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Foreword

Publishing information

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Part 1 - Guide to limits and tolerances;

Part 2 – Guide to the selection of fits in BS 1916-1;

Part 3 - Guide to tolerances, limits and fits for large diameters;

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ISO 286-1 (BS EN 20286-1), ISO system of limits and fits – Part 1: Bases of tolerances, deviations and fits;

ISO 286-2 (BS EN 20286-2), ISO system of limits and fits – Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance grades and limit deviations for holes and shafts.

The ISO 286 series covers the metric system of limits and fits; the BS 1916 series provides guidance and recommendations on the equivalent inch system (imperial).

Information about this document

In view of the time elapsed since its original publication in 1953, this British Standard was reviewed in detail in 2009. It was decided that the technical provisions of the previous edition were still generally applicable, but the figures have been redrawn for ease of use, the wording of some guidance updated for clarity, and the opportunity was taken to update references to other standards.

Use of this document

As a guide, this part of BS 1916 takes the form of guidance and recommendations. It should not be quoted as if it were a specification or a code of practice and claims of compliance cannot be made to it.

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1 Scope

This British Standard gives guidance on the selection of fits given in BS 1916-1.

The recommendations apply, in particular, to fits between cylindrical parts, designated as "holes" and "shafts", in which case the term "size" refers to the diameter of the mating parts. The recommendations are also applicable to parts other than cylindrical, in which case the term "size" refers to a length, width or other dimension.

Tables of preferred sizes are included to avoid the indiscriminate selection of dimensions, and their use is strongly recommended.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

BS 1916-1:2009, Limits and fits for engineering – Part 1: Guide to limits and tolerances

BS 8888, Technical product specification – Specification

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of BS 1916, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE Figure 1 illustrates the basic definitions used in the text



Figure 1 Diagram showing disposition of limits and tolerances (unilateral hole basis)

4 Terminology

The disposition of the tolerance zone for a hole relative to the nominal size is denoted by a capital letter and the magnitude, or grade, of the tolerance by a suffix number, e.g. H7.

The disposition of the tolerance zone for a shaft relative to the nominal size is denoted by a small letter and the magnitude, or grade, of the tolerance by a suffix number, e.g. p6.

A fit is described by a combination of symbols, e.g. H7-p6 or H7/p6.

NOTE See BS 1916-1:2009, Clauses 6 and 7.

On production drawings, the actual limits for both hole and shaft should be stated by one of the methods recommended in BS 8888, so that the actual size of the part can be ascertained without reference to this standard. There are, however, certain circumstances, for example in general specifications, or on preliminary design drawings, in which it is convenient to state the particular type of fit by symbols only.

5 Hole tolerances

The following is a summary of the uses of the various grades of the unilateral hole H from H5 to H11.

- H5. This grade can normally only be produced by precision boring, fine internal grinding, or honing.
- H6. This grade can be produced by fine grinding or honing, and possibly hand reaming.
- H7. This grade is produced by grinding, broaching or careful reaming.
- H8. This grade is produced by boring or machine reaming.
- H9. This grade is used on high quality products for milled or slotted widths.
- H10. This grade is not normally used for diameter fits, although it can be used for drilled holes. It is used for milled widths on unimportant parts.
- H11. This grade is used for coarse drilled, punched or pressed holes on non-fitting parts.

6 Classification of fits

6.1 General

The whole range of fits is divided into three main classes:

- clearance;
- transition;
- interference.

Each main class, using the unilateral (H) hole, is further sub-divided into several types of fit; for example, clearance fits are divided into six types, from very fine to very coarse clearance. Each type of fit is classified by the letter symbol of the shaft which produces that type, for example: clearance fit, shaft "e"; or clearance fit, shaft "f". It is more convenient to refer to a type of fit by the shaft symbol only, e.g. an "e" shaft fit or an "f" shaft fit. The classification is given in Table 1 and those fits using the H7 and H8 holes are illustrated in Figure 2.

Classification			Wit	h holes		Remarks	
		H6	H7	H8	H11		
	Shaft a					No general recommendation can	
	Shaft b					be made	
	Shaft c	—	c8	с9	c11	Extra loose running	
Clearance	Shaft d	-	d8	d8/d10	d11	Loose running	
Clearance	Shaft e	e7	e8	e8/e9	—	Easy running	
	Shaft f	f6	f7	f8	—	Running	
	Shaft g	g5	g6	(g7 ^{A)})	—	Close running	
	Shaft h	h5	h6	h7/h8	h11	Slide	
	Shaft j	j5	j6	j7	—	Push	
Transition	Shaft k	k5	k6	k7	—	Easy keying	
	Shaft m	m5	m6	m7	—	Tight keying	
	Shaft n	—	n6	n7	—	Drive	
		—	—	p7	—	—	
		—	—	r7	—	—	
		n5	—	—	—	—	
	Shaft p	р5	p6	—	—	Light press	
	Shaft r	r5	r6	—	—	—	
	Shaft s	s5	s6	s7	—	Press	
Interference	Shaft t	t5	t6	t7	—	—	
Interference	Shaft u	u5	u6	u7	—	Heavy press or shrink	
	Shaft v						
	Shaft x	1				No general recommendations can	
	Shaft y	1	_		_	be made	
	Shaft z	1					
A) This is a nor	n-standard sh	aft. If requ	ired, the lir	nits for it car	h be deriv	ed by reference to BS 1916-1.	

Table 1 Classification of types of fits

The interference fits are classified on the basis of the hole H7 mated with the various shafts. The combination of these shafts with holes of coarser grades might in some cases result in a different type of fit. For example, in the case of the transition fit using shaft "n", the fine grade, namely H6–n5, will in fact result in a true interference fit, whereas the combinations H8–p7 and H7–r7 will produce transition fits, not interference fits.

