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# FOREWORD

This is a revision of ASME Y14.8-2009 (R2014), Castings, Forgings, and Molded Parts. Based on guidance from the ASME Y14 Committee, the material formerly in [Section 1](#) has been reorganized into [Sections 1](#) through [3](#), and the subsequent Sections have been renumbered. The scope of the Standard has expanded to include full feature concepts as a result of draft. Changes to both the text and figures have been made to better illustrate drafting practices pertaining to drawings of cast, forged, and molded parts.

Figures for plus draft, minus draft, and draft included have been improved. A new symbol for full feature has been created, and figures have been added to show application of the full feature symbol. Customized datum references are shown to demonstrate control of specific degrees of freedom due to process variations, such as mismatch and die closure. The effect of applying profile of a surface with datum references to surfaces containing datum targets is continued for the increased use of form tolerancing in model-based computer-aided design (CAD) systems. Text and figures have been revised to reflect these changes.

The successful revision of this Standard is attributed to the commitment of the committee members and the support of their sponsoring companies. Their time commitment and their contributed expertise are gratefully acknowledged. Don E. Day, former chair of the ASME Y14.8 Subcommittee, is acknowledged for his tireless leadership, commitment, and knowledge, which have made this revision possible.

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# Section 1

## Scope

This Standard covers definitions of terms and features unique to casting, forging, and molded-part technologies with recommendations for their uniform specification on engineering drawings and related documents. Castings, forgings, and molded parts are delineated as “part” or “parts” throughout the Standard.

### 1.1 GENERAL

Unless otherwise specified, any reference to features, parts, or processes shall be interpreted as applying to castings, forgings, and molded parts. Sections 2 through 5 establish related references, definitions, drawing presentation methods, and drafted feature considerations. Datum referencing is presented in Section 6, and Section 7 provides drawing notes and drawing items. Additional information unique to castings, forgings, and moldings is located in Nonmandatory Appendices A through C. The information in Nonmandatory Appendix D is provided to assist in the interpretation of existing drawings on which practices in previous editions of ASME Y14.8 may appear.

### 1.2 DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING

The methods of dimensioning and tolerancing shall be in accordance with ASME Y14.5 and this Standard.

### 1.3 ASME Y14 SERIES CONVENTIONS

The conventions in paras. 1.3.1 through 1.3.12 are used in this and other ASME Y14 standards.

#### 1.3.1 Mandatory, Recommended, Guidance, and Optional Words

- (a) The word “shall” establishes a requirement.
- (b) The word “will” establishes a declaration of purpose on the part of the design activity.
- (c) The word “should” establishes a recommended practice.
- (d) The word “may” establishes an allowed practice.
- (e) The words “typical,” “example,” “for reference,” and the Latin abbreviation “e.g.” indicate suggestions given for guidance only.

(f) The word “or” used in conjunction with a requirement or a recommended practice indicates that there are two or more options for complying with the stated requirement or practice.

(g) The phrase “unless otherwise specified” or the abbreviation “UOS” shall be used to indicate a default requirement. The phrase is used when the default is a generally applied requirement and an exception may be provided by another document or requirement.

#### 1.3.2 Cross-Reference of Standards

Cross-reference of standards in text with or without a date following the standard designator shall be interpreted as follows:

(a) Reference to other ASME Y14 standards in the text without a date following the standard designator indicates the edition of the standard identified in the References section (Section 2) shall be used to meet the requirement.

(b) Reference to other ASME Y14 standards in the text with a date following the standard designator indicates that only that edition of the standard shall be used to meet the requirement.

#### 1.3.3 Invocation of Referenced Standards

The following examples define the invocation of a standard when specified in Section 2 and referenced in the text of this Standard:

(a) When a referenced standard is cited in the text with no limitations to a specific subject or paragraphs of the standard, the entire standard is invoked. For example, “Dimensioning and tolerancing shall be in accordance with ASME Y14.5” is invoking the complete standard because the subject of the standard is dimensioning and tolerancing and no specific subject or paragraphs within the standard are invoked.

(b) When a referenced standard is cited in the text with limitations to a specific subject or paragraphs of the standard, only the paragraphs on that subject are invoked. For example, “Assign part or identifying numbers in accordance with ASME Y14.100” is invoking only the paragraphs on part or identifying numbers because the subject of the standard is engineering drawing practices and part or identifying numbers is a specific subject within the standard.

(c) When a referenced standard is cited in the text without an invoking statement such as “in accordance with,” the standard is invoked for guidance only. For example, “For gaging principles, see ASME Y14.43” is only for guidance and no portion of the standard is invoked.

### 1.3.4 Definitions

Section 3 provides definitions specific to this Standard. For definitions of words used in but not defined in this Standard, see Merriam-Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary at <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>.

### 1.3.5 Parentheses Following a Definition

When a definition is followed by a standard referenced in parentheses, the standard referenced in parentheses is the source for the definition.

### 1.3.6 Notes

Notes depicted in this Standard in ALL UPPERCASE letters are intended to reflect actual product definition entries. Notes depicted in initial uppercase or lowercase letters are to be considered supporting data to the contents of this Standard and are not intended for literal entry on the product definition. A statement requiring the addition of a note with the qualifier “such as” is a requirement to add a note, and the content of the note is allowed to vary to suit the application.

### 1.3.7 Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms and abbreviations are spelled out the first time used in this Standard, followed by the acronym or abbreviation in parentheses. The acronym is used thereafter throughout the text.

### 1.3.8 Units

The International System of Units (SI) is featured in this Standard. It should be understood that U.S. Customary units could equally have been used without prejudice to the principles established.

