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Part 1: Rolled external threads

1 Scope

This document specifies the lead and runout requirements for rolled external threads for aerospace construction, and the inspection method to be used in case of dispute.

It is applicable whenever it is referenced in a definition document.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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

lead thread

portion of the incomplete thread that is fully formed at the root but not at the crest which occurs at the beginning end of either external or internal threads

3.2

runout thread

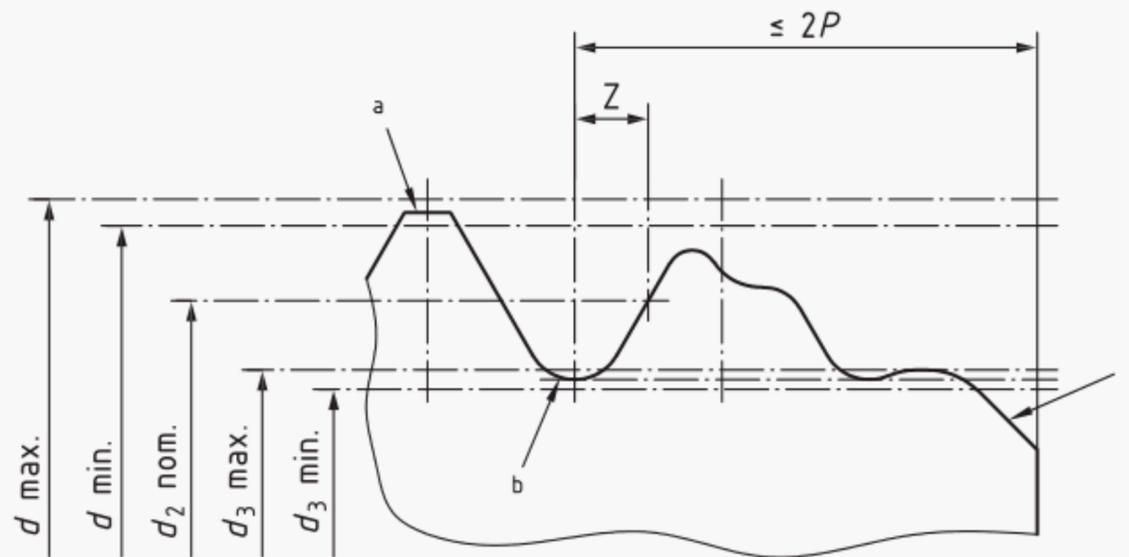
part of the screw thread in which is located the thread incompletely formed during rolling, between the completely formed threads and the part which has not been rolled

3.3

completely formed thread

thread, the profile of which (ABC) is located, over an axial distance of $1P$, within the limits specified in the definition document for the thread

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).



Over the area Z, the thread shall lie within the limits specified in the definition document for the thread.

- a Crest of first completely formed thread.
- b Root of first completely formed thread.
- c Chamfer.

