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PERMISSIBLE DEVIATIONS FOR UNTOLERANCED DIMENSIONS OF CASTINGS

1.0 SCOPE:

This standard pertains to permissible dimensional tolerances on the as-cast surfaces of castings. This is not applicable to pressure die castings of non-ferrous metals and for castings which are difficult to produce from the technological point of view, in which case the deviations shall be agreed mutually.

NOTE: Supply in line with IS:4897 is also acceptable.

2.0 NOMENCLATURE:

2.1 Nominal Dimensions:

Nominal dimension is the dimension specified in the production drawing or in the production documents or the one to which the production deviations of the components are applicable.

2.2 Actual Dimension:

Actual dimension is the dimension measurable on the rough castings. Wherever possible several measurements of the dimensions are made and the maximum and minimum values are considered for assessment as to the compliance with tolerance limits, e.g. diameter of a ring or disc at various diametrically opposite points, the diameter of a cylinder at various points along the height, the lengths and breadths of a plate, etc.

2.3 Governing Dimensions:

Governing dimension is the maximum measurable dimension of the concerned part of the casting, in the plane perpendicular to the nominal dimension. With every nominal dimension, the corresponding governing dimension should be considered.

Governing dimension along with the nominal dimension on the rough casting, determines the limiting deviation of casting or its parts. Examples of governing dimensions for various cases are given in Table-1.

2.4 Allowable Dimensional Deviations:

a) Upper allowable deviation:

Upper allowable deviation is the difference between the upper limiting dimension and nominal dimension (of casting).

b) Lower allowable deviation:

Lower allowable deviation is the difference between the bottom limiting dimension and nominal dimension (of casting).

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TABLE -1: GOVERNING DIMENSIONS (S)

Sl. No.	Figure	Definition
1		If 'a', the thickness, is the nominal dimension, the corresponding governing dimension will be diagonal, 'Sa' lying in a plane perpendicular to 'a' since it is the greatest dimension in the plane.
2		If 'a' is the nominal dimension 'Sa' is the governing dimension. For the nominal dimension 'c', the governing dimension is 'Sc'. For Nominal dimension 'b', the governing dimension is 'Sb', (Diagonal of the adjacent sides for smaller thickness of the lower prism, differs very much less, from the length of adjacent sides).
3		For the nominal dimension 'd', the diagonal 'Sd' along the plane perpendicular to the nominal dimension, is the governing dimension, because it is the greatest dimension, in the plane along the axial section. For the nominal dimension 'h', the governing dimension is $S_h = d$. For simplicity, dimension S_d can be changed to the nearest lower measurable dimension (h or d), whichever is greater.
4		Distance of the holes 'a' in the casting, is assumed as separate part, and hence for the nominal dimension 'a', the diagonal 'Sa' will be the governing dimension, which is greater of the two holes, and which lies in the plane of 'a'. For simplicity, we can replace with the nearest lower dimension 'h', or the diameter of the bigger hole.



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3.0 TOLERANCE CLASSES:

3.1 General:

Tolerance limits are given under five different classes in the light of different casting techniques and trade practices that could be followed. The numerical values of tolerances for a series of Nominal and Governing dimensions according to classes 1 to 5 are respectively given in tables 2 to 6. The manufacturing foundry shall choose to itself the proper tolerance limits on dimensions of pattern equipment in accordance with those of the castings to be adhered to.

For dimensions not covered by the tables given, tolerances shall be specified separately and the mutually agreed upon.

3.2 Tolerance class 1:

Tolerance limits under class 1, according to Table 2 is for high precision castings, such as investment castings.

TABLE 2: TOLERANCE CLASS 1

Nominal dimension (rough casting), mm		Governing Dimension, mm							
		From							
		6	10	18	30	80	180	315	
		To							
From	To	6	10	18	30	80	180	315	500
	6	± 0.08	± 0.10	± 0.12	± 0.12	± 0.15	± 0.15	± 0.20	± 0.25
6	10	± 0.10	± 0.12	± 0.12	± 0.15	± 0.15	± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.30
10	18	± 0.12	± 0.12	± 0.15	± 0.15	± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.30
18	30	± 0.12	± 0.15	± 0.15	± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.40	± 0.40
30	80		± 0.15	± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.40	± 0.40	± 0.50
80	180			± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.50
180	315			± 0.25	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60
315	500			± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60	± 0.60

3.3 Tolerance class 2:

Tolerance limits under class 2, according to Table 3 is for precision castings (e.g. castings from metal patterns, shell moulding or gravity die castings).

