
**Aerospace — Nuts, plain or slotted
(castellated) — Procurement specification**

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the required characteristics for metric plain or slotted (castellated) nuts, with MJ threads according to ISO 5855-2, for use in aerospace construction.

It is applicable to nuts as defined above, provided that reference is made to this International Standard in the relevant definition document.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1463:1982, *Metallic and oxide coatings — Measurement of coating thickness — Microscopical method*.

ISO 2859-1:1989, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling plans indexed by acceptable quality level (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*.

ISO 3452:1984, *Non-destructive testing — Penetrant inspection — General principles*.

ISO 3887:1976, *Steel, non-alloy and low-alloy — Determination of depth of decarburization*.

ISO 4288:1996, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*.

ISO 5855-2:1988, *Aerospace — MJ threads — Limit dimensions for bolts and nuts*.

ISO 7870:1993, *Control charts — General guide and introduction*.

ISO 7966:1993, *Acceptance control charts*.

ISO 8258:1991, *Shewhart control charts*.

ISO 8788:1987, *Aerospace — Fasteners — Tolerances of form and position for nuts*.

ISO 9002:1994, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in production, installation and servicing*.

ISO 9003:1994, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in final inspection and test*.

ISO 9140:1998, *Aerospace — Plain or slotted (castellated) nuts — Test methods*.

ISO 9227:1990, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*.

ISO/TR 13425:1995, *Guide for selection of statistical methods in standardization and specification*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 definition document

document specifying all the requirements for nuts, i.e.:

- metallurgical;
- geometrical and dimensional;
- functional (strength and temperature classes)

NOTE The definition document may be an International Standard, a national standard, an in-house standard or drawing.

3.2 finished nut

nut ready for use, inclusive of any possible treatments and/or surface coatings, as specified in the definition document

3.3 batch

definite quantity of some commodity manufactured or produced under conditions which are presumed to be uniform

NOTE For the purposes of this International Standard, a batch is a quantity of finished nuts, of the same type and same diameter, produced from a material obtained from the same melt, manufactured in the course of the same production cycle, following the same manufacturing route and having undergone all the relevant heat treatments and surface treatments.

3.4 crack

rupture in the material which may extend in any direction and which may be intercrystalline or transcrystalline in character

3.5 seam

open surface defect resulting from extension of the metal

3.6 lap

folding over of unwelded metal that can arise when the material is formed (drawing) or in the finished product (pressing or forging)

3.7 inclusions

non-metallic particles originating from the material manufacturing process

NOTE These particles may be isolated or arranged in strings.

3.8 critical defect

defect that, according to judgement and experience, is likely to result in hazardous or unsafe conditions for individuals using, maintaining, or depending upon the considered product, or that is likely to prevent performance of the function of a major end item

3.9**major defect**

defect other than critical, that is likely to result in a failure or to reduce materially the usability of the considered product for its intended purpose

3.10**minor defect**

defect that is not likely to reduce materially the usability of the considered product for its intended purpose, or that is a departure from established specifications having little bearing on the effective use or operation of this product

3.11**sampling plan**

plan according to which one or more samples are taken in order to obtain information and possibly reach a decision

NOTE For the purposes of this International Standard, each sampling plan specifies the number of nuts to be inspected as a function of the size of the batch and the acceptance number [number of defective items acceptable (Ac)]¹.

3.12**simple random sampling**

sampling of n items from a population of N items in such a way that all possible combinations of n items have the same probability of being chosen

3.13**acceptable quality level****AQL**

maximum percent defective (or the maximum number of defects per hundred units) that, for purposes of sampling inspection, can be considered satisfactory as a process average

NOTE Variant: quality level which in a sampling plan corresponds to a specified but relatively high probability of acceptance.

3.14**limiting quality****LQ**

⟨sampling plan⟩ quality level which corresponds to a specified and relatively low probability of acceptance

NOTE 1 It is the limiting lot quality characteristic that the consumer is willing to accept with a low probability that a lot of this quality would occur.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this International Standard, the limiting quality given in Table 7 corresponds to a consumer's risk of 10 %.