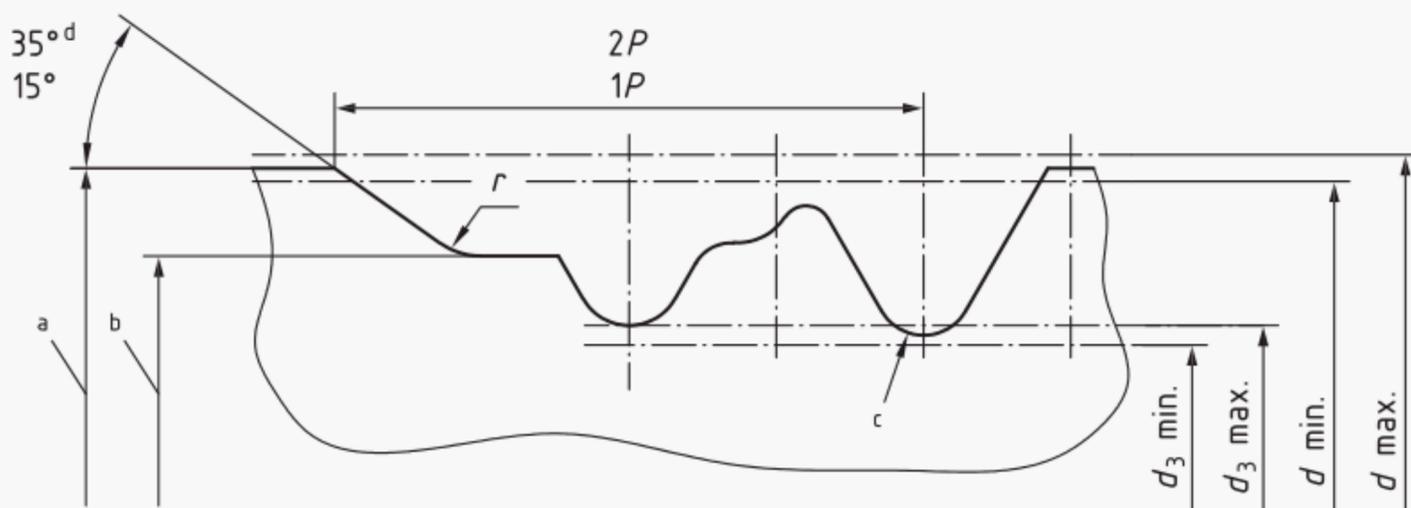
Figure 2 — Lead threads

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 10](#).

5.3 Runout threads

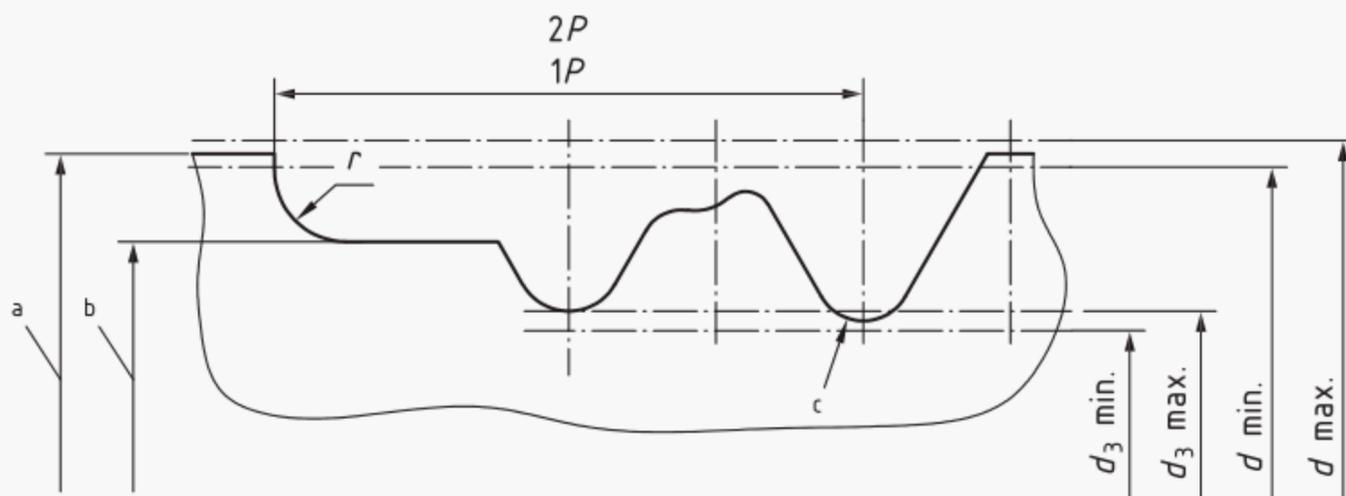
5.3.1 Normal shank

See [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#).



- a Shank diameter having a nominal value equal to the nominal diameter of the thread = δ .
- b Blank diameter.
- c Root of last completely formed thread.
- d Angle before rolling. The shape is optional within these limits.

