

## Tolerances

- Geometric tolerances are controls that effect the shape and/or orientation of features.
- Tolerance is the total amount a dimension may vary and is the difference between the maximum and minimum limits.
- Tolerances are assigned to mating parts. For example, the slot in the part must accommodate another part. A system is two or more mating parts. One of the great advantages of using tolerances is that it allows
 for interchangeable parts, thus permitting the replacement of individual parts.
- For example, A tolerance of $4.650 \pm$ 0.003 means that upper limit (largest value) for part is
4.653, the lower limit (smallest value) is 4.647, and the tolerance is 0.006

(A) Direct limits

(B) Tolerance values


## Tolerances are expressed as:

1. Direct limits, or as tolerance values applied directly to a dimension
2. Geometric tolerance
3. Notes referring to specific conditions
4. A general tolerance note in the title block

## 1. Direct limits or as tolerance values applied directly to a dimension.


(A) Direct limits

(B) Tolerance values

## 2. Geometric tolerances \& dimensioning.



- Tolerance can be unilateral or bilateral.
- A unilateral tolerance varies in only one direction, while a bilateral varies in both directions.
- If the variation is equal in both directions, then the variation is preceded by a $\pm$ symbol. The plus and minus approach can only be used when the two variations are equal.



## Important terms in ASME Y14.5M-1994 (A system of two part with tolerance dimension)



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Maximum .007 Average . 004 Minimum . 001

Nominal size - a dimension used to describe the general size usually expressed in common fractions. The slot in Fig has a nominal size $1 / 2$ " or 0.5 "


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Basic size the theoretical size used as a starting point for the application of tolerances.
The basic size of the slot in Fig is .500".


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Actual size the measured size of the finished part after machining. In Fig, the actual size is .501


Limits the maximum and minimum sizes shown by the toleranced dimension.
The slot has limits of .502 and .498 The mating part has limits of .495 and .498


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Machined
Part

Tolerance . 002 Clearance varies Tolerance . 004

Allowance is the minimum clearance or maximum interference between parts. In Fig. the allowances is .001, meaning that the tightest fit occurs when the slot is machined to its smallest allowable size of .498 and the mating part is machined to its largest allowable of size of . 497.
The difference between . 498 and .497 (or .001) is the allowance.


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Drawing


Machined
Part


Tolerance is the total variance in a dimension which is the difference between the upper and lower limits.
The tolerance of the slot part in Fig. is .004" and the tolerance of the mating part is .002".


Maximum material condition (MMC) is the condition of a part when it contains the most amount of material.
The MMC of an external feature such as a shaft is the upper limit.
The MMC of an internal feature such as a hole is the lower limit.
 condition of a part when it contains the least amount of material possible.
The LMC of an external feature is the lower limit of the part.
The LMC of an internal feature is the upper limit of the part.


## Fit types

- The degree of tightness between mating parts is called the fit.
- Clearance fit occurs when two toleranced mating parts will always leave a space or clearance when assembled.

The largest that shaft (A) can be manufactured is . 999 and the smallest the hole can be is 1.000 . The shaft will always be smallest than the hole.


Formula:

## Fit types

- Interference fit occurs when two toleranced mating parts will always interfere when assembled.
- This fit type would be necessary to stretch the hole or shrink the shaft or to use force to press the shaft into the hole.



## Fit types

- Transition fit occurs when two toleranced mating parts will sometimes be an interference fit and sometimes be a clearance fit when assembled.



## Fit type determination

- The loosest fit is the difference between the smallest feature A and the largest feature $B$.
- The tightest fit is the difference between the largest feature A and the smallest feature $B$.



## Functional

## dimensioning

- When dimensioning a part it is critical to start out by identifying the functional features first.
- Many times these


Functional dimensioning
Step 1 features are holes.

- Any other features $0^{1.50 \pm .05} \quad \Gamma^{01.250 \pm .005}$ that come in contact with other parts, especially moving parts, are considered functional. Dimension these features first, then all other nonfunctional features can be considered.


Functional dimensioning
Step 2

## Tolerance Stack-Up

- The additive rule for tolerances is that tolerances taken in the same direction from one point of reference are additive
- The corollary is that tolerances to the same point taken from different directions becomes additive.
- The effect is called tolerance stack-up


Tolerance stack-up (cause assembly problem)


Tolerance stack-up eliminated (used same reference)


Alternate dimension (A method locating the pattern first)

(A) No!

Coordinate dimension stack-up
Avoid coordinate dimension stack-up by using a common point and dimensioning the hole spacing directly ( $B$ )


## Metric limits and fits

- The standards used for metric measurements are recommended by the ISO and are given in ANSI B4.21978
- The terms used in metric tolerencing are follows:
- Basic Size is the size to which limits of deviation are assigned and are the same for both parts.

| Basic Size, <br> mm |  | Basic Size, <br> mm |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 st <br> Choice | 2nd <br> Choice | 1st <br> Choice | 2nd <br> Choice |
| 1.0 | - | - | 7.0 |
| - | 1.1 | 8.0 | - |
| 1.2 | - | - | 9.0 |
| - | 1.4 | 10 | - |
| 1.6 | - | - | 11 |
| - | 1.8 | 12 | - |
| 2.0 | - | - | 13 |
| - | 2.2 | 14 | - |
| 2.5 | - | - | 15 |
| - | 2.8 | 16 | - |
| 3.0 | - | - | 17 |
| - | 3.5 | 18 | - |
| 4.0 | - | - | 19 |
| - | 4.5 | 20 | - |
| 5.0 | - | - | 21 |
| - | 5.5 | 22 | - |
| 6.0 | - | - | 23 |
| - | 6.5 | - | 24 |



*Transition fit for basic sizes in range from 0 through 3 mm

## Metric symbols and their definitions


$\mathbf{H}$ - Hole basis is the system of fits where the minimum hole size is the basic size.
f - Shaft basis is the system of fits where the minimum shaft size is the basic size.

