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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 1, *Screw threads*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 68-2:1998), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 68-2:1998/Amd 1:2020.

The main changes are as follows:

- “design profiles” has been added in the document title and the first paragraph of the Scope, and [Clause 6](#) has been added;
- the second and third paragraphs have been added in the Scope;
- subclause 3.1 has been deleted;
- [Clause 4](#) has been added;
- the number of decimal places has been changed from 9 to 8 for the constants in the basic profile formulae in [Clause 5](#).

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## Part 2: Inch screw threads

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the basic and design profiles for ISO inch screw threads (UN and UNR).

UN applies to both internal and external threads. UNR only applies to external threads. A flat or rounded root contour, due to the threading process, is specified for UN threads, while only a defined rounded root contour is specified for UNR external threads.

This document is applicable to the inch fastening screw threads.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5408, *Screw threads — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5408 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols apply.

|       |                                                      |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------|
| $D$   | major diameter of internal thread (nominal diameter) |
| $d$   | major diameter of external thread (nominal diameter) |
| $D_2$ | pitch diameter of internal thread                    |
| $d_2$ | pitch diameter of external thread                    |
| $D_1$ | minor diameter of internal thread                    |
| $d_1$ | minor diameter of external thread on basic profile   |
| $d_3$ | minor diameter of external thread on design profile  |