the drawbar eye. It is generally noted that this results in a reduced drawbar eye thickness on both sides of the eye centre. This may lead to the sleeve moving away from its normal working position (Figures 2 and 3 show the dimension to be checked).

3.2.3 Check worn drawbar eyes either by direct measurement or using special gauges.

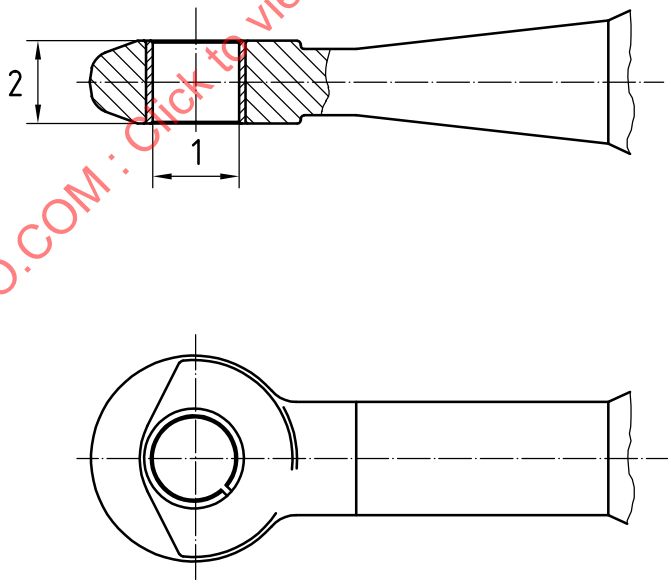
3.2.4 Check the thickness of drawbar eyes on each side of the longitudinal median plane.



Key

1 dimension to be checked, eye bush
2 dimension to be checked, thickness

Figure 2 — Dimensions to be checked on 40 mm drawbar eyes



Key

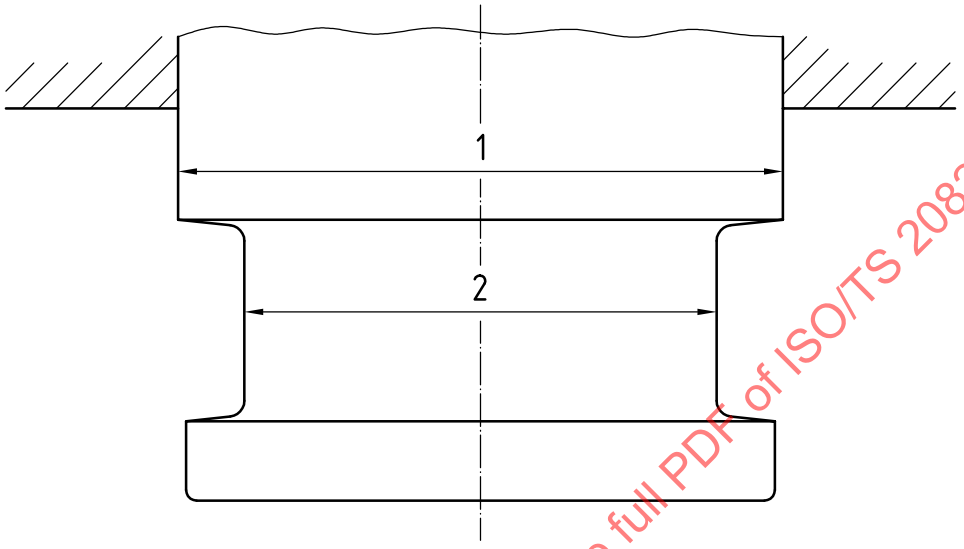
1 dimension to be checked, eye bush
2 dimension to be checked, thickness

Figure 3 — Dimensions to be checked on 50 mm drawbar eyes

3.3 50 mm and 90 mm fifth wheel kingpins

3.3.1 During normal operation, mechanical contact between the kingpin and the fifth wheel locking jaw generates wear of the kingpin. It is generally noted that this results in an elliptical section of the kingpin, in its two upper cylinders, on the horizontal symmetry plane, the minimum dimensions being in the longitudinal axis direction (Figure 4 shows the dimensions to be checked).

