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- harmonization of the nomenclature with revised standards;
- side notch dimensioning revised.

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Introduction

This document is one of a series of International Standards dealing with piston rings for reciprocating internal combustion engines. Others are ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2, ISO 6623, ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-2, ISO 6624-3, ISO 6624-4, ISO 6625, ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2, ISO 6626-3, and ISO 6627.

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Internal combustion engines — Piston rings —

Part 4:

General specifications

1 Scope

This document specifies the general characteristics of piston rings for reciprocating internal combustion engines for road vehicles and other applications (the individual dimensional criteria for these rings are given in the relevant International Standards). It also provides a system for ring coding, designation, and marking. It is applicable to all such rings of a nominal diameter from 30 mm up to and including 200 mm.

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 6507-3, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks*

ISO 6621-1, *Internal combustion engines — Piston rings — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 6621-2, *Internal combustion engines — Piston rings — Part 2: Inspection measuring principles*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6621-1 apply.

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

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

4 Piston ring codes

Codes used for piston rings shall be as given in [Table 1](#), corresponding to their explanatory descriptions.

Table 1 — Codes and descriptions in alphabetical order

Code	Description	Relevant International Standard
B	Symmetrical barrel-faced rectangular ring	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2
BA	Asymmetrical barrel-faced rectangular ring	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2
CR1E ... CR2E	Peripheral surface chromium plated semi-inlaid design	ISO 6621-4
CR1F ... CR2F	Peripheral surface chromium plated inlaid design	ISO 6621-4
^a Material mark (for alternative materials) at the discretion of the manufacturer.		
^b Any other additional marking on customer's request, which shall be quoted clearly in the order, shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and customer.		

Table 1 (continued)

Code	Description	Relevant International Standard
CRF ... CR4	Peripheral surface chromium plated fully-faced design	ISO 6621-4
CRS5 ... CRS10	Chromium plating thickness for side faces	ISO 6621-4
CSN, CSG, CSE	Type of coil spring	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
D	Bevelled edge oil control ring	ISO 6625
D/22	Radial wall thickness for “ $d_1/22$ ”	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6623
DSF	Coil-spring loaded bevelled edge oil control ring	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
DSF-C	Coil-spring loaded bevelled edge oil control ring, chromium plated, and profile ground	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
DSF-CNP	Coil-spring loaded bevelled edge oil control ring, chromium plated, not profile ground	ISO 6626-1
DSF-NG	Coil-spring loaded bevelled edge oil control ring (face geometry like type DSF-C or DSF-CNP)	ISO 6626-1
DV	Bevelled edge V-groove oil control ring	ISO 6625
E	Scraper ring (stepped)	ISO 6623
EM2 ... EM4	Scraper ring (stepped), taper-faced	ISO 6623
ES1 ... ES3	Expander/rail oil control rings	ISO 6627
FE	Ferro-oxidized on all sides	ISO 6621-4
G	Double bevelled oil control ring	ISO 6625
GSF	Coil-spring loaded double bevelled oil control ring	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
HK	Straight faced half keystone ring 7°	ISO 6624-2, ISO 6624-4
HKB	Symmetrical barrel-faced half keystone ring 7°	ISO 6624-2, ISO 6624-4
HKBA	Asymmetrical barrel-faced half keystone ring 7°	ISO 6624-2, ISO 6624-4
IF	Internal bevel top side	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2, ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
IFU	Internal bevel bottom side	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2
IFV	Variable internal bevel on the top side	ISO 6622-1
IFVU	Variable internal bevel on the bottom side	ISO 6622-1
IW	Internal step top side	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6624-1
IWU	Internal step bottom side	ISO 6622-1
K	Straight-faced keystone ring 15°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
KA	Outside chamfered edges	ISO 6622-1
KB	Symmetrical barrel-faced keystone ring 15°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
KBA	Asymmetrical barrel-faced keystone ring 15°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
KG	Reduced size of peripheral edges at the gap of chromium plated/spray coated/nitride/PVD coated rings	ISO 6621-4
KI	Inside chamfered edges	ISO 6622-1
KM1 ... KM5	Taper-faced keystone ring 15°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
KU	Reduced peripheral bottom edge chromium plated fully faced design	ISO 6621-4
LF	Uncoated ring peripheral surface or uncoated land peripheral surface, fully lapped	ISO 6621-4
LM	Taper-faced piston ring with partly cylindrical machined peripheral surface	ISO 6621-4

^a Material mark (for alternative materials) at the discretion of the manufacturer.

^b Any other additional marking on customer's request, which shall be quoted clearly in the order, shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and customer.

Table 1 (continued)

Code	Description	Relevant International Standard
LP	Taper-faced piston ring with lapped land over the whole circumference but not over the whole width of the peripheral surface	ISO 6621-4
M1 ...M6	Taper-faced rectangular ring	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2
MC11 ... MC69	Material subclasses	ISO 6621-3
MM	Manufacturer's mark	ISO 6621-4
MR	Reduced ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ for reduced load	ISO 6621-4
MU	Any other additional mark ^b	ISO 6621-4
MX	Material mark ^a	ISO 6621-4
MY	Mark for required ring shape "negative ovality"	ISO 6621-4
MZ	Mark for required ring shape "round"	ISO 6621-4
N	Napier ring (undercut step)	ISO 6623
NB030 ... NB130	Nitride surface, case depth specified on peripheral surface and bottom side	ISO 6621-4
NE1 ... NE3	Ring joint with lateral stop	ISO 6621-4
NH1 ... NH3	Ring joint with internal stop	ISO 6621-4
NM2 ... NM4	Napier ring (undercut step), taper-faced	ISO 6623
NP030 ... NP130	Nitride surface, case depth specified on peripheral surface only	ISO 6621-4
NS 010 ... NS 050	Nitride surface, case depth on rails	ISO 6627
NT010 ... NT130	Nitride surface, case depth specified on peripheral surface and side faces	ISO 6621-4, ISO 6626-3
NX003 ... NX025	Nitride surface of expanders	ISO 6627
PC001...PC050	Physical vapour deposition coating (PVD) thickness	ISO 6621-4
PN 0.5...PN 2.5	Nominal unit pressure classes	ISO 6626-3
PNE, PNL, PNR, PNM, PNH, PNV	Classes of nominal unit pressure	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2, ISO 6627
PO	Phosphated on all sides (max. value specified)	ISO 6621-4
PR	Phosphated on all sides (minimum value specified)	ISO 6621-4
R	Straight-faced rectangular ring	ISO 6622-1, ISO 6622-2
RU	Napier or scraper ring with reduced undercut or step (mini napier/stepped)	ISO 6623
S	Slotted oil control ring	ISO 6625
S005 ... S100	Closed gap (minimum values)	ISO 6621-4
SC1 ... SC4	Peripheral surface spray coated fully faced design	ISO 6621-4
SC1E ... SC4E	Peripheral surface spray coated semi-inlaid design	ISO 6621-4
SC1F ... SC4F	Peripheral surface spray coated inlaid design	ISO 6621-4
SOR-L	Steel oil control ring with R-shaped groove (radial wall thickness large)	ISO 6626-3
SOR-S	Steel oil control ring with R-shaped groove (radial wall thickness small)	ISO 6626-3
SOV-L	Steel oil control ring with V-shaped groove (radial wall thickness large)	ISO 6626-3

