## Introduction to Standard Geometrical Tolerance

This presentation includes the following concepts

- Datum and Tolerance Accumulation
- Possible Tolerance Conditions
- Block Example
- Specific Tolerances for Slip and Press Fits
- Machine Tolerances
- Tolerance Block


## Tolerance Accumulation

## Chain Dimensioning



- This allows the most variation in the distance from $A$ to $B$, giving a total tolerance accumulation of ". 015 " giving AB a maximum length of 3.515 ".
- Chain dimensioning can be used when the tolerance accumulation won't affect the function of the object.


## Base Line Dimensioning



- This allows a total tolerance accumulation of $.010^{\prime \prime}$ in the distance from $A$ to $B$, giving $A B$ a max length of 3.510 ".
- Base line dimensioning is the easiest to follow when machining a part, but you must know the allowable variation between points of interest.


## Direct dimensioning



- This allows the least variation in the distance from $A$ to $B$, giving a total tolerance accumulation of .005" and a maximum distance AB of 3.505"
- Direct dimensioning should be used to note the distance between two critical points like $A$ and $B$. "A" does not lye on the edge, so baseline dimensioning would not specify the desired length $A B$ within the tolerance needed.


## Possible Tolerance Conditions

Maximum Material Condition (MMC)The shaft is the largest allowable size, and the hole is the smallest allowable size based on tolerance.


Least Material Condition (LMC)- The shaft is the smallest allowable size, and the hole is the largest allowable size based on tolerance.


The shaft tolerance should be (-), in relation to the maximum shaft size, to prevent the shaft from being to large to fit the hole .
The hole tolerance should be (+), in relation to the minimum shaft size, to prevent the hole from being to small for the shaft to fit.

## Block Example

This example is a visual aid that helps explain why tolerances are important, and how they can be used to insure pieces will fit together.

Dimensions For Blocks


| Component | Dimension <br> (in) | Tolerance <br> (in) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hole diameter | unknown | $(+) .005$ |
| Hole center to center <br> distance | 1 | $( \pm) .005$ |
| Hole distance from edge | .5 | $( \pm) .005$ |
| Hold distance to bottom | 1 | $( \pm) .005$ |
| Pin Diameter | .5 | $(-) .005$ |
| Pin center to center <br> distance | 1 | $( \pm) .005$ |
| Pin distance from edge | .5 | $( \pm) .005$ |
| Pin distance to bottom | .5 | $( \pm) .005$ |

## Unknown Hole Diameter

How do we find the diameter of the hole needed, that will make sure the part fits every time, and all other dimensions are any value within our tolerance?

We Must account for the total tolerances in the distance from the edge $(X)$ and distance from the bottom $(Y)$ directions. This will give us the maximum distance $(Z)$ the center can be offset.

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\begin{array}{cl}
Z=2 \sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}} & \\
Z=2 \sqrt{ }\left(( \pm .005)^{2}+( \pm .005)^{2}\right) & \text { Diameter hole }=\text { Diameter pin }+Z \\
Z=2 \sqrt{ }\left((.01)^{2}+(.01)^{2}\right) & \text { Diameter hole }=.5+.03 \\
Z=2 \sqrt{ } .0002 & \\
Z=.0283 \approx .03 &
\end{array}
$$

Now we can check this solution by solid modeling in Solidworks.

## Example Blocks 1

-LMC
-Tolerances allow widest fit


The different shades of blue are used to represent the block with holes in it. The dimensions of the block with holes are also in blue and are on the top half of the drawing.

The different shades of green are used to represent the block with pins. The dimensions of this block are noted in black and are found on the bottom half of the drawing.

## Example Blocks 2

## -MMC

-Maximum tolerance offset condition


Notice that all the dimensions are offset in apposite directions. Meaning the block with pins are as wide apart and large as possible. While the block with holes is i as close and small as possible.

Although the tolerance of each dimension is offset, and the is the maximum amount of material possible, The block with pins should still be able to fit inside of the block with holes.