Using the unilateral (H) hole, the resulting fits in combination with the various shafts are as given in **6.2**, **6.3** and **6.4**.



Figure 2 The disposition of standard shaft fits with H7 and H8 holes for diameter range 1.19 in to 1.97 in

6.2 Clearance fits

6.2.1 Shafts a, b and c

These fits give a large clearance and are not widely used.

6.2.2 Shaft d

This fit is available in grades 8 to 11 and is generally suitable for loose running fits, e.g. plummer block bearings and loose pulleys.

6.2.3 Shaft e

This fit is available in grades 7, 8 and 9, and is recommended for general loose clearance fits, and for properly lubricated bearings requiring appreciable clearance. In the finer grades it can be used for large, high-speed, heavily loaded bearings such as turbo-generator and large electric motor bearings, according to circumstances.

6.2.4 Shaft f

This fit is available in grades 6, 7 and 8 and is recommended for use as a normal running fit. It is widely used as a normal grease-lubricated or oil-lubricated bearing where no substantial temperature differences are encountered. Typical applications are gearbox shaft bearings and the bearings of small electric motors, pumps, etc.

6.2.5 Shaft g

This fit is expensive to manufacture since the clearance is small, and it is not recommended as a running fit except in precision equipment where shaft loadings are very light. Typical applications are the bearings for accurate linkwork, and for piston and slide valves. In addition it is often used for spigot or location fits.

6.2.6 Shaft h

The upper shaft limit of this fit is zero, although in practice a slight clearance will usually be found. It exists in grades 5 to 11, and is widely used for non-running parts. It is useful for normal location and spigot fits and in the finer grades can be used as a precision sliding fit.

6.3 Transition fits

6.3.1 Shaft j

This is a transition fit averaging a slight clearance, and is available in grades 5 to 11. It is recommended for location fits, requiring slightly less clearance than is given with the "h" shaft, and where a slight interference is permissible. Typical applications are coupling spigots and recesses, gear rings clamped to steel hubs, etc.

6.3.2 Shaft k

This is a true transition fit averaging virtually no clearance. It is available in grades 5 to 11, and is recommended for location fits where a slight interference can be tolerated with the object, for example, of eliminating vibration.

6.3.3 Shaft m

This transition fit averages a slight interference, although appreciable assembly force will be required if the extremes are encountered. It is available in grades 5, 6 and 7.

6.3.4 Shaft n

This transition fit averages slightly more interference than the "m" shaft, and gives clearance only on extreme sizes. It is available in grades 5, 6 and 7, and is recommended for generally "tight" assembly fits. The finest grade (n5) is used as a true interference fit with the hole H6.

6.4 Interference fits

NOTE The factors governing the choice of an interference fit are such that only generalized recommendations can be made. Some general guidance is given here and some particular examples are quoted in the fit tables (Table 16 to Table 20), but it is recommended that in every case, careful consideration be given to the factors affecting the fit, i.e. diameter and length of engagement, materials, surface finish, induced stresses, gripping forces, assembly forces and assembly method, before the final choice is made.

6.4.1 Shafts

6.4.1.1 Shaft p

This will give a true interference fit with holes of grades 6 or 7, but with holes of grade 8 a transition fit will be obtained. The amount of interference is not excessive but is sufficient to give non-ferrous parts a light press fit which can be dismantled when required. It is the standard press fit for steel, cast iron or brass-to-steel assemblies. The amount of interference is too small for satisfactory fits to be obtained in very elastic materials, such as light alloys.

6.4.1.2 Shaft r

This combination will give a medium drive fit on ferrous parts, and on non-ferrous parts a light drive fit which can be easily dismantled when required. With the hole H8 an interference fit is obtained with diameters over 3.94 in; with smaller diameters a transition fit results.

6.4.1.3 Shaft s

This is used for the permanent or semi-permanent assembly of steel and cast iron members, the amount of interference being sufficient to provide considerable gripping force. When using elastic materials, e.g. light alloys, it is equivalent to the "p" shaft fit in ferrous materials. Typical applications are collars pressed on to shafts, valve seatings, etc.

6.4.1.4 Shafts t, u, v, x, y and z

These fits involve an increasing degree of interference, and no general recommendations can be made.

6.4.2 Tolerances

When determining the tolerances for an interference fit, it is necessary to check the minimum as well as the maximum interference; the former with regard to the longitudinal forces and torques to be transmitted, the latter with regard to the permissible stresses in the material and the assembling and dismantling forces. Therefore, for interference fits, the lower deviations of the shafts were determined in such a way as to provide a definite amount of minimum interference with reference to the upper deviations of the hole H7. If D = geometric mean of the diameter size range in inches, the amounts of minimum interference in units of 0.001 in are as follows.

- Shaft s: Minimum interference = $0.4 \times D = (0.000 4 \text{ in per in of diameter})$.
- Shaft t: Minimum interference = $0.63 \times D = (0.000 63 \text{ in per in of diameter})$.
- Shaft u: Minimum interference = $1.0 \times D = (0.001 \text{ in per in of diameter}).$
- Shaft v: Minimum interference = 1.25 × *D* = (0.001 25 in per in of diameter).
- Shaft x: Minimum interference = 1.6 × *D* = (0.001 6 in per in of diameter).
- Shaft y: Minimum interference = 2.0 × *D* = (0.002 in per in of diameter).
- Shaft z: Minimum interference = 2.5 × D = (0.002 5 in per in of diameter).

