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## **Fasteners — Surface discontinuities —**

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## Foreword

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# Fasteners — Surface discontinuities —

## Part 1 : Bolts, screws and studs for general requirements

### 1 Scope and field of application

**1.1** This part of ISO 6157 establishes limits for various types of surface discontinuities on bolts, screws and studs for general requirements.

It applies to bolts, screws and studs with

- nominal thread diameters 5 mm and larger;
- product grades A and B;
- property classes up to and including 10.9, unless otherwise specified in product standards or agreed between supplier and purchaser.

**1.2** Limits for surface discontinuities on bolts, screws and studs for special requirements (e.g. automatic assembly) are laid down in ISO 6157-3. When the engineering requirements of the application necessitate that surface discontinuities on bolts, screws and studs be more closely controlled, it should be specified in the respective product standard, or the purchaser shall specify the applicable limits in the inquiry and purchase order.

**1.3** Where the permissible limits for surface discontinuities indicated in clause 3 occur, the minimum values for the mechanical and functional properties specified in ISO 898-1 should still be met.

### NOTES

- 1 The figures in clause 3 are examples only. They apply correspondingly also to other types of bolts, screws and studs.
- 2 The individual figures show the surface discontinuities exaggerated in some cases for clarity.

### 2 References

ISO 468, *Surface roughness — Parameters, their values and general rules for specifying requirements.*

ISO 898-1, *Mechanical properties of fasteners — Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs.*

ISO 2859, *Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes.*

ISO 3269, *Fasteners — Acceptance inspection.*

### 3 Types, causes, appearance and limits of surface discontinuities

#### 3.1 Cracks

A crack is a clean (crystalline) fracture passing through or across the grain boundaries and may possibly follow inclusions of foreign elements. Cracks are normally caused by overstressing the metal during forging or other forming operations, or during heat treatment. Where parts are subjected to significant reheating, cracks usually are discoloured by scale.

3.1.1 Quench cracks

<b>Cause</b>	Quench cracks may occur during hardening due to excessively high thermal and transformation stresses. Quench cracks usually follow an irregular and erratic course on the surface of the fastener.
<b>Appearance</b>	<p>Quench crack circumferential and adjacent to fillet</p> <p>Quench crack at corner of head</p> <p>Transverse quench crack</p> <p>Quench crack at root</p> <p>Quench crack, section at crest of thread missing</p> <p>Quench crack across top of head. Usually an extension of crack in shank or side of head</p> <p>Longitudinal quench crack</p> <p>Quench crack across washer face and to depth of washer face thickness</p> <p>Quench crack extending radially into fillet</p> <p>A-A</p> <p>Quench crack, at root</p> <p>Quench crack</p>
<b>Limits</b>	Quench cracks of any depth, any length, or in any location are not permitted.

3.1.2 Forging cracks

<b>Cause</b>	Forging cracks may occur during the cut-off or forging operations and are located on the top of the head of screws and bolts and on the raised periphery of indented head bolts and screws.
<b>Appearance</b>	<p>Forging crack on top of head</p>
<b>Limits</b>	<p>Length, <math>l</math>, of forging cracks : <math>l &lt; d^1</math></p> <p>Depth or width, <math>b</math>, of forging cracks : <math>b &lt; 0,04d</math></p> <p>1) <math>d</math> = nominal thread diameter</p>

3.1.3 Forging bursts

<p><b>Cause</b></p>	<p>Forging bursts may occur for example during forging on the flats or corners of the heads of bolts and screws, at the periphery of flanged or circular head products or on the raised periphery of indented head bolts and screws.</p>
<p><b>Appearance</b></p>	
<p><b>Limits</b></p>	<p><b>Hexagon head screws</b></p> <p>No forging burst in the flats of hexagon bolts and screws shall extend into the crown circle on the top of the head surface (chamfer circle) or into the underhead bearing surface. Forging bursts occurring at the intersection of two wrenching flats shall not reduce the width across corners below the specified minimum.</p> <p>Forging bursts in the raised periphery of indented head bolts and screws shall not exceed a width of <math>0,06d^{1)}</math> or have a depth extending below the indented portion.</p> <p><b>Circular head screws</b></p> <p>Flanges of bolts and screws and peripheries of circular head screws may have forging bursts, but they shall not exceed the following limits:</p> <p>Width of forging bursts:</p> <p><math>0,08d_c^{2)}</math> (with only one forging burst);</p> <p><math>0,04d_c</math> (with two or more forging bursts, one of which may extend to <math>0,08d_c</math>).</p> <p>1) <math>d</math> = nominal thread diameter                  2) <math>d_c</math> = head or flange diameter</p>

