
**Machine tools — Test conditions
for external cylindrical centreless
grinding machines — Testing of the
accuracy**

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surfaces extérieures sans centre — Contrôle de l'exactitude*

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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 3875:2004), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the machine sizes (thickness of grinding wheel) covered have been extended more than 300 mm from ISO 3875:2004 for test M1 since machine size in the industry increased;
- machine configurations have been classified into three types to cover major configurations in the markets;
- references to ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2 have been revised;
- a new machine test for Z-directional grinding wheel slide (straightness and positioning) has been introduced.

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to standardize methods of testing the accuracy of general purpose and normal accuracy external cylindrical centreless grinding machines. The primary function of such machines is to provide cylindrical workpieces. This document specifies the tests to verify the geometric accuracy of the machine to achieve this primary function.

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1 Scope

The document specifies, with reference to ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2, geometric tests, machining tests and tests for accuracy and repeatability of positioning axes on general purpose and normal accuracy manually and numerically controlled (NC) external cylindrical centreless grinding machines. It also specifies the applicable tolerances corresponding to the above-mentioned tests.

This document deals only with the verification of accuracy of the machine. It does not apply to the testing of the machine operation (vibrations, abnormal noise, stick-slip motion of components, etc.) nor to machine characteristics (such as speeds, feeds, etc.), which are generally checked before testing of machine accuracy.

This document provides the terminology used for the principal components of the machine and the designation of the axes with reference to ISO 841.

NOTE In addition to the terms used in the official ISO languages (English and French), this document gives the equivalent terms in the German, Italian, Japanese, and Persian languages. These are published under the responsibility of the national member bodies for Germany (DIN), Italy (UNI), Japan (JIS), and Iran (ISIRI). However, only the terms given in the official languages can be considered as ISO terms.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 230-1:2012, *Test code for machine tools — Part 1: Geometric accuracy of machines operating under no-load or quasi-static conditions*

ISO 230-2:2014, *Test code for machine tools — Part 2: Determination of accuracy and repeatability of positioning of numerically controlled axes*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

centreless grinding

grinding for the generation of external faces of a rotating workpiece, position of which is mechanically guided against the grinding wheel by a regulating wheel and a work support located between the regulating and grinding wheels

3.2

centreless grinding machine

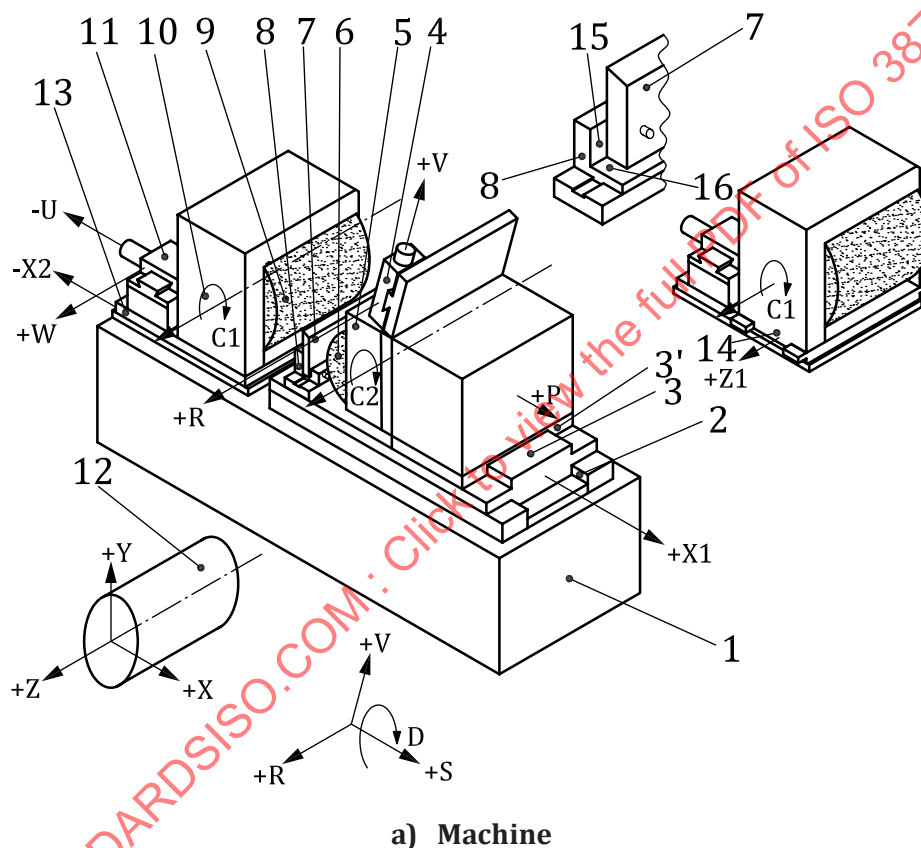
machine tool intended to machine workpieces by means of two rotating grinding wheels and work support