7 Choice of fit

The tables of recommended fits are compiled on the unilateral (H) hole basis system, but if unilateral (h) shaft basis fits are required, the same maximum and minimum amounts of clearance or interference are provided by the equivalent shaft basis fits. For transition and interference fits, this condition is only satisfied if the holes are mated with a shaft of the next finer quality, e.g.:

- hole basis clearance fit H7–g6 = shaft basis clearance fit G7–h6;
- hole basis transition fit H7–m6 = shaft basis transition fit M7–h6.

A complete list of interchangeable fits is given in Table 2.

С	learance	Tra	ansition	Inte	erference
Hole basis	Shaft basis	Hole basis	Shaft basis	Hole basis	Shaft basis
H7–c8 H8–c9	C8–h7 C9–h8	H6–j5 H7–j6	J6–h5 J7–h6	H6–n5	N6-h5
H11–c11	C11–h11	H8–j7	J8–h7	H6–p5	P6-h5
H7–d8	D8–h7	H6–k5	K6–h5	H7–p6	P7–h6
H8–d9 H11–d11	D9–h8 D11–h11	H7–k6 H8–k7	K7–h6 K8–h7	H6–r5 H7–r6	R6–h5 R7–h6
H6–e7	E7–h6	H6–m5	M6-h5	H6-s5	S6–h5
H7–e8	E8–h7	H7–m6	M7–h6	H7–s6	S7–h6
H8–e8	E8–h8	H8–m7	M8–h7	H8–s7	S8–h7
H6–f6 H7–f7	F6–h6 F7–h7	H7–n6 H8–n7	N7–h6 N8–h7	H6t5 H7t6	T6–h5 T7–h6
H8–f8	F8-h8	H8–p7	P8-h7	H8–t7	T8–h7
H6–g5 H7–g6 H8–g7	G6–h5 G7–h6 G8–h7	H8-r7	R8-h7	— H6–u5 H7–u6 H8–u7	U6–h5 U7–h6 U8–h7

Table 2Equivalent fits on the hole basis and shaft basis

The use of the unilateral hole basis is strongly recommended, but there is still a need for oversize and undersize holes for special applications, e.g. in the case of two different fits on the same shaft diameter. The system makes provision for this by a series of oversize holes (A to G), and a series of undersize holes (K to Z), which will be useful for outside diameter fits for ball bearings.

NOTE Tolerances for these holes are in BS 1916-1:2009, Table 2.

The tolerance symbols given in the tables of recommended fits (Table 6 to Table 20) are equally suitable for inch or metric measure (see BS EN 20286 for metric units of measurement).

8 Choice of tolerance

In the selection of the grade (i.e. magnitude) of the tolerance as applied to the mating parts of a particular fit, in order to obtain the most economic manufacture consistent with satisfactory performance, the tolerances should be as wide as possible. Figure 3 illustrates the degree of accuracy which can reasonably be expected from various machine and manufacturing processes under average conditions.

In the allocation of tolerances to the hole and shaft members of a fit, it is generally advisable, owing to the greater difficulty of producing a hole (in diameters of about 0.25 in and over), to allocate to it a slightly larger tolerance than to the shaft. In the tables of recommended fits, it is assumed that in general the hole member will be allocated a tolerance one grade coarser than the shaft member, e.g. that holes H7 will be mated with shafts of grade 6.

NOTE See BS 1916-3 for guidance on tolerances, limits and fits for large diameters.

9 Preferred sizes

The dimensions of manufactured products are determined from design calculations or from considerations of appearance and economy. In each instance, the size may vary within certain limits and the designer, having established a theoretical size, rounds it off to a convenient value. In rounding off, designers should refer to Table 3 and Table 4 and if possible select sizes from the "first choice" columns. If a finer division of size is required, reference should be made to Table 5, which lists a complete series of preferred inch sizes.



Figure 3 The degree of accuracy which can reasonably be expected from various manufacturing processes under average conditions

- 6 Grinding, fine honing
- 7 High quality turning, broaching, honing
- Centre lathe turning and boring, reaming, capstan 8 or automatic in good condition
- 14 Die casting or moulding; rubber moulding
- 15 Stamping (approximately)
- 16 Sand casting (approximately); flame cutting

Table 3Preferred sizes: fractional inch seriesUnit one inch

1st choice	2nd choice	1st choice	2nd choice	1st choice	2nd choice	1st choice	2nd choice
		1⁄8		1		8	81⁄4
					11/16	81⁄2	8¾
				11/8		9	91⁄4
					13/16	91⁄2	93⁄4
		5⁄32		11⁄4		10	10¼
					15⁄16	101⁄2	10¾
		1		13⁄8		11	111⁄4
					17⁄16	111⁄2	113⁄4
		3/16		11/2		12	121⁄4
						121⁄2	12¾
					15⁄8	13	13¼
						131/2	13¾
			7⁄32	13⁄4		14	141⁄4
			, 3 2	.,.		14½	143⁄4
					17⁄8	15	151⁄4
					1/0	151/2	15¾
		1/4		2		16	16¼
		74		2		161⁄2	16¾
					21/8	1072	171⁄4
					2 78	171/2	17¾
			9⁄32	21⁄4		17 /2	17%4
			732	Z 74			
					23/	18½	183⁄4
					23⁄8	19 101/	191⁄4
						191⁄2	19¾
		F /		21/	25/	20	
0.04		5⁄16	44/	2 ¹ / ₂	25/8		
		5/	11/32	23⁄4	27/8		
		3/8		3	31/8		
	0.05		¹³ / ₃₂	31⁄4	33/8		
			7⁄16	31⁄2	35⁄8		
			15/ ₃₂	3¾	37⁄8		
1/16		1⁄2		4	41⁄8		
				4¼	43⁄8		
			9⁄16	41⁄2	45⁄8		
				4¾	41⁄8		
0.08		5⁄8		5	51⁄8		
				5¼	5 3 ⁄8		
			11/ ₁₆	51⁄2	55⁄8		
				5¾	57⁄8		
3/32		3/4		6	6¼		
			¹³ /16	61⁄2	6¾		
	0.10	7⁄8		7	71⁄4		
			15/16	71⁄2	7¾		
1⁄8		1		8			
	al sizes are inclu		owing to the u		f small fraction	al sizes.	1

