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TECHNICAL DRAWINGS — GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PRESENTATION

PART 20 BASIC CONVENTIONS FOR LINES

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NATIONAL FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Part 20), which is identical with ISO 128-20 : 1996 'Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 20: Basic conventions for lines', issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the recommendation of Drawings Sectional Committee and approval of the Basic and Production Engineering Division Council.

ISO 128 was published in 1982 and was accordingly adopted as IS 10714 : 1983. Now ISO has published ISO 128-20 : 1996. In view of the above the committee may decide to adopt ISO 128-20 : 1996. This standard (Part 20) establishes the types of lines, their designations and their configurations, as well as general rules for draughting of lines used in technical drawings, for example, diagrams, plans or maps. Other part of this series is given as follows:

IS 10714 (Part 21) : 2001 Technical drawings — General principles of presentation : Part 21 Preparation of lines by CAD systems.

The text of ISO standard has been approved as suitable for publication as Indian Standard without deviations. In this adopted standard, certain terminology and conventions are not identical to those used in the Indian Standards. Attention is particularly drawn to the following:

   a) Wherever the words, 'International Standard' appear referring to this standard, they should be read as 'Indian Standard'.

   b) Comma (,) has been used as a decimal marker while in Indian Standards, current practice is to use a full point (.) as the decimal marker.

This adopted standard also gives Bibliography in Annex A which is informative. The corresponding Indian Standards against the ISO standards are given below along with their degree of equivalence for the editions indicated:

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 128 establishes the types of lines, their designations and their configurations, as well as general rules for draughting of lines used in technical drawings, e.g. diagrams, plans or maps.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 128, the following definitions apply.

2.1 **line:** Geometrical object, the length of which is more than half of the line width and which connects an origin with an end in any way, e.g. straight, curved, without or with interruptions.

**NOTES**

1. The origin and the end may coincide with one another, e.g. in the case of a line forming a circle.
2. A line, the length of which is less than or equal to half of the line width, is called a dot.
3. A test should be made in order to check the appearance of drawings intended to be microcopied or transferred by fax.

2.2 **line element:** Single part of a non-continuous line, e.g. dots, dashes, which vary in length, and gaps.

2.3 **line segment:** Group of two or more different line elements which form a non-continuous line, e.g. long dash/gap/dot/gap/dot/gap.
3 Types of lines

3.1 Basic types

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<td>01</td>
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<td>continuous line</td>
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<td>02</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>dashed line</td>
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<td>03</td>
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<td>dashed spaced line</td>
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<td>04</td>
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<td>long dashed dotted line</td>
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<td>05</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>long dashed double-dotted line</td>
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<td>06</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>long dashed triplicate-dotted line</td>
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<td>07</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>dotted line</td>
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<td>08</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>long dashed short dashed line</td>
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<td>09</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>long dashed double-short dashed line</td>
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<td>10</td>
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<td>dashed dotted line</td>
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<td>————</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>dashed double-dotted line</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>double-dashed double-dotted line</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>dashed triplicate-dotted line</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>————</td>
<td>double-dashed triplicate-dotted line</td>
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3.2 Variations of the basic types of lines

Possible variations of the basic types of lines in accordance with table 1 are given in table 2.

<table>
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<td>uniform wavy continuous line</td>
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<td>uniform spiral continuous line</td>
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<td>uniform zigzag continuous line</td>
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<td>freehand continuous line</td>
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NOTE — Table 2 contains only variations of the basic type of line No. 01. Variations of the basic types Nos. 02 to 15 are possible and are presented in the same way.

3.3 Combinations of lines with the same length

3.3.1 Arrangement of two or more lines parallel to each other

For examples see figure 1.

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Figure 1
3.3.2 Arrangement of two different types of lines

a) With different line widths superimposed.

See figure 2a) and b) for examples [figure 2a): a continuous and a dotted line; figure 2b): a continuous and a dashed spaced line]...

\[\text{Figure 2}\]

b) Arranged next to each other.

See figure 3 for an example (two continuous lines either side of two dashed spaced lines).

\[\text{Figure 3}\]

3.3.3 Arrangement of two continuous lines parallel to each other with regularly recurring connecting elements between them

See figure 4a) and b) for examples [figure 4a): blackened circular elements; figure 4b): blackened trapezoidal elements].

\[\text{Figure 4}\]
3.3.4 Arrangement of regularly recurring geometric pictorial elements in association with continuous lines

a) Without interruption of a continuous line.
   See figure 5 for examples.