Figure 3 — Normal shank



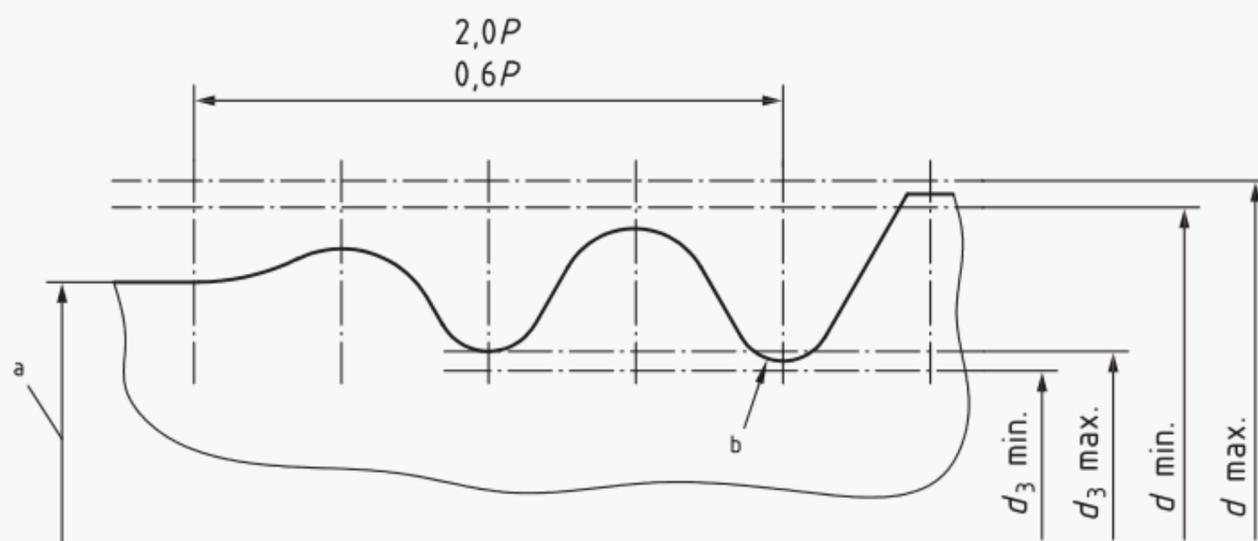
- a Shank diameter having a nominal value equal to the nominal diameter of the thread = δ .
- b Blank diameter.
- c Root of last completely formed thread.

Figure 4 — Normal shank

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 11](#).

5.3.2 Pitch diameter shank

See [Figure 5](#).



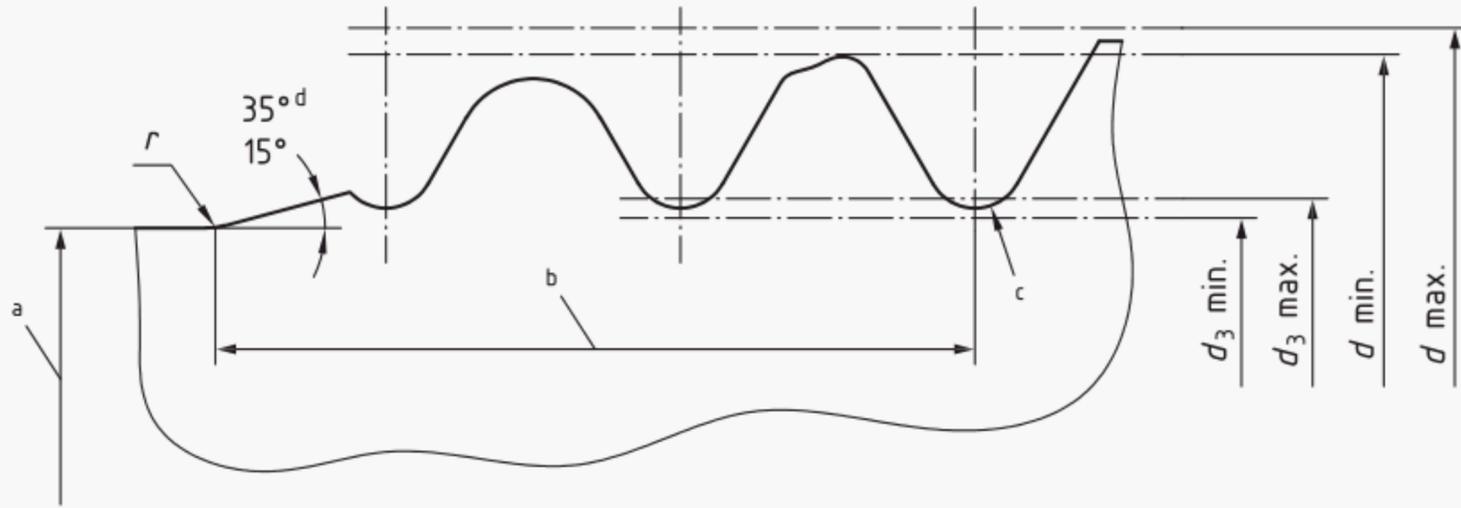
- a Shank diameter having a nominal value equal to the maximum pitch diameter = δ .
- b Root of last completely formed thread.

Figure 5 — Pitch diameter shank

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 12](#).