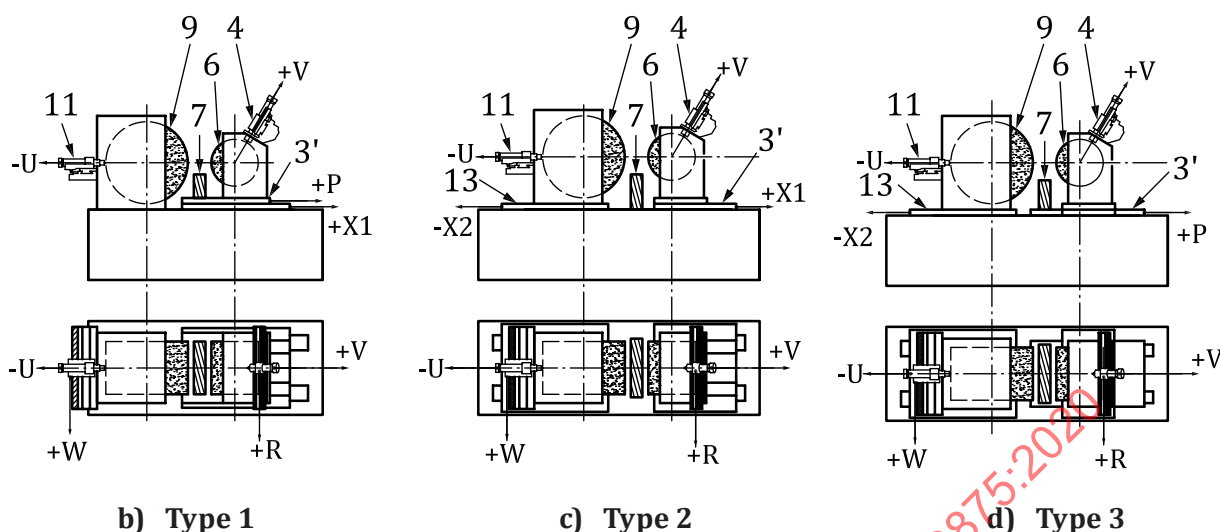
4 Terminology, designation of axes and machine configurations

The machines considered in this document are divided into three basic configurations [see [Figure 1](#) b), c) and d)]:

- Type 1: Machines with fixed grinding wheel and movable regulating wheel with work support.
- Type 2: Machines with fixed work support, movable regulating wheel and grinding wheel with adjustable distance between grinding wheel and work support.
- Type 3: Machines with fixed regulating wheel, movable grinding wheel and work support with adjustable distance between grinding wheel and work support.

The machines considered in this document can be NC controlled. Possible NC control axes are: X1, X2, Z1, U, V, W, P and R. See [Figure 1](#).



**Key**

English	French
1 bed	banc
2 regulating wheel guideway	guidage de la meule d'entraînement
3 regulating wheel slide (X1-axis)	chariot porte-meule d'entraînement (axe X1)
3' regulating wheel auxiliary slide (P-axis)	chariot auxiliaire de la meule d'entraînement (axe P)
4 regulating wheel dresser (R- and V-axis)	dispositif de dressage pour meule d'entraînement (axe R et V)
5 regulating wheel head	poupée porte-meule d'entraînement
6 regulating wheel (C2-axis)	meule d'entraînement (axe C2)
7 work support blade	lame support de pièce
8 work support	appui de la lame
9 grinding wheel (C1-axis)	meule (axe C1)
10 grinding wheel head	poupée porte-meule
11 grinding wheel dresser (U- and W-axis)	dispositif de dressage pour meule (axe U et W)
12 workpiece	pièce
13 grinding wheel slide (X2-axis)	chariot de la meule (axe X2)
14 grinding wheel axial slide (Z1-axis)	chariot axial de la meule (axe Z1)
15 reference surface S (vertical direction)	surface de référence S (direction verticale)
16 reference surface S' (horizontal direction)	surface de référence S' (direction horizontale)

Figure 1 — Examples of a centreless grinding machine including all configurations

5 Preliminary remarks

5.1 Measuring units

In this document, all linear dimensions, errors and corresponding tolerances are expressed in millimetres (mm); angular dimensions are expressed in degrees (°), and angular errors and the corresponding tolerances are expressed in ratios, but in some cases microradians (μrad) or arcsec (") may be used for clarification purposes. [Formula \(1\)](#) should be used for conversion of the units of angular errors or tolerances:

$$0,010/1\,000 = 10\,\mu\text{rad} \cong 2\,\text{arcsec} \quad (1)$$

5.2 Reference to ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2

To apply this document, reference shall be made to ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2, especially for the installation of the machine before testing, the warming up of spindles and other moving components, description of measuring methods and recommended measurement uncertainty of testing equipment.