TABLE 3: TOLERANCE CLASS 2

Nominal dimension (rough casting), mm		Governing Dimension, mm							
		From							
		6	10	18	30	80	180	315	
		To							
From	To	6	10	18	30	80	180	315	500
	6	± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.30	± 0.35	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60
6	10	± 0.25	± 0.30	± 0.30	± 0.35	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60	± 0.80
10	18	± 0.30	± 0.30	± 0.35	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60	± 0.80	± 0.80
18	30	± 0.30	± 0.35	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60	± 0.80	± 1.00	± 1.00
30	80	± 0.35	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.60	± 0.80	± 1.00	± 1.00	± 1.20
80	180			± 0.50	± 0.60	± 0.80	± 1.00	± 1.20	± 1.20
180	315			± 0.60	± 0.60	± 0.80	± 1.00	± 1.20	± 1.40
315	500			± 0.60	± 0.80	± 1.00	± 1.20	± 1.40	± 1.60

**3.4 Tolerance class 3:**

Tolerance limits under class 3, according to Table 4 is for mass or series production of castings requiring high degree of dimensional accuracy.

TABLE 4: TOLERANCE CLASS 3

Nominal dimension (rough casting), mm		Governing Dimension, mm							
		From							
		18	30	80	180	315	500	800	
		To							
From	To	18	30	80	180	315	500	800	1250
	6	± 0.5	± 0.5	± 0.5	± 0.6	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5
6	10	± 0.5	± 0.5	± 0.6	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0
10	18	± 0.5	± 0.6	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0
18	30	± 0.6	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5
30	80	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.0	± 2.5
80	180	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 2.5
180	315	± 1.0	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 2.5	± 2.5
315	500	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 2.5	± 3.0
500	800	± 1.2	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.0
800	1250	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.0	± 3.5

3.5 Tolerance class 4:

Tolerance limits under class 4, according to Table 5 is for series or mass production of castings Employing hand moulding with match plate patterns.

TABLE 5: TOLERANCE CLASS 4

Nominal dimension (rough casting), mm		Governing Dimension, mm									
		From									
		18	30	80	180	315	500	800	1250	2000	3150
		To									
From	To	18	30	80	180	315	500	800	1250	2000	3150
	6	± 0.6	± 0.8	± 0.8	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0
6	10	± 0.8	± 0.8	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0
10	18	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.0
18	30	± 0.8	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0
30	80	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0
80	180	± 1.0	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 5.0
180	315	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 5.5
315	500	± 1.5	± 1.5	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 5.0	± 6.0
500	800	± 2.0	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 5.0	± 5.5	± 6.0
800	1250	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 5.5	± 6.0	± 6.0
1250	2000	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 7.0
2000	3150	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 4.5	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 8.0



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3.6 Tolerance class 5:

Tolerance limits under class 5, according to table 6 is for piece production of castings by employing hand moulding including pit, sweep and skeleton moulds.

TABLE 6: TOLERANCE CLASS 5

Nominal dimension (rough casting), mm		Governing Dimension, mm											
		From											
		18	30	80	180	315	500	800	1250	2000	3150	5000	
		To											
From	To	18	30	80	180	315	500	800	1250	2000	3150	5000	8000
	6	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0
6	10	± 1.0	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 7.0
10	18	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0
18	30	± 1.2	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 9.0
30	80	± 1.2	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 10
80	180	± 1.5	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 10
180	315	± 2.0	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11
315	500	± 2.5	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11
500	800	± 3.0	± 3.5	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11	± 12
800	1250	± 3.5	± 4.5	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11	± 12
1250	2000	± 4.0	± 5.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11	± 12	± 12
2000	3150	± 5.5	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11	± 12	± 13	± 14
3150	5000	± 7.0	± 8.0	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 11	± 12	± 13	± 14	± 15	± 16
5000	8000	± 8.0	± 9.0	± 9.0	± 10	± 10	± 11	± 12	± 13	± 14	± 15	± 16	± 18



4.0 TOLERANCES ON THICKNESS OF WALLS OR RIBS AND WIDTH OF GROOVES OR CHANNELS:

For deviations on thickness of walls or ribs and width of grooves or channels, the values given in Table 7 are applicable.