Table 4Preferred sizes: decimal inch seriesUnit one inch

1st choice	2nd choice						
		0.10		1.0		10.0	
				1.1	1.05	10.5	10.25
				1.1	1.2	10.5	10.75
			0.125	1.25		11.0	
				1.4	1.3	11.5	11.25
				1.4		11.5	11.75
		0.15		1.5		12.0	
			0.175	1.75	1.6	12.5	12.25
			0.175	1.75	1.9	12.5	12.75
		0.20		2.0		13.0	
			0.225	2.25	2.1	12 5	13.25
			0.225	2.25	2.4	13.5	13.75
		0.25		2.5		14.0	
			0.075	2.75	2.6	145	14.25
			0.275	2.75	2.9	14.5	14.75
		0.30		3.0		15.0	
			0.005	2.25	3.1	45.5	15.25
			0.325	3.25	3.4	15.5	15.75
		0.35		3.5		16.0	
			0.075	0.75	3.6	105	16.25
			0.375	3.75	3.9	16.5	16.75
0.04		0.40		4.0	515	17.0	
					4.1		17.25
				4.25	4.4	17.5	17.75
			0.45	4.5		18.0	
					4.6		18.25
				4.75	4.9	18.5	18.75
	0.05	0.50		5.0		19.0	10.75
					5.1		19.25
				5.25	5.4	19.5	19.75
			0.55	5.5	5.7	20.0	13.75
					5.6		

Table 5Complete series of preferred inch sizesUnit one inch

	0.220	0.455	0.860	1.290	2.025	6.00
	0.225	0.460	0.870	1.300	2.050	6.05
	0.230	0.465	0.875	1.310	2.075	6.10
	0.235	0.468 8	0.880	1.312 5	2.100	6.15
	0.240	0.470	0.890	1.320	2.125	6.20
	0.245	0.475	0.900	1.330	2.150	6.25
	0.250	0.480	0.910	1.340	2.175	6.30
	0.255	0.485	0.920	1.350	2.200	6.35
	0.260	0.490	0.930	1.360	2.225	6.40
).040	0.265	0.495	0.937 5	1.370	2.250	6.45
0.045	0.270	0.500	0.940	1.375	2.275	6.50
0.050	0.275	0.510	0.950	1.380	2.300	6.55
).055	0.280	0.520	0.960	1.390	2.325	6.60
0.060	0.281 2	0.530	0.970	1.400	2.350	6.65
).062 5	0.285	0.540	0.980	1.410	2.375	6.70
).065	0.290	0.550	0.990	1.420	2.400	6.75
).070	0.295	0.562 5	1.000	1.430	2.425	6.80
0.075	0.300	0.570	1.010	1.437 5	2.450	6.85
0.080	0.305	0.580	1.020	1.440	2.475	6.90
0.085	0.310	0.590	1.030	1.450	2.500	6.95
0.090	0.312 5	0.600	1.040	1.460	2.525	7.00 and up to
).093 8	0.315	0.610	1.050	1.470	2.550	20 in as from 6 in
).095	0.320	0.620	1.060	1.480	2.575	
).100	0.325	0.625	1.062 5	1.490	2.600	
0.105	0.330	0.630	1.070	1.500	2.625	
0.110	0.335	0.640	1.080	1.525	2.650	
).115	0.340	0.650	1.090	1.550	2.675	
).120	0.343 8	0.660	1.100	1.575	2.700	
0.125		0.670	1.110	1.600	2.725	
0.130	0.345	0.680	1.120	1.625	2.750	
	0.350					

0.135	0.355	0.687 5	1.125	1.650	2.775	
0.140		0.690	1.130	1.675	2.800	
0.140 6	0.360	0.700	1.140	1.700	2.825	
	0.365					
0.145	0.370	0.710	1.150	1.725	2.850	
0.150		0.720	1.160	1.750	2.875	
0.155	0.375	0.730	1.170	1.775	2.900	
	0.380					
0.156 2	0.385	0.740	1.180	1.800	2.925	
0.160		0.750	1.187 5	1.825	2.950	
0.165	0.390	0.760	1.190	1.850	2.975	
	0.395					
0.170	0.400	0.770	1.200	1.875	3.000	
0.175		0.780	1.210	1.900	and up to 6 in as from	
0.180	0.405	0.790	1.220	1.925	2 in.	
	0.406 2					
0.185	0.410	0.800	1.230	1.930		
0.187 5		0.810	1.240	1.975		
0.190	0.415		1.250	2.000		
	0.420	0.812 5				
0.195	0.425	0.820	1.260			
0.200			1.270			
0.205	0.430	0.830	1.280			
	0.435	0.840				
0.210	0.437 5	0.850				
0.215						
0.218 8	0.440					
	0.445					
	0.450					
NOTE They	alues in hold tyr	ne are those aive	n in Tahla 3 and	Table 1 This e	standad tabla should i	not he used

Table 5Complete series of preferred inch sizes (continued)Unit one inch

NOTE The values in bold type are those given in Table 3 and Table 4. This extended table should not be used unless it is impossible to find a suitable value in either Table 3 or Table 4.