Where the test concerned is in compliance with the specifications of ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2, a reference to the corresponding subclause in ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2 is shown before the instructions in the "Observations" block of the tests described in [Clauses 6 to 8](#).

5.3 Machine levelling

Before conducting tests on a machine, the machine should be levelled according to the recommendations of the supplier/manufacturer (see ISO 230-1:2012, 6.1.1).

5.4 Testing sequence

The sequence in which the tests are presented in this document does not define the practical order of testing. In order to make the mounting of instruments or gauging easier, tests may be performed in any order.

5.5 Tests to be performed

When testing a machine, it is not always necessary or possible to carry out all the tests described in this document. When the tests are required for acceptance purposes, it is up to the user to choose, in agreement with the supplier/manufacturer, those tests relating to the components and/or the properties of the machine which are of interest. These tests are to be clearly stated when ordering a machine. A simple reference to this document for the acceptance tests, without specifying the tests to be carried out, and without agreement on the relevant expenses, cannot be considered as binding for any contracting party.

5.6 Measuring instruments

Measuring instruments indicated in the tests described in [Clauses 6 to 8](#) are examples only. Other instruments capable of measuring the same quantities and having the same, or a smaller, measurement uncertainty may be used. Reference shall be made to ISO 230-1:2012, Clause 5, which indicates the relationship between measurement uncertainties and the tolerances.

When a dial gauge is referred to, it can mean not only dial test indicators (DTI) but any type of linear displacement sensor such as analogue or digital dial gauges, linear variable differential transformer (LVDTs), linear scale displacement gauges, or non-contact sensors, when applicable to the test concerned (see ISO 230-1:2012, Clause 4).

Similarly, when a straightedge is referred to, it can mean any type of straightness reference artefact, such as a granite or ceramic or steel or cast iron straightedge, one arm of a square, one generating line on a cylindrical square, any straight path on a reference cube, or a special, dedicated artefact manufactured to fit in the T-slots or other references.

Valuable information for measuring instruments are available in ISO/TR 230-11.

5.7 Machining tests

Machining tests shall be made with finishing cuts only. Roughing cuts shall be avoided since they are liable to generate appreciable cutting forces.

5.8 Software compensation

When built in software facilities are available for compensating geometric, positioning and thermal errors, their use during these tests should be based on an agreement between the user and the supplier/manufacturer. When the software compensation is used, this shall be stated in the test reports.

Valuable information on numerical compensation of geometric errors can be gathered in ISO/TR 16907.

5.9 Axis not under test

During the execution of some geometric tests on one axis of motion, the position of other axes, not under test, can affect the results. Therefore, the position of these axes shall be reported.