### 1.3.9 Figures

The figures in this Standard are intended only as illustrations to aid the user in understanding the practices described in the text. In some cases, figures show a level of detail as needed for emphasis. In other cases, figures are incomplete by intent so as to illustrate a concept or facet thereof. The absence of figures has no bearing on the applicability of the stated requirements or practice. To comply with the requirements of this Standard, actual data sets shall meet the content requirements

set forth in the text. To assist the user of this Standard, a list of paragraphs that refer to an illustration appears in the lower right-hand corner of each figure. This list may not be all inclusive. The absence of a paragraph reference is not a reason to assume inapplicability. Some figures are illustrations of models in a three-dimensional (3D) environment. The absence of dimensioning and tolerancing annotations in a view may indicate that the product definition is defined in three dimensions. Dimensions that locate or orient and are not shown are considered basic and shall be queried to determine the intended requirement. When the letter “h” is used in figures for letter heights or for symbol proportions, select the applicable letter height in accordance with ASME Y14.2. Multi-view drawings contained within figures are third-angle projection.

### 1.3.10 Precedence of Standards

The following are ASME Y14 standards that are basic engineering drawing standards:

ASME Y14.1, Drawing Sheet Size and Format  
 ASME Y14.2, Line Conventions and Lettering  
 ASME Y14.3, Orthographic and Pictorial Views  
 ASME Y14.5, Dimensioning and Tolerancing  
 ASME Y14.24, Types and Applications of Engineering Drawings  
 ASME Y14.34, Associated Lists  
 ASME Y14.35, Revision of Engineering Drawings and Associated Documents  
 ASME Y14.36, Surface Texture Symbols  
 ASME Y14.38, Abbreviations and Acronyms for Use on Drawings and Related Documents  
 ASME Y14.41, Digital Product Definition Data Practices  
 ASME Y14.100, Engineering Drawing Practices

All other ASME Y14 standards are considered specialty types of standards and contain additional requirements or make exceptions to the basic standards as required to support a process or type of drawing.

### 1.3.11 Use of an ASME Y14 Case

Where product definition and engineering documentation are based on an ASME Y14 Case, this fact shall be noted on the documentation or in a referenced document.

### 1.3.12 Product Definition Without Reference to a Standard

When a product definition is created without a reference document (company, regional, national, or international) or contractually imposed documents, the drawing shall be interpreted in accordance with ASME PDS-1.1–2013.

## Section 2 References

The following revisions of American National Standards form a part of this Standard to the extent specified herein. A more recent revision may be used, provided there is no conflict with the text of this Standard. In the event of a conflict between the text of this Standard and the references cited herein, the text of this Standard shall take precedence.

ASME PDS-1.1-2013, Dimensioning, Tolerancing, Surface Texture, and Metrology Standards — Rules for Drawings With Incomplete Reference to Applicable Drawing Standard

ASME Y14.1-2020, Drawing Sheet Size and Format

ASME Y14.2-2014 (R2020), Line Conventions and Lettering

ASME Y14.3-2012 (R2018), Orthographic and Pictorial Views

ASME Y14.5-2009, Dimensioning and Tolerancing

ASME Y14.24-2020, Types and Applications of Engineering Drawings

ASME Y14.34-2013 (R2018), Associated Lists

ASME Y14.35-2014 (R2019), Revision of Engineering Drawings and Associated Documents

ASME Y14.38-2019, Abbreviations and Acronyms for Use on Drawings and Related Documents

ASME Y14.41-2019, Digital Product Definition Data Practices

ASME Y14.43-2011 (R2020), Dimensioning and Tolerancing Principles for Gages and Fixtures

ASME Y14.100-2017, Engineering Drawing Practices

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## Section 3 Definitions

### 3.1 DEFINITIONS

The following terms are defined as their use applies in this Standard. [Nonmandatory Appendix A](#) defines other commonly used terms for castings, forgings, and molded parts.

#### 3.1.1 Casting

*casting:*

(a) a part obtained by solidification of material in a die or mold.

(b) a process by which liquid material is introduced into a mold, is allowed to solidify inside the mold, and is subsequently removed, resulting in a part.

#### 3.1.2 Corner Radius

*corner radius:* the convex radius on the surface of a part connecting two or more surfaces. Also called *edge radius*. See [Figure 3-1](#).

#### 3.1.3 Die

*die:* any of various tools or devices for imparting a desired shape, form, or finish to a material or for impressing an object or material.

#### 3.1.4 Die Closure

*die closure:* allowable part variation caused by inconsistent mating of opposing segments of a mold or die. See [Figure 5-15](#), illustrations (a), (b), and (c).

#### 3.1.5 Draft

*draft:* the angle given to a feature on a part so that it can be withdrawn from the mold or die. See [Figure 5-14](#), illustration (a).

#### 3.1.5.1 Drafted Fillet and Corner Radii

*drafted fillet and corner radii:* filleted and cornered surfaces normal to the forging plane or parallel to the die removal direction where draft is required.

NOTES:

- (1) Drafted fillet surfaces occur when the fillet connects two or more adjacent draft surfaces with the same draft angle. These drafted fillets and corners create a conical surface. See [Figure 3-2](#), illustration (a).
- (2) Fillets and corners that connect two or more adjacent drafted surfaces with different draft angles do not create a conical fillet surface; they create a canted cylindrical surface. See [Figure 3-2](#), illustration (b).

#### 3.1.6 Drawing

*drawing:* an engineering document or data set that discloses, directly or by reference, by means of graphic or textual or graphic and textual presentations, the physical or functional requirements of an item (ASME Y14.100).

#### 3.1.7 Fillet Radius

*fillet radius:* the concave radius on the surface of a part connecting two or more surfaces. See [Figure 3-1](#).

NOTE: Fillet radii are intended to minimize stress concentrations, aid in proper fill, and minimize defects.

#### 3.1.8 Flash

*flash:* excess material that results from leakage between mating surfaces of a mold or die. See [Figure 5-11](#), illustrations (a) and (b).

#### 3.1.9 Flash Extension

*flash extension:* allowable flash remnant. See [Figure 5-11](#), illustrations (a) and (b).

#### 3.1.10 Forging

*forging:*

- (a) a part created by plastically deforming metal.
- (b) the process of creating a part by plastically deforming metal (normally preheated) with impact or pressure into a specific shape.

### 3.1.11 Forging Plane

*forging plane*: a plane perpendicular to the opening and closing direction of the die. See [Figure 5-2](#), illustrations (a) and (b).