^a Material mark (for alternative materials) at the discretion of the manufacturer.

^b Any other additional marking on customer's request, which shall be quoted clearly in the order, shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and customer.

Table 1 (continued)

Code	Description	Relevant International Standard
SOV-S	Steel oil control ring with V-shaped groove (radial wall thickness small)	ISO 6626-3
SSF	Coil-spring loaded slotted oil control ring with rectangular groove	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
SSF-L	Coil-spring loaded slotted oil control ring with rectangular groove at periphery and V-shaped groove beneath	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
T	Straight-faced keystone ring 6°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
TB	Symmetrical barrel-faced keystone ring 6°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
TBA	Asymmetrical barrel-faced keystone ring 6°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
TM1 ... TM5	Taper-faced keystone ring 6°	ISO 6624-1, ISO 6624-3
TT00 ... TT30	Seating tab angle θ	ISO 6627
WF	Reduced heat set	ISO 6621-5, ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
WK	Reduced slot length	ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2
Y	Ring shape negative ovality	ISO 6621-4
Z	Ring shape round	ISO 6621-4
^a Material mark (for alternative materials) at the discretion of the manufacturer. ^b Any other additional marking on customer's request, which shall be quoted clearly in the order, shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and customer.		

5 Designation of piston rings

5.1 Designation elements and order

5.1.1 General

When designating piston rings complying with the relevant International Standards, the following details shall be provided in the order given, using the codes according to [Table 1](#).

5.1.2 Mandatory elements

The following mandatory elements shall constitute the designation of a piston ring:

- designation (i.e. piston ring);
- number of International Standard;
- type of piston ring (e.g. R);
- hyphen;
- size of piston ring, $d_1 \times h_1$;
- radial wall thickness “regular” without code;
- code D/22 if the selected wall thickness, in accordance with ISO 6622-1 and ISO 6623, is $d_1/22$;
- hyphen;
- material code (e.g. MC11).

5.1.3 Measurement principles

Measurements shall be made according to ISO 6621-2.

5.1.4 Additional elements

The following optional elements may be added to the designation of a piston ring and, if so added, shall be positioned on a second line beneath or separated by a slash (/) from the mandatory elements given in 5.1.2:

- reduced ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$, MR;
- ring shape (e.g. Z);
- selected nominal closed gap if it differs from the closed gap specified in the dimension tables (e.g. S05);
- the selected coating (e.g. CR3);
- uncoated rings with fully lapped peripheral surface [e.g. for LF taper faced rings with partly cylindrical peripheral surface, LM (machined), or LP (lapped)];
- selected surface treatment (e.g. PO);
- selected inside edge feature (e.g. KI);
- inside step of bevel (e.g. IWU);
- selected notch to prevent ring rotation (e.g. NH1);
- reduced slot length, if required (e.g. WK);
- coil spring with reduced heat set, if required (e.g. WF);
- selected type of coil spring (e.g. CSG);
- selected pressure class (e.g. PNM).

5.1.5 Elements for additional marking

Any additional marking shall be the following with the additional elements of 5.1.3:

- manufacturer's mark, if required (e.g. MM);
- marking of required ring shape (MY or MZ);
- material, MX (see Table 1, footnote a);
- code for any other marking, MU (see Table 1, footnote b).

5.2 Designation examples

5.2.1 Designation example of a piston ring in accordance with ISO 6622-1

For a straight-faced rectangular ring (R) of nominal diameter $d_1 = 90$ mm (90) and nominal ring width $h_1 = 2,5$ mm (2,5), made of grey cast iron, non-heat-treated material subclass 11 (MC11):

Piston ring ISO 6622-1 R - 90 × 2,5 - MC11

Parameters in parentheses are used in the ISO ring designation.

5.2.2 Designation example of a piston ring in accordance with ISO 6624-1

For a keystone ring 6°, taper-faced 60' (TM3) of nominal diameter $d_1 = 105$ mm (105) and nominal ring width $h_1 = 2,5$ mm (2,5) made of spheroidal graphite cast iron, martensitic type, material subclass 51 (MC51), ring

shape round (Z) with a selected closed gap of 0,3 mm (S030), inside edges chamfered (KI), and peripheral surface chromium plated, with plating thickness 0,1 mm minimum (CR2):

Piston ring ISO 6624-1 TM3 – 105 × 2,5 – MC51 / Z S030 KI CR2

Parameters in parentheses are used in the ISO ring designation.

5.2.3 Designation example of a piston ring in accordance with ISO 6626-1

For a coil-spring loaded, bevelled edge oil control ring, chromium plated and profile ground (DSF-C), with nominal diameter $d_1 = 125$ mm (125) and nominal ring width $h_1 = 5$ mm (5) made of grey cast iron, not heat-treated, material subclass 11 (MC11) with a selected closed gap of 0,2 mm (S020) having a chromium plating thickness on the lands of 0,15 mm minimum (CR3), phosphated on all cast iron surfaces to a depth of 0,002 mm minimum (PO) with reduced slot length (WK), a coil-spring with reduced heat set (WF) having a variable pitch with coil diameter, d_7 ground (CSE), tangential force, F_t , according to the medium nominal unit pressure class (PNM) marked with manufacturer's mark (MM):

Piston ring ISO 6626-1 DSF-C – 125 × 5 – MC11 / S020 CR3 PO WK WF CSE PNM MM

Parameters in parentheses are used in the ISO ring designation.