4 Quality assurance**4.1 General****4.1.1 Approval of manufacturers**

The manufacturer shall conform to the quality assurance and approval procedures defined in ISO 9003 for nuts of strength classes less than 1 550 MPa and/or of temperature classes less than 650 °C. The manufacturer shall conform to the quality assurance and approval procedures defined by ISO 9002 for nuts of strength classes greater than or equal to 1 550 MPa and/or of temperature classes greater than or equal to 650 °C.

1) Supplementary information taken from ISO 2859-1.

The purpose of these procedures is to ensure that a manufacturer has a quality system and the capability for continuous production of nuts complying with the specified quality requirements.

Approval of the manufacturer shall be granted by the Certification Authorities, or their appointed representative, who may be the prime contractor.

4.1.2 Qualification of nuts

The purpose of qualification inspections and tests of nuts is to check that the design and manufacturing conditions of a nut allow it to satisfy the requirements of this International Standard.

The qualification is applicable to nuts of strength classes greater than or equal to 1 550 MPa and/or of temperature classes greater than or equal to 650 °C. It shall be granted by the Certification Authorities in the purchaser's country, or their appointed representative, who may be the prime contractor.

4.1.3 Production acceptance of nuts

The purpose of production acceptance inspection and tests of a nut is to check, as simply as possible, using a method which is inexpensive but the most representative of the actual conditions of use, with the uncertainty inherent in statistical sampling, that the nuts satisfy the requirements of this International Standard.

Production acceptance inspections and tests shall be carried out by the manufacturer, or under his responsibility.

The manufacturer is responsible for the quality of the nuts manufactured.

4.2 Qualification inspection and test conditions

Qualification inspections and tests (requirements, methods, numbers of nuts) are specified in Table 1. They shall be carried out on:

- each type and diameter of nut of strength classes greater than or equal to 1 550 MPa and/or of temperature classes greater than or equal to 650 °C;
- 75 nuts selected from a single inspection lot by simple random sampling.

The test programme may possibly be reduced, or qualification of a nut granted without inspection or testing; any such decision shall be based on the results obtained on similar types and diameters of nuts provided that the design and manufacturing conditions are identical.

The inspections and tests shall be repeated on any nut if the supplier or the manufacturing conditions have changed.

Qualification inspections and tests are summarized in Table 2.

4.3 Production acceptance inspection and test conditions

Production acceptance inspections and tests (requirements, methods, numbers of nuts) are specified in Table 1. They shall be carried out on each batch. Nuts from the batch to be tested shall be selected by simple random sampling.

Each nut may be submitted to several inspections or tests.

The nuts to be subjected to destructive inspections or tests may be those on which non-destructive inspections or tests have been carried out.

If a more stringent inspection is deemed necessary, all or part of the qualification inspections and tests may be performed during the production acceptance inspections and testing. This disposition applies to each nut, whatever its strength or temperature class. In this case, the number of nuts submitted to these inspections and tests is the same as that submitted for qualification inspections and tests.

Batches declared unacceptable after the production acceptance requirements shall be submitted for re-inspection only after all the defective units have been removed and/or defects have been corrected. In this case, the attribute(s) which caused the rejection shall be verified using a sample of twice the normal size with the same number of defective items acceptable.

Production acceptance inspections and tests are summarized in Table 2.

4.4 Use of "Statistical process control (SPC)"

Where a characteristic is obtained by a controlled statistical process, the manufacturer has the possibility, in order to declare conformity of the characteristic, of refraining from the final systematic sampling provided for in this International Standard, if he is capable of **formally justifying** this choice by using ISO/TR 13425 and the standards quoted in it as a basis.

This justification will include the following phases:

- analysis of the product's key characteristics;
- analysis of the risks for each implemented process;
- determination of the parameters and/or characteristics to be respected under SPC;
- determination of the capabilities of each process;
- drawing up an inspection plan and integration in the manufacturing process;
- drawing up of routes and control charts (ISO 7966, ISO 7870, ISO 8258);
- use of control charts for data consolidation;
- determination of the audits to be run and the control to be carried out to ensure reliability of the device.

To be usable in production, this process should have been validated beforehand by the qualifying body, either during the qualification phase, or a posteriori according to the case, by analysing the justificatory file and the results of the qualification inspections such as provided for in clause 5.

5 Technical requirements

The technical requirements of this International Standard are given in Table 1.

They complement the requirements of all other standards or specifications referenced in the definition document of the nut.