### 3.1.12 Full Feature Axis

*full feature axis*: similar to feature axis as defined in ASME Y14.5-2009, except that the unrelated actual mating envelope is a conical drafted feature, with its included angle being the sum of draft angles.

### 3.1.13 Full Feature Center Plane

*full feature center plane*: similar to feature center plane as defined in ASME Y14.5-2009, except that the unrelated actual mating envelope is a wedge of a drafted feature, with its included angle being the sum of draft angles.

### 3.1.14 Gate

*gate*: a channel in a mold through which material flows into the mold cavity.

### 3.1.15 Grain Direction

*grain direction*: the predominant orientation of the fibrous crystalline structural units of wrought materials. See [Figure 5-23](#).

### 3.1.16 Grain Flow

*grain flow*: the directional elongation in the grain structure of the material, and its nonhomogenous constituents, resulting from the forging process. Also called *flow lines*.

NOTE: Grain flow follows the direction of working during forging and is usually revealed by polishing and etching sections of the forging.

### 3.1.17 Match Draft

*match draft*: draft allowance permitted on matching surfaces at parting lines when the normal draft allowance would result in an offset of the surfaces at the parting line. See [Figure 5-10](#).

### 3.1.18 Mismatch

*mismatch*: the offset of features on a part caused by misalignment of opposing segments of a mold or die. See [Figure 5-16](#), illustrations (a) and (b).

### 3.1.19 Mold

*mold*:

- (a) a form made of sand, metal, or other material.
- (b) the process of pouring or injecting material into a form to produce a part.

### 3.1.20 Mold Line

*mold line*: a line generated by the intersection of projected surfaces. See [Figure 5-14](#), illustration (a).

### 3.1.21 Mold Line Center Line

*mold line center line*: the line centered between a pair of mold lines, where the mold lines lie in a common plane. See [Figure 5-14](#), illustration (d).

### 3.1.22 Mold Line Center Point

*mold line center point*: the point of the center of a circular mold line. See [Figures 5-12](#) and [5-13](#).

### 3.1.23 Parting Line

*parting line*:

- (a) the location on the part where mold or die segments separate.
- (b) a line on the drawing representing the mating surfaces of the die or mold segments.

See [Figure 5-14](#), illustration (a); [Figure 5-15](#), illustrations (a) through (c); [Figures 5-17](#) and [5-18](#); and [Nonmandatory Appendix C](#).

### 3.1.24 Parting Plane

*parting plane*: a plane perpendicular to the opening and closing directions of the die segments. See also *forging plane*.

### 3.1.25 Parting Surface

*parting surface*: the mating surfaces of die segments.

### 3.1.26 Pattern

*pattern*: a form made of wood, metal, or other material around which sand or other suitable material is placed to make a mold.

### 3.1.27 Riser

*riser*: a reservoir built into a mold to prevent shrinkage cavities in the part.

### 3.1.28 Riser Stub

*riser stub*: the allowable remaining riser.

### 3.1.29 Round

*round*: see *corner radius*.

### 3.1.30 Scale

*scale*: an encrustation formed on the surface of a hot worked metal (forging) as a result of oxidation.

### 3.1.31 Sink

*sink*: a shallow depression in the surface of a cast or molded part due to internal shrinkage.

### 3.1.32 Vent Marks

*vent marks*: small protrusions on the surface of a part caused by material entering the vents (air escape passages) in the mold or die.

### 3.1.33 Wall

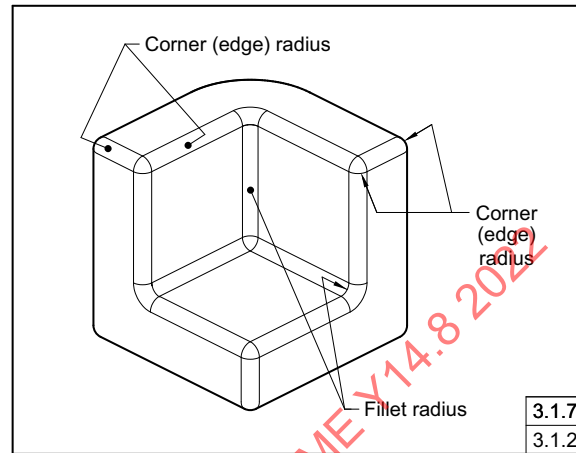
*wall*: a solid feature at any physical orientation comprised of opposing surfaces having a nominally uniform thickness. See Figure 5-24.

### 3.1.34 Wall Thickness

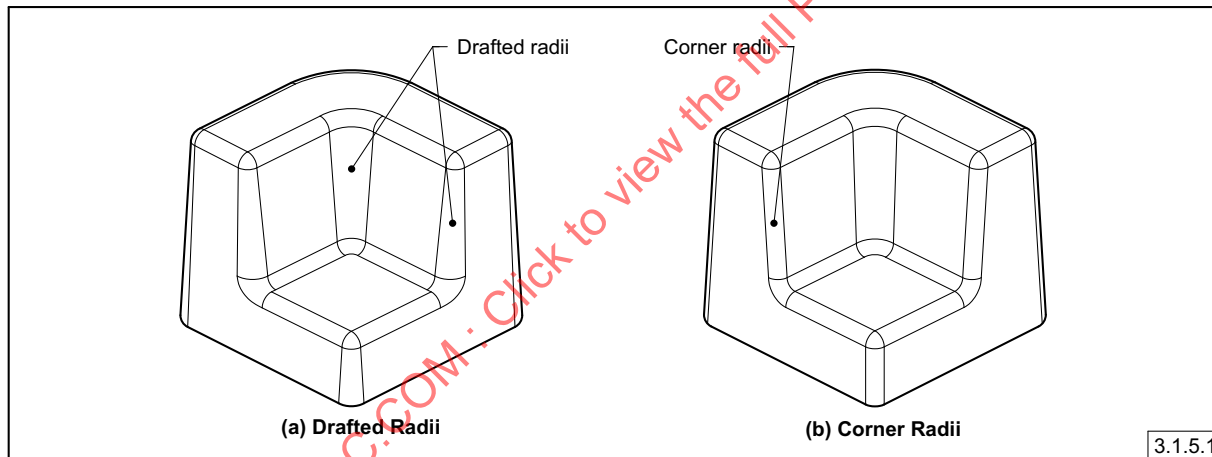
*wall thickness*: the actual local size between all sets of opposing points on the surfaces of a wall. See Figure 5-24.