6 Designation of piston rings

6.1 General

The requirements and recommendations for piston ring marking according to 6.2 and 6.3 apply to piston rings of 1,6 mm radial wall thickness and above. Marking of piston rings of less than 1,6 mm is at the discretion of the manufacturer.

6.2 Mandatory topside identification marking

All rings requiring orientation shall be marked to indicate the top side only (i.e. the side nearest the combustion chamber).

In the absence of any other mark agreed upon between manufacturer and customer, the mark “TOP” should be used.

Marking of the top side applies to all the following types of rings:

- taper-faced rings;
- asymmetrical barrel-faced rings;
- rings with reduced peripheral bottom edge;
- internally bevelled or stepped rings;
- semi-inlaid rings;
- scraper rings;
- half keystone rings;
- ring joint with side notch;
- directional oil control rings.

All such rings requiring marking are specified in the relevant International Standards (see [Clause 2](#) and Bibliography).

6.3 Additional marking

Additional marking of piston rings is optional or at the customer's request. Such additional marking may comprise the following:

- manufacturer's mark;
- mark for required ring shape;
- oversize rings;
- material mark (for alternative materials);
- any other additional mark agreed upon between manufacturer and customer.

Colour marking on the running surface is in common use. Colour marking may be used to identify the following:

- assembling orientation;
- groove assignment;
- oversize diameters;
- supplier identification;
- engine identification.

The choice of colour and acceptance conditions may be agreed upon between the ring manufacturer and customer.

7 General characteristics

7.1 Ring shape

Degrees of ovality only apply to rectangular rings,^{[1][2]} scraper rings^[3] and keystone rings.^{[4][5][6][7]} The following are forms of ovality:

- positive ovality, without code;
- round, Code Z;
- negative ovality, Code Y.

Values are given in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Ovality

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal diameter d_1	Positive ovality	Round ^a Code: Z	Negative ovality ^b Code: Y
$30 \leq d_1 < 60$	0 ... +0,60	-0,30 ... +0,30	-0,60 ... 0
$60 \leq d_1 < 100$	+0,05 ... +0,85	-0,35 ... +0,35	-0,70 ... 0
$100 \leq d_1 < 150$	+0,10 ... +1,10	-0,45 ... +0,45	-0,95 ... -0,05
$150 \leq d_1 \leq 200$	+0,15 ... +1,35	-0,50 ... +0,50	-1,10 ... -0,10
^a For taper-faced coated and uncoated rings with lapped land, the recommended ring shape is round.			
^b Not applicable for material Class 10 of ISO 6621-3.			

7.2 Light tightness

At least 90 % of the circumference of the piston ring peripheral surface shall be light-tight.

At least 95 % of the circumference on the peripheral surface of a taper-faced ring with plated/coated or nitride and ground peripheral surface shall be light-tight.

100 % of the circumference on the peripheral surface of the following piston ring designs shall be light-tight:

- piston rings with machined land over the whole circumference of the peripheral surface;
- taper-faced piston rings with machined land over the whole circumference of the peripheral surface.

In the case of piston rings with a treated surface, the light-tightness is normally measured prior to surface treatment. When it is checked after treatment, rotation of the ring in the gauge will be required. In the case of rings with negative point deflection, visible light is permitted at the butt ends but should be confined to the angle θ as defined in ISO 6621-2.

7.3 Closed gap

Whenever the selected closed gap differs from that given in the dimensional tables of the relevant International Standard, [Table 3](#) shall apply, and the tolerances shall remain the same.

Table 3 — Closed gap

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	S005	S010	S015	S020	S025	S030	S035	S040	S045	S050	S055	S060	S070	S080	S090	S100
Closed gap	0,05	0,10	0,15	0,20	0,25	0,30	0,35	0,40	0,45	0,50	0,55	0,60	0,70	0,80	0,90	1,00
Code	S105	S110	S115	S120	S125	S130	S135	S140	S145	S150	S155	S160	S170	S180	S190	S200
Closed gap	1,05	1,10	1,15	1,20	1,25	1,30	1,35	1,40	1,45	1,50	1,55	1,60	1,70	1,80	1,90	2,00

7.4 Tangential force, F_t , and diametral force, F_d , of single piece piston rings

NOTE The individual types of piston rings are given in Reference [1] to Reference [8]. The definitions of F_t and F_d are given in ISO 6621-2.

7.4.1 Calculation of F_t and F_d values in dimension tables of dimensional standards

The tangential and diametral forces of piston rings are tabulated in the dimension tables of the dimensional standards.

The values are calculated for the following:

- basic feature of each piston ring type;
- nominal radial wall thickness a_1 , and mean ring width h_1 or h_3 ;
- piston rings made of cast iron with a modulus of elasticity of 100 GN/m² (100 GN/m² = 100 000 MPa = 100 000 N/mm²);
- piston rings made of steel with a modulus of elasticity of 210 GN/m²;
- ratio of total free gap to nominal diameter $[m/(d_1 - a_1)]$, according to [Table 4](#).

NOTE The calculation of tangential forces and diametral forces of rectangular rings made of steel (ISO 6622-2) is based on a theoretical contact pressure of $0,16 \pm 0,01$ N/mm². The calculation of tangential forces and diametral forces of keystone rings (ISO 6624-3) and half keystone rings (ISO 6624-4) made of steel is based on the same ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ used for rectangular rings (ISO 6622-2). The ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ for rings made of steel is quite different from the values given in [Table 5](#) for rings made of cast iron and depends on the nominal diameter and the special radial wall thickness. This radial wall thickness is not in a constant ratio to nominal diameter because there are steps of wall thickness which belong to a range of nominal diameters (e.g. $a_1 = 2,1$ mm for $d_1 = 57 \dots 61$ mm).

7.4.2 Correction of F_t and F_d values

7.4.2.1 General

The F_t and F_d values shall be corrected whenever the following are being used:

- a) additional features such as rings with:
 - coated peripheral surface, and/or
 - inside chamfered edges, and/or
 - outside chamfered edges, and/or
 - taper, and/or
 - internal step or internal bevel;
- b) piston ring materials with a modulus of elasticity other than 100 GN/m²;
- c) ratio of total free gap to nominal diameter $[m/(d_1 - a_1)]$ other than that given in [Table 4](#).