NOTE The attention of the users of this International Standard is drawn to the fact that if there is no International Standard specifying the method to be used, a prior agreement is necessary between the user and the manufacturer with respect to the following inspections and tests:

- spectrographic analysis or spectroscopic analysis of the material (see 5.1.1);
- micrographic inspection of the structure of the material (see 5.1.2);
- inspection for carburization or decarburization (see 5.1.3);
- magnetoscopic inspection of surface for discontinuities (see 5.1.4);
- magnetic permeability inspection (see 5.1.6);
- inspection by chemical reagent to determine type of surface coating (see 5.2.2);
- tactile inspection or inspection using a profilometer to determine surface roughness (see 5.3.2).

Table 1 — Technical requirements

Subclause	Characteristic	Technical requirement	Inspection and test method	Test category	Sample size
5.1	Material				
5.1.1	Type	The material shall be as specified in the definition document.	Spectrographic analysis or spectroscopic analysis (method to be agreed upon between the user and manufacturer).	Qualification ^a	3
5.1.2	Microstructure	Nuts shall be free from cracks. The inclusions shall not exceed the values when specified in the material standard.	Micrographic inspection of a transverse section (method to be agreed upon between the user and manufacturer)	Qualification ^a	5
5.1.3	Carburization or decarburization^b	No area of carburization and no area of total decarburization is permissible. An area of partial decarburization is permissible provided that the thickness over the area is less than or equal to 0,1 mm.	Microscopic examination (method to be agreed upon between the user and manufacturer) or Vickers microhardness measurement (using a 300 g load) in accordance with ISO 3887, or an equivalent method.	Qualification ^a	5
5.1.4	Surface discontinuities^c	The types of permissible surface discontinuity are given in annex A (normative). The maximum depth allowed for these discontinuities is given in Table 9. Cracks are not permitted.	Magnetoscopic ^b (method to be agreed upon between the user and manufacturer), or penetrant inspection in accordance with ISO 3452. In the event of any doubt arising as to the nature of the defects detected, inspect defective nuts at a magnification of × 10 after sectioning.	Qualification ^a	5
5.1.5	Hardness	The hardness of the finished nuts shall be within the limits specified in the definition document of the nut or the material standard.	See ISO 9140.	Qualification ^a	5
				Production acceptance	Table 8, column B
5.1.6	Non-magnetism^d	The magnetic permeability of the finished nuts shall be less than 2 (air = 1) in a magnetic field of 15 916 A/m.	Method to be agreed upon between the user and manufacturer	Qualification ^a	5

Table 1 (continued)

Subclause	Characteristic	Technical requirement	Inspection and test method	Test category	Sample size
5.2	Surface coating				
5.2.1	Presence	Surface coating shall be applied at the locations specified in the definition document.	Visual examination	Qualification ^a	75
				Production acceptance	Tables 6 and 7
5.2.2	Type ^e	Surface coating shall be as specified in the definition document.	Visual examination or inspection by chemical reagent in case of doubt (method to be agreed upon between the user and manufacturer)	Qualification ^a	3
				Production acceptance	Table 8, column A
5.2.3	Thickness ^e	The thickness of the surface coating shall be within the limits specified in the definition document.	Device for measuring the thickness of surface coatings. In the event of any doubt, micrographic inspection in accordance with ISO 1463 ^f	Qualification ^a	5
				Production acceptance	Table 8, column A
5.2.4	Adhesion a) of molybdenum disulfide (MoS₂)	There shall be no sign of flaking, cracking or softening after test.	Heat the nuts to the maximum operating temperature specified in the definition document for 3 h, then cool the nuts slowly to ambient temperature.	Qualification ^a	5
	b) of silver	There shall be no sign of blisters or exfoliation after test.	Heat the nuts to the maximum operating temperature specified in the definition document for 4 h, then rapidly cool the nuts with compressed air (at a pressure of 0,3 MPa to 0,4 MPa) by means of a nozzle with a diameter of 1,5 mm held close to the surface of the nuts.		
5.2.5	Corrosion resistance ^b	The surface coating specified in the definition document (protective treatment and, possibly, lubrication) shall ensure effective protection against corrosion.	Neutral salt spray (NSS) test in accordance with ISO 9227. Exposure for 336 h without signs of iron rust.	Qualification ^a	8

Table 1 (continued)

