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Part 1: Dimensional tolerances

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Products (other than hoses)*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3302-1:1996), which has been technically revised to incorporate the Amendment ISO 3302-2:1996/Amd.1:2001.

ISO 3302 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber — Tolerances for products*:

- *Part 1: Dimensional tolerances*
- *Part 2: Geometrical tolerances*

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## Introduction

Rubber products are subject to changes in their dimensions after processing and vulcanization. This can be due to a variety of factors, such as mould shrinkage or relaxation of die swell.

These changes should be determined and allowed for when designing such items as moulds and dies used in the manufacture of a given product.

The closer tolerance classes outlined in this specification are not to be demanded unless required by the final application and are to be restricted to those dimensions deemed to be critical. The greater the degree of accuracy demanded, the closer the control to be exercised during manufacture, and hence the higher the costs.

When particular physical properties are required in the product, it might not always be possible to provide them in a mix which is capable of fabrication to close tolerances. It is advisable, in these circumstances, that consultation should take place between the interested parties. In general, softer vulcanizates (i.e. those of hardness below 50 IRHD - see ISO 48) need greater tolerances than harder ones.

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# Rubber — Tolerances for products —

## Part 1: Dimensional tolerances

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3302 specifies classes of dimensional tolerances and their values for moulded, extruded, and calendared solid rubber products. The relevant test methods necessary for the establishment of compliance with this part of ISO 3302 are also specified.

The tolerances are primarily intended for use with vulcanized rubber but can also be suitable for products made of thermoplastic rubbers.

This part of ISO 3302 does not apply to precision toroidal sealing rings or to calendared composite products such as rubber-coated fabrics or products where a rubber coating is applied by the process of topping or skim coating.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3, *Preferred numbers — Series of preferred numbers*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

ISO 2230, *Rubber products — Guidelines for storage*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

### 3 Measurement of dimensions

#### 3.1 General

For solid products, measurements of dimensions shall not be made until 16 h have elapsed after vulcanization, this minimum time is being extended to 72 h in cases of dispute. Measurements shall be completed within 3 months after the date of despatch to the purchaser or before the product is put into use, whichever is the shorter time. Measurements shall be made at standard temperature, after conditioning, in accordance with ISO 23529. Care shall be taken to ensure that the products are not subjected to adverse storage conditions in accordance with ISO 2230, and that they are not distorted during measurement.