The values for the regular ratio of free gap to nominal diameter $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ regular are given in [Table 4](#).

Table 4 — Regular ratio of total free gap to nominal diameter

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal diameter d_1	$m/(d_1 - a_1)$	
	Cast iron	Steel ^a
$30 \leq d_1 < 60$	0,15	0,10 ... 0,14
$60 \leq d_1 < 100$		
$100 \leq d_1 < 160$	0,17 to 0,000 2 d_1	0,11 ... 0,13
$160 \leq d_1 \leq 200$		
^a Variation of $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ depends on contact pressure and radial wall thickness.		

7.4.2.2 Multiplier factors for common features

For common features, the necessary multiplier correction factors are tabulated in the dimensional standards Reference [1] to Reference [8], under "Force factors".

7.4.2.3 Multiplier force correction factors for materials

For materials specified in ISO 6621-3, the force correction factors given in [Table 5](#) should be used.

Table 5 — Material force correction factors f_c for rings made of cast iron

Material class	Material force correction factor, f_c
10	0,9 to 1 ^a
20	1,1 to 1,3 ^a
30	1,45
40	1,6
50	1,6
^a Force correction factors, f_c , for material depend on the modulus of elasticity in the manufacturer's material specification: $f_c = \frac{E}{100}$ where E is the modulus of elasticity, expressed in GN/m ² .	

7.4.2.4 Multiplier force correction factors for ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$

Piston rings made of materials in Class 30 to Class 50 increase the tangential force and diametral force in relationship to the modulus of elasticity (see [Table 5](#)) when ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ regular is used.

For limitation of such increased forces, it is common to use reduced values of $m/(d_1 - a_1)$. See [Table 6](#) for the recommended correction factors $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ regular and $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ reduced.

Table 6 — Force correction factors for ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ for rings made of cast iron

Material class	Factor	
	$m/(d_1 - a_1)$ regular	$m/(d_1 - a_1)$ reduced Code: MR
10	1	—
20	1	—
30	1	0,825
40	1	0,75
50	1	0,75
For the calculation of the real force correction values, the correction factor for the material given in Table 5 shall be applied first, and then the correction factor of Table 6 shall be applied.		

7.4.3 Examples for correction of F_t and F_d **7.4.3.1 First example — Selected piston ring type: ISO 6622-1 B - 95 × 2,5 - MC53 / MR CR2 IW****7.4.3.1.1 Multiplying factors**

- 1,6 for material Subclass 53
- 0,75 for ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ reduced
- 0,88 for peripheral surface chromium plated CR2
- 0,78 for internal step IW

7.4.3.1.2 Calculation

Total force correction factors: $1,6 \times 0,75 \times 0,88 \times 0,78 = 0,824$.

Basic values F_t and F_d according to ISO 6622-1: $F_t = 18,5$ N and $F_d = 39,8$ N.

Corrected values: $F_t = 0,824 \times 18,5$ N ± 20 % and $F_d = 0,824 \times 39,8$ N ± 20 %;

$$F_t = 15,2 \text{ N} \pm 20 \% \text{ and } F_d = 32,8 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%;$$

$$F_t = 12,2 \text{ N} \dots 18,2 \text{ N} \text{ and } F_d = 26,2 \text{ N} \dots 39,4 \text{ N}.$$

7.4.3.2 Second example — Selected piston ring type: ISO 6623 N – 70 × 2 D22 – MC24 / SC2F

7.4.3.2.1 Multiplying factors

- 1,15 for material subclass 24
- 1 for ratio $m/(d_1 - a_1)$ regular
- 0,9 for peripheral surface spray coated SC2F (inlaid type)

7.4.3.2.2 Calculation

Total force correction factor: $1,15 \times 1 \times 0,9 = 1,035$.

Basic values F_t and F_d according to ISO 6623: $F_t = 9,3 \text{ N}$ and $F_d = 20,0 \text{ N}$.

Corrected values: $F_t = 1,035 \text{ N} \times 9,3 \text{ N} \pm 30 \%$ and $F_d = 1,035 \text{ N} \times 20,0 \text{ N} \pm 30 \%$.

$$F_t = 9,6 \text{ N} \pm 30 \% \text{ and } F_d = 20,7 \text{ N} \pm 30 \%;$$

$$F_t = 6,7 \text{ N} \dots 12,5 \text{ N} \text{ and } F_d = 14,5 \text{ N} \dots 26,9 \text{ N}.$$

7.4.3.3 Third example — Selected piston ring type: ISO 6624-1 KB – 140 × 4 – MC42 / SC4 KI

7.4.3.3.1 Multiplying factors

- 1,6 for material subclass 42
- 0,85 for peripheral surface spray coated SC4 (fully faced type)
- 0,96 for inside chamfered edges KI

7.4.3.3.2 Calculation

Total force correction factor: $1,6 \times 0,85 \times 0,96 = 1,306$.

Basic values F_t and F_d according to ISO 6624-1: $F_t = 29,3 \text{ N}$ and $F_d = 63 \text{ N}$.

Corrected values: $F_t = 1,306 \times 29,3 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$ and $F_d = 1,306 \times 63 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$;

$$F_t = 38,3 \text{ N} \pm 20 \% \text{ and } F_d = 82,3 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%;$$

$$F_t = 30,6 \text{ N} \dots 46,0 \text{ N} \text{ and } F_d = 65,8 \text{ N} \dots 98,8 \text{ N}.$$

7.4.3.4 Fourth example — Selected piston ring type: ISO 6625 G – 120 × 5 – MC11 / KI

7.4.3.4.1 Multiplying factors

- 0,9 for material subclass 11
- 0,98 for inside chamfered edges, KI

7.4.3.4.2 Calculation

Total force correction factor: $0,9 \times 0,98 = 0,882$.

Basic values F_t and F_d according to ISO 6625: $F_t = 24,7 \text{ N}$ and $F_d = 53,1 \text{ N}$.