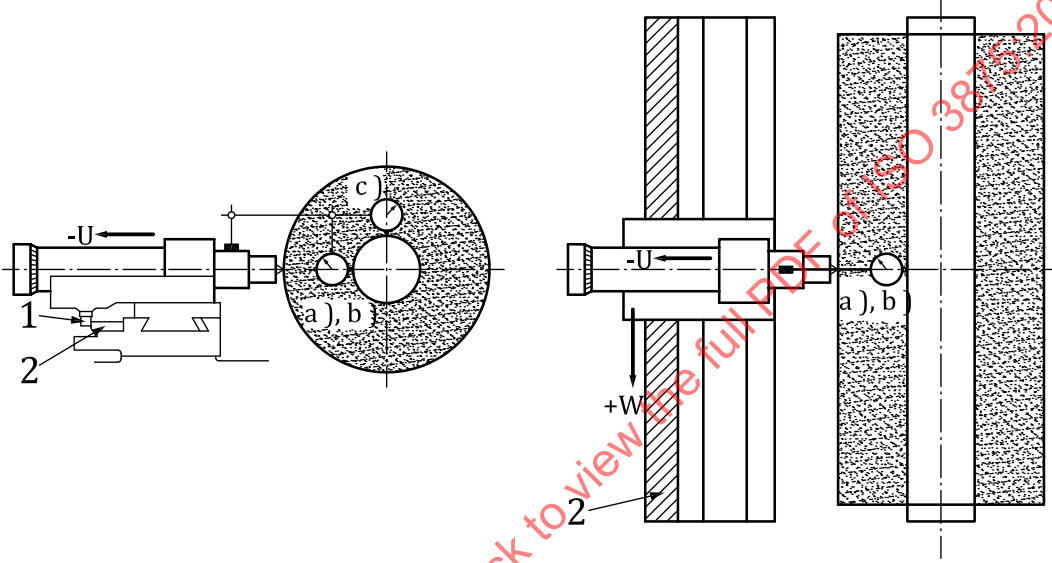
5.10 Minimum tolerance

When establishing the tolerance for a measuring length different from that given in this document (see ISO 230-1:2012, 4.1), it shall be taken into consideration that the minimum value of tolerance is 0,002 mm.

In principle, angular tolerances are given as an angle over 1 000 mm. The angle converted for typical measurement length is presented in parentheses.

EXAMPLE 0,060/1 000 (0,015/250).

6 Geometric tests

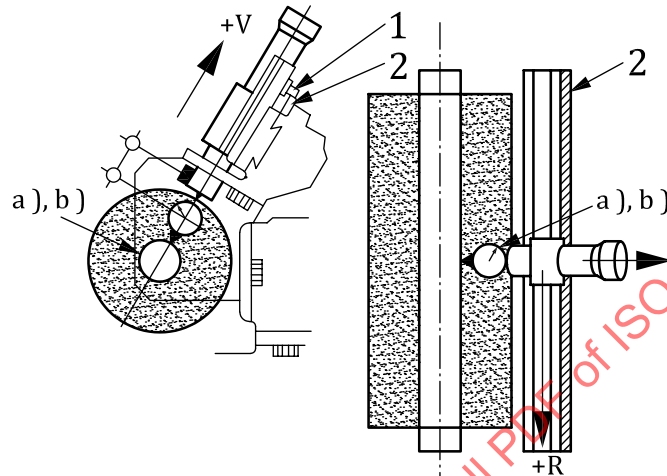
Object Checking of the grinding wheel dresser movement [W-axis]:	G1
a) straightness in the plane of action (E_{xW}); b) parallelism to the grinding wheel spindle axis C1 in the plane of action (ZX plane, $E_{B(0C1)W}$); c) parallelism to the grinding wheel spindle axis C1 in a plane perpendicular to the plane of action (YZ plane, $E_{A(0C1)W}$). NOTE Test b) applies only for machines with a fixed dresser and non-adjustable template.	
Diagram 	
Key 1 copying pin 2 master template	
Tolerance a) 0,005 for a measuring length of 250 b) 0,100/1 000 (0,025/250) c) 0,320/1 000 (0,08/250) For measuring length over 250, the tolerance shall be agreed between manufacturer/supplier and user.	Measured errors a) b) c)
Measuring instruments Dial gauge, test mandrel and straight master template	
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 3.4.10, 3.6.2, 8.2.2.1 and 10.1.3 The dial gauge shall be mounted on the dressing tool holder with its stylus contacting the test mandrel, which is mounted on the grinding wheel spindle, in the plane of action [(ZX plane) a), b) and in a plane perpendicular to the plane of action (YZ plane) c)]. The dressing slide shall be moved in W-axis motion at a normal working feed. The measuring length shall be equal to the maximum width of the grinding wheel. If the machine is provided with a copying mechanism, the copying pin shall be engaged with a normal working pressure (stated by the manufacturer) against the master template. a) and b) of indicated tolerance relates to the position of the diamond point.	

Object**G2**

Checking of the regulating wheel dresser movement [R-axis]:

- a) straightness in the plane of action (VR plane, E_{VR});
- b) parallelism to the regulating wheel spindle axis C2 in the plane of action (VR plane, $E_{D(0C2)R}$).

NOTE Test b) applies only to machines with a fixed dresser and non-adjustable template.

Diagram**Key**

- 1 copying pin
- 2 master template

Tolerance

a) 0,005 for a measuring length of 250

b) 0,100/1 000 (0,025/250)

For measuring length over 250, the tolerance shall be agreed between manufacturer/supplier and user.