10 Recommended tolerances for standard fits

To facilitate and standardize the allocation of tolerances by design personnel, tolerance data sheets should be drawn up in the manner of Figure 4, covering their standard products. The various fits on each assembly should be defined by symbol only, to be applicable to a range of sizes of that particular product. This procedure considerably simplifies the designer's task, relieving the designer of the responsibility of allocating tolerances. It also reduces to a minimum the number of fits which are used, with corresponding savings in gauges and tools. Figure 5 to Figure 10 illustrate typical engineering assemblies and give recommended tolerances for the mating parts.

Table 6 to Table 20 illustrate and describe each of the types of fit listed in Clause **6**. In each type, the selected grade of fit (i.e. the grade of tolerance used) for which the hole and shaft tolerances are listed in full has been chosen as representing medium to good quality workmanship (see also Table 1). In any particular organization the choice of grade depends upon the quality of work being produced and the type and quality of machine tools available, but it is recommended that a choice is made from the grades listed here. The complete range of available types of fit, comprising as it does 15 different types, is unnecessarily extensive for normal engineering requirements, and a short list should be compiled which caters for all normal applications and yet achieves the maximum economy of fixed tools and gauges. The following series is suitable for use by an organization engaged in good quality light or medium engineering production.

- a) Clearance
 - H8–d8
 - H6–e7
 - H8–e8
 - H6–f6
 - H7–f7
 - H8–f8
 - H6–g5
 - H7–q6
 - H7–h6

 - H8–h7
- b) Transition
 - H8–j7
 - H7–k6
 - H8–k7
 - H7–m6
 - H8–m7∫
- c) Interference
 - H7–p6
 - H7–s6
 - H7–u6

The tolerance values for grades other than those whose values are listed in the tables can be obtained by reference to BS 1916-1.

Tables are not included for shafts a, b, v, x, y and z. These fits are not widely used and at present, there are insufficient data on which to base these recommendations.

NOTE The illustrated examples of applications of each type of fit (see Table 6 to Table 20) are included for general guidance only, and the fit combinations suggested are not the only solutions to any particular

application. For example, the combination H6–e7, illustrated in Table 8, is not the only satisfactory one for reciprocating engine main bearings; due to the variety of conditions of speed, loading, lubrication, etc., between different engines, some variation of fit is unavoidable. However, the examples illustrated have been extracted from current information provided by the engineering industry, and will provide a reliable guide, especially to those having little experience of tolerance application.

Furthermore, although the fit combinations recommended are known to be satisfactory in sizes of the order of those quoted in the examples, this does not necessarily hold true throughout the whole range of sizes covered by the tables, i.e. up to 19.69 in. Therefore, the diameter of the mating parts has been quoted in each example, and the tolerance values in the size ranges up to 0.24 in and above 7.09 in have been printed in italics, indicating that if within these size ranges it is necessary to specify a fit similar to one of the illustrated examples, all the relevant factors should be carefully considered before using the same fit combinations. See BS 1916-3 for guidance on tolerances, limits and fits for large diameters.

The range of sizes within which these recommendations are known to be satisfactory, i.e., from 0.24 in to 7.09 in, should meet the majority of requirements and it is felt that further experience should be gained before general recommendations can be made in the smaller and larger sizes.





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Figure 5 Belt drive unit





Figure 6 Belt driven gear pump











Figure 9 Dashpot for switchgear time lag device

8 Plug outside Ø 7/8 g6

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Table 6 Tolerances for clearance fits, shaft c

DESCRIPTION. In general this is used for slack running fits, e.g. on some types of agricultural machinery where flexibility under load and dirty operating conditions are encountered, and for static coarse clearance fits where it is important that ease of assembly is assured. The finer grades, e.g. H7–c8, might be suitable for providing a close fit in cases where the working temperature of the shaft member is high, as with internal combustion engine valves in their guides.

		Altorna	itive recomr	mondod	Example
V////			of this fit a		Dimensions in inches
		H7–c8			
		H11–c1	1		
			-		
	Į				
)				
	77				
		llmit (0.001 in		
		-	1	1	
Nom	inal size	Hole H8	Shaft c9	Extremes	Ø7/16 H7-с8
	(in)			of fit	I.C engine exhaust valve in guide
Over	То				
0.04	0.12	+0.6	-2.5	+4.1	
0.12	0.24	+0 +0.7	-3.5 -2.8	+2.5	-
0.12	0.24	+0.7	-2.8	+4.7	
0.24	0.40	+0.9	-3.0	+5.3	
		+0	-4.4	+3.0	
0.40	0.71	+1.0	-3.5	+6.1	
		+0	-5.1	+3.5	
0.71	1.19	+1.2 +0	-4.5 -6.5	+7.7 +4.5	
1.19	1.97	+1.6	-5.0	+9.1	
1.15	1.57	+0	-7.5	+5.0	
1.97	3.15	+1.8	-6.0	+10.8	
		+0	-9.0	+6.0	
3.15	4.73	+2.2	-7.0	+12.7	
1 72	7.00	+0	-10.5	+7.0	-
4.73	7.09	+2.5 +0	-8.0 -12.0	+14.5 +8.0	
7.09	9.85	+2.8	-10.0	+17.3	
-		+0	-14.5	+10.0	
9.85	12.41	+3.0	-12.0	+20.0	
		+0	-17.0	+12.0	-
12.41	15.75	+3.5	-14.0	+23.5	
15.75	19.69	+0 +4.0	-20.0 -16.0	+14.0 +26.0	-
13.73	19.09	+4.0	-22.0	+26.0	
NOTE Fit	t symbol "+"	indicates clea		<u> </u>	1
	-				

Table 7 Tolerances for clearance fits, shaft d

DESCRIPTION. This combination of hole and shaft provides a loose running fit which in general is suitable for applications such as gland seals and loose pulleys. It is also suitable, however, as a running fit for very large bearings, such as in turbines, ball mills, roll forming and heavy bending machines, and other heavy steel-working equipment.