Corrected values: $F_t = 0,882 \times 24,7 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$ and $F_d = 0,882 \times 53,1 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$;

$$F_t = 21,8 \text{ N} \pm 20 \% \text{ and } F_d = 46,8 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%;$$

$$F_t = 17,4 \text{ N} \dots 26,2 \text{ N} \text{ and } F_d = 37,4 \text{ N} \dots 56,2 \text{ N}.$$

7.5 Tangential force F_t of multipiece oil control rings as specified in ISO 6626-1, ISO 6626-2, and ISO 6626-3

7.5.1 General

The tangential force of a coil spring loaded oil control ring depends on the following:

- piston ring type;
- class of nominal unit pressure;
- specific tangential force F_{tc} for unit contact pressure of forces, tabulated in ISO 6626-1 and ISO 6626-2.

NOTE The formula for calculating the actual tangential force is also given in ISO 6626-1 and ISO 6626-2.

7.5.2 Rounding of values

Actual values of tangential force should be rounded up or down as follows:

- $F_t < 50 \text{ N}$, to the nearest 0,5 N;
- $F_t > 50 \text{ N}$, to the nearest 1 N, where 0,5 N is rounded up.

7.5.3 Examples for calculating tangential force F_t

7.5.3.1 First example — Selected piston ring type: ISO 6626-1 DSF-C – 101 × 4 – MC11/CR1 CSG PNM

7.5.3.1.1 Pressure class and specific tangential force

Class of nominal unit pressure: PNM = 1,49 N/mm².

Specific tangential force for unit contact pressure of 1 N/mm²: $F_{tc} = 40,4 \text{ N}$.

7.5.3.1.2 Calculation

Tangential force: $F_t = 1,49 \text{ N} \times 40,4 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$;

$$F_t = 60,2 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%;$$

$$F_t = 48 \text{ N} \dots 72 \text{ N}.$$

7.5.3.2 Second example — Selected type of piston ring: ISO 6626-1 SSF – 175 × 6 – MC11/CSG PNL

7.5.3.2.1 Pressure class and specific tangential force

Class of nominal unit pressure: PNL = 0,59 N/mm².

Specific tangential force for unit contact pressure of 1 N/mm²: $F_{tc} = 192,5 \text{ N}$.

7.5.3.2.2 Calculation

Tangential force: $F_t = 0,59 \times 192,5 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$;

$$F_t = 113,6 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%;$$

$$F_t = 91 \text{ N} \dots 136 \text{ N}.$$

7.6 Tangential force F_t of expander/rail oil control rings as specified in ISO 6627

7.6.1 General

The tangential force of an expander/rail oil control ring depends on the following:

- nominal unit pressure, p_o ;
- rail width h_{12} ;
- specific tangential force F_{tc} for a unit contact pressure of 1 N/mm^2 .

The values for nominal unit pressure and specific tangential forces are tabulated in ISO 6627.

7.6.2 Example for calculating the tangential force F_t — Selected type of piston ring: ISO 6627 -ES3 - 85 × 3 - MC67 MC68/CR1 PNH

7.6.2.1 Pressure class and specific tangential force

Class of nominal unit pressure: $p_o = 1,2 \text{ N/mm}^2$; multiplying factor = 1,2.

Specific tangential force F_{tc} for unit contact pressure of $p_{ou} = 1 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and rail width 0,45 (e.g. $F_{tc} = 38,3 \text{ N}$).

7.6.2.2 Calculation

Tangential force: $F_t = 1,2 \times 38,3 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%$;

$$F_t = 46,0 \text{ N} \pm 20 \%;$$

$$F_t = 36,8 \text{ N} \dots 55,2 \text{ N}.$$

8 Notches for preventing ring rotation

8.1 Ring joint with internal notch (only for compression rings as specified in ISO 6622 and ISO 6624)

See [Figure 1](#), [Figure 2](#), [Table 7](#), and [Table 8](#).

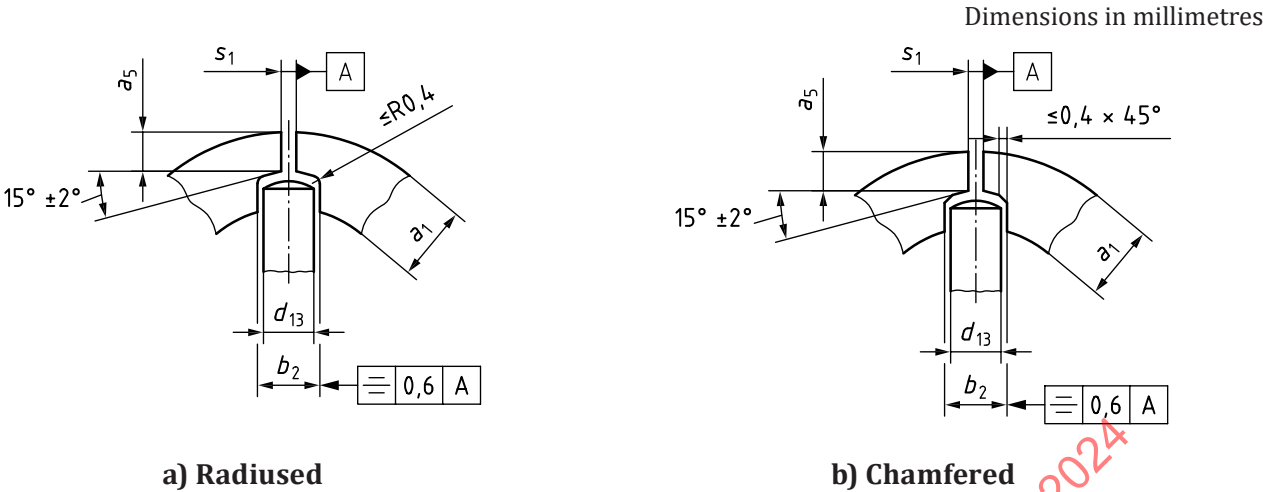


Figure 1 — Internal notch

Table 7 — Dimensions of internal notch

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Pin diameter d_{13}	Notch ^a			
		b_2	tol.	r_6^b	tol.
NH1	1,5	2	$\begin{matrix} +0,2 \\ -0,1 \end{matrix}$	0,8	$\pm 0,1$
NH2	2	2,5		0,9	
NH3	2,5	3		1	

^a $b_2 - d_{13} > s_1$ nom.