Subclause	Characteristic	Technical requirement	Inspection and test method	Test category	Sample size
5.3	Surface condition				
5.3.1	Appearance	Finished nuts shall be free from burrs and bumps.	Visual examination In the event of any doubt arising as to the nature of the defects detected, inspect defective nuts at a magnification of $\times 10$ after sectioning.	Qualification ^a	75
				Production acceptance	Tables 6 and 7
5.3.2	Surface roughness ^c	The surface roughness of the nuts shall be as specified in the definition document.	See ISO 4288. Visual examination	Qualification ^a	5
5.4	Marking	The nuts shall be marked as specified in the definition document.	Visual examination	Qualification ^a	75
				Production acceptance	Tables 6 and 7
5.5	Dimensions				
5.5.1	General dimensions	The dimensions and any deviations in form and position, measured at ambient temperature, shall be within the limits specified in the definition document.	Suitable limit gauges or measuring instruments	Qualification ^a	20
				Production acceptance	Tables 6 and 7
5.5.2	Squareness of the bearing surface	Any out-of-squareness of the bearing surface, relative to the thread, shall be within the limits specified in ISO 8788.	See ISO 9140.	Qualification ^a	20
				Production acceptance	Tables 6 and 7

Table 1 (continued)

Subclause	Characteristic	Technical requirement	Inspection and test method	Test category	Sample size
5.6	Performance				
5.6.1	Axial load	The finished nuts shall withstand the axial load specified for their tensile strength class, as laid down in the definition document.	See ISO 9140.	Qualification ^a	8
				Production acceptance	Table 8, column B
	a) 80 % test	The nuts shall not display: — any cracks; — any permanent set.	The load to be applied is specified in Table 3.		
	b) 100 % test	The nuts shall not display: — any cracks; — any fracture. Permanent set is permissible.	The load to be applied is specified in Table 4 ^g .		
5.6.2	Stress embrittlement ^g	Heat treatment and surface treatment shall not cause any embrittlement that may prevent the nuts from withstanding continuously, without cracking or rupturing, the axial load specified for their tensile strength class, as laid down in the definition document.	See 9140. The tightening torque to be applied shall be as specified in Table 5. The axial load shall be applied for 168 h.	Qualification ^a	3

Table 1 (concluded)

Subclause	Characteristic	Technical requirement	Inspection and test method	Test category	Sample size
5.7	Delivery				
5.7.1	Packaging	The nuts shall be packed so as to prevent damage and corrosion during handling, transportation and storage. Each primary package shall only contain nuts with the same part number and of the same production lot number.	Visual examination	Qualification ^a	100 %
				Production acceptance	
5.7.2	Labelling	Each individual package shall have the manufacturer's name or trade mark, the complete part number, the quantity, the production lot number and the date of manufacture clearly shown on a label.	Visual examination	Qualification ^a	100 %
				Production acceptance	

^a See clause 4 for applicability conditions.

^b Inspections applicable only to nuts made of steel or steel alloy.

^c Inspection to be carried out before coating of the surface or after removal of the surface coating.

^d Inspection applicable only to nuts made of stainless steel.

^e Inspection applicable only to electrolytic coatings (cadmium, silver, etc.).

^f The inspection may be performed on nuts that have been subjected to the inspection of microstructure (see 5.1.2).

^g Test applicable only to nuts heat treated to a hardness equal to or greater than 39 HRC.

Table 2 — Summary of qualification and production acceptance inspections and tests

Characteristic	Qualification ^a	Production acceptance
	Subclause	
Material		
Type	5.1.1	
Microstructure	5.1.2	
Carburization or decarburization	5.1.3	
Surface discontinuities	5.1.4	
Hardness	5.1.5	5.1.5
Non-magnetism	5.1.6	
Surface coating		
Presence	5.2.1	5.2.1
Type	5.2.2	5.2.2
Thickness	5.2.3	5.2.3
Adhesion	5.2.4	
Corrosion resistance	5.2.5	
Surface condition		
Appearance	5.3.1	5.3.1
Roughness	5.3.2	
Marking	5.4	5.4
Dimensions		
General dimensions	5.5.1	5.5.1
Squareness of the bearing surface	5.5.2	5.5.2
Performance		
Axial load	5.6.1	5.6.1
Stress embrittlement	5.6.2	
Delivery		
Packaging	5.7.1	5.7.1
Labelling	5.7.2	5.7.2
^a See clause 4 for applicability conditions.		