3.1.4 Shear bursts

<p><b>Cause</b></p>	<p>Shear bursts may occur, for example during forging, frequently at the periphery of products having circular or flanged heads, and are located at approximately 45° to the product axis.</p> <p>Shear bursts may also occur on the sides of hexagon head products.</p>
<p><b>Appearance</b></p>	
<p><b>Limits</b></p>	<p><b>Hexagon head screws</b></p> <p>No shear burst in the flats of hexagon bolts and screws shall extend into the crown circle on the top of the head surface (chamfer circle) or into the underhead bearing surface. Shear bursts, occurring at the intersection of two wrenching flats, shall not reduce the width across corners below the specified minimum.</p> <p>Shear bursts in the raised periphery of indented head bolts and screws shall not exceed a width of <math>0,06d^{1)}</math> or have a depth extending below the indented portion.</p> <p><b>Circular head screws</b></p> <p>Flanges of bolts and screws and peripheries of circular head products may have shear bursts, but shall not exceed the following limits :</p> <p>Width of shear bursts :</p> <p><math>0,08d_c^{2)}</math> (for only one shear burst);</p> <p><math>0,04d_c</math> (with two or more forging shear bursts, one of which may extend to <math>0,08d_c</math>).</p> <p>1) <math>d</math> = nominal thread diameter                  2) <math>d_c</math> = head or flange diameter</p>

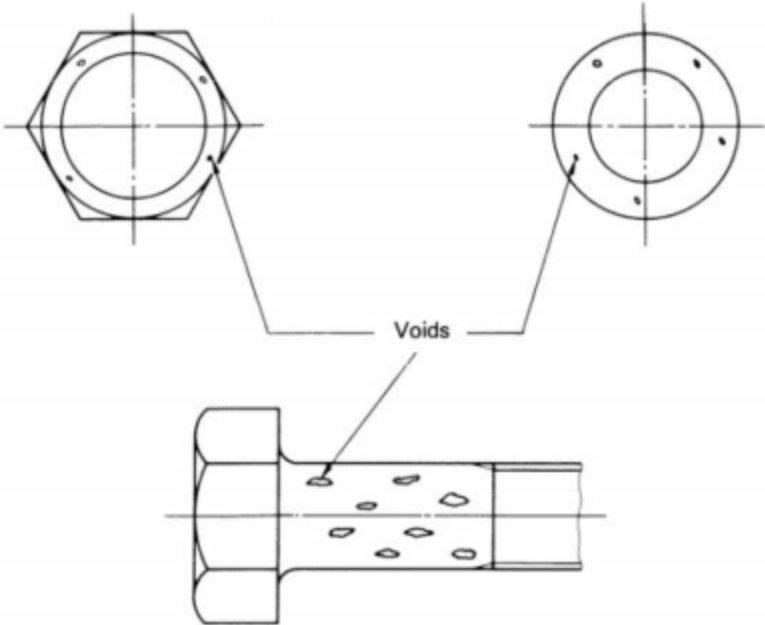
3.2 Raw material seams and laps

A seam or lap is a narrow, generally straight or smooth curved line discontinuity running longitudinally on the thread, shank or head.

Cause	Seams and laps are inherent in the raw material from which fasteners are made.
Appearance	<p>Lap or seam, usually straight or smooth curved line discontinuity running longitudinally</p> <p>Lap or seam, usually straight or smooth curved line discontinuity running longitudinally</p> <p>Seam</p>
Limits	<p>Permissible depth : <math>0,03d^{1)}</math></p> <p>If laps or seams extend into the head, they shall not exceed the permissible limits for width and depth specified for bursts (see 3.1.3).</p> <p>1) <math>d</math> = nominal thread diameter</p>

### 3.3 Voids

A void is a shallow pocket or hollow on the surface of a bolt or screw due to non-filling of metal during forging or upsetting.

<b>Cause</b>	Voids are produced by marks and impressions due to chips (shear burrs) or by rust formation on the raw material. They are not eliminated during forging or upsetting operations.
<b>Appearance</b>	
<b>Limits</b>	<p>Depth, <math>h</math>, of voids :</p> <p><math>h &lt; 0,02 d^{1)}</math> : 0,25 mm max.</p> <p>Area of all voids :</p> <p>The combined surface area of all voids on the bearing face shall not exceed 10 % of the total area.</p> <p>1) <math>d</math> = nominal thread diameter</p>



### 3.4 Folds

A fold is a doubling over of metal which occurs at the surface of the fastener during forging.