## Specific Tolerances

## Slip Fit Info

## Tight Slip Fit

RC1 Really tight slip fit used for accurate location of parts.
RC2 Sliding fit that can turn easily and is used for accurate location. Not intended to run freely and may seize with temperature.
RC3 closest fits that can run freely and used as a light journal entry at low speeds.
RC4 close running fits, used on accurate machinery with moderate surface speeds.
RC5 and RC6 Medium running fits intended for higher running speeds and or heavy journal pressures.
RC7 Free running fits where accuracy is not essential or where large temperature variations are likely to be encountered.
RC8 and RC9 Loos running fits that is intended for use were wider commercial tolerances may be necessary.
Loose Slip Fit

## Press and Shrink Fit Info

## Least overlap

FN1 Light drive fit for light assembly pressures and are less permanent of assembly.
FN2 Medium drive fit for ordinary steel parts. These are about the tightest fits to be used with high grade cast iron members.
FN3 Heavy drive fits that are used for heaver steel parts FN4 and FN5 Highest stress on material, and should only be used if FN3 can't work.

## Most overlap

Ref: Marks' Mechanical Engineering Handbook, 6th ed. McGraw-Hill.

Values of overlay and gap are in thousandths of an inch (.00x)

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|  |  | Max and Min Difference in Diamter (Gap) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Loose slip fit |  | Min and Max Overlay |  |  |  |  |
| Diamter (inches) |  | Tight slip fit |  | RC3 | RC4 | RC5 | RC6 | RC7 |  |  | Least <br> FN1 | Press Force |  |  | Greatest |
| Min | Max | RC1 | RC2 |  |  |  |  |  | RC8 | RC9 |  | FN2 | FN3 | FN4 | FN5 |
| 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.10 | 2.50 | 4.00 | 0.05 | 0.20 | ... | 0.30 | 0.50 |
|  |  | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.80 | 1.10 | 1.40 | 1.80 | 2.60 | 5.10 | 8.10 | 0.50 | 0.85 | $\ldots$ | 0.95 | 1.30 |
| 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 1.20 | 2.80 | 4.50 | 0.10 | 0.20 | $\ldots$ | 0.40 | 0.70 |
|  |  | 0.50 | 0.65 | 1.00 | 1.40 | 1.80 | 2.20 | 3.10 | 5.80 | 9.30 | 0.60 | 1.00 | $\ldots$ | 1.20 | 1.70 |
| 0.24 | 0.40 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.60 | 3.00 | 5.00 | 0.10 | 0.40 | .... | 0.60 | 0.80 |
|  |  | 0.60 | 0.85 | 1.70 | 1.70 | 2.20 | 2.80 | 3.90 | 6.60 | 10.70 | 0.75 | 1.40 | $\ldots$ | 1.60 | 2.00 |
| 0.40 | 0.56 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 2.00 | 3.50 | 3.00 | 0.10 | 0.50 | $\ldots$ | 0.70 | 0.90 |
|  |  | 0.75 | 0.95 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.60 | 3.20 | 4.60 | 7.90 | 12.80 | 0.80 | 1.60 | $\ldots$ | 1.80 | 2.30 |
| 0.56 | 0.71 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 2.00 | 3.50 | 3.00 | 0.20 | 0.50 | .... | 0.70 | 1.10 |
|  |  | 0.75 | 0.95 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.60 | 3.20 | 4.60 | 7.90 | 12.80 | 0.90 | 1.60 | .... | 1.80 | 2.50 |
| 0.71 | 0.95 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 7.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | $\ldots$ | 0.8 | 1.4 |
|  |  | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 1.1 | 1.9 | $\ldots$ | 2.1 | 3.0 |
| 0.95 | 1.19 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.7 |
|  |  | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| 1.19 | 1.58 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
|  |  | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 11.5 | 18.0 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 4.0 |
| 1.58 | 1.97 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 3.0 |
|  |  | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 11.5 | 18.0 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 5.0 |
| 1.97 | 2.56 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 3.8 |
|  |  | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 8.8 | 13.5 | 20.5 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 6.2 |
| 2.56 | 3.15 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 4.8 |
|  |  | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 8.8 | 13.5 | 20.5 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 7.2 |
| 3.15 | 3.94 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 5.6 |
|  |  | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 10.7 | 15.5 | 24.0 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 8.4 |
| 3.94 | 4.73 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 6.6 |
|  |  | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 10.7 | 15.5 | 24.0 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 9.4 |
| 4.73 | 5.52 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 5.4 | 8.4 |
|  |  | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 8.5 | 12.5 | 18.0 | 28.0 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 11.6 |
| 5.52 | 6.30 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 5.4 | 10.4 |
|  |  | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 8.5 | 12.5 | 18.0 | 28.0 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 13.6 |
| 6.30 | 7.09 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 10.4 |
|  |  | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 8.5 | 12.5 | 18.0 | 28.0 | 3.5 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 13.6 |
| 7.09 | 7.88 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 12.2 |
|  |  | 2.0 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 9.6 | 14.3 | 21.5 | 34.0 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 10.2 | 15.8 |
| 7.88 | 8.86 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 14.2 |
|  |  | 2.0 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 9.6 | 14.3 | 21.5 | 34.0 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 11.2 | 17.8 |
| 8.86 | 9.85 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 6.2 | 10.0 | 14.2 |
|  |  | 2.0 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 9.6 | 14.3 | 21.5 | 34.0 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 9.2 | 13.2 | 17.8 |
| 9.85 | 11.03 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 10.2 | 16.0 |
|  |  | 2.3 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 25.0 | 38.0 | 4.9 | 7.2 | 10.2 | 13.2 | 20.0 |
| 11.03 | 12.41 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 12.0 | 18.0 |
|  |  | 2.3 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 25.0 | 38.0 | 4.9 | 8.2 | 10.2 | 15.2 | 22.0 |
| 12.41 | 13.98 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 14.0 | 22.0 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 13.8 | 19.8 |
|  |  | 2.7 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 10.4 | 13.0 | 19.5 | 29.0 | 45.0 | 5.5 | 9.4 | 11.4 | 17.4 | 24.2 |
| 13.98 | 15.75 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 14.0 | 22.0 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 9.8 | 15.8 | 22.8 |
|  |  | 2.7 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 10.4 | 13.0 | 19.5 | 29.0 | 45.0 | 6.1 | 9.4 | 13.4 | 19.4 | 27.2 |
| 15.75 | 17.72 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 16.0 | 25.0 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 9.5 | 17.5 | 25.5 |
|  |  | 3.0 | 3.8 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 16.0 | 22.0 | 32.0 | 51.0 | 7.0 | 10.6 | 136.0 | 21.6 | 30.5 |
| 17.72 | 19.69 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 16.0 | 25.0 | 4.4 | 7.5 | 11.5 | 19.5 | 27.5 |
|  |  | 3.0 | 3.8 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 16.0 | 22.0 | 32.0 | 51.0 | 7.0 | 11.6 | 15.6 | 23.6 | 32.5 |