Table 8 Tolerances for clearance fits, shaft e

DESCRIPTION. This combination of hole and shaft is commonly used as an easy running fit for bearings where an appreciable clearance is permissible, e.g. for widely separated bearings or several bearings in line. The finer grades are suitable for such applications as I.C. engine main bearings, camshaft bearings, rocker arm bearings, etc.

7/1/	77		tive recom		Examples
		grades	of this fit a	re:	Dimensions in inches
	XXX	H6–e7			
		H7–e8			Ø2 H6-e7
		H8–e9			
	{				
)				╎──┨╴╫─╶╎╴╬╫╶┼╴╴╴
7/77					
		Unit = 0	0.001 in		
Non	ninal size	Hole H8	Shaft e8	Extremes	Engine main bearing
	(in)			of fit	
Over					Ø 5/8 E8-h8
0.04	0.12	+0.6	-0.6	+1.8	\sim m
0.04	0.12	+0.0	-1.2	+0.6	
0.12	0.24	+0.7	-0.8	+2.2	
0.72	0.2 7	+0	-1.5	+0.8	
0.24	0.40	+0.9	-1.0	+2.8	
		+0	-1.9	+1.0	
0.40	0.71	+1.0	-1.2	+3.2	l W
		+0	-2.2	+1.2	Valve rocker on shaft
0.71	1.19	+1.2	-1.6	+4.0	
		+0	-2.8	+1.6	
1.19	1.97	+1.6	-2.0	+5.2	Ø 3 1/4 H6-e7
		+0	-3.6	+2.0	
1.97	3.15	+1.8	-2.5	+6.1	
		+0	-4.3	+2.5	
3.15	4.73	+2.2	-3.0	+7.4	
		+0	-5.2	+3.0	Camshaft in bearing
4.73	7.09	+2.5	-3.5	+8.5	
7.00	0.05	+0	-6.0	+3.5	(X) 1 /) 1 0 - 0
7.09	9.85	+2.8 +0	-4.0 -6.8	+9.6 +4.0	Ø 2 1/2 H8-e8
0.05	17 /1				
9.85	12.41	+3.0 +0	-4.5 -7.5	+10.5 +4.5	
12.41	15.75	+3.5	-5.0	+12.0	
12.41	15.75	+3.5	-3.0	+72.0	T
15.75	19.69	+4.0	-5.0	+13.0	Die block sliding in valve rod
		+4.0	-9.0	+5.0	
NOTE F	it symbol " · "	indicates clea			

Table 9 Tolerances for clearance fits, shaft f

DESCRIPTION. This is the most commonly used normal running fit and is suitable for the majority of applications requiring a good quality fit which is relatively easy to produce. Typical applications are shaft bearings in gear boxes and gear trains, gears running on fixed shafts, pump driving shaft bearings, and for medium and light mechanisms generally, taking account of conditions of loading, lubrication, etc.



Table 10 Tolerances for clearance fits, shaft g

DESCRIPTION. The amount of clearance provided by this fit is small and it is not recommended for a continuously running bearing except in precision applications where shaft loadings are light and conditions suitable. It may be used as a precision sliding fit, and for non-running location and spigot fits, according to requirements.

		H6–g5	of this fit ar	re:	Dimensions in inches		
		-					
		H8–g7			∅ 1/4 H7-g6 /		
	NOTE 1 7 H8-g7 are BS 1916-1: Table 3.						
		Unit = 0	0.001 in		Valve mechanism link pin		
Nomi	nal size	Hole H7	Shaft g6	Extremes	CA (2) 10 -7		
(in)			of fit	Ø 1/2 H8-g7		
Over	То						
0.04	0.12	+0.4 +0	-0.1 -0.35	+0.75 +0.1			
0.12	0.24	+0.5 +0	-0.15 -0.45	+0.95 +0.15			
0.24	0.40	+0.6 +0	-0.2 -0.6	+1.2 +0.2	Connecting rod cap bolt		
0.40	0.71	+0.7 +0	-0.25 -0.65	+1.35 +0.25	Ø47/8 G6-h7		
0.71	1.19	+0.8 +0	-0.3 -0.8	+1.6 +0.3			
1.19	1.97	+1.0 +0	-0.4 -1.0	+2.0 +0.4			
1.97	3.15	+1.2 +0	-0.4 -1.1	+2.3 +0.4			
3.15	4.73	+1.4 +0	-0.5 -1.4	+2.8 +0.5	Bearing flanges		
4.73	7.09	+1.6 +0	-0.6 -1.6	+3.2 +0.6	NOTE 2 Male member is given greater tolerance owing to difficulty of manufacture.		
7.09	9.85	+1.8 +0	-0.6 -1.8	+3.6 +0.6			
9.85	12.41	+2.0 +0	-0.7 -1.9	+3.9 +0.7			
12.41	15.75	+2.0 +0	-0.7 -2.1	+4.3 +0.7			
15.75	19.69	+2.5 +0	-0.8 -2.4	+4.9 +0.8			
					Oil pump driving eccentric		

Table 11 Tolerances for clearance fits, shaft h

DESCRIPTION. Although the upper shaft limit of this fit is zero, a slight clearance will usually be present. The fit is widely used for non-running assemblies, such as spigot and location fits and is the closest available clearance fit. The finer grades may be used to give a precision sliding fit where conditions are suitable, for example, where no substantial temperature differences are encountered.