Table 3 — Loads to be applied in the 80 % axial load test [see 5.6.1 a)]

Thread	Cross-sectional area, S , to be tested ^a mm ²	Load, F ^b N					
		Tensile strength class, R_m , of the nut					
		$R_m = 450 \text{ MPa}$	$R_m = 600 \text{ MPa}$	$R_m = 900 \text{ MPa}$	$R_m = 1\,100 \text{ MPa}$	$R_m = 1\,250 \text{ MPa}$	$R_m = 1\,550 \text{ MPa}$
MJ3 × 0,5	5,439	2 000	2 600	3 900	4 800	5 400	6 700
MJ3,5 × 0,6	7,335	2 600	3 500	5 300	6 500	7 300	9 100
MJ4 × 0,7	9,517	3 400	4 600	6 900	8 400	9 500	11 800
MJ5 × 0,8	15,296	5 500	7 300	11 000	13 500	15 300	19 000
MJ6 × 1	21,753	7 800	10 400	15 700	19 100	21 800	27 000
MJ7 × 1	30,93	11 100	14 800	22 300	27 200	30 900	38 400
MJ8 × 1	41,682	15 000	20 000	30 000	36 700	41 700	51 700
MJ10 × 1,25	65,136	23 400	31 300	46 900	57 300	65 100	80 800
MJ12 × 1,25	97,128	35 000	46 600	69 900	85 500	97 100	120 400
MJ14 × 1,5	131,562	47 400	63 100	94 700	115 800	131 600	163 100
MJ16 × 1,5	175,613	63 200	84 300	126 400	154 500	175 600	217 800
MJ18 × 1,5	225,949	81 300	108 500	162 700	198 800	225 900	280 200
MJ20 × 1,5	282,571	101 700	135 600	203 500	248 700	282 600	350 400
MJ22 × 1,5	345,478	124 400	165 800	248 700	304 000	345 500	428 400
MJ24 × 2	401,68	144 600	192 800	289 200	353 500	401 700	498 100
MJ27 × 2	515,708	185 700	247 500	371 300	453 800	515 700	639 500
MJ30 × 2	643,877	231 800	309 100	463 600	566 600	643 900	798 400
MJ33 × 2	786,185	283 000	377 400	566 100	691 800	786 200	974 900
MJ36 × 2	942,632	339 300	452 500	678 700	829 500	942 600	1 168 900
MJ39 × 2	1 113,218	400 800	534 300	801 500	979 600	1 113 200	1 380 400
^a See formula in annex B (informative).							
^b Calculated using the following formula: $F = R_m \times S \times 0,8$							

Table 4 — Loads to be applied in the 100 % axial load test [see 5.6.1 b)]

Thread	Cross-sectional area, S , to be tested ^a mm ²	Load, F ^b N					
		Tensile strength class, R_m , of the nut					
		$R_m = 450$ MPa	$R_m = 600$ MPa	$R_m = 900$ MPa	$R_m = 1\,100$ MPa	$R_m = 1\,250$ MPa	$R_m = 1\,550$ MPa
MJ3 × 0,5	5,439	2 400	3 300	4 900	6 000	6 800	8 400
MJ3,5 × 0,6	7,335	3 300	4 400	6 600	8 100	9 200	11 400
MJ4 × 0,7	9,517	4 300	5 700	8 600	10 500	11 900	14 800
MJ5 × 0,8	15,296	6 900	9 200	13 800	16 800	19 100	23 700
MJ6 × 1	21,753	9 800	13 100	19 600	23 900	27 200	33 700
MJ7 × 1	30,93	13 900	18 600	27 800	34 000	38 700	47 900
MJ8 × 1	41,682	18 800	25 000	37 500	45 900	52 100	64 600
MJ10 × 1,25	65,136	29 300	39 100	58 600	71 600	81 400	101 000
MJ12 × 1,25	97,128	43 700	58 300	87 400	106 800	121 400	150 500
MJ14 × 1,5	131,562	59 200	78 900	118 400	144 700	164 500	203 900
MJ16 × 1,5	175,613	79 000	105 400	158 100	193 200	219 500	272 200
MJ18 × 1,5	225,949	101 700	135 600	203 400	248 500	282 400	350 200
MJ20 × 1,5	282,571	127 200	169 500	254 300	310 800	353 200	438 000
MJ22 × 1,5	345,478	155 500	207 300	310 900	380 000	431 800	535 500
MJ24 × 2	401,68	180 800	241 000	361 500	441 800	502 100	622 600
MJ27 × 2	515,708	232 100	309 400	464 100	567 300	644 600	799 300
MJ30 × 2	643,877	289 700	386 300	579 500	708 300	804 800	998 000
MJ33 × 2	786,185	353 800	471 700	707 600	864 800	982 700	1 218 600
MJ36 × 2	942,632	424 200	565 600	848 400	1 036 900	1 178 300	1 461 100
MJ39 × 2	1 113,218	500 900	667 900	1 001 900	1 224 500	1 391 500	1 725 500
^a See formula in annex B. (informative). ^b Calculated using the following formula: $F = R_m \times S$							