Measured errors

- a)
- b)

Measuring instruments

Dial gauge, test mandrel or straightedge, and straight master template

Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 3.4.10, 3.6.2, 8.2.2.1 and 10.1.3

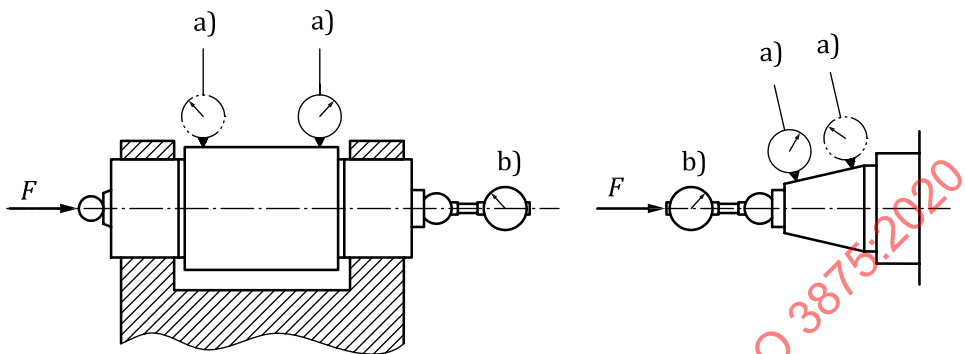
The dial gauge shall be mounted on the dressing tool holder with its stylus contacting the test mandrel or straightedge, which is mounted on the regulating wheel spindle, in the plane of action [VR plane a), b)].

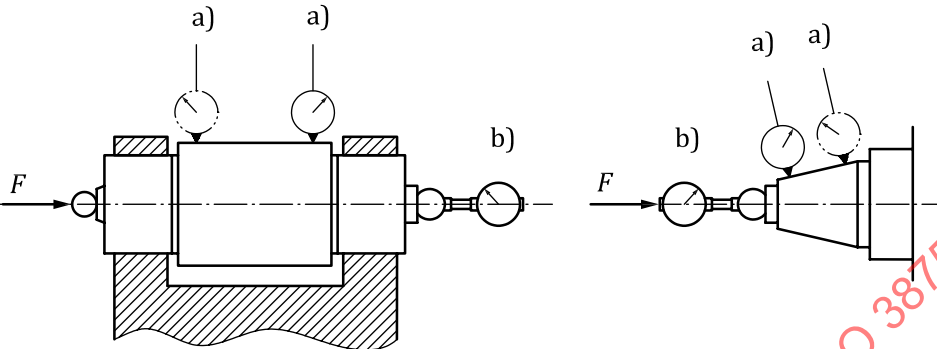
The dressing slide shall be moved at a normal working feed. The measuring length shall be equal to the maximum width of the regulating wheel.

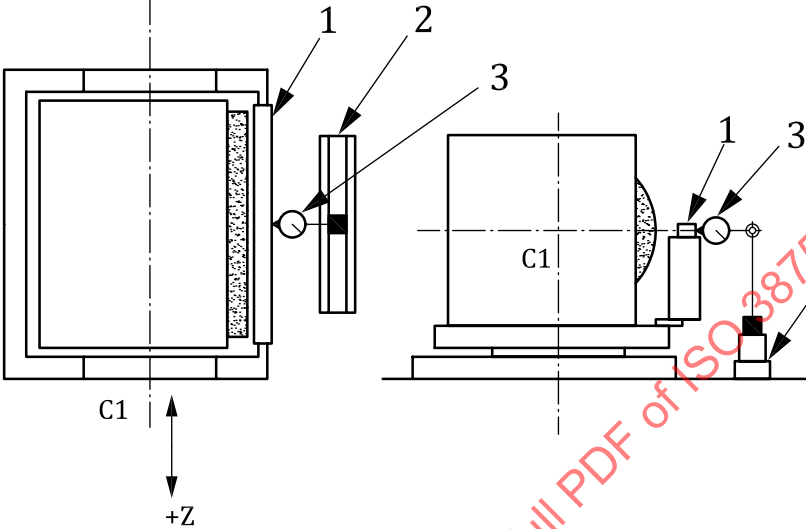
If the machine is provided with a copying mechanism, the copying pin shall be engaged with a normal working pressure (stated by the manufacturer) against the master template.

a) and b) of indicated tolerance relates to the position of the diamond point. The measuring method gives the sum of errors from the movement R of the dressing mechanism.

Object Checking of parallelism of: a) the blade support plane (S) to the grinding wheel axis (C1) in the vertical plane ($E_{A(0C1)S}$); b) the vertical datum face (S') to the grinding wheel axis (C1) in the horizontal plane ($E_{B(0C1)S}$). NOTE Test b) applies only for machines with a fixed blade support, fixed dresser and non-adjustable template.	G3
Diagram 	
Test mandrel with double support bearings	Test mandrel mounted on spindle nose taper cone
Tolerance For a measuring length of 250: a) 0,040 b) 0,025	Measured errors a) b)
Measuring instruments Dial gauge and test mandrel	
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 6.5 and 10.1.3 The dial gauge shall be mounted on the blade support location surfaces, with the stylus contacting the test mandrel.	

