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de mesurage dimensionnel — Caractéristiques de conception et  
caractéristiques métrologiques des micromètres d'extérieur*



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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3611:2010), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- general design characteristics have been removed and reference to ISO 14978:2018 has been included;
- metrological characteristics have been clarified and modified;
- requirements for test methods have been included;
- classification system of maximum permissible errors has been added.

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## 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 the chain links for measuring equipment and calibration on size and distance in the general GPS matrix (see [Annex C](#)).

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 specifications made in accordance with this document, unless otherwise indicated; see ISO/TR 14253-6 for additional information on the selection of alternative decision rules.

For more detailed information on the relation of this document to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see [Annex C](#).