NOTE: Perfect form at maximum wall thickness tolerance is not a requirement [i.e., Rule #1 (see ASME Y14.5, para. 5.8.1) does not apply to “wall thickness” tolerance].

**Figure 3-1**  
**Fillet and Corner Radius**



**Figure 3-2**  
**Fillet and Corner Radii**





## Section 4

# Drawing Presentation Methods

### 4.1 GENERAL

This Section establishes methods of preparing drawings for castings, forgings, and molded parts.

See ASME Y14.24 for complete descriptions and suggested use of types and applications of engineering drawings.

### 4.2 SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS DRAWING METHOD

This method shows requirements for castings, forgings, and molded parts and for postprocessing (finishing, machining, etc.) on separate drawings in the same document or in separate documents. See [Figure 4-1](#).

### 4.3 COMBINED REQUIREMENTS DRAWING METHOD

This method shows the part requirements and the end-item requirements in superimposed views. Phantom lines may be used to show the casting, forging, or molded-part outline. See [Figure 4-2](#).

Casting, forging, and molded-part notes shall be separated from end-item notes.

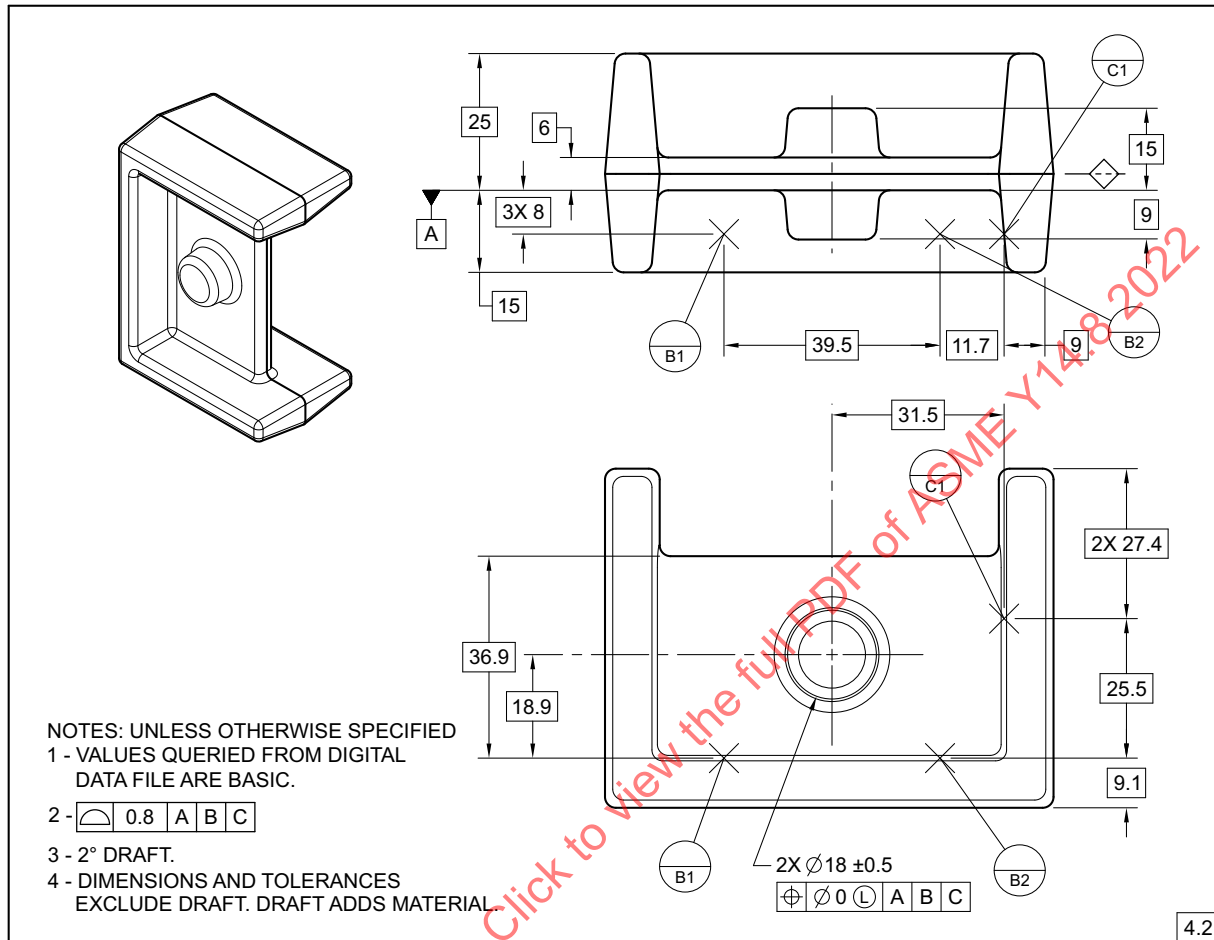
**CAUTION:** The decision to combine drawings should be made cautiously. Potential disadvantages resulting from combining drawings include

(a) increased complexity of the drawing, which may diminish clarity and usefulness

(b) frequent change activity to the drawing, which may increase the need to update associated records, material control data, manufacturing planning, etc.