5.3.3 Stepped shank

See [Figure 6](#).



- a Diameter of stepped shank, having a nominal value equal to $d_3 \text{ min.} - 0,1 \text{ mm} = \delta$.
- b $\left[1P + \frac{(d \text{ max.} - \delta \text{ nom.})}{2 \tan 35^\circ} \right]$ to $\left[2P + \frac{(d \text{ max.} - \delta \text{ nom.})}{2 \tan 15^\circ} \right]$.
- c Root of last completely formed thread.
- d Angle before rolling. The shape is optional within these limits.

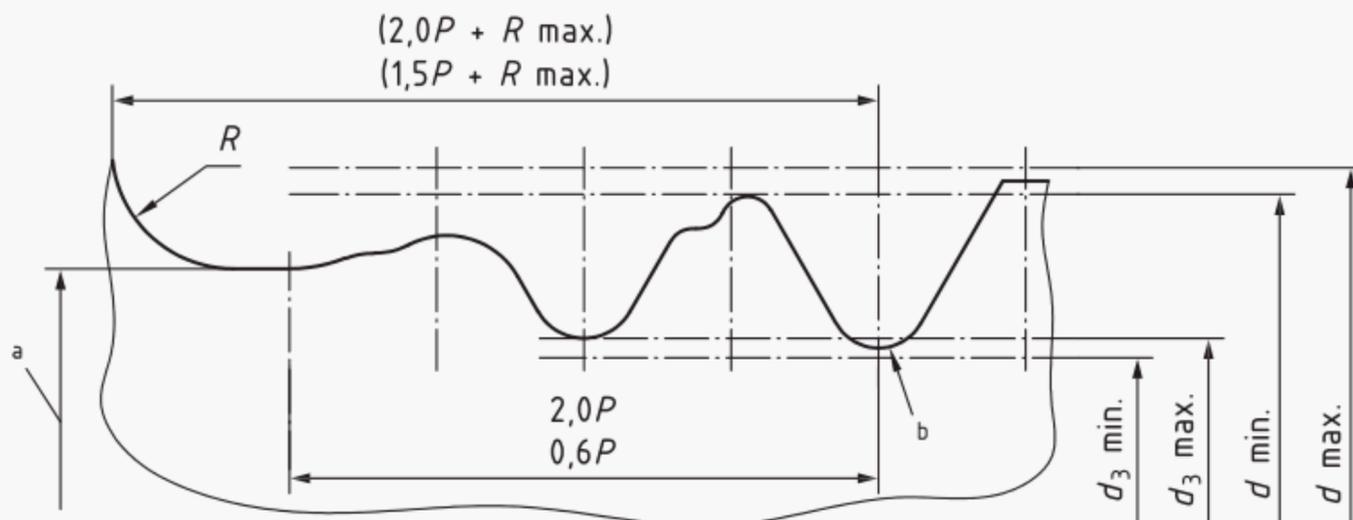
Figure 6 — Stepped shank

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 13](#).

5.3.4 Screws threaded to the head and bolts threaded to a shoulder

5.3.4.1 Protruding head

See [Figure 7](#).



The beginning of the first thread shall not encroach on the radius R .

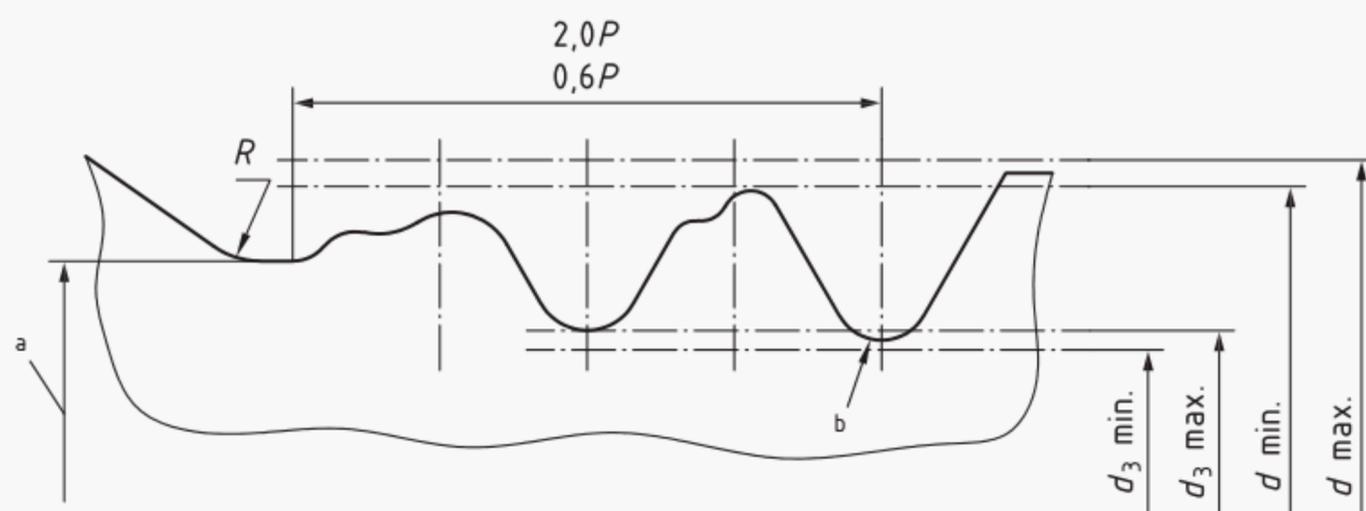
- a Blank diameter.
- b Root of last completely formed thread.