Table 5 — Torques to be applied in the stress embrittlement test (see 5.6.2)

Nominal thread diameter	Torque			
	N·m			
	Tensile strength class of the nut			
mm	900 MPa	1 100 MPa	1 250 MPa	1 550 MPa
3	1	1,2	1,4	1,7
3,5	1,5	1,8	2,1	2,5
4	2	2,4	2,8	3,4
5	3,9	4,7	5,4	6,7
6	9	11	12,5	15,5
7	16,4	20	22	28
8	23,7	29	33	41
10	43	53	60	74
12	72	88	100	125
14	97	118	135	167
16	126	154	175	217
18	170	208	236	293
20	260	318	360	448
22	355	434	493	611
24	440	538	610	758
27	575	703	800	990
30	710	868	986	1 225
33	860	1 050	1 200	1 490
36	1 000	1 225	1 390	1 725
39	1 140	1 400	1 585	1 970

Table 6 — Classification of visual and dimensional inspections

Category	Acceptable quality level (AQL) ^a	Characteristics
Critical	1 %	Thread size Appearance Presence of surface coating
Major	2,5 %	Dimensions affecting interchangeability: — overall height; — across flats; — diameter of flange; — dimensions and position of castellations. Marking
Minor	4 %	All other dimensions and deviations in tolerance of form or position

^a The acceptable quality level (AQL) specified in this table is used to select, from Table 7, the sampling plan to be applied according to the characteristics to be inspected and the batch size.

Table 7 — Sampling plans for visual and dimensional inspections

Batch size	Sample size	Acceptance number (Ac) ^a and limiting quality (LQ) in accordance with the acceptable quality level (AQL)					
		AQL 1 %		AQL 2,5 %		AQL 4 %	
		Ac	LQ ₁₀ %	Ac	LQ ₁₀ %	Ac	LQ ₁₀ %
2 to 8	2	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
9 to 15	3	↓	↓	↓	↓	0	54
16 to 25	5	↓	↓	0	37	↑	↑
26 to 50	8	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
51 to 90	13	0	16	↓	↓	1	27
91 to 150	20	↑	↑	1	18	2	25
151 to 280	32	↓	↓	2	16	3	20
281 to 500	50	1	7,6	3	13	5	18
501 to 1 200	80	2	6,5	5	11	7	14
1 201 to 3 200	125	3	5,4	7	9,4	10	12
3 201 to 10 000	200	5	4,6	10	7,7	14	10
10 001 to 35 000	315	7	3,7	14	6,4	21	9
35 001 to 150 000	500	10	3,1	21	5,6	↑	↑
≥ 150 001	800	14	2,5	↑	↑	↑	↑

↑ Use sampling plan above.
↓ Use sampling plan below.

NOTE The data given in this table are based on single sampling plans for a normal inspection, as specified in ISO 2859-1:1989, Tables II-A and VI-A. A 100 % inspection should be performed when the sample size is as large as or larger than the batch size.

Other sampling plans specified in ISO 2859-1 may be used (double or multiple sampling), but these shall be chosen in such a way as to ensure an equivalent quality level.

As regards those manufacturers who carry out an inspection during the manufacturing process (inspection on a machine and/or inspection between operations), the sampling plan for the final inspection shall be compiled in such a way that the overall inspection plan shall guarantee an equivalent quality level.

^a See 3.11.