^b r_6 applies only to notch design according to [Figure 2](#).

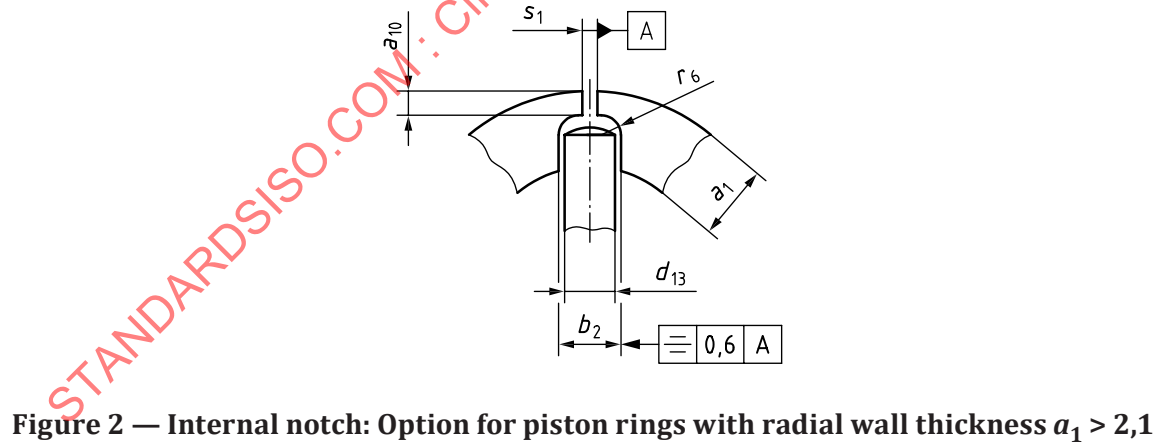


Table 8 — Width of overlap a_5 and optional a_{10} for internal notch

Dimensions in millimetres

Radial wall thickness a_1	Overlap			
	a_5	tol.	a_{10}	tol.
$1,5 \leq a_1 < 2,1$	0,6	$\pm 0,1$	—	$\pm 0,1$
$2,1 \leq a_1 < 2,7$	0,7		0,6	
$2,7 \leq a_1 < 3,1$	1		0,7	
$3,1 \leq a_1 < 3,5$	1,2		0,8	
$3,5 \leq a_1 < 3,9$	1,4		0,9	
$3,9 \leq a_1 < 4,1$	1,6		1	

8.2 Ring joint with side notch (only for compression rings as specified in ISO 6622)

See Figure 3 and Table 9.

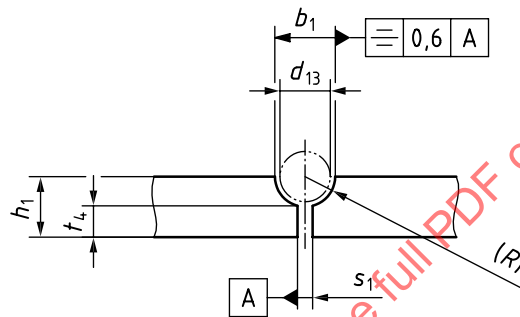


Figure 3 — Side notch

Table 9 — Dimensions of side notch

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Ring width	Pin diameter	Notch ^a			
	h_1		b_1	tol.	t_4	tol.
NE1	1,2 ^b	1,5	2	$+0,2$ $-0,1$	0,5	0 $-0,15$
	1,5				0,7	
	1,75				0,95	
	2				1,2	
	2,5				1,7	
NE2	1,5	2	2,3		0,7	
	2		2,5		0,9	
	2,5		2,5		1,4	
	3		2,5		1,9	
NE3	2,5	2,5	3		1	
	3	2,5	3		1,5	

^a $b_1 - d_{13} > s_1$ nom.

^b Not applicable for material Class 10 according to ISO 6621-3.

9 Machining of surfaces

9.1 Peripheral surfaces

Standard machined: no code required. See [Table 10](#).

Table 10 — Standard machined peripheral surfaces

Ring Type	Ring description	Standard machining methods of peripheral surfaces
All Types	All unplated/uncoated rings made of cast iron	Fine turned
R; B; BA; N; E; T; TB; TBA; K; KB; KBA; HK; HKB; HKBA	Plated/spray/PVD coated peripheral surface Straight or barrel-faced On rectangular, napier/scrapper, or keystone rings Made of cast iron or steel	Machined (i.e. ground, lapped, or polished) over full face
R; B; BA; T; TB; TBA; K; KB; KBA; HK; HKB; HKBA	Nitride peripheral surface on straight or barrel-faced rectangular or keystone rings made of steel	Machined (i.e. ground, lapped, or polished) over full face
M; NM; EM; TM; KM	Plated/spray coated or nitride peripheral surface on taper-faced rings made of cast iron or steel	Witness machined (i.e. ground, lapped, or polished) on part of the width of the peripheral surface only
ES1; ES2; ES3	Plated, nitride or PVD peripheral surfaces on rails for expander/rail oil control rings made of steel	Machined (= lapped) over part of the width Or machined (= polished) over full face of the peripheral surface
DSF-C; DSF-CNP	Plated lands on oil control rings made of cast iron or steel	Machined (i.e. ground, lapped, or polished) over full face
SOV; SOR	Plated, nitride or PVD peripheral surfaces on oil control rings made of steel	
NOTE Roughness values and measurement method can be agreed upon between the manufacturer and customer as there is no standard method available which is applicable in all cases.		

9.2 Side faces

The standard method of machining is by grinding of side faces: no code required.

The standard side face finish is R_z 4 or R_a 0,8, and for steel nitride, R_z 3,2 or R_a 0,6

In the case of piston rings with treated surfaces (FE, PO, PR), the roughness shall be measured before surface treatment.

Rails for expander/rail oil control rings made of steel are without machining.

9.3 Other surfaces

See [Table 11](#).

Table 11 — Standard machined other surfaces

Surface description	Standard machining methods
Inside surface: rings made of cast iron rings made of steel	Turned Without machining
Gap faces	Ground or milled
Oil control rings OD profile	Turned or ground
Coil-spring	Ground or without machining
Expander	Without machining
Other surfaces	Turned, ground, or milled
NOTE Roughness values and measurement method can be agreed upon between the manufacturer and customer as there is no standard method available which is applicable in all cases.	

