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## **Test conditions for machining centres — Part 8: Evaluation of contouring performance in the three coordinate planes**

*Conditions d'essai des centres d'usinage —*

*Partie 8: Évaluation des performances en contourage dans les trois plans  
de coordonnées*



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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 10791-8 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 39, *Machine tools*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Test conditions for metal cutting machine tools*.

ISO 10791 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Test conditions for machining centres*:

- *Part 1: Geometric tests for machines with horizontal spindle and with accessory heads (horizontal Z-axis)*
- *Part 2: Geometric tests for machines with vertical spindle or universal heads with vertical primary rotary axis (vertical Z-axis)*
- *Part 3: Geometric tests for machines with integral indexable or continuous universal heads (vertical Z-axis)*
- *Part 4: Accuracy and repeatability of positioning of linear and rotary axes*
- *Part 5: Accuracy and repeatability of positioning of work-holding pallets*
- *Part 6: Accuracy of feeds, speeds and interpolations*
- *Part 7: Accuracy of a finished test piece*
- *Part 8: Evaluation of contouring performance in the three coordinate planes*
- *Part 9: Evaluation of the operating times of tool change and pallet change*
- *Part 10: Evaluation of the thermal distortions*
- *Part 11: Evaluation of the noise emission*

## Introduction

A machining centre is a numerically controlled machine tool capable of performing multiple machining operations, including milling, boring, drilling and tapping, as well as automatic tool changing from a magazine or similar storage unit in accordance with a machining programme. Most machining centres have facilities for automatically changing the direction in which the workpieces are presented to the tool.

The purpose of ISO 10791 is to supply information as wide and comprehensive as possible on tests and checks which can be carried out for comparison, acceptance, maintenance or any other purpose.

ISO 10791 specifies, by reference to the relevant parts of ISO 230, *Test code for machine tools*, several families of tests for machining centres with horizontal or vertical spindle or with universal heads of different types, standing alone or integrated in flexible manufacturing systems. ISO 10791 also establishes the tolerances or maximum acceptable values for the test results corresponding to general purpose and normal accuracy machining centres.

ISO 10791 is also applicable, totally or partially, to numerically controlled milling and boring machines, when their configuration, components and movements are compatible with the tests described herein.