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ISO 68 consists of the following parts under the general title *ISO general purpose screw threads – Basic profile*

- *Part 1: Metric screw threads*
- *Part 2: Inch screw threads*

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## Part 1: Metric screw threads

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 68 specifies the basic profile for ISO general purpose metric screw threads (M).

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 68. At the time of publication the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 68 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 965-1:1998, *ISO general purpose metric screw threads — Tolerances — Part 1: Principles and basic data*.

ISO 5408:1983, *Cylindrical screw threads — Vocabulary*.

### 3 Definitions

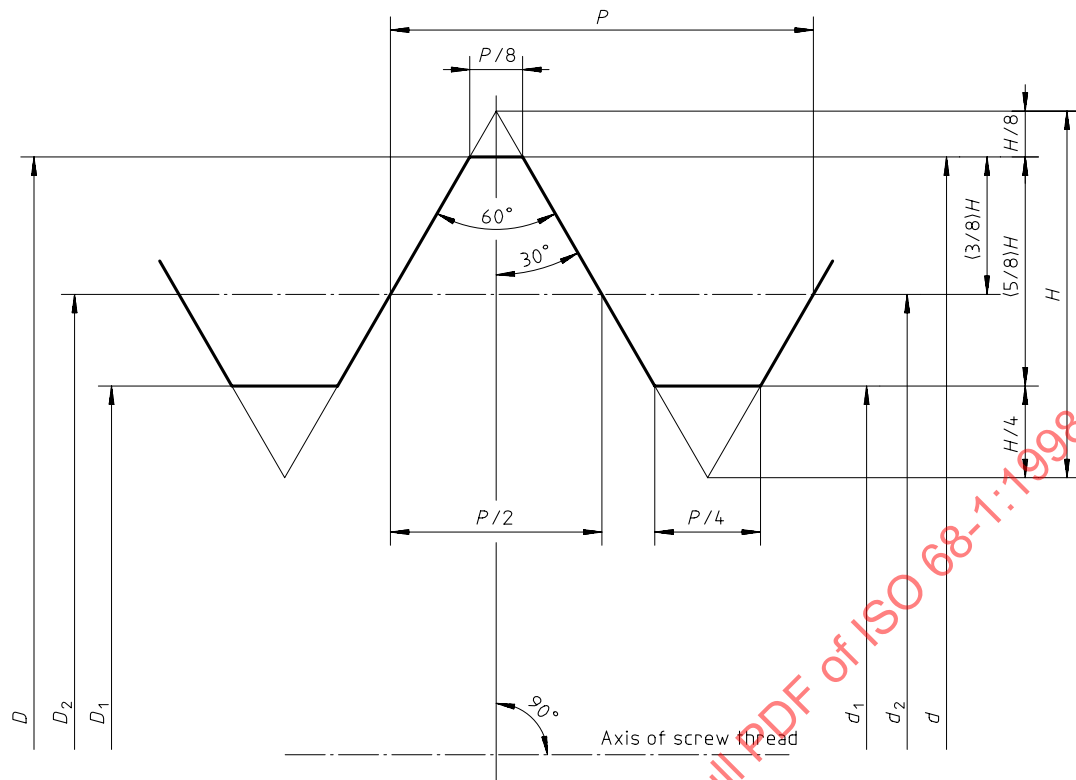
For the purpose of this part of ISO 68 the definitions given in ISO 5408 apply. Only the term "basic profile" which might be usefully restated is defined below.

#### 3.1

##### **basic profile**

The theoretical profile of a screw thread in an axial plane defined by theoretical dimensions and angles common to internal and external threads

NOTE The basic profile is shown as a thick line in figure 1.



where

- $D$  is the basic major diameter of internal thread (nominal diameter)
- $d$  is the basic major diameter of external thread (nominal diameter)
- $D_2$  is the basic pitch diameter of internal thread
- $d_2$  is the basic pitch diameter of external thread
- $D_1$  is the basic minor diameter of internal thread
- $d_1$  is the basic minor diameter of external thread
- $H$  is the height of fundamental triangle
- $P$  is the pitch

Figure 1

#### 4 Dimensions

The fundamental deviations and tolerances specified in ISO 965-1 are applied to the dimensions of the basic profile shown in figure 1 and derived from table 1.

$$H = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} P = 0,866\,025\,404\,P$$

$$\frac{5}{8} H = 0,541\,265\,877\,P$$

$$\frac{3}{8} H = 0,324\,759\,526\,P$$

$$\frac{H}{4} = 0,216\,506\,351\,P$$

$$\frac{H}{8} = 0,108\,253\,175\,P$$