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**FOR**  
**TEMPLATE HINGE DIMENSIONS**

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## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard is to establish nationally recognized dimensions for builders template hinges which are used on metal doors and frames. This Standard is intended to assure the interchangeability of template hinges and to provide a uniform method for template identification.

## 2. SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION

**2.1 Scope** This Standard covers the requirements for the length, width, thickness, offset, and screw hole spacing for builders template hinges. Included in the standard are hinge identification symbols and screw sizes. Methods for identifying template hinges that conform to the Standard are provided.

**2.2 Classification** This Standard covers the following types of builders template hinges:

**2.2.1 Full mortise hinge** A hinge designed for mortising into the butt edge of the door and into the rabbet edge of the door frame. Used generally with steel frames and steel doors.

**2.2.2 Full surface hinge** A hinge designed to be applied to the surface of the door and the surface of the door frame. Used generally with channel iron frames and metal covered doors.

**2.2.3 Half mortise hinge** A hinge designed to be mortised into the butt edge of the door and applied to the surface of the door frame. Used generally with channel iron frames and steel doors.

**2.2.4 Half surface hinge** A hinge designed to be applied to the surface of the door and mortised into the rabbet edge of the door frame. Used generally with steel frames and metal covered doors.

**2.2.5 Slip-in hinge** A hinge designed for one or both leaves to slide into a cavity prepared in a door or door frame thus concealing one or both hinge leaves. Used generally with aluminum frames and doors.

**2.2.6 Swing clear hinge** A hinge designed to swing a door completely clear of the opening when the door is opened 90 to 95 degrees. It can be full mortise, full surface, half mortise or half surface. Used generally with frames and doors as described in 2.2.1 through 2.2.4 as applicable.

## 3. REQUIREMENTS

**3.1 General** Products represented as complying with this Standard shall meet all of the requirements specified herein.

**3.2 Types, Sizes, and Dimensions** The types, sizes, and dimensions of the hinges covered by this standard shall be as specified in Figures 1 through 24. The figures are for illustration only to assist in identifying the hinge types and in locating dimensions. All dimensions are in inches and millimeters. The figures do not show requirements for the design, type of bearings, or contour of the offset. The tolerances for the specified dimensions shall be as follows: