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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 898-2:2012) which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- property class 9 has been deleted completely, and nuts with fine pitch thread and property class 5 have been deleted (see Introduction);
- nuts with fine pitch thread in style 2 and property class 12 have been added for diameters 18 mm to 39 mm (see [Tables 4, 6 and 10](#));
- styles have been more precisely specified for standard hexagon nuts according to their minimum height, and styles have been specified for other nuts according to their minimum design thread height (see [5.1](#));
- additional statements for thin nuts and jam nuts have been added (see [Clause 6](#));
- additional statements for hot dip galvanized nuts have been added by referencing ISO 10684;
- in relation to material, heat treatment and steel microstructure (see [Clause 7](#)):
 - the minimum carbon content has been added (see [Tables 3 and 4](#)),
 - the minimum manganese content has been specified to 0,25 % for all Non-Quenched and Tempered nuts (NQT) and has been raised to 0,45 % for all Quenched and Tempered nuts (QT) (see [Tables 3 and 4](#)),
 - the table footnote for free cutting steel has been reworked (see [Tables 3 and 4](#)),

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- the minimum tempering temperature has been added for QT nuts (see [Tables 3](#) and [4](#)), and a reference retempering test has been added (see [10.4](#)),
- for nuts that may optionally be quenched and tempered at the manufacturer's discretion, detailed specifications have been added (see [7.2](#)),
- specifications for steel microstructure have been added for NQT and QT nuts (see [7.4.1](#), [7.4.2](#) and [10.3](#));
- in relation to proof load:
 - the proof load values for nuts with coarse pitch thread and property classes 6 and 8 have been raised for sizes M27 to M39 (see Introduction, [Table 5](#), and [Annex C](#)),
 - the maximum hole diameter for the grip has been corrected for diameters 5 mm and 6 mm (see [Table 11](#)), and reference to additional proof load specifications has been added for prevailing torque nuts (see [10.1](#));
- in relation to hardness:
 - the reference Vickers hardness values have been recalculated, and conversion into Brinell and Rockwell hardness has been adjusted (see Introduction and [8.3](#)),
 - hardness determined on the bearing surface (see [10.2.4 a](#)) and hardness determined in the transverse section at mid-height of the nut (see [10.2.4 b](#)) have been added for routine inspection,
 - the test method for hardness determined in the thread has been improved and the test force has been specified according to the pitch dimension (see [10.2.5](#)),
 - for QT nuts, the test methods for hardness in the core (see [10.2.6](#)) and uniformity of hardness (see [10.2.7](#)) have been added,
 - requirements for hardness have been clarified (see [10.2.8](#) and [10.2.9](#));
- inspection documents have been referenced in accordance with ISO 16228 for fasteners (see [9.4](#));
- marking and labelling have been revised, and all nuts conforming to this document are to be marked whatever their shape (see [Clause 11](#));
- [Annex B](#), *Design principles for nuts*, has been improved;
- [Annex C](#), *Nominal stress under proof load*, has been added.

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Introduction

ISO 898, the basic standard for fasteners with ISO metric thread made of carbon steel and alloy steel, was developed in several parts, and includes diameters 5 mm to 39 mm only for nuts. Property classes are specified in the ISO 898 series in relation to materials and mechanical properties, so that nuts in accordance with ISO 898-2 are matching with bolts, screws and studs specified in ISO 898-1 and with flat washers specified in ISO 898-3, as necessary, in order to design suitable assemblies for a given application.

More parts are under development for bolts, screws, studs and nuts with sizes above 39 mm.

The nuts specified in this document result from the adequate combination of nut heights (regular, style 1 – high, style 2 – thin, style 0), diameter ranges, coarse or fine pitch thread, and property classes in relation to heat treatment (Non-Quenched and Tempered = NQT, or Quenched and Tempered = QT). These combinations are based on bolt/nut compatibility, manufacturing processes and market needs. If other combinations are needed, e.g. for nuts designed for particular applications, see ISO/TR 16224.

In order to assure the necessary material strength in relation to property classes:

- Quenched and Tempered nuts (QT) are specified with a minimum carbon content and a minimum tempering temperature, and are characterized by a homogeneous martensitic structure;
- Non-Quenched and Tempered nuts (NQT) are also specified with a minimum carbon content but are characterized by a non-quenched microstructure.

Some property classes (in relation to nut style, diameter and coarse or fine pitch thread) specified as NQT may be optionally quenched and tempered as specified in [7.2](#), and in this case all requirements for QT nuts apply.

For fully loadable non-standard nuts which are to meet the requirements of this document, the relevant style 1 or style 2 is assigned in relation to their minimum design thread height.

Nut loadability is primarily checked by proof load. For nuts with coarse pitch thread and property classes 6 and 8, proof load values have been raised for sizes M27 to M39 due to the latest calculations of Masaya Hagiwara^[20] in accordance with the Alexander's theory^[21], see ISO/TR 16224. For those nuts it was necessary to develop full strength in relation to the mating bolts, screws and studs specified in ISO 898-1, the difference between the proof loads of ISO 898-2:2012 and the recalculated values being more than 5 % (see [Annex C](#)).

The Vickers hardness values specified for each individual group (consisting of property class, style, diameter range and pitch) have been chosen according to the same latest calculations, but adjusted to conventional figures taken over from the former versions of Parts 2 and 6 which were merged in 2012.

ISO 18265 presents no hardness to tensile strength correlation for steel in work hardened condition, which is typical for cold forged high volume NQT nuts: therefore, minimum hardness is just informative for NQT nuts and does not constitute a criterion in case of dispute. The maximum hardness of 334 HV is specified in order to prevent unexpected manufacturing processes which can lead to brittle behaviour of the NQT nuts: this limit is therefore mandatory and valid in case of dispute. However, it should be noted that work hardening is usually not severe enough to reach 302 HV when typical material and forging processes are used; nevertheless, inappropriate hardness testing or scattering due to just local properties is also covered by this specified limit of 334 HV.

Due to missing or decreasing market needs, nuts of property class 5 with fine pitch thread in style 1 and nuts of property class 9 were deleted (property class 5 or 9 can be substituted by property class 6 or 10 respectively).