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## Foreword

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ISO 12781 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Flatness*:

- *Part 1: Vocabulary and parameters of flatness*
- *Part 2: Specification operators*

## Introduction

This part of ISO 12781 is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO/TR 14638). It influences chain link 3 of the chain of standards on form of a surface (independent of a datum).

The ISO/GPS Masterplan given in ISO/TR 14638 gives an overview of the ISO/GPS system of which this part of ISO 12781 is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO/GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this part of ISO 12781 and the default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to specifications made in accordance with this part of ISO 12781, unless otherwise indicated.

For more detailed information on the relationship of this part of ISO 12781 to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see Annex C.

This part of ISO 12781 specifies the specification operators according to ISO 17450-2 for flatness of integral features.

ISO 12780-2 does not specify defaults for filter cut-off, probe tip radius and method of association (reference plane). This means that it is necessary for a flatness specification to explicitly state which values are to be used for these specification operations in order for it to be unique.

Consequently, if a specification does not explicitly state which values are to be used for one or more of these operators, the specification is ambiguous (see ISO 17450-2) and a supplier can use any value for the operator(s) not specified when proving conformance.

Extracting data always involves applying a certain filtering process. An additional filtering of the extracted data might or might not be applied. This additional filter can be a mean line filter (Gaussian, spline, wavelet, etc.) or a non-linear filter (e.g. morphological filter). The type of filtering influences the definition of flatness and the specification operators and, therefore, needs to be stated unambiguously.

NOTE 1 Stylus filtering is not sufficient on its own to smooth a profile. In certain circumstances, it can create spurious high-frequency content, thus giving incorrect values. To correct this, a longwave-pass filter can be employed. A Gaussian filter is used, since this is the state-of-the-art. This filter has some shortcomings, e.g. it can distort, rather than eliminate some roughness features and it can distort, rather than transmit correctly some waviness features. It is envisioned that new filters under development within ISO provide better solutions for several of these issues.

NOTE 2 If a smaller tip radius than the one specified is used for a given cut-off length, the resulting measured value is generally higher. This effect is usually insignificant. If a larger tip radius is used, the resulting measured value is generally lower. The amount of change is heavily dependent on the surface measured.

NOTE 3 The measuring force of 0 N is chosen to eliminate effects of elastic deformation of the workpiece from the specification operator. On metal surfaces with adequate thickness, the effect of normally occurring measuring forces is negligible.

NOTE 4 Aliasing and other problems during extraction (see Annex A) due to the higher harmonic content of the skin model, in the straightness directions, can cause specification uncertainty.

This part of ISO 12781 is not intended to disallow any means of measuring flatness.



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