## Machine Tolerance

Each machine has a tolerance grade that relates the nominal size of the part to an achievable tolerance.

Tolerance Grades

| This chart may be | MACHINING OPERATION | TOLERANCE GRADES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 |  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| used as a general | Lapping \& Honing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| guide to | Cylindrical Grinding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| determine the | Surface Grinding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| machining | Diamond Turning |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| processes that | Diamond Boring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| will under normal | Broaching |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| circumstances | Reaming |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| produce work | Turning |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| produce wo | Boring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| within the | Milling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tolerance grades | Planing \& Shaping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| shown. | Drilling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Nominal Size, Inches |  | Grade |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Over | To | Tolerances in thousandths of an inch ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4 | 6 |
| 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5 | 7 |
| 0.24 | 0.40 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 6 | 9 |
| 0.40 | 0.71 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 7 | 10 |
| 0.71 | 1.19 | 0.25 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 8 | 12 |
| 1.19 | 1.97 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| 1.97 | 3.15 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 7 | 12 | 18 |
| 3.15 | 4.73 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 22 |
| 4.73 | 7.09 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 25 |
| 7.09 | 9.85 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 28 |
| 9.85 | 12.41 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 30 |
| 12.41 | 15.75 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 6 | 9 | 14 | 22 | 35 |
| 15.75 | 19.69 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 25 | 40 |

After you have the tolerance grade for any given machine. You use or part size to find the tolerance that the machine is actually capable of achieving.

## Tolerance Block



With this tolerance block, it is saying that Linear Dimensions with:

- 0 decimal places is $\pm .25$
- 1 decimal place is $\pm .1$
- 2 decimal places is $\pm .01$
- 3 decimal places is $\pm .001$

These tolerances is what will be used for all of the dimensions of the drawing of the part unless it is otherwise specified.