Figure 7 — Protruding head

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 12](#).

5.3.4.2 Flush head

See [Figure 8](#).



The beginning of the first thread shall not encroach on the radius R .

- a Blank diameter.
- b Root of last completely formed thread.

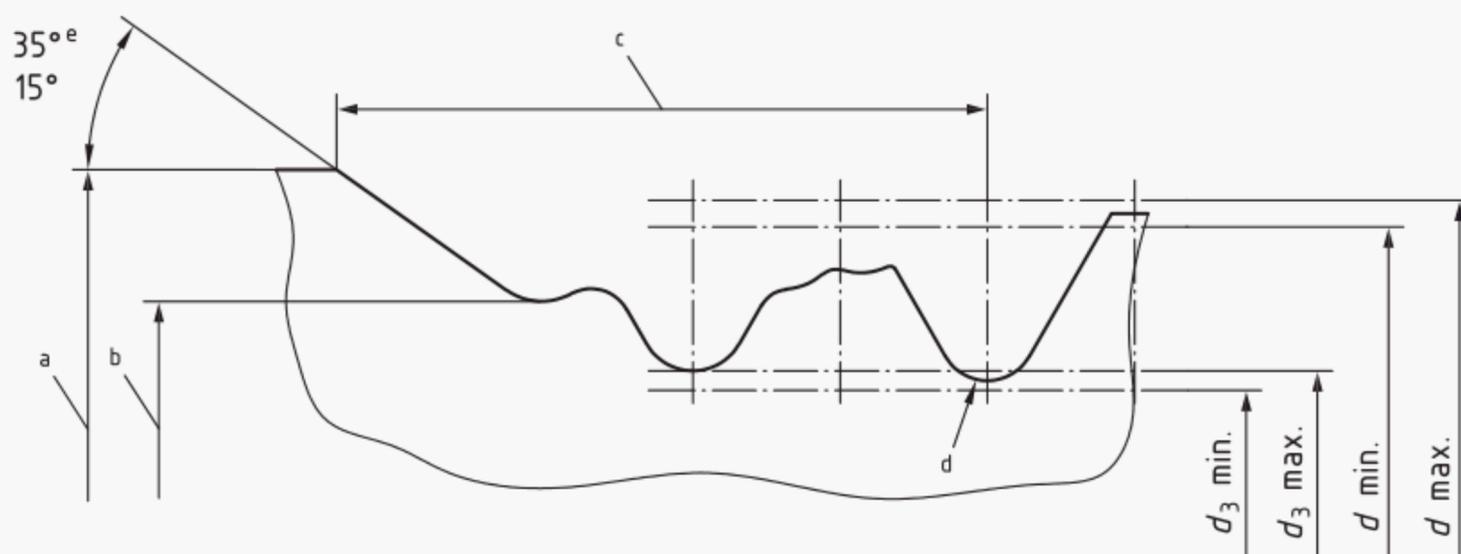
Figure 8 — Flush head

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 12](#).

5.3.5 Oversized bolts

EXAMPLE Bolts for repairs.

See [Figure 9](#).



