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## **Technical product documentation — Lettering —**

### **Part 0: General requirements**

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ISO 3098 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Technical product documentation — Lettering*:

- *Part 0: General requirements*
- *Part 1: Currently used characters*
- *Part 2: Greek characters*
- *Part 3: Diacritical and particular marks for the Latin alphabet*
- *Part 4: Cyrillic characters*
- *Part 5: CAD lettering of the Latin alphabet, numerals and marks*

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## Part 0: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3098 specifies the general requirements for lettering, in accordance with all other parts of this International Standard, to be used in technical product documentation (in particular on technical drawings).

It includes basic conventions as well as rules for the application of lettering using the following techniques:

- a) free-hand lettering (by means of an underlaid "grid");
- b) templates (see ISO 9178) and manual lettering instruments;
- c) dry transfer systems;
- d) numerically controlled lettering and draughting systems.

### 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 3098. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 3098 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 128-20:1996, *Technical drawings — General principles of presentation — Part 1: Basic conventions for lines.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 3098, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 central line:** Imaginary line in the middle of each line or line element which is a constitutive part of a graphic character set.