<b>Cause</b>	Folds are produced by material displacements due to lack of congruence of forms and volumes of the single forging steps.
<b>Appearance</b>	<p>Permissible, typical "clover leaf" fold in non-circular shoulder fastener</p> <p>Permissible, at the intersection between flange and driving part</p> <p>Permissible, at the surface of the bolt end</p> <p>Permissible, fold at exterior corner</p> <p>Not permissible, fold at interior corner</p> <p>Permissible, fold at exterior corner</p> <p>Not permissible, fold at interior corner</p>
<b>Limits</b>	<p>Folds at interior corners at or below the bearing surface are not permissible, unless specifically permitted in this part of ISO 6157 or in the product standard.</p> <p>Folds at exterior corners are permissible.</p>

### 3.5 Tool marks

Tool marks are longitudinal or circumferential grooves of shallow depth.

<b>Cause</b>	Tool marks are produced by the movement of manufacturing tools over the surface of the bolt or screw.
<b>Appearance</b>	<p>Tool mark</p> <p>Permissible tool mark from trimming operation</p>
<b>Limits</b>	Tool marks produced by machining in the shank, fillet or bearing surface shall not exceed a surface roughness of $R_a = 3,2 \mu\text{m}$ when tested in accordance with ISO 468.

### 3.6 Damages

Damages are indentations of any surface of a bolt or screw.

<b>Cause</b>	Damages, for example dents, scrapes, nicks and gouges, are produced by external action during manufacture and handling of bolts and screws, for example during loading.
<b>Appearance</b>	No precise geometrical shape, location or direction, identifiable as external action.
<b>Limits</b>	Damages as described above shall not cause rejection unless it can be shown that they impair function or usability.  Dents, scrapes, nicks and gouges on the first three threads shall be such that they allow the screwing on of a go-ring gauge with torque values of $0,001 d^3$ max., in newton metres.

## 4 Inspection and evaluation procedure

For the acceptance inspection procedure, see ISO 3269. Surface coatings shall be removed before examination if identification of the surface discontinuities is impaired.

NOTE — The 1984 edition of ISO 3269 gives no specifications on sampling plans for surface discontinuities of fasteners. Until this has been completed, the applicable sampling plan is given in the annex.

### 4.1 Principles

The manufacturer is entitled to use any inspection procedures but due care shall be taken to ensure that products conform to this part of ISO 6157.

The purchaser may use the inspection procedure specified in this clause at his acceptance inspection in order to decide whether a lot of fasteners may be accepted or rejected. This procedure shall also be applied when conformance to specification is disputed, unless some other acceptance procedure has been agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser at the time of ordering the fasteners.

### 4.2 Non-destructive testing

A random sample shall be taken from the lot in accordance with table 1 in the annex and subjected to either visual tests or other

suitable tests, e.g. magnetic techniques or eddy current. If no defective product is found the lot shall be accepted (see also 4.4). If defective products are found these shall form the lot size for the procedures given in 4.3.

### 4.3 Destructive testing

If defective products are detected by the procedures given in 4.2, then a secondary sample shall be taken from the defective products, in accordance with table 2 in the annex, consisting of the products indicating the most serious defects and sectioned at  $90^\circ$  through the discontinuity where the greatest depth is expected.

### 4.4 Evaluation

If on visual inspection any product is found with quench cracks in any location, or folds at interior corners or below the bearing surface, except "clover leaf" folds in non-circular shoulder fasteners, the lot shall be subject to rejection.

If on the destructive test any product is found with forging cracks, bursts, seams and laps, voids, tool marks or damages which exceed the allowable limits as specified for the applicable type of discontinuity, the lot shall be subject to rejection.

## Annex

### Sampling plan for surface discontinuities

(This annex forms an integral part of this standard.)

Sampling for surface discontinuities shall be carried out using the sample sizes given in table 1 and using the principles and procedures given in clause 4.

**Table 1 — Sample sizes for visual and non-destructive testing**

Lot size <sup>1)</sup> <i>N</i>	Sample size <i>n</i>
$N < 1\ 200$	20
$1\ 201 < N < 10\ 000$	32
$10\ 001 < N < 35\ 000$	50
$35\ 001 < N < 150\ 000$	80

1) Lot size is the number of products of the same type, size and property class submitted for inspection at one time.

NOTE — The sample sizes are based on inspection level S-4 specified in ISO 2859.

**Table 2 — Secondary sample sizes for destructive testing**

Number of defective products in the sample <i>N</i>	Secondary sample size <i>n</i>
$N < 8$	2
$9 < N < 15$	3
$16 < N < 25$	5
$26 < N < 50$	8
$51 < N < 80$	13

NOTE — The secondary sample sizes are based on general inspection level II specified in ISO 2859.

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