(B)

(C)

## Three methods of showing metric tolerance symbols used for dimensions

| 40 H 8 | $40 \mathrm{H} 8\binom{40.039}{40.000}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| (A) | $\binom{40.039}{40.000} 40 \mathrm{H8}$ |

The values in parentheses are for reference only and come from ANSI Standard B4.2-1978 tables

| BASIC <br> SIZE |  | LOOSE RUNNING |  |  | FREE RUNNING |  |  | CLOSE RUNNI |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Hole <br> H11 | Shaft <br> c11 | Fit | Hole <br> H9 | Shaft <br> d9 | Fit | Hole | Shaft <br> f7 |
|  | MAX | 40.160 | 39.880 | 0.440 | 40.062 | 39.920 | 0.204 | 40.039 | 39.975 |
|  | MIN | 40.000 | 39.720 | 0.120 | 40.000 | 39.858 | 0.060 | 40.000 | 39.950 |
| 50 | MAX | 50.160 | 49.870 | 0.450 | 50.062 | 49.920 | 0.204 | 50.039 | 49.975 |
|  | MIN | 50.000 | 49.710 | 0.130 | 50.000 | 49.858 | 0.080 | 50.000 | 49.950 |
| 60 | MAX | 60.190 | 59.860 | 0.520 | 60.074 | 59.900 | 0.248 | 60.046 | 59.970 |
|  | MIN | 60.000 | 59.670 | 0.140 | 60.000 | 59.826 | 0.100 | 60.000 | 59.940 |

## Example Determine the Tolerance using The Hole Basis System

- Given:
- A shaft \& Hole
- The hole basis system
- Clearance fit, and
- A basic diameter of 41 mm for the hole


## Example Determine the Tolerance using The Hole Basis System

## Solution:

- STEP 1:
- From Table ANSI preferred metric sizes, assign the basic size of 40 mm to the shaft

| Basic Size, <br> mm |  | Basic Size, <br> mm |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 st <br> Choice | 2nd <br> Choice | 1 st <br> Choice | 2nd <br> Choice |
| - | 7.0 | 25 | - |
| 8.0 | - | - | 26 |
| - | 9.0 | - | 28 |
| 10 | - | 30 | - |
| - | 11 | - | 32 |
| 12 | - | 35 | - |
| - | 13 | - | 38 |
| 14 | - | 40 | - |
| - | 15 | - | 42 |
| $1 n$ |  | 15 |  |

## Example Determine the Tolerance using The Hole Basis System <br> Solution:

- STEP 2:
- From Table ISO preferred metric fits, assign the sliding fit H7/g6. Sliding fit is defined in the table



## Example Determine the Tolerance using The Hole Basis System

## Solution:

- STEP 3 (For Hole):
- Determine the upper and lower limits of the hole from ANSI Standard B4.2-1978 tables. Using column H7 and row 40
- From the table, the limits are 40.025 and 40.000

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { BASCC } \\ & \text { SIIE } \end{aligned}$ | LOOSE RUNNING |  |  | FREE RUNNING |  |  | CLOSE RUNNING |  |  | SLIDING |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { HH11 } \end{aligned}$ | Shatt $\mathrm{Cl1}$ | Fit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H9 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Shatt } \\ & \text { d9 } \end{aligned}$ | Fit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H8 } \end{aligned}$ | Shatt | Fit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Shatt } \\ & \text { g6 } \end{aligned}$ | Fit |
| 40 MAX | 40.160 | 39.880 | 0.440 | 40.062 | 39.920 | 0.204 | 40.039 | 39.975 | 0.029 |  |  | 0.550 |
| MIN | 40.000 | 39.720 | 0.120 | 40.00 | 39.558 | 0.060 | 40.00 | 39.950 | 0.025 | 40.000 |  | 0.009 |

## Example Determine the Tolerance using The Hole Basis System

## Solution:

- STEP 4 (For Shaft):
- Determine the upper and lower limits of the shaft from ANSI Standard B4.2-1978 tables. Using column g6 and row 40.
- From the table, the limits are 39.991 and 39.975

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { BASC } \\ & \text { SIZE } \end{aligned}$ | LOOSE RUNNING |  |  | FREE RUNNING |  |  | CLOSE RUNNING |  |  | SLIDING |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H11 } \end{aligned}$ | Shatt | Fit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H9 } \end{aligned}$ | Shatt d9 | Fit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H8 } \end{aligned}$ | Shatt | Fit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hole } \\ & \text { H7 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Shatt } \\ & \text { of } \end{aligned}$ | Fit |
| 40 MAX | 40.160 | 39.880 | 0.440 | 40.062 | 39.920 | 0.204 | 40.039 | 39.975 | 0.029 |  | 39.991 | 0.050 |
| MIN | 40.000 | 39.720 | 0.120 | 40.000 | 39.858 | 0.060 | 40.000 | 39.950 | 0.025 | 40.000 | 39.975 | 0.009 |

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