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## Introduction

This Technical Report provides information associated with numerical compensation of geometric errors of machine tools.

Numerical compensation of geometric errors has the potential to

- increase the accuracy of parts produced on machine tools,
- reduce the costs for production of machine tools and assembly, and
- reduce the maintenance cost during the life cycle of the machine tool by adding or replacing mechanical re-fitting.

The information provided in this Technical Report might be useful to the machine tool manufacturer/supplier, the user, the metrology service provider, and the metrology instrument manufacturer.

Valuable general information on numerical compensation of geometric errors may be gathered in Schwenke, et al[12].

# Machine tools — Numerical compensation of geometric errors

## 1 Scope

This Technical Report provides information for the understanding and the application of numerical compensation of geometric errors for numerically controlled machine tools including:

- terminology associated with numerical compensation;
- representation of error functions output from different measuring methods;
- identification and classification of compensation methods as currently applied by different CNCs;
- information for the understanding and application of different numerical compensations.

This Technical Report does not provide a detailed description of geometric errors measurement techniques that are specified in ISO 230 (all parts) and in machine tool specific performance evaluation standards and it is not meant to provide comprehensive theoretical and practical background on the existing technologies.

This Technical Report focuses on geometric errors of machine tools operating under no-load or quasi-static conditions. Errors resulting from the application of dynamic forces as well as other errors that might affect the finished part quality (e.g. tool wear) are not considered in this Technical Report.

Deformations due to changing static load by moving axes are considered in [7.4.2](#).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 230-1:2012, *Test code for machine tools — Part 1: Geometric accuracy of machines operating under no-load or quasi-static conditions*

ISO 841:2001, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Numerical control of machines — Coordinate system and motion nomenclature*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 841:2001, ISO 230-1:2012 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **machine tool coordinate system**

#### **machine tool reference coordinate system**

right-hand rectangular system with the three principal axes labelled X, Y, and Z, with rotary axes about each of these axes labelled A, B, and C, respectively

[SOURCE: ISO 841:2001, 4.1, modified]

Note 1 to entry: ISO 230-1:2012, Annex A provides useful information on machine tool coordinate system and position and orientation errors.