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## Foreword

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# Tolerances for building —

## Part 3: Procedures for selecting target size and predicting fit

### 0 Introduction

This part of ISO 3443 forms one of a series concerning tolerances for building and building components.

It should be read in conjunction with parts 1 and 2 of ISO 3443, ISO 1803-1 and ISO 1803-2.

Parts 3 and 4 of ISO 3443 have been produced to meet the needs for internationally agreed methods of relating accuracy, tolerances and fit in the determination of sizes for components and construction (and, in part 4, joints). Two distinct needs are identified, though both share common ground.

There is thus a need to provide generally applicable expressions relating accuracy, tolerances and fit, that can be drawn upon either

- a) to identify optimum target sizes for standard components where each type of component has a variety of applications, or
- b) to identify appropriate limits of size for components, whether standard or not, for application in a specific building.

Both needs can be met by expression of substantially the same relationships between the factors affecting fit, and in principle either part might be pressed into service to meet either aim. In practice, however, each is structured to serve its particular purpose.

Joints in more than one dimension are however only considered in part 4 of ISO 3443.

This part of ISO 3443 is structured primarily to meet the aims in a) above. It provides procedures for selecting target sizes (formerly "work sizes") for components or *in situ* parts, such that joint clearances will be within their required limits with a known probability of success.<sup>1)</sup> The procedures deal with the relationship between the following factors:

- 1) accuracy of components and *in situ* work;
- 2) sizes of components and *in situ* work;

- 3) joint clearances;
- 4) probability of fit;

and they can be used whether 2), 3) or 4) above is the unknown to be calculated. The procedures assume that values for 1) above have been established by measurement surveys and relate target sizes to coordinating sizes using the concepts of "extension" and "deduction". See 4.4 and 4.5.

The procedures also enable a target size to be calculated for any standard component, such that the component will have an optimal probability of fit in all its applications.

Worked examples are given in annex B.

Part 4 of ISO 3443 is structured primarily to meet the needs in b) above. It is therefore concerned primarily with the design of buildings in which components (including standard components) are used, and is aimed primarily at building designers who, as engineers, can be expected to be mathematically and statistically competent. It is to meet these aims that part 4 of ISO 3443 deals with

- methods for predicting deviations and specifying tolerances to obtain a particular desired total accuracy in an assembly;
- the effect of specified tolerances on expected size variability;
- the basis for optimization of tolerances for each particular assembly and its elements.

Part 4 of ISO 3443 presupposes calculations only for assemblies with elements of one dimension, such as beams and columns, for the sake of simplicity. However, tables for common cases with elements of two and three dimensions (panels, etc.) are given in the annex to part 4.

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3443 provides a basis for relating joint clearances and target sizes and for the prediction of fit within the context of dimensional coordination, including modular coordination.

<sup>1)</sup> This part deals with accuracy in terms of target size and limits of size (e.g. upper and lower limits of component size). Alternatively, accuracy can be defined in terms of permitted deviations in relation to a reference size — usually identical with the target size. See ISO 1803-1.