3.3.2 Check worn kingpins either by direct measurement or using special gauges.



Key

1 dimension to be checked, upper diameter
2 dimension to be checked, inner diameter

Figure 4 — Dimensions to be checked on 50 mm and 90 mm fifth wheel kingpins

3.4 Hook couplings

3.4.1 During normal operation, mechanical contact between the hook coupling and the toroidal eye generates wear of the inner surface of the hook. It is generally noted that this results in a widening of the inner clearance in the longitudinal axis direction (Figure 5 shows the dimension to be checked).

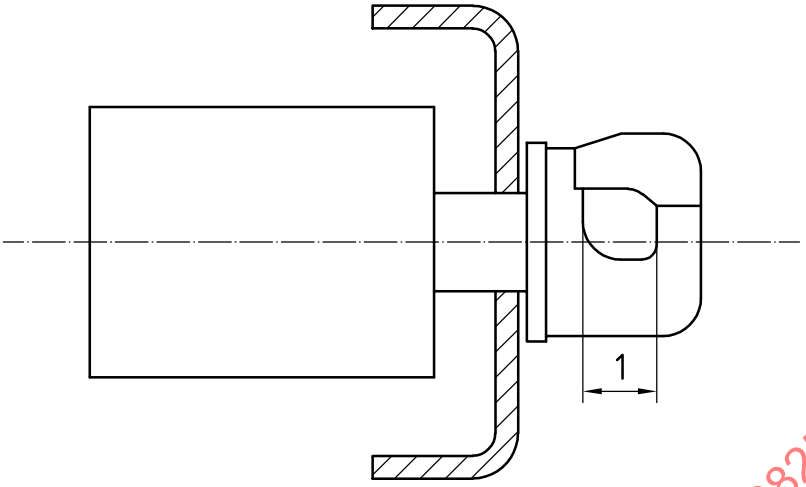
3.4.2 Check worn hook couplings either by direct measurement or using special gauges.

3.5 Toroidal eyes

3.5.1 During normal operation, mechanical contact between the toroidal eye and the hook coupling generates wear of the torus at the foremost extremity of the eye. It is generally noted that this results in a minimum thickness of the torus that does not necessarily have to be in the horizontal or vertical axis direction (Figure 6 shows the dimension to be checked).

3.5.2 Check worn toroidal eyes either by direct measurement or using special gauges.

3.5.3 Check the thickness of the foremost extremity of the torus at the weakest spot of the torus section, which may be measured in any axis direction of the torus.



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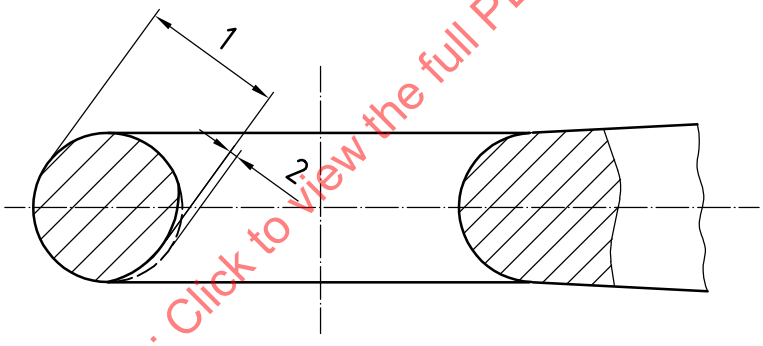
1 dimension to be checked

Figure 5 — Dimension to be checked on hook couplings



Key

1 dimension to be checked
2 wear

Figure 6 — Dimension to be checked on toroidal eyes

4 Limit dimensions for worn components

4.1 40 mm drawbar couplings and eyes

Limit dimensions for worn 40 mm drawbar couplings and eyes, checked in accordance with 3.1 and 3.2, are given in Table 1.