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pour l'estimation de l'incertitude d'essai des machines à mesurer  
tridimensionnelles (MMT) pour MMT utilisant des systèmes de  
palpage à stylet simple et à stylets multiples*





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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 213, *Dimensional and geometrical product specifications and verification*.

## Introduction

This Technical Specification is a geometrical product specification (GPS) document and is to be regarded as a general GPS document (see ISO 14638). It influences chain links F of the chain of standards in the general GPS matrix model.

For more detailed information of the relation of this Technical Specification to the GPS matrix model, see [Annex B](#).

The ISO GPS Matrix Model given in ISO 14638 gives an overview of the ISO GPS system of which this Technical Specification is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this Technical Specification. The default decision rules given in ISO 14253-1 apply to specifications made in accordance with this Technical Specification, unless otherwise stated.

This Technical Specification gives guidance for the evaluation of the test value uncertainty as required by the application of ISO 10360-5.

Before starting any test value uncertainty evaluation, it is recommended that

- the distinction between the *test value uncertainty* and the *measurement uncertainty* is fully understood (the former is used to reduce the acceptance zone in a test, the latter to quantify the reliability of a measurement value) and
- the principle of the tester's responsibility in deciding whether or not to include an uncertainty component in the budget is also understood.

Some details of the above issues are given in ISO/TS 23165, the careful reading of which is recommended.





# Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Guidelines for the evaluation of coordinate measuring machine (CMM) test uncertainty for CMMs using single and multiple stylus contacting probing systems

## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification describes how to evaluate the test value uncertainty when testing is performed according to ISO 10360-5.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10360-1, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Acceptance and reverification tests for coordinate measuring machines (CMM) — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 10360-5:2010, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Acceptance and reverification tests for coordinate measuring machines (CMM) — Part 5: CMMs using single and multiple stylus contacting probing systems*

ISO 14253-1:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 1: Decision rules for proving conformity or nonconformity with specifications*

ISO 17450-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — General concepts — Part 2: Basic tenets, specifications, operators, uncertainties and ambiguities*

ISO/TS 23165, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Guidelines for the evaluation of coordinate measuring machine (CMM) test uncertainty*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10360-1, ISO 10360-5, ISO 14253-1, ISO 17450-2, ISO/TS 23165, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 and ISO/IEC Guide 99 apply.

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