Table 12 Tolerances for transition fits, shaft j

DESCRIPTION. This transition fit averages a slight clearance, although a small amount of interference can occur under extreme conditions. It is recommended as a location fit in cases where it is important that the clearance is kept small and the interference also kept to a minimum, in order to ensure both accurate location and easy assembly and dismantling. Typical applications are coupling spigots and recesses, gear rings fitted to hubs, etc.



Table 13 Tolerances for transition fits, shaft k

DESCRIPTION. This is a true transition fit averaging virtually no clearance, and is recommended for location fits where a slight interference can be tolerated with the object, for example, of eliminating vibration. Because the tolerance zones for shafts j and m are very much the same for small diameters, the tolerances for k shafts have been omitted below 0.24 in. If tolerances in this range are required, the j shafts should be used.



Table 14 Tolerances for transition fits, shaft m

DESCRIPTION. This transition fit averages a slight interference, although the assembly pressure will be small unless the interference extreme of size is encountered. It is suitable for general tight keying fits where accurate location and freedom from play are necessary, for example, in the case of the cam holder shown below.



Table 15 Tolerances for transition fits, shaft n

DESCRIPTION. The fine grade of this fit (H6–n5) results in a true interference fit, but the coarser grades, H7–n6 and H8–n7, give a transition fit which averages some interference and gives clearance only when the minimum metal extreme of size is approached. These latter grades are suitable for tight assembly fits, and give in effect an interference fit where the fitting surfaces are long and errors of straightness make the fit noticeably tighter.

VTTTT	~1	Alterna	tive recomr	nended	Examples
	<u>//</u>		of this fit ar		Dimensions in inches
		H8–n7			
			nbination		Ø 3 H7-n6
		1	results in a t rence fit.	rue	
)			
	//				
	\square	Unit = (0.001 in		Commuter shell in shaft
Nomi	nal size	Hole H7	Shaft n6	Extremes	
(in)			of fit	\square
Over	То				
0.04	0.12	+0.4	+0.5	+0.15	Ø 5/8 H7-n6
0.12	0.24	+0 +0.5	+0.25 +0.6	-0.5 +0.2	
0.12	0.24	+0.5	+0.8	-0.6	
0.24	0.40	+0.6	+0.8	+0.2	
		+0	+0.4	-0.8	$\left(\right)$
0.40	0.71	+0.7 +0	+0.9 +0.5	+0.2 -0.9	Fan hub on shaft
0.71	1.19	+0	+0.5	+0.2	
		+0	+0.6	-1.1	
1.19	1.97	+1.0	+1.3	+0.3	
4.07	2.45	+0	+0.7	-1.3	
1.97	3.15	+1.2 +0	+1.5 +0.8	+0.4 -1.5	
3.15	4.73	+1.4	+1.9	+0.4	
		+0	+1.0	-1.9	
4.73	7.09	+1.6	+2.2	+0.4	
7.09	9.85	+0 +1.8	+1.2 +2.6	-2.2 +0.4	
7.09	9.05	+1.0	+2.0	-2.6	
9.85	12.41	+2.0	+2.6	+0.6	
		+0	+1.4	-2.6	
12.41	15.75	+2.2 +0	+3.0	+0.6	
15.75	19.69	+0	+1.6 +3.4	-3.0 +0.7	
	15.05	+2.5	+3.4 +1.8	-3.4	
NOTE Fit	symbol "+"	indicates clea	arance; "–" i	ndicates inte	erference.

Table 16 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft p

DESCRIPTION. This combination provides the first interference fit with the hole H7. The amount of interference, although small, is sufficient to give on ferrous parts a press fit which can be dismantled and assembled when required without overstraining the parts. The combination H8–p7 should be avoided since it results in a transition fit.

$\nabla T T T$	71	Alterna	Exam		
			of this fit a	re:	D
	H6–p5 The combination H8–p7 results in a transition fit.				
		 Unit = 0	0.001 in		Ste
Nom	inal size	Hole H7	Shaft p6	Extremes	Ø51/
	(in)			of fit	
Over	То				_
0.04	0.12	+0.4 +0	+0.65 +0.4	-0 -0.65	
0.12	0.24	+0.5 +0	+0.8 +0.5	-0 -0.8	
0.24	0.40	+0.6	+1.0 +0.6	-0 -1.0	- ·
0.40	0.71	+0.7 +0	+1.1 +0.7	-0 -1.1	Gear whee Ø21/8H7
0.71	1.19	+0.8	+1.3	-0	
4.40	4.07	+0	+0.8	-1.3	a real tast
1.19	1.97	+1.0 +0	+1.6 +1.0	-0 -1.6	
1.97	3.15	+1.2 +0	+2.1 +1.4	-0.2 -2.1	
3.15	4.73	+1.4 +0	+2.5 +1.6	-0.2 -2.5	
4.73	7.09	+1.6	+2.8	-0.2	<u>\////</u>
7.09	9.85	+0 +1.8	+1.8	-2.8 -0.2	Gear whee
		+0	+2.0	-3.2	1 77 /////
9.85	12.41	+2.0 +0	+2.4 +2.2	-0.2 -3.4	
12.41	15.75	+2.2 +0	+3.9 +2.5	-0.3 -3.9	
15.75	19.69	+2.5 +0	+4.4 +2.8	-0.3 -4.4	
		+0	+2.0	-4.4	<i>m.</i>
					Split journ

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Table 17 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft r

DESCRIPTION. This combination provides a medium drive fit on ferrous parts, and on non-ferrous parts a light drive fit which can be easily dismantled, when required. It is commonly used for such applications as pressed-in bearing bushes, sleeves, seatings, etc. The combination H8–r7 should be used with care since it results in a transition fit in sizes below 3.94 in.