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A A A A A A A

Figure 5

b) With interruption of a continuous line.
   See figure 6 for examples.

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Figure 6

4 Line dimensions

4.1 Line width

The width, \( d \), of all types of lines shall be one of the following depending on the type and size of the drawing. This series is based on a common ratio \( 1: \sqrt{2} \approx 1:1.4 \):

0.13 mm; 0.18 mm; 0.25 mm; 0.35 mm; 0.5 mm; 0.7 mm; 1 mm; 1.4 mm; 2 mm

The widths of extra wide, wide and narrow lines are in the ratio 4:2:1.

The line width of any one line shall be constant throughout the whole line.

4.2 Deviation in line width

Line widths may deviate from those specified in 4.1 providing that it is possible to differentiate unambiguously between two adjacent lines with different widths. If drawing equipment which produces constant line width is used, the deviation in line width between two such lines shall not be greater than \( \pm 0.1d \).
4.3 Configuration of lines

For the preparation of drawings by hand the lengths of line elements should conform to those of table 3.

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<tr>
<th>Line element</th>
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<th>Length</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dots</td>
<td>04 to 07 and 10 to 15</td>
<td>( \leq 0.5d )</td>
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<td>Gaps</td>
<td>02 and 04 to 15</td>
<td>( 3d )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short dashes</td>
<td>08 and 09</td>
<td>( 6d )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dashes</td>
<td>02, 03 and 10 to 15</td>
<td>( 12d )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Long dashes</td>
<td>04 to 06, 08 and 09</td>
<td>( 24d )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spaces</td>
<td>03</td>
<td>( 18d )</td>
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NOTE — The lengths shown in this table are valid for line elements with semi-circular and squared ends. In the case of line elements with semicircular ends, the length of the line element corresponds to the distance covered by a technical pen (with a tubular tip and using India ink) from the origin up to the end of the line element. The total length of such a line element is the sum of the length shown in table 3 plus \( d \).

Formulae for the calculation of some of the basic types of line and line elements are given in ISO 128-21. The formulae are intended to facilitate the preparation of drawings using computer-aided design (CAD) systems.

5 Draughting of lines

5.1 Spacing

The minimum space between parallel lines should not be less than 0.7 mm, unless rules to the contrary are stated in other International Standards.

NOTE 4 — In certain cases when computer-aided drawing techniques are used, the spacing of lines on the drawing does not represent the actual spacing, e.g. for the representation of screw threads. This fact has to be considered when data sets are established, e.g. for the operation of machine tools.
5.2 Junctions

5.2.1 Types

The basic types of lines, Nos. 02 to 06 and Nos. 08 to 15 should preferably meet at a dash; see figures 7 to 12.

Figure 7

Figure 8

Figure 9

Figure 10

Figure 11

Figure 12
Lines of basic type No. 07 should preferably meet at a dot, see figure 13.

Figure 13

5.2.2 Representation

The requirement of 5.2.1 shall be fulfilled by starting the lines at the junction (see figure 14) or by using a complete, or partial, cross formed by dashes (see figures 15 and 16).
5.3 Location of a second line

Two different ways of draughting two parallel lines are shown in figure 17 a) and b). The preferred version is shown in figure 17 a) (the second line is drawn below or to the right of the first line).

![Figure 17](image)

6 Colours

Lines shall be drawn in black or white depending on the colour of the background. Other standardized colours may also be used for drawing standardized lines. In this case, the meaning of the colours shall be explained.

7 Designation

The designation of the basic types of lines shall comprise the following elements in the order given:

a) "Line";

b) reference to this part of ISO 128;

c) the number of the basic type in accordance with table 1;

d) the line width in accordance with 4.1;

e) the colour (if applicable).

EXAMPLES

Designation of a line of type No. 03 (03), line width 0,25 mm (0,25):

**Line ISO 128-20 - 03 × 0,25**

Designation of a line of type No. 05 (05), line width 0,13 mm (0,13) and white in colour:

**Line ISO 128-20 - 05 × 0,13 / white**
Annex A
(informative)

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