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ISO Metric Standards: A Key to World Trade

There is an old and wise saying, "No standards-no trade." This is certainly true for standard quantities and units. Without consensus on these, trade, from shopping at the supermarket to exporting goods worldwide, would be very haphazard affair indeed.

Most industrialized countries have long recognized the necessity, and advantage, of adopting the metric system of measurement-or to give it its official title, the International System of Units (SI, for short-derived from its French title, Système international d'unités), which ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is responsible for maintaining.

The SI is contained in the International Standard ISO 31, Quantities and Units, which consist of 14 separate parts. It is not only an important standard in itself, but it also serves as a basis and guideline for many other International Standards, ISO 31 is the work of ISO Technical Committee ISO/TC 12, Quantities, Units, Symbols, Conversion Factors, which has also produced the accompanying standard, ISO 1000, SI Units and Recommendations for the Use of Their Multiples and of Certain Other Units.

The reasons for aligning with the international consensus for worldwide use of the SI system become even more compelling as the relative importance of trade over production continues to grow. In nearly every year since the end of the Second World War, the volume of world trade has increased more rapidly than that of world production.

More than 20 years after most of the industrialized world has gone over to metric measurements, many in my own home country, the USA, are still dragging behind. Quite apart from the USA government's pro-metric stance, the USA is being forced by market pressure to change.

The pressure is coming from American exporters who have to bear the expense of incorporating two systems of basic measurements into their offering: one for the home market, and one for the rest of the world. Pressure will also increase from American clients as the presence of incompatible systems denies them the possibility to mix and match products, deprives them of the greatest freedom of choice, or ties them to one supplier because they cannot integrate new equipment with what they already have.

There are, however certain sectors which have been completely metric, even in the USA For example, dimensions for film have always been metric: 8 mm, 16 mm, 35 mm, etc. In electrotechnology, the SI units such as ampere, volt, watt, ohm, etc., have been used since the beginning of this country.

In industry outside electrotechnology is also going metric step by step rather than inch by inch, even in the USA All specifications for the defense industry have long been in metric units. It has been decided that all Federal orders to industry from now on shall be given in metric units. All certificates from NIST, the National Institute for Standards and Technology, have also, for many years now, been given only in SI units. Thus, it is certain that the largest industrial nation will eventually become metric-maybe, I dare to hope, in my lifetime!

It is a particular pleasure for me, as ISO Secretary-General, and as an American, to be invited to provide the Foreword for this second edition of Knut O. Kverneland's book. Like ISO's International Standards, it contributes to a common basis for the international exchange of goods, services, and technological know-how, as well as promoting common understanding in the scientific and engineering communities worldwide.

Dr. Lawrence D. Eicher Former ISO Secretary-General The publication of Knut O. Kverneland's book is most timely for the USA and Canada. It should prove to be a valuable reference volume as well in other English speaking countries which are in the midst of or are completing the transition to the metric system.

National standards having a metric base have been virtually unknown in the USA. Although many standards-developing groups use dual measurement notation, the standard sizing and rating practices are still based on the conventional inch-pound-gallon, USA customary system. USA technical committees are now coming to grips with the problem of developing metric-based standards. As references in their work, they will be using the standards of ISO and IEC, as well as those of industrialized nations which are already on the metric system.

Knut O. Kverneland's *METRIC STANDARDS for Worldwide Manufacturing* will provide a very useful bridge for those engineers who are required to develop components to metric specifications in advance of availability of applicable American National Standards. The book will also be a valuable tool in guiding the many technical committees and subcommittees which will be working on the new metric American National Standards.

A native of Norway, Mr. Kverneland received his early education in that country and graduated with a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Hannover, Germany. He has been fully conversant with the metric measurement units since childhood and is completely familiar with their use in engineering.

The author joined Massey Ferguson in 1966 as a design engineer, and has risen through consecutive positions as Engineering Analyst and Standards Engineer until being appointed to the position of Supervisor of Standards. In this capacity, Mr. Kverneland was responsible for Massey Ferguson's North American standards.