In these cases, the wall thickness is the nominal dimension and related maximum dimension (length, height or diagonal) shall be taken as the governing dimension.

TABLE 7: Permissible Tolerances on Thickness of walls or ribs and width of grooves or channels.

Max. overall dimension of casting, mm	Thickness of wall or rib/width of groove or channel, mm		Permissible Tolerances, mm		
	Over	Upto & incl.	1 & 2	3 & 4	5
UP TO 500		6	± 0.2	± 0.4	± 0.8
	6	10	± 0.3	± 0.5	± 1.0
	10	18	± 0.5	± 0.8	± 1.5
	18	30	± 0.8	± 1.0	± 1.5
	30	50	± 0.8	± 1.2	± 2.0
	50	80	± 1.0	± 1.5	± 2.5
	80	120	± 1.0	± 1.8	± 2.5
ABOVE 500 UP TO 1250		10	± 0.3	± 0.8	± 1.2
	10	18	± 0.5	± 1.2	± 1.5
	18	30	± 0.8	± 1.5	± 2.0
	30	50	± 1.0	± 1.8	± 2.0
	50	80	± 1.2	± 2.0	± 2.5
	80	120	± 1.5	± 2.5	± 3.0
ABOVE 1250 UP TO 2500		10	± 0.5	± 1.2	± 1.5
	10	18	± 0.8	± 1.5	± 2.0
	18	30	± 1.0	± 2.0	± 2.5
	30	50	± 1.2	± 2.5	± 3.0
	50	80	± 1.8	± 2.5	± 3.0
	80	120	± 2.0	± 3.0	± 3.5
ABOVE 2500 UP TO 4000		18	± 1.0	± 1.5	± 2.0
	18	30	± 1.2	± 2.0	± 2.5
	30	50	± 1.5	± 2.5	± 3.0
	50	80	± 2.0	± 3.0	± 3.5
	80	120	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.0
ABOVE 4000		18	--	± 2.0	± 3.0
	18	30	--	± 2.5	± 3.5
	30	50	--	± 3.0	± 4.0
	50	80	--	± 3.5	± 4.5
	80	120	--	± 4.0	± 5.0



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5.0 GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF TOLERANCE CLASS:

Given in Table 8 for information.

Material	Technology	Tolerance Class				
		1	2	3	4	5
Non-ferrous metals	Metallic dies, Shell moulds, High precision moulds	Precision work in mass production	Precision work in mass production	Large batch production	--	--
	Sand cast, Centrifugally cast	--	--	Large batch production	Piece to batch production	Piece to small batch production
GCI, Malleable and SG iron	Expandable pattern (Investment process)	Most precision work	--	--	--	--
	Metallic dies, CO ₂ , shell moulds, High precision moulds	--	Precision work in mass production	Large batch production	Piece to batch production	--
	Sand cast, Centrifugally cast		Sample castings in mass production	Large batch production	Piece to batch production	Piece to small batch production
Cast steel	Expandable pattern	Most precision work	--	--	--	--
	Metallic dies, CO ₂ , Shell moulds, High precision moulds and Ceramic moulds	--	Precision work in mass production	Large batch production	Piece to batch production	--
	Sand cast, Centrifugally cast	--	--	Large batch production	Piece to batch production	Piece to small batch production

6.0 SPECIFYING OF TOLERANCE CLASS:

The tolerance class required shall be specifically mentioned in the casting drawing.

NOTE: If required, BHEL may specify closer or liberal tolerance, other than the ones specified above, which may be indicated in the drawing/order.