- a Diameter of oversized shank = δ .
- b Blank diameter.
- c $\left[1P + \frac{(\delta \text{ nom.} - d \text{ max.})}{2 \tan 35^\circ} \right]$ to $\left[2P + \frac{(\delta \text{ nom.} - d \text{ max.})}{2 \tan 15^\circ} \right]$.
- d Root of last completely formed thread.
- e Angle before rolling. The shape is optional within these limits.

Figure 9 — Oversized bolts

The possible profile projection comparator inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 14](#).

6 Inspection method

6.1 General

The method is left to the discretion of the manufacturer, provided that it ensures conformity with the requirements given in [Clause 5](#).

In case of dispute, the method by optical projection, defined hereafter, shall be used. See comments in [Annex A](#).

6.2 Use of the charts

The charts shall be used in conjunction with a profile projection comparator having a magnifying power equal to or greater than $\times 20$.

6.3 Procedure

6.3.1 For lead threads

The inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 10](#).

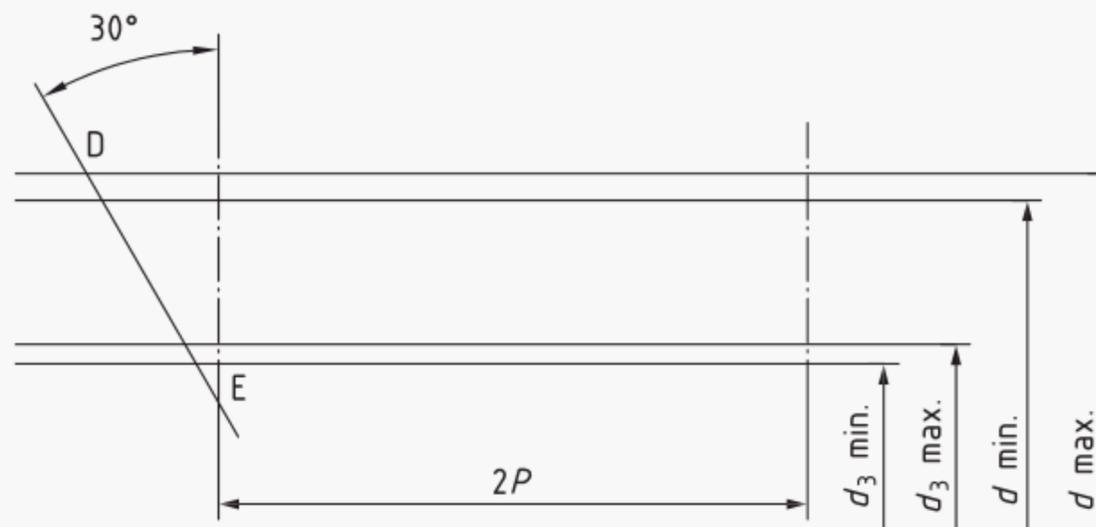


Figure 10 — Lead threads

Rotate the bolt to find the first complete thread (see [Figure 1](#)) nearest to the end of the shank which has the thread crest and root not extending beyond the limits defined by the horizontal lines.

Then move the bolt horizontally until the right flank of the above thread coincides with line DE.

6.3.2 For runout threads

The inspection shall be carried out using a chart drawn in accordance with [Figure 11](#) to [Figure 14](#).