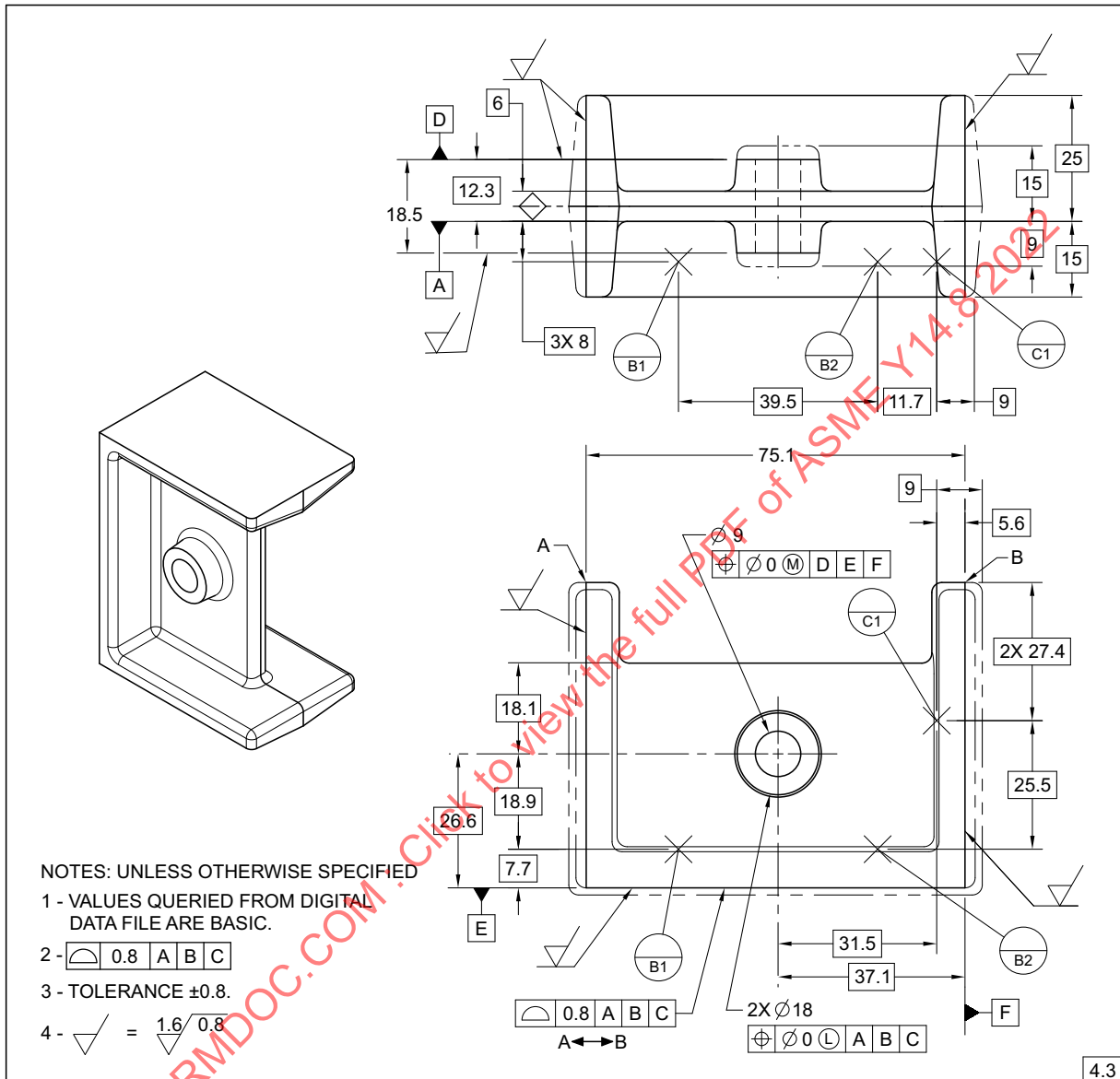


### Separate Drawing Method — Casting, Forging, and Molding Requirements



GENERAL NOTE: This is the recommended practice.

**Figure 4-2**  
**Combined Drawing Method**



GENERAL NOTE: This is not the recommended practice. See Caution in [para. 4.3](#).

## Section 5

# Drawing Practices

### 5.1 GENERAL

This Section establishes items unique to castings, forgings, and molded parts not defined by other standards that should be defined on the drawing.

### 5.2 AS-CAST, AS-FORGED, AND AS-MOLDED SURFACES

Drawings shall specify whether machining as-cast, as-forged, and as-molded surfaces is permitted or prohibited other than for removing gates, risers, flash, etc. Where machining is permitted, the surface texture shall be specified. Gates, riser stubs, flash, etc. may exceed tolerance boundaries unless otherwise specified. Where a surface may retain gates, riser stubs, flash, etc. beyond the tolerance boundary, a specified limit beyond the tolerance boundary shall be defined.

### 5.3 CORNER AND FILLET RADII

Corner and fillet radii values and tolerances shall be specified on the drawing.

### 5.4 DRAFT

Draft shall be defined and should be shown for clarity; see Figure 5-1. Forged-part draft angles are related to the forging plane; see Figure 5-2, illustrations (a) and (b). Cast- and molded-part draft angles are related to mold parting action. Draft may exceed the perfect form boundary at maximum material condition (MMC) unless otherwise specified. Draft angles specified are per side (not included angle) unless otherwise specified. Draft angles may be specified with a stated value or a maximum value or defined in a 3D model. Drafted features may be controlled using profile of a surface. See Figures 5-1 and 5-3.

#### 5.4.1 Methods for Specifying Dimensions Affected by Draft

Provision for draft may be addressed either directly on the field of the drawing or by a general note, or both on the field of the drawing and in a note. The note should state "DRAFT ADDS MATERIAL" to specify that material is added relative to the dimensions; see Figure 5-4. Exceptions to this are

(a) application of the local note "DRAFT REDUCES MATERIAL"; see Figure 5-5.

(b) application of the "DFT INCL" (draft included) symbol, which indicates that any draft shall be contained within the stated tolerance; see Figure 5-6.

(c) controlling drafted features by applying toleranced dimensions at specific locations; see Figure 5-7.

(d) application of the "+DFT" (plus draft) symbol, which indicates that the dimension may increase due to draft in addition to the increase allowed by any applicable tolerance applied to the considered feature. The value of the draft angle may be included before DFT. See Figure 5-8.

