



# Tolerancing

- Definition:
  - » Allowance for specific variation in the size and geometry of a part
- Why is tolerancing necessary?
  - » It is impossible to manufacture a part to an exact size or geometry
  - » Since variation from the drawing is inevitable the acceptable degree of variation must be specified
  - » Large variation may affect the functionality of the part
  - » Small variation will effect the cost of the part
    - requires precise manufacturing
    - requires inspection and the rejection of parts

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# Tolerance Declaration

Tolerance can be expressed in different ways:

1. Direct tolerancing method (size)
  - » Limits specifying the allowed variation in each dimension (length, width, height, diameter, etc.) are given on the drawing
2. General tolerance note
  - » Notes like "ALL DIMENSIONS HELD TO  $\pm 0.05$ "
3. Geometric tolerancing
  - » Allows for specification of tolerance for the geometry of a part separate from its size
  - » GDT (Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing) uses special symbols to control different geometric features of a part

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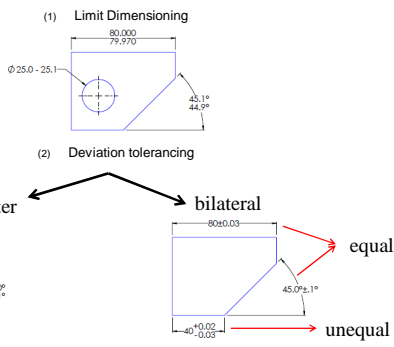
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# Direct Tolerancing method




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## Fitting Two Parts

Design

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## Tolerance Terminology – continue

Design

- 1 Nominal Size – a general size, common fraction  
Basic Size – theoretical size from which limits are fixed  
Actual Size – measured size
- 2,3 Limits – maximum and minimum permissible sizes
- 4,5 Deviation – max. and min. difference from a nominal size (1-2 or 1-3)
- 6 Tolerance – total allowable variance in dimensions (upper limit – lower limit or 2-3 or 4-5)

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## Fits

- Range of tightness between two mating parts
- Types of fit
  - » Clearance fits
    - provides clearance between two mating parts.
  - » Interference fit
    - results in interference between mating parts
  - » Transition fits
    - results in neither of the above

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## Basic Hole System or Hole Basis

- Definition of the "Basic Hole System":
  - » The "minimum size" of the hole is equal to the "basic size" of the fit
- Example:
 

If the nominal size of a fit is 10 mm, then the minimum size of the hole in the system will be 10mm

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## Fundamental deviations for shafts

BASIC SIZES	UPPER-DEVIATION LETTER					LOWER-DEVIATION LETTER				
	c	d	f	g	h	k	m	p	s	u
0-3	-0.060	-0.020	-0.006	-0.002	0	0	+0.004	+0.006	+0.014	+0.018
3-6	-0.070	-0.030	-0.010	-0.004	0	+0.001	+0.008	+0.012	+0.019	+0.023
6-10	-0.080	-0.040	-0.013	-0.005	0	+0.001	+0.010	+0.015	+0.023	+0.028
10-14	-0.095	-0.050	-0.016	-0.006	0	+0.001	+0.012	+0.018	+0.028	+0.033
14-18	-0.095	-0.050	-0.016	-0.006	0	+0.001	+0.012	+0.018	+0.028	+0.033
18-24	-0.110	-0.065	-0.020	-0.007	0	+0.002	+0.015	+0.022	+0.035	+0.041
24-30	-0.110	-0.065	-0.020	-0.007	0	+0.002	+0.015	+0.022	+0.035	+0.048
30-40	-0.120	-0.080	-0.025	-0.009	0	+0.002	+0.017	+0.026	+0.043	+0.060
40-50	-0.130	-0.080	-0.025	-0.009	0	+0.002	+0.017	+0.026	+0.043	+0.070
50-65	-0.140	-0.100	-0.030	-0.010	0	+0.002	+0.020	+0.032	+0.053	+0.087
65-80	-0.150	-0.100	-0.030	-0.010	0	+0.002	+0.020	+0.032	+0.059	+0.102
80-100	-0.170	-0.120	-0.036	-0.012	0	+0.003	+0.023	+0.037	+0.071	+0.124
100-120	-0.180	-0.120	-0.036	-0.012	0	+0.003	+0.023	+0.037	+0.079	+0.144
120-140	-0.200	-0.145	-0.043	-0.014	0	+0.003	+0.027	+0.043	+0.092	+0.170
140-160	-0.210	-0.145	-0.043	-0.014	0	+0.003	+0.027	+0.043	+0.100	+0.190
160-180	-0.230	-0.145	-0.043	-0.014	0	+0.003	+0.027	+0.043	+0.108	+0.210
180-200	-0.240	-0.170	-0.050	-0.015	0	+0.004	+0.031	+0.050	+0.122	+0.236
200-225	-0.260	-0.170	-0.050	-0.015	0	+0.004	+0.031	+0.050	+0.130	+0.258
225-250	-0.280	-0.170	-0.050	-0.015	0	+0.004	+0.031	+0.050	+0.140	+0.284
250-280	-0.300	-0.190	-0.056	-0.017	0	+0.004	+0.034	+0.056	+0.158	+0.315
280-315	-0.330	-0.190	-0.056	-0.017	0	+0.004	+0.034	+0.056	+0.170	+0.350
315-355	-0.360	-0.210	-0.062	-0.018	0	+0.004	+0.037	+0.062	+0.190	+0.390
355-400	-0.400	-0.210	-0.062	-0.018	0	+0.004	+0.037	+0.062	+0.208	+0.435

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## Fit Calculations

- Clearance = Hole – Shaft
- $C_{max} = H_{max} - S_{min}$
- $C_{min} = H_{min} - S_{max}$
- If:
  - » Both  $C_{max}$  and  $C_{min} > 0$  - **Clearance fit**
  - » Both  $C_{max}$  and  $C_{min} < 0$  - **Interference fit**
  - »  $C_{max} > 0$  and  $C_{min} < 0$  - **Transition fit**
- Allowance =  $H_{min} - S_{max} = C_{min}$
- System tolerance:  $T_S = C_{max} - C_{min} = \sum T_i$

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