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This first edition of ISO 21920-2 cancels and replaces ISO 4287:1997, ISO 13565-2:1996 and ISO 13565-3:1998, which have been technically revised.

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 4287:1997/Amd 1:2009 and the Technical Corrigenda ISO 4287:1997/Cor 1:1998, ISO 4287:1997/Cor 2:2005 and ISO 13565-2:1996/Cor 1:1998.

The main changes are related to ISO 4287 and are as follows:

- all field parameters are now related to the evaluation length;
- unambiguous evaluation of profile elements;
- definition of new parameters, in particular parameters based on the watershed transformation.

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This corrected version of ISO 21920-2:2021 incorporates the following corrections:

- ISO 12085:1996 and ISO 12085:1996/Cor 1:1998 have been removed from the list of documents which this document replaces as they have been reinstated.

## 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 link B of the chains of standards on profile surface texture.

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 of the relation of this document to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see [Annex K](#).

This document develops the terminology, concepts and parameters for profile surface texture.

Throughout this document, parameters are written as abbreviated terms with lower-case suffixes (as in  $R_q$ ) when used in a sentence, and are written as symbols with subscripts (as in  $R_q$ ) when used in formulae, to avoid misinterpretations of compound letters as an indication of multiplication between quantities in formulae. The parameters with lower-case suffixes are used in product documentation, drawings and data sheets.