(e) application of the "-DFT" (minus draft) symbol, which indicates that the dimension may decrease due to draft in addition to the decrease allowed by any applicable tolerance applied to the considered feature. The value of the draft angle may be included before DFT. See Figure 5-9.

(f) a size dimension with a geometric form or orientation tolerance, such as cylindricity or perpendicularity, which indicates that the feature has zero draft.

**CAUTION:** The symbols for "+DFT" and "-DFT" and the notes "DRAFT ADDS MATERIAL" and "DRAFT REDUCES MATERIAL" should not be used for critical features due to the limitations of measurements being only near, rather than at, a given end of the feature.

For fully defined features, a geometric tolerance such as a profile of a surface tolerance should be used.

#### 5.4.2 Match Draft

Match draft shall be specified where applicable. See Figure 5-10.

### 5.5 FLASH EXTENSION

The limits of permissible flash extension shall be specified on the drawing. See Figure 5-11, illustrations (a) and (b).

### 5.6 EJECTOR PIN DEPRESSIONS OR PROTRUSIONS

The limits of permissible ejector pin marks (e.g., height or depth) shall be specified on the drawing.

## 5.7 MOLD LINE DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES

Dimensions and tolerances (size, position, etc.) shall be applied at the mold line(s) at one end of features unless otherwise specified. See [Figures 5-12 and 5-13](#), and [Figure 5-14](#), illustration (a).

### 5.7.1 Circular Mold Line

The following text is a description of design intent, where a position tolerance is associated with a drafted feature dimensioned to mold lines, on drawings of parts prepared in accordance with this Standard.

Basic dimensions (shown or not shown) in the figures of this Section locate and orient the tolerance zone relative to the specified datum reference frame. Because of the draft, the feature is dimensioned to the mold line (the theoretical line generated at the intersection of the extended draft and the dimensioned end of the feature). The feature will be a circular mold line. The mold line center point must fall within the tolerance zone defined in the feature control frame associated with the size dimension. The tolerance zone is a circle. See [Figures 5-12 and 5-13](#).

### 5.7.2 Parallel Line Elements at a Mold Line

The following text is a description of design intent, where a position tolerance is associated with a drafted feature dimensioned to mold lines, on drawings of parts prepared in accordance with this Standard.

Basic dimensions (shown or not shown) in the figures of this Section locate and orient the tolerance zone relative to the specified datum reference frame. Because of the draft, the feature is dimensioned to the mold lines (the theoretical lines generated at the intersection of the extended draft and the dimensioned end of the feature). The feature comprises the two parallel mold lines. The mold line center line must fall within the tolerance zone defined in the feature control frame associated with the size dimension. The tolerance zone is two parallel lines. See [Figure 5-14](#), illustration (d).

## 5.8 FULL FEATURE MODIFIER

The note “FULL FEATURE” or a full feature symbol is used as a modifier applied to a position or orientation tolerance (perpendicularity, parallelism, or angularity). A full feature modifier may be applied to a feature control frame that is placed below a size tolerance that applies to one mold line of a drafted feature. When a full feature modifier is applied, the associated tolerance controls the feature’s full feature axis or full feature center plane, rather than the default control, which applies to the mold line center point or mold line center line at one end of the drafted feature. The tolerance zone for the position or orientation tolerance is bounded by the mold line at each end of the feature. The full feature modifier shall only be

applied at regardless of feature size. See [Figure 5-14](#), illustrations (b) through (e).

## 5.9 DIE CLOSURE

Die closure tolerance is applied to the appropriate dimensions as shown in [Figure 5-15](#), illustrations (a), (b), and (c). Unless otherwise specified, die closure tolerances shall be included in the dimensional limits.

## 5.10 SURFACE IRREGULARITIES CAUSED BY MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

The limits of surface irregularities created by processing (such as ejector pin marks, flash extension, and gate marks) may exceed tolerance boundaries unless otherwise specified. If limited, these limits shall be identified on the drawing or in a related document; see [Figure 5-11](#), illustrations (a) and (b) and notes in [Section 7](#) for examples. Features created for tooling considerations, such as ejector pin pads or bosses, shall be specified.

## 5.11 ORIENTATION OF FORGING PLANE

The orientation of the forging plane shall be indicated by defining a basic angular relationship between the forging plane and an appropriate datum reference frame. See [Figure 5-2](#), illustrations (a) and (b).

## 5.12 MARKING

The part drawing shall define applicable identification information. See [paras. 7.2\(k\) and 7.4\(e\)](#).

## 5.13 MISMATCH

Mismatch tolerance, where applied, shall be specified as a maximum value. Mismatch may cause features to exceed specified tolerance limits unless otherwise specified. See [Figure 5-16](#), illustrations (a) and (b).

## 5.14 PARTING LINES

Parting lines shall be depicted on drawings as a phantom line extending beyond the part in applicable views, with the parting line symbol added. See [Figure 5-2](#), illustrations (a) and (b), and [Figures 5-17 and 5-18](#). Parting line symbols shall be shown on drawings of closed die forged parts or when the all around this side of parting line symbol (see [para. 5.14.1](#)) or the all over this side of parting line symbol (see [para. 5.14.2](#)) is used. The parting line symbol may be required for other applications, such as when trimming specifications are indicated.

### 5.14.1 All Around This Side of Parting Line

To apply a requirement to all features all around one side of a parting line, the symbol for all around this side of parting line shall be indicated on the leader line; see

**Figure 5-19.** The symbol is shown in the view or section showing the desired basic profile. The all around this side of parting line symbol shall be applied to orthographic views. See **Figure 5-20**.

#### 5.14.2 All Over This Side of Parting Line

To apply a requirement to all features all over one side of a parting line, the symbol for all over this side of parting line shall be indicated on the leader line; see **Figure 5-21**. An example of the application of the symbol is given in **Figure 5-22**.

#### 5.15 SHARP CORNERS

Drawings shall specify the requirements of corners and fillets that are shown sharp. See **paras. 7.3(m), 7.3(n), 7.3(y), and 7.3(z)**.