Table 18 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft s

DESCRIPTION. This combination gives a heavy drive fit, and is the first interference fit with the hole H7. It is commonly used for the permanent or semi-permanent assembly of steel and cast iron members, and for such applications as bearing bushes in alloy housings. In the larger sizes the amount of interference might necessitate assembly by shrinking in order to avoid damage to the fitting surfaces.



Nom	ninal size	Hole H7	Shaft s6	Extremes	Examples
	(in)		of fit	TTTT A	
Over	То				
7.09	7.88		+6.2 +5.0	-3.2 -6.2	Ø1 3/8 H6-s5
7.88	8.86	+1.8 +0	+6.2 +5.0	-3.2 -6.2	
8.86	9.85		+7.2 +6.0	-4.2 -7.2	
9.85	11.03	+2.0	+7.2 +6.0	-4.0 -7.2	Bearing bush in guide vane disk
11.03	12.41	+0	+8.2 +7.0	-5.0 -8.2	
12.41	13.98	+2.2	+8.4 +7.0	-4.8 -8.4	
13.98	15.75	+0	+9.4 +8.0	-5.8 -9.4	
15.75	17.72	+2.5	+10.6 +9.0	-6.5 -10.6	
17.72	19.69	+0	+11.6 +10.0	-7.5 -11.6	

Table 18 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft s (continued)

Table 19 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft t

DESCRIPTION. The minimum amount of interference provided by the combination H7–t6 is equal to 0.000 63 in per in of diameter, giving a force fit suitable for the permanent assembly of steel and cast iron parts.

In the small sizes, the deviations for s and u shafts are so close that those for t shafts have been omitted up to 0.95 in. If a fit is required in this size range, the s shaft or u shaft fits should be used.

7111	$\mathcal{T} \mathcal{A}$	Alternative recommended grades of this fit are: H6–t5 H8–t7			Examples Dimensions in inches	
			0.001 in			
Nominal size		Hole H7	Shaft t6			Extremes
	(in)			of fit	Valve seat insert in cylinder head	
Over	То					
0.04	0.12	+0.4 +0	_	_		
0.12	0.24	+0.5 +0	_			
0.24	0.40	+0.6 +0	_	_		
0.40	0.71	+0.7 +0	-	_	Ø7 H7-t6	
0.71	0.95		—	_		
0.95	1.19		+2.1 +1.6	-1.0 -2.1		
1.19	1.58	+1.0	+2.6 +2.0	-1.0 -2.6		
1.58	1.97	+0	+2.8 +2.2	-1.2 -2.8		
1.97	2.56	+1.2	+3.2 +2.5	-1.3 -3.2	Half-coupling shrunk on without key	
2.56	3.15	+0	+3.7 +3.0	-1.8 -3.7		
3.15	3.94	+1.4	+4.4 +3.5	-2.2 -4.4		
3.94	4.73	+0	+4.9 +4.0	-2.6 -4.9		

Nominal size (in)		Hole H7	Shaft t6	Extremes of fit	Examples	
4.73	5.52		+6.0	-3.4		
			+5.0	-6.0		
5.52	6.30	+1.6 +0	+6.0	-3.4		
			+5.0	-6.0		
6.30	7.09		+7.0	-4.4		
			+6.0	-7.0	Ø2 1/2 H7-t6	
7.09	7.88		+8.2	-5.2		
			+7.0	-8.2		
7.88	8.86	+1.8	+8.2	-5.2		
		+0	+7.0	-8.2		
8.86	9.85		+9.2	-6.2		
			+8.0	-9.2		
9.85	11.03		+10.2	-7.0		
		+2.0	+9.0	-10.2		
11.03	12.41	+0	+10.2	-7.0		
			+9.0	-10.2	Built up compound gear for electric hoist	
12.41	13.98		+11.4	-7.8		
		+2.2	+10.0	-11.4		
13.98	15.75	+0	+13.4	-9.8		
			+12.0	-13.4		
15.75	17.72		+13.6	-9.5		
		+2.5	+12.0	-13.6		
17.72	19.69	+0	+15.6	-11.5		
			+14.0	-15.6		

Table 19 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft t (continued)

Table 20 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft u

DESCRIPTION. The combination H7–u6 provides a commonly used heavy force or shrink fit, the minimum amount of interference being equal to 0.001 in per in of diameter. The method of assembly will be by power press, using a suitable lubricant, or in the larger sizes by shrinking. The maximum amount of interference should be checked to ensure that no overstraining occurs.



Non	ninal size	Hole H7	Shaft u6	Extremes of fit
	(in)			
Over	То			
4.73	5.52		+8.0	-5.4
			+7.0	-8.0
5.52	6.30	+1.6	+8.0	-5.4
		+0	+7.0	-8.0
6.30	7.09		+9.0	-6.4
			+8.0	-9.0
7.09	7.88		+10.2	-7.2
			+9.0	-10.2
7.88	8.86	+1.8	+11.2	-8.2
		+0	+10.0	-11.2
8.86	9.85		+13.2	-10.2
			+12.0	-13.2
9.85	11.03		+13.2	-10.0
		+2.0	+12.0	-13.2
11.03	12.41	+0	+15.2	-12.0
			+14.0	-15.2
12.41	13.98		+17.4	-13.8
		+2.2	+16.0	-17.4
13.98	15.75	+0	+19.4	-15.8
			+18.0	-19.4
15.75	17.72		+21.6	-17.5
		+2.5	+20.0	-21.6
17.72	19.69	+0	+23.6	-19.5
			+22.0	-23.6
NOTE Fi	it symbol "-"	indicates inte	rference.	

Table 20 Tolerances for interference fits, shaft u (continued)

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