Mr. Kverneland also maintains a heavy outside professional commitment. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Director of the Detroit Section of the Standards Engineering Society, and Chairman of the American National Standards Committee B4 on Standards for Limits and Fits.

In 1972 and 1973, Mr. Kverneland participated as a member of an ad hoc metric study committee of the SAE Off-Road Vehicle Council. He also served on the engineering standards evaluation and promotion subcommittee of the group. Because of its international manufacturing operations, Massey Ferguson's need for world metric standards information was apparent. Mr. Kverneland was thus aided in his SAE committee work by the high degree of interest of his company's management, which provided him with ready access to the computer and to standards data accumulated in its many manufacturing operations around the world. It was this work which prompted him to undertake writing of this book.

Mr. Kverneland is to be commended for his dedication to this project, and a well-deserved vote of thanks must be given to Massey Ferguson for the management support it provided the author in this undertaking,

Roy P. Trowbridge Past Director, Engineering Standards General Motors Corporation Past President, American National Standards Institute The change to the metric system offers North American manufacturing unique opportunities to introduce new thinking to the old ways products were made. The metric system requires new fastener sizes, new material stock sizes, new cutting tools, new gages, etc., to be used in production. This is where tremendously rewarding opportunities come into play. For example, 11 or less threaded fastener sizes may be selected to replace more than 50 sizes used in the old systems (see Table 8-1). Multiply the number of unique fastener sizes that can be eliminated by several thousand dollars each (automotive actual savings), and the total dollar savings for your company can very well become guite impressive.

The selection of metric material and components must be based on existing international and national metric standards. Therefore, in providing a foundation for this volume, the author has compared standards in the eight largest industrial countries of the world, which together produce the majority of the worlds products.

The preferred numbering system, coupled with the preferred metric sizes, preferred metric tolerances for holes (4) and shafts (4), and the preferred fits (10) (see Table 6-1), is another powerful tool available to you.

This highly integrated ISO tolerancing system has been in use in the European continent for 60 years, where it has saved industry there millions, if not billions, of dollars in reduced costs in manufacturing, engineering, purchasing, and inspection.

Among other things, this volume is also one of the most powerful rationalization tools available (see Table 4-1). It is now up to the reader to make the rationalized selection of standard parts and components listed in this book that will return the most benefits. The motto the author supports is "SELL AMERICAN" rather than the negative promotion we frequently hear. "BUY AMERICAN."

PREFACE to the 2005th edition:

Chapter 10 on Steel Material Data and Chapter 11 on Nonferrous Material show data from the recently released American National Standards ANSI B32.100-2005 on Preferred Metric Sizes for Flat, Round, Square, Rectangular, and Hexagonal Metal Products. The proposed drafts ANSI B32.200-200X Preferred Metric Sizes for Round, Square, and Rectangular Tubular Metal Products Other Than Pipe, and ANSI B32.300-200X Preferred Metric Sizes for Equal and Unequal Leg Angles, T- and Channel Sections, IPN- and Wide Flange-Beams Structural Steel are also referenced and they are pending approvals. All these material standards reflect existing ISO standards for nominal sizes and tolerances. They are *therefore* well suited for global design, manufacturing and marketing, and will help create USA manufacturing jobs. Use the METRIC STANDARDS for Worldwide Manufacturing latest book edition to find ways to cut costs and to increase export of manufactured

Products from the company you work for.

PREFACE to the 2006th edition:

Chapter 2 International System of Measuring Units (SI) and Chapter 17 Conversion Factors and Program are now made available free of charge from the web site <u>http://www.kok.com/</u>. This public service feature help educate Americans on the correct use of the global metric system.

Several companies now make the electronic version of the METRIC STANDARDS for Worldwide Manufacturing book available on their Intranet. Contact <u>Rosemary Maginniss</u> <RMAGINNI@ansi.org> at ANSI for quotes. This will help companies reduce the cost of metric training and implementation. It also makes the top quality METRIC STANDARDS material immediately available throughout the organization in marketing, manufacturing and engineering.