#### 5.16 GRAIN DIRECTION

Where a grain direction requirement is specified on the drawing, it shall be shown in the appropriate view. See **Figure 5-23**.

#### 5.17 PRODUCT DEFINITION DATA REQUIREMENTS

This subsection establishes the minimum requirements for product definition data and items unique to castings, forgings, and molded parts not defined by other standards. See ASME Y14.41.

##### 5.17.1 3D Model

Product definition data that defines the entire casting, forging, or molded part directly or by reference is required. The product definition data shall include the

location of the parting line(s), all draft, all radii, and finish machine stock where needed.

##### 5.17.2 Controlling Document

If product definition data and a drawing graphic sheet are both supplied, the controlling document shall be clearly identified before the start of the tool build.

##### 5.17.3 Concurrent Engineering

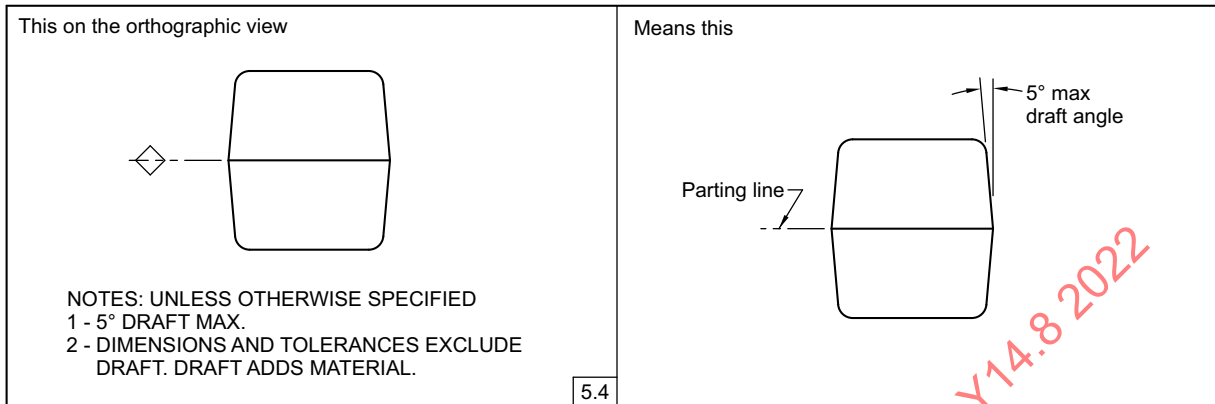
It is recommended for the product design team for the casting, forging, or molding to consult with their supplier prior to finalizing the product definition data. During this review, the supplier can assist in locating the desired parting line and make design recommendations for the best casting, forging, and molding practices.

#### 5.18 WALL THICKNESS AS A REFINEMENT OF PROFILE OF A SURFACE

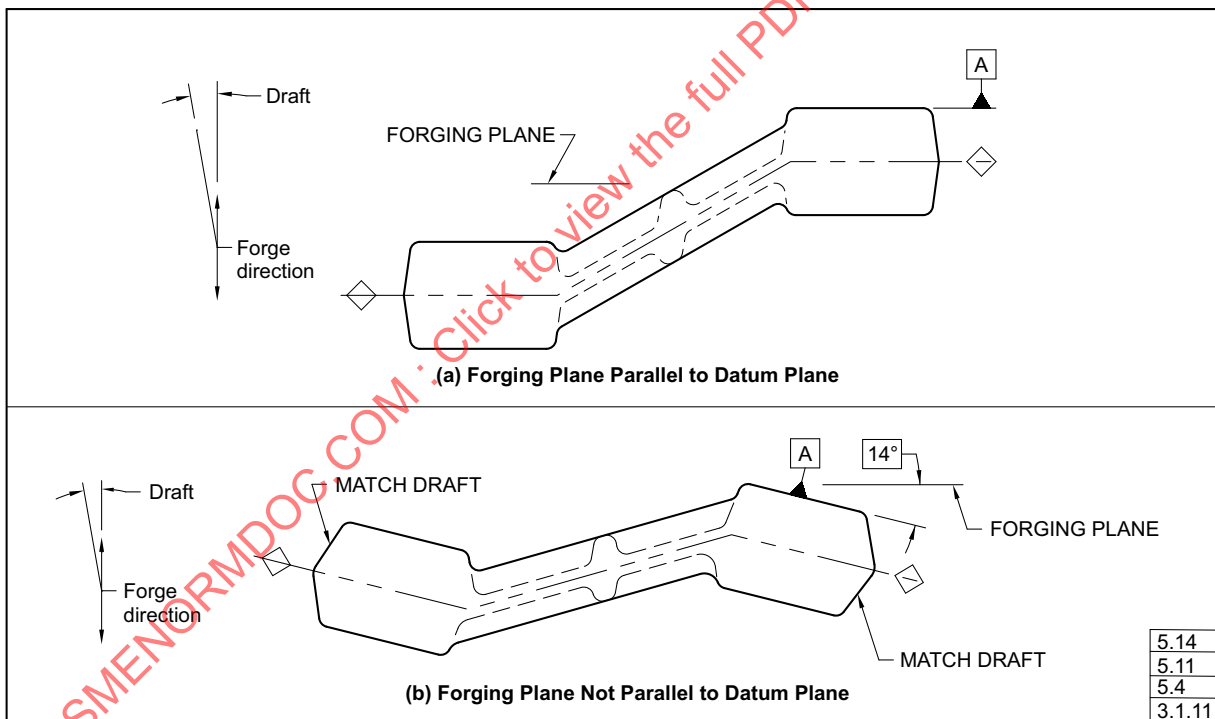
Where it is necessary to maintain a uniform wall thickness throughout a region of a part or an entire part, a local or general note indicating the wall thickness shall be included. The wall thickness is a refinement of the control provided by the profile of a surface tolerance.