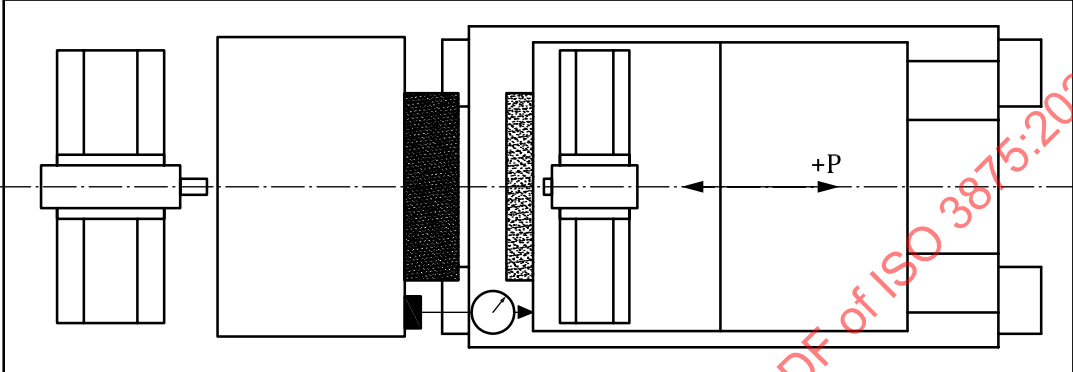
Object Checking of the grinding wheel spindle C1: a) run-out (at the wheel mounting diameter/taper); b) axial error motion.	G4
Diagram 	
Tolerance a) 0,005 for the two locations touched b) 0,008	Measured errors a) b)
Measuring instruments Dial gauge	
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 3.9.7 and 12.5 a) The stylus of the dial gauge shall be set normal to the surface to be checked. The measurement of run-out shall be carried out at both ends of the conical or cylindrical grinding wheel mounting surface. b) The value and the direction of the axial force, F , to be applied shall be specified by the supplier/manufacturer. When preloaded bearings are used, there is no need to apply the force, F .	

Object Checking of the regulating wheel spindle C2:	G5
a) run-out (at the wheel mounting diameter/taper); b) axial error motion.	
Diagram 	
Tolerance a) 0,005 for the two locations touched b) 0,008	Measured errors a) b)
Measuring instruments Dial gauge	
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 3.9.7 and 12.5 a) The stylus of the dial gauge shall be set normal to the surface to be checked. The measurement of run-out shall be carried out at both ends of the conical or cylindrical regulating wheel mounting surface. b) The value and the direction of the axial force, F , to be applied shall be specified by the supplier/manufacturer of the machine. When preloaded bearings are used, there is no need to apply the force, F .	

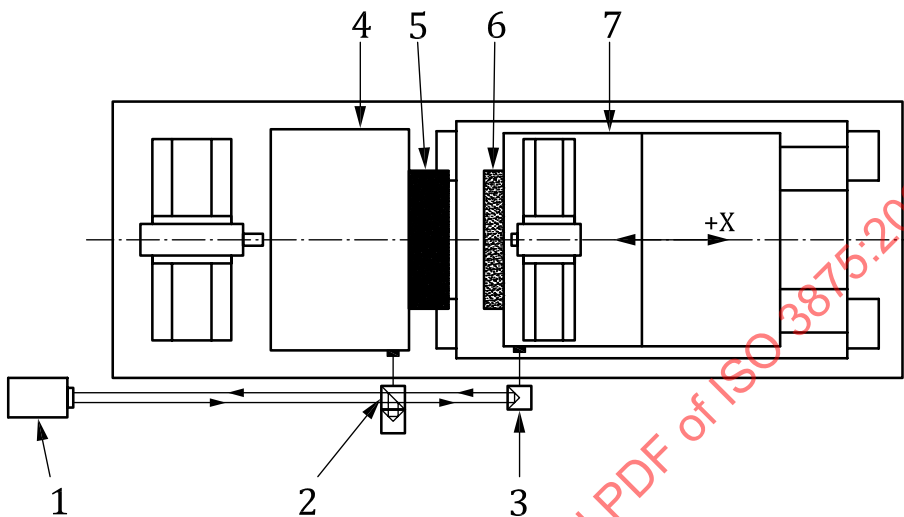
Object Checking of the straightness of the grinding wheel linear motion (Z1) in ZX plane: Straightness in the plane of horizontal direction (E_{xz}). NOTE This test applies only for machine equipped with Z motion of grinding wheel axis.	G6
Diagram  Key 1 straightedge 2 blade support 3 dial gauge	
Tolerance 0,005 for a measuring length of 250	Measured error
Measuring instruments Dial gauge, straightedge	
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 3.4.10 and 8.2.2.1 The stylus of the dial gauge shall be set normal to the straightedge, which is mounted on the Z axis motion slide. The Z axis slide shall be moved at a normal working feed. Measurement of straightness shall be at height of spindle axis C1.	