PREFACE to the 2007th edition:

Data from the new standard for Metric Continuous and Double End Studs ANSI B18.31-2005 was added to Chapter 9 and the tables in Chapter 11 now have the preference ratings specified in the American National Standards ANSI B32.100-2005 on Preferred Metric Sizes for Flat, Round, Square, Rectangular, and Hexagonal Metal Products.

The latest national and international standards references are shown in this edition as well as new links to national and international standard documentations sources.

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The completion of the large project of writing the first edition of this book was possible only because of the extensive cooperation of top management people within the Massey Ferguson organization. Standards engineers, working for this multinational company throughout the world, have provided substantial input to this publication in the form of national standards information and other data. The author, therefore, wishes to express his appreciation to Massey Ferguson, his former employer, for its encouragement and exceptional support in enabling him to undertake and complete the first edition of this volume. Without Massey Ferguson worldwide resources, without access to the company's computer capabilities, and without the company's generous backing in stenographic assistance, the time required for researching and preparing this manuscript would have been many times greater.

The third electronic edition has been completed with the help of my own resources through the company KOK **metricUSA**[™].org, Inc. Countless hours have been spent typing and updating the manuscript.

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SUMMARY

International standards are herein listed and compared to major industrial (63% of global GDP) national standards throughout this book (see Fig. 1-1). <u>American National Standards</u> for metric products are the basis for all tables in this publication when available. Pertinent global ISO (International Organization for Standardization) standard numbers are shown for each product, and related ISO and national standards are shown with hyperlinks to the standards organizations at the end of each chapter. Acronyms, standard prefixes, name and addresses as well as email and telephone numbers to a number of important national and international standards sources are shown in Table 1-1. Key standards groupings with links to ISO search engines are shown in Tables 1-2 and 1-3. <u>ISO Members Worldwide</u> list provide contact information for standards organization in each country.

A strong emphasis on cost savings and rationalization of parts and material has been stressed; Chapter 4, Preferred Numbers, provides detailed descriptions of the best tools to help rationalize metric sizes and products.

ROLE OF STANDARDIZATION: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

By definition, standards are rules set up and established by authority, often for the measure of quantity, weight, extent, value, or quality. Monetary standards, used in determining the weight of silver and gold pieces for the exchange of goods, were among the first to be developed.

During the industrialization period, manufacturing plants developed and became more and more specialized. A need for standards to control such simple parts as fasteners evolved, hereby making them industrially interchangeable. The demand for company and trade organization standards grew apace with the formation of larger plants and the wider distribution of manufactured products.

The basis for most standards is a uniform unit of measure to check mass, length, volume, time, and other physical quantities. Many systems were developed over the years, and the original metric system was developed in France after the French Revolution. Since 1875, all international matters concerning the metric system have been the responsibility of the Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures (CGPM), which was constituted following the Metric Convention signed in Paris that same year.

Before the invention of the metric system, a number of inch systems were used throughout the world, one of which is commonly known as the customary inch system. National and international standards were developed, however, based on *both* measuring systems. This made the worldwide interchangeability of simple standard components, such as fasteners, impossible.



WORLD STANDARDS ORGANIZATIONS

MEMBER COUNTRIES LISTED IN ORDER OF GNP

USA
Japan
Germany
France
UK
Italy
Canada
Australia

FIG. 1-1 PARTIAL ISO MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

METRIC AND INCH STANDARDS

An increasing number of multinational corporations and their local suppliers operating with two systems of measures and standards have found expenses to be continually increasing. In order to use available expertise in a central location, one machine might be designed in an "inch" nation, only to be produced later in a "metric" country, or vice versa. This obviously generates additional costs in the conversion of drawings, substitutions of standard steel sizes and fasteners, the conversion of testing and material specifications, etc.