10 Plated, coated, and treated surfaces

10.1 Chromium plating on peripheral and side surfaces

10.1.1 General

Codes are required for chromium plated surfaces as specified in the dimensional standards.

10.1.2 Chromium plating thickness

See [Table 12](#).

Table 12 — Chromium plating thickness

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Thickness min	Tolerance guideline ^a	
		$d_1 < 160$	$160 \leq d_1 \leq 200$
CRF	0,005	—	—
CR1/CR1E/CR1F	0,05	$\begin{matrix} +0,15 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} +0,2 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$
CR2/CR2E/CR2F	0,1		
CR3	0,15		
CR4	0,2		

^a Usually, a minimum specification does not call for tolerances. If a tolerance is required on the plating thickness, this guideline is recommended.

10.1.3 Chromium plated rings of fully faced design

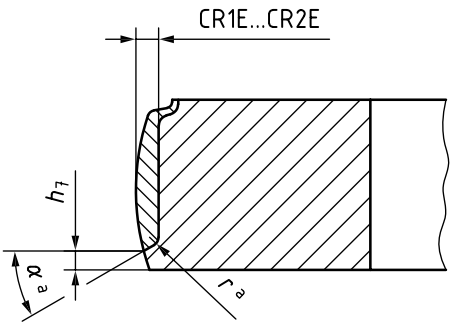
Code: CRF ... CR4.

Piston rings with plated peripheral surfaces are normally designed fully faced.

10.1.4 Chromium plated rings of semi-inlaid design

Code: CR1E ... CR2E.

See [Figure 4](#) and [Table 13](#).



a At the manufacturer’s discretion.

Figure 4 — Chromium plated ring semi-inlaid design

Table 13 — Land dimensions h_7 of peripheral edges for chromium plated rings semi-inlaid

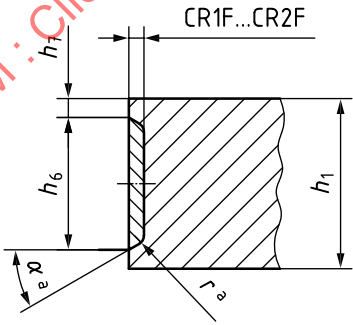
Dimensions in millimetres

Ring width h_1	Land dimension h_7	
	MC 10, 20, 30	MC 40, 50, 60
≤ 2	0,15 ... 0,45	0,1 ... 0,4
$2 < h_1 < 3,5$	0,15 ... 0,5	0,1 ... 0,45
$3,5 \leq h_1 \leq 4,5$	0,15 ... 0,55	0,1 ... 0,5

10.1.5 Chromium plated rings of inlaid design

Code: CR1F ... CR2F.

See [Figure 5](#) and [Table 14](#).



a At the manufacturer’s discretion.

Figure 5 — Chromium plated ring inlaid design

Table 14 — Dimensions of groove and land of peripheral edges for chromium plated rings

Dimensions in millimetres

Ring width h_1	Groove dimension h_6 min.	Land dimension h_7	
		MC 10, 20, 30	MC 40, 50, 60
2	1,3	0,15 ... 0,45	0,1 ... 0,4
2,5	1,7	0,15 ... 0,5	0,1 ... 0,45
3	2,2		
3,5	2,5		
4	3	0,15 ... 0,55	0,1 ... 0,5
4,5	3,5		

10.1.6 Side Chromium plated rings design

Code: CRS5, CRS10.

See [Table 15](#).

Table 15 — Chromium plating thickness for side faces

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Thickness min.
CRS5 ^a	0,005
CRS10 ^a	0,010
^a The chromium plating can be applied to bottom side face and/or top side face.	

10.1.7 Radius, chamfer and dimensions of peripheral edges of chromium plated rings

NOTE Values do not apply to chromium plated oil control rings and rails.

Rings of code CRF to CR4, both peripheral edges, and rings of code CR1E to CR2E, the upper peripheral edge, may be radiused or chamfered before plating.

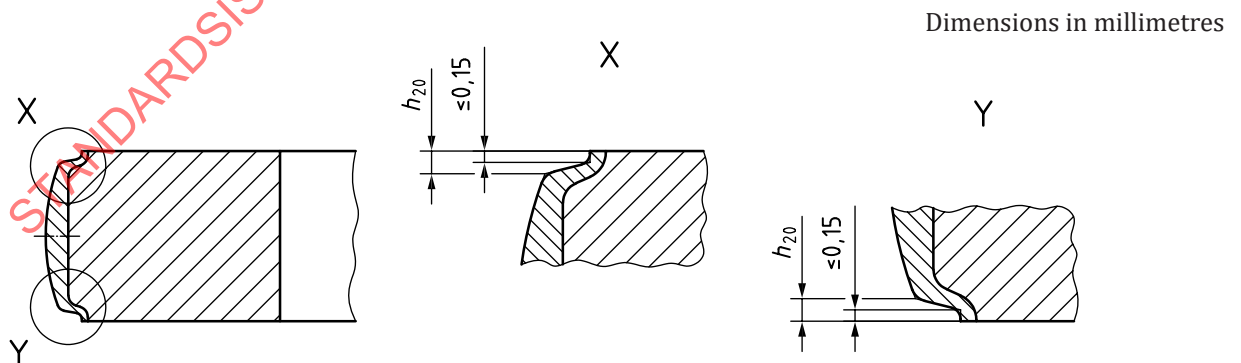
See [Figure 6](#) to [Figure 8](#) and [Table 16](#).