7 Accuracy and repeatability of positioning

7.1 Positioning of manual or automatic (but not numerically controlled) linear axes

Object Checking of repeatability of the final approach of the wheel head positioning (E_{XP}). NOTE This test applies only to machines equipped for infeed grinding operations.	P1
Diagram 	
Tolerance 0,002	Measured errors
Measuring instruments Dial gauge	
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 3.4.5 Carry out five consecutive tests for the wheel head positioning, the movement being obtained by a fast approach followed by a slow approach. Measurement of positioning shall be made at height of spindle axes C1 and C2. The difference between the maximum and minimum of the five readings shall be recorded.	

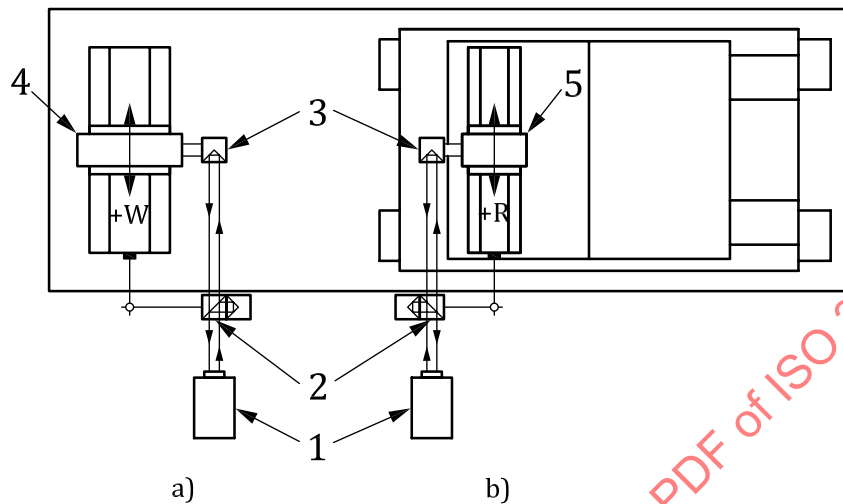
7.2 Positioning of numerically controlled linear axes

Object		P2	
Checking of unidirectional positioning error and repeatability of the X-axis movement of the wheel head by numerical control (E_{XX}).			
Diagram			
			
Key			
1	laser head	5	grinding wheel
2	interferometer	6	regulating wheel
3	retro reflector	7	regulating wheel head
4	grinding wheel head		
Tolerance		Measuring length $L > 200$	Measured errors
Unidirectional positioning error of the axis	$E_{XX,A\uparrow}$	0,016	
Unidirectional systematic positioning error of the axis	$E_{XX,E\uparrow}$	0,008	
Unidirectional positioning repeatability of the axis	$E_{XX,R\uparrow}$	0,004	
Measuring instruments			
Linear scale displacement gauge, laser interferometer, or linear scale			
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 8.3 and ISO 230-2:2014			
Relative measurement between tool positions is required.			
Measurement of positioning shall be made at height of spindle axes C1 and C2.			

Object**P3**

Checking of positioning error and repeatability of:

- a) the W-axis movement of the grinding wheel dresser under numerical control (E_{ZW});
 b) the R-axis movement of the regulating wheel dresser under numerical control (E_{ZR}).