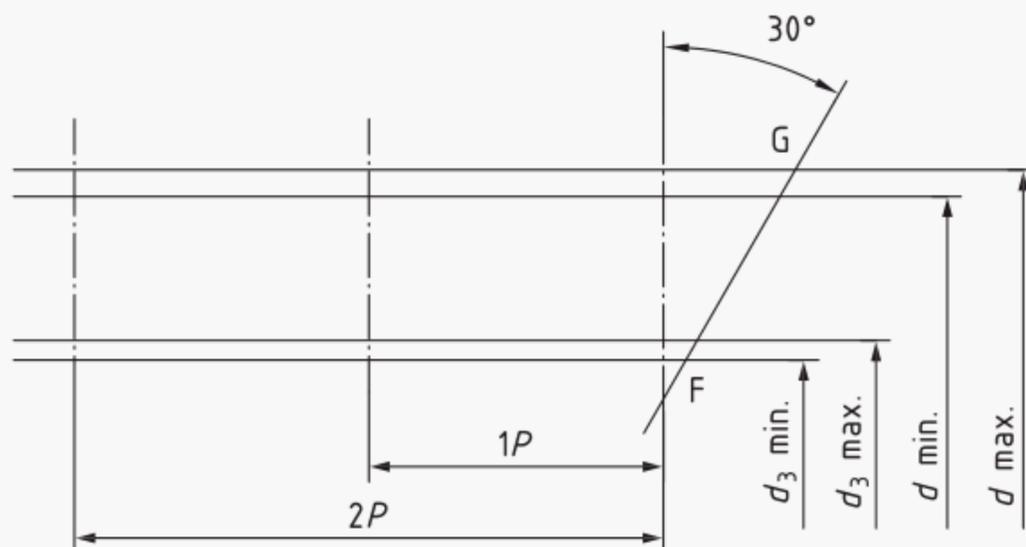


Figure 11 — Runout threads

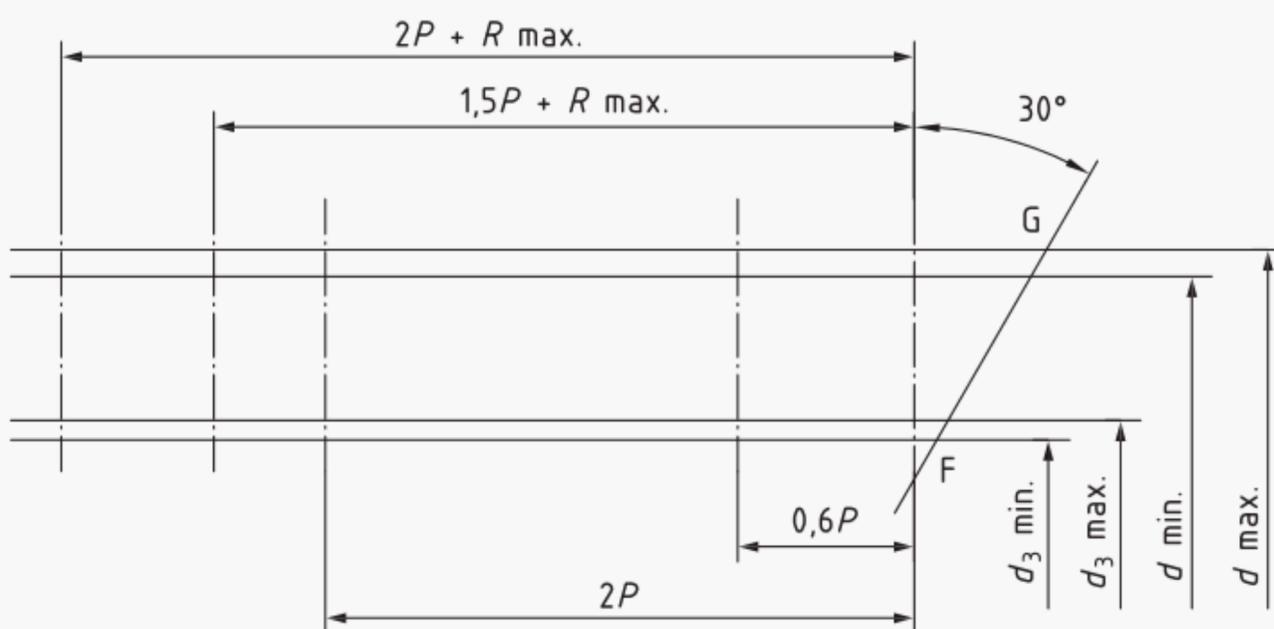
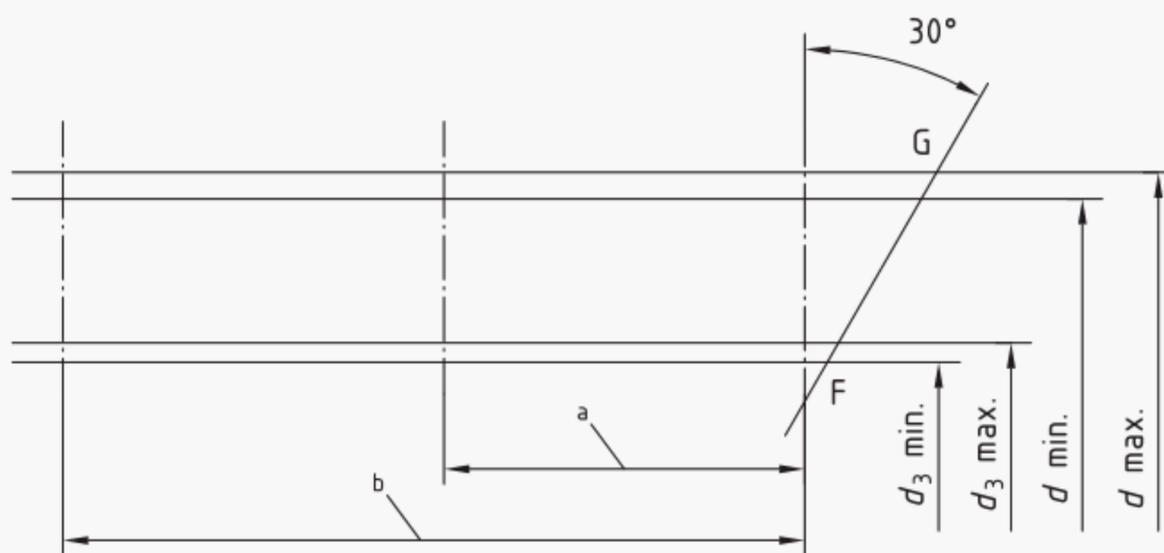


