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The main changes are as follows:

- update of the Normative references and Bibliography;
- addition of definitions [3.20](#), [3.20.1](#) and [3.20.2](#);
- in [Table 1](#), update of the symbol of the datum feature indicator;
- in [Table 1](#), addition of the symbol of single datum target indicator, moveable datum target indicator, restricted datum feature, indication of a situation feature and datum coordinate system indicator, and addition of a note;
- in [Table 2](#), addition of [SV], [SF] and [SFxx], and addition of a note;
- in [Clause 6](#), addition of a paragraph before the example in [6.1](#), update of [6.2.1](#) and [6.2.2](#), replacement of the first paragraph in [6.2.3](#) and [6.2.4](#), addition of the last paragraph in [6.3.2](#) and table titles added in [6.3.2](#) and subsequent tables renumbered;
- in [Clause 7](#), addition of a note in [7.1](#), update of [7.2.1](#), [7.3](#), [7.4.2.1](#) and [7.4.2.2](#), update of the text and figures in [7.4.2.4](#) up to [Figure 22](#), update of the first paragraph of [7.4.2.6](#), update of [Figure 39](#), addition of a new rule 11 in [7.4.2.11](#) and a new rule 12 in [7.4.2.12](#);
- addition of a new [Clause 8](#);
- in [Annex A](#), update of the text between [Figures A.1](#) and [A.2](#), update of the first paragraph in [A.2.1](#) and of [Figure A.4](#), addition of Notes 1 and 2 in [A.2.2.3](#), and update of the row for the plane in [Table A.2](#);

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- addition of a new [Clause D.4](#);
- update of [Annex E](#), addition of new [Annexes G](#) to [J](#), update of [Annex K](#) giving the relation to the GPS matrix model.

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### Introduction

This document is a geometrical product specification (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a general GPS standard (see ISO 14638). It influences chain links A to C of the chains of standards on datums.

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

For more detailed information on the relationship of this document to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see [Annex K](#).

For the definitive presentation (proportions and dimensions) of symbols for geometrical tolerancing, see ISO 7083.

The previous version of this document dealt only with planes, cylinders and spheres being used as datums. There is a need to consider all types of surfaces, which are increasingly used in industry. The definitions of classes of surfaces as given in [Annex B](#) are exhaustive and unambiguous.

This document applies new concepts and terms that have not been used in previous ISO GPS standards. These concepts are described in detail in ISO 14638, ISO 17450-1 and ISO 17450-2; therefore, it is recommended to refer to these standards when using this document.

This document provides tools to express location or orientation constraints, or both, for a tolerance zone. It does not provide information about the relationship between datums or datum systems and functional requirements or applications.



# Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Datums and datum systems

## 1 Scope

This document specifies terminology, rules and methodology for the indication and understanding of datums and datum systems in technical product documentation. This document also provides explanations to assist the user in understanding the concepts involved.

This document defines the specification operator (see ISO 17450-2) used to establish a datum or datum system. The verification operator (see ISO 17450-2) can take different forms (physically or mathematically) and is not the subject of this document.

NOTE The detailed rules for maximum and least material requirements for datums are given in ISO 2692.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 128-2:2022, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — General principles of representation — Part 2: Basic conventions for lines*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 2692, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Maximum material requirement (MMR), least material requirement (LMR) and reciprocity requirement (RPR)*

ISO 4351, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Association*

ISO 17450-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — General concepts — Part 1: Model for geometrical specification and verification*

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