Figure 6 — Chromium plated ring fully faced

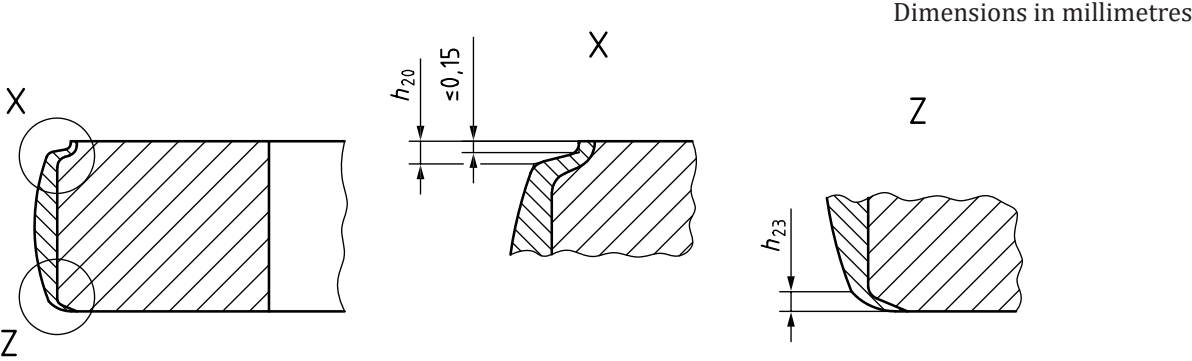


Figure 7 — Chromium plated ring fully faced, reduced peripheral bottom edge — Code: KU

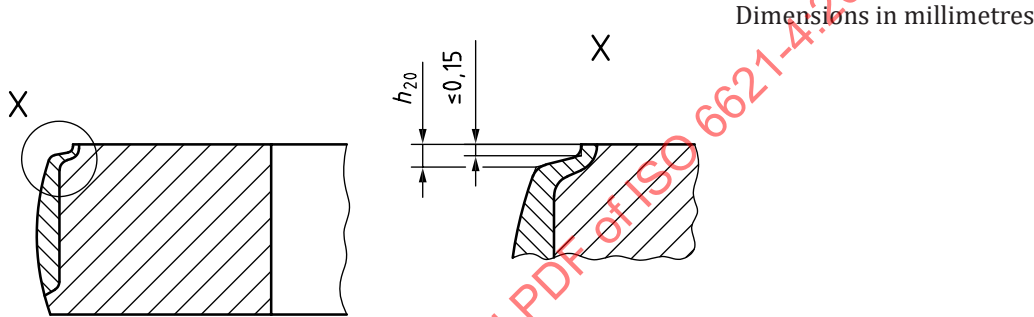


Figure 8 — Chromium plated ring semi-inlaid

Table 16 — Axial dimensions, h_{20} and h_{23} (acc. code KU) of peripheral edges of chromium plated rings

Dimensions in millimetres

Ring width h_1	Axial dimension	
	h_{20} max.	h_{23} max.
$1,0 \leq h_1 < 3,5$	0,3	0,2
$3,5 \leq h_1 \leq 4,5$	0,4	0,3

10.1.8 Peripheral edges at the gap of chromium plated rings and rails

After plating, the peripheral edges at the gap shall be radiused or chamfered. See [Table 17](#).

Table 17 — Circumferential dimensions of peripheral edges at gap of chromium plated rings and rails

Dimensions in millimetres

Ring width h_1, h_{12}	Circumferential dimension	
	s_3 max.	reduced s_3 (code: KG) max.
< 6	0,4	0,15
≥ 6	0,6	0,25

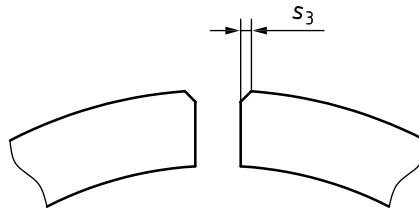


Figure 9 — Peripheral edges at the gap

10.1.9 Hardness of chromium plating

The hardness of chromium plating shall be 800 HV 0,1 minimum, in accordance with ISO 6507-3.

10.2 Spray-coated peripheral surfaces

10.2.1 Codes

Codes are required for spray-coated surfaces as specified in the dimensional standards.

10.2.2 Spray-coating thickness

See [Table 18](#).

10.2.3 Spray-coated rings of fully faced design

Code: SC1 to SC4.

10.2.4 Spray-coated rings of semi-inlaid design

Code: SC1E to SC4E.

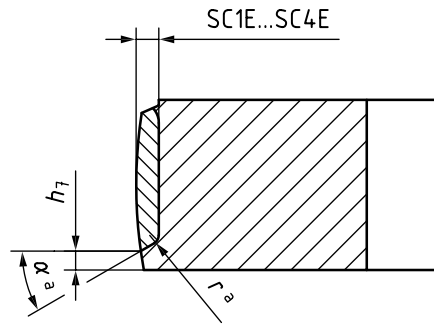
See [Figure 10](#).

The dimensions of the land at the bottom of the peripheral edge for spray coated rings of semi-inlaid design shall be those given for h_7 in [Table 19](#).

Table 18 — Spray coating thickness

Dimensions in millimetres

Code	Thickness min.	Tolerance guideline ^a	
		$d_1 < 160$	$160 \leq d_1 \leq 200$
SC1/SC1E/SC1F	0,05	$\begin{matrix} +0,2 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} +0,25 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$
SC2/SC2E/SC2F	0,1		
SC3/SC3E/SC3F	0,15		
SC4/SC4E/SC4F	0,2		
^a Usually, minimum specification does not call for tolerances. If a tolerance is required on the coating thickness, this guideline is recommended.			



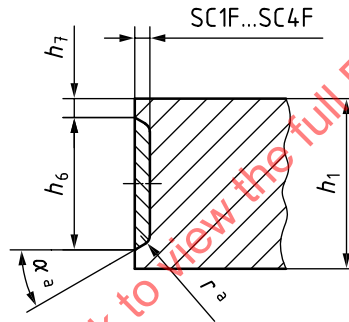
a At the manufacturer's discretion.

Figure 10 — Spray-coated ring semi-inlaid

10.2.5 Spray-coated rings of inlaid design

Code: SC1F to SC4F.

See [Figure 11](#) and [Table 19](#).



a At the manufacturer's discretion.

Figure 11 — Spray coated ring inlaid design

Table 19 — Dimensions of groove and land of peripheral edges for spray-coated rings

Dimensions in millimetres

Ring width h_1	Groove dimension h_6 min.	Land dimension h_7	
		MC 10, 20, 30	40, 50, 60
1,2	0,6	0,15 ... 0,45	0,1 ... 0,4
1,5	0,8		
1,75	1,05		
2	1,3		
2,5	1,7	0,15 ... 0,5	0,1 ... 0,45
3	2,2		
3,5	2,5		
4	3	0,15 ... 0,55	0,1 ... 0,5
4,5	3,5		