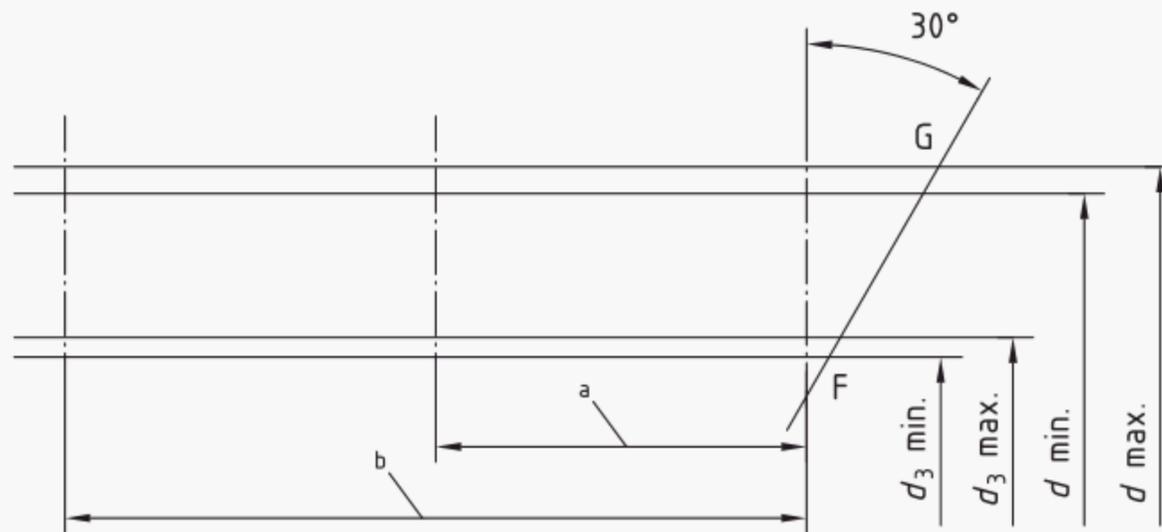
Figure 12 — Runout threads



$$a \left[1P + \frac{(d \text{ max.} - \delta \text{ nom.})}{2 \tan 35^\circ} \right]$$

$$b \left[2P + \frac{(d \text{ max.} - \delta \text{ nom.})}{2 \tan 15^\circ} \right]$$

Figure 13 — Runout threads



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{a} \\
 \text{b}
 \end{array}
 \left[\begin{array}{l}
 1P + \frac{(\delta \text{ nom.} - d \text{ max.})}{2 \tan 35^\circ} \\
 2P + \frac{(\delta \text{ nom.} - d \text{ max.})}{2 \tan 15^\circ}
 \end{array} \right]$$

Figure 14 — Runout threads

Rotate the bolt to find the last complete thread (see [Figure 1](#)) nearest to the plain shank of the bolt which has the thread crest and root not extending beyond the limits defined by the horizontal lines.

Then move the bolt horizontally until the left flank of the above thread coincides with line FG.

Annex A (informative)

Comments on inspection method

Assembling the bolt to be checked with a GO screw ring gauge, without entering chamfer, is the preferred method for checking lead and runout threads and produces consistent results.

Alternatively, the profile projection comparator method, while theoretically more accurate, takes considerably longer and depends on the skill of the operator.

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