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*Partie 2: Calcul de la tenue en fatigue à la pression de contact  
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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 6336-2:2006), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 6336-2:2006/Cor.1:2008.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- modification of the helix angle factor  $Z_{\beta}$ ;
- integration of [13.3.3](#) "Surface-hardened steel pinion with ductile iron gear".

A list of all parts in the ISO 6336 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

This corrected version of ISO 6336-2:2019 incorporates the following corrections:

- the decimal sign in [Formula \(43\)](#) has been removed;
- the equals signs have been added in [Formulae \(54\)](#) and [\(55\)](#).

## Introduction

ISO 6336 (all parts) consists of International Standards, Technical Specifications (TS) and Technical Reports (TR) under the general title *Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears* (see [Table 1](#)).

- International Standards contain calculation methods that are based on widely accepted practices and have been validated.
- Technical Specifications (TS) contain calculation methods that are still subject to further development.
- Technical Reports (TR) contain data that is informative, such as example calculations.

The procedures specified in parts 1 to 19 of the ISO 6336 series cover fatigue analyses for gear rating. The procedures described in parts 20 to 29 of the ISO 6336 series are predominantly related to the tribological behavior of the lubricated flank surface contact. Parts 30 to 39 of the ISO 6336 series include example calculations. The ISO 6336 series allows the addition of new parts under appropriate numbers to reflect knowledge gained in the future.

Requesting calculation according to the ISO 6336 series without referring to specific parts requires the use of only those parts that are designated as International Standards (see [Table 1](#) for listing). If Technical Specifications (TS) are requested as part of the load capacity calculation they need to be specified. Use of a Technical Specification as acceptance criteria for a specific design is subject to commercial agreement.

**Table 1 — Parts of the ISO 6336 series (status as of DATE OF PUBLICATION)**

Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears	International Standard	Technical Specification	Technical Report
<i>Part 1: Basic principles, introduction and general influence factors</i>	X		
<i>Part 2: Calculation of surface durability (pitting)</i>	X		
<i>Part 3: Calculation of tooth bending strength</i>	X		
<i>Part 4: Calculation of tooth flank fracture load capacity</i>		X	
<i>Part 5: Strength and quality of materials</i>	X		
<i>Part 6: Calculation of service life under variable load</i>	X		
<i>Part 20: Calculation of scuffing load capacity (also applicable to bevel and hypoid gears) — Flash temperature method (replaces: ISO/TR 13989-1)</i>		X	
<i>Part 21: Calculation of scuffing load capacity (also applicable to bevel and hypoid gears) — Integral temperature method (replaces: ISO/TR 13989-2)</i>		X	
<i>Part 22: Calculation of micropitting load capacity (replaces: ISO/TR 15144-1)</i>		X	
<i>Part 30: Calculation examples for the application of ISO 6336 parts 1,2,3,5</i>			X
<i>Part 31: Calculation examples of micropitting load capacity (replaces: ISO/TR 15144-2)</i>			X

Hertzian pressure, which serves as a basis for the calculation of the contact stress, is the basic principle used in this document for the assessment of the surface durability of cylindrical gears. It is a significant indicator of the stress generated during tooth flank engagement. However, it is not the sole cause of pitting, and nor are the corresponding subsurface shear stresses. There are other contributory influences, for example, coefficient of friction, direction and magnitude of sliding and the influence of lubricant on the distribution of pressure. Development has not yet advanced to the stage of directly

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including these in calculations of load-bearing capacity; however, allowance is made for them to some degree in the derating factors and the choice of material property values.

Despite the shortcomings, Hertzian pressure is useful as a working hypothesis. This is attributable to the fact that, for a given material, limiting values of Hertzian pressure are preferably derived from fatigue tests on gear specimens; thus, additional relevant influences are included in the values. Therefore, if the reference datum is located in the application range, Hertzian pressure is acceptable as a design basis for extrapolating from experimental data to values for gears of different dimensions.

Several methods have been approved for the calculation of the permissible contact stress and the determination of a number of factors (see ISO 6336-1).