Diagram**Key**

- 1 laser head 3 retro reflector 5 regulating wheel dresser
 2 interferometer 4 grinding wheel dresser

Tolerance		Measuring length L		Measured errors	
		$L \leq 500$	$500 < L < 1\,000$	a)	b)
Bi-directional positioning error of the axis	a) $E_{ZW,A}$ b) $E_{ZR,A}$	0,022	0,025		
Bi-directional systematic positioning error of the axis	a) $E_{ZW,E}$ b) $E_{ZR,E}$	0,016	0,020		
Unidirectional positioning repeatability of the axis	a) $E_{ZW,R\uparrow}$ and $E_{ZW,R\downarrow}$ b) $E_{ZR,R\uparrow}$ and $E_{ZR,R\downarrow}$	0,006	0,010		
Bi-directional positioning repeatability of the axis	a) $E_{ZW,R}$ b) $E_{ZR,R}$	0,010	0,016		
Mean reversal error of the axis	a) $E_{ZW,\bar{B}}$ b) $E_{ZR,\bar{B}}$	0,008	0,010		

Measuring instruments

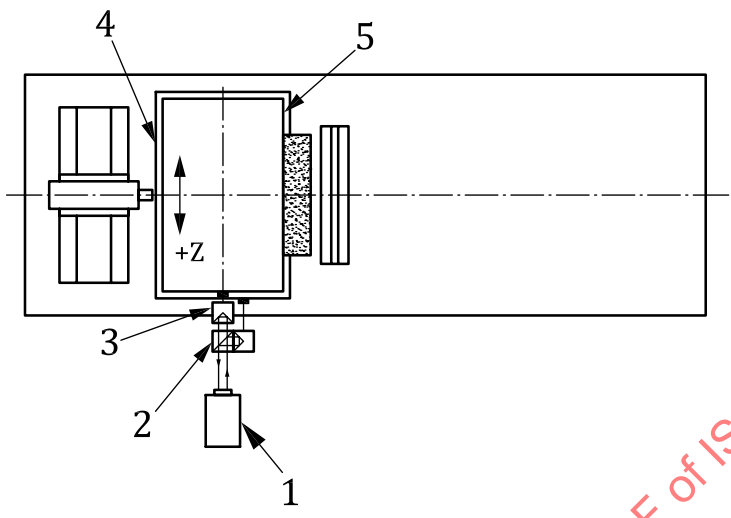
Linear scale or laser interferometer

Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 8.3 and ISO 230-2:2014

The measurements may be done prior to installing in the machine, if the dressing tool movement is the same before and after installation.

Although normally these measurements should be done between the grinding wheel dresser and the grinding wheel a), respectively between the regulating wheel dresser and the regulating wheel b) of the machine due to fixturing difficulties, diagrams show compromise in placing the optics.

Object		P4	
Checking of unidirectional positioning error and repeatability of:			
a) the U-axis movement of the grinding wheel dresser under numerical control (E_{XU});			
b) the V-axis movement of the regulating wheel dresser under numerical control (E_{VV}).			
Diagram			
Key			
1	laser head	4	grinding wheel dresser
2	interferometer	5	regulating wheel dresser
3	retro reflector		
Tolerance		Measuring length $L < 200$	Measured errors
			a) b)
Unidirectional positioning error of the axis	a) $E_{XU,A\uparrow}$ b) $E_{VV,A\uparrow}$	0,016	
Unidirectional systematic positioning error of the axis	a) $E_{XU,E\uparrow}$ b) $E_{VV,E\uparrow}$	0,008	
Unidirectional positioning repeatability of the axis	a) $E_{XU,R\uparrow}$ b) $E_{VV,R\uparrow}$	0,006	
If bi-directional positioning tests are requested, tolerances shall be agreed upon between manufacturer/supplier and user.			
Measuring instruments			
Digital linear gauge, laser interferometer, or standard scale and scale reader			
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 8.3 and ISO 230-2:2014			
Although normally these measurements should be done between the grinding wheel dresser tool and the grinding wheel a), respectively between the regulating wheel dresser tool and the regulating wheel b) of the machine due to fixturing difficulties, diagrams show compromise in placing the optics.			

Object		P5
Checking of unidirectional positioning error and repeatability of the Z-axis movement of the grinding wheel head by numerical control (E_{ZZ}).		
Diagram 		
Key 1 laser head 4 grinding wheel axial slide base 2 interferometer 5 grinding wheel head 3 retro reflector		
Tolerance	Measuring length $L < 500$	Measured errors
Unidirectional positioning error of the axis $E_{ZZ,A\uparrow}$	0,016	
Unidirectional systematic positioning error of the axis $E_{ZZ,E\uparrow}$	0,008	
Unidirectional positioning repeatability of the axis $E_{ZZ,R\uparrow}$	0,004	
Measuring instruments Laser interferometer or linear scale		
Observations and references to ISO 230-1:2012, 8.3 and ISO 230-2:2014 Measurement of positioning shall be made at height of spindle axes C1 and C2. Although normally this measurement should be done between the grinding wheel head and the work-piece, diagram shows compromise in placing optics.		