In **Figure 5-24**, the basic thickness of the part walls from the product definition data is 4 mm. The profile of a surface tolerance applied to the basic digital data allows the wall thickness to range from 3.2 mm to 4.8 mm with respect to the datum reference frame. The addition of the wall thickness general note of  $4 \pm 0.2$  limits the range of the wall thickness from 3.8 mm to 4.2 mm. Since the wall thickness tolerance is an actual local size specification, it does not relate to the datum reference frame and is free to float but is bounded by the profile of a surface tolerance of 0.8 mm.

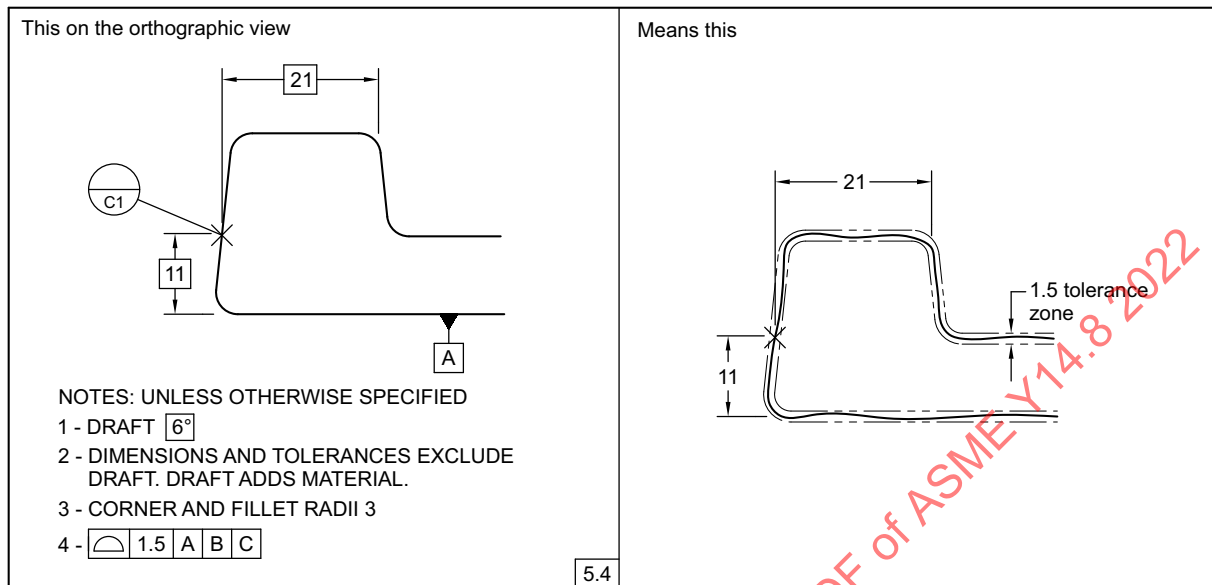
**Figure 5-1**  
**Draft Angle**



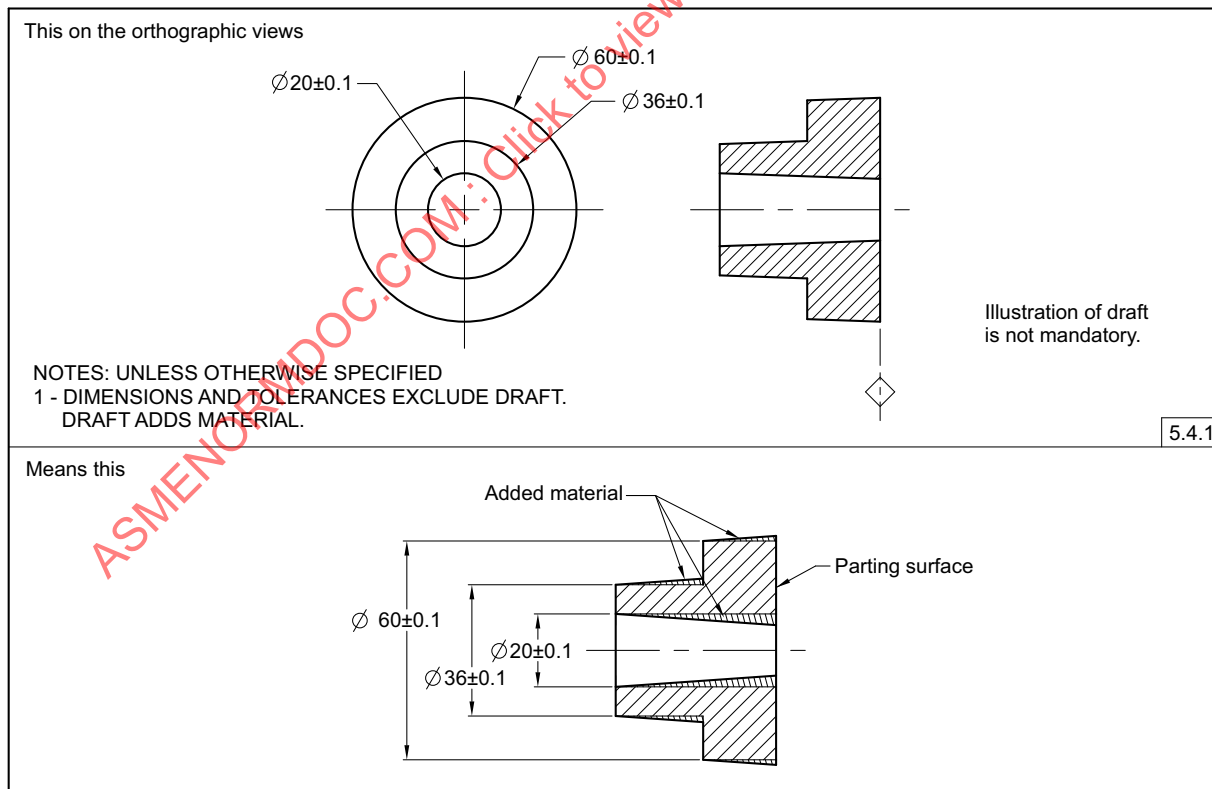
**Figure 5-2**  
**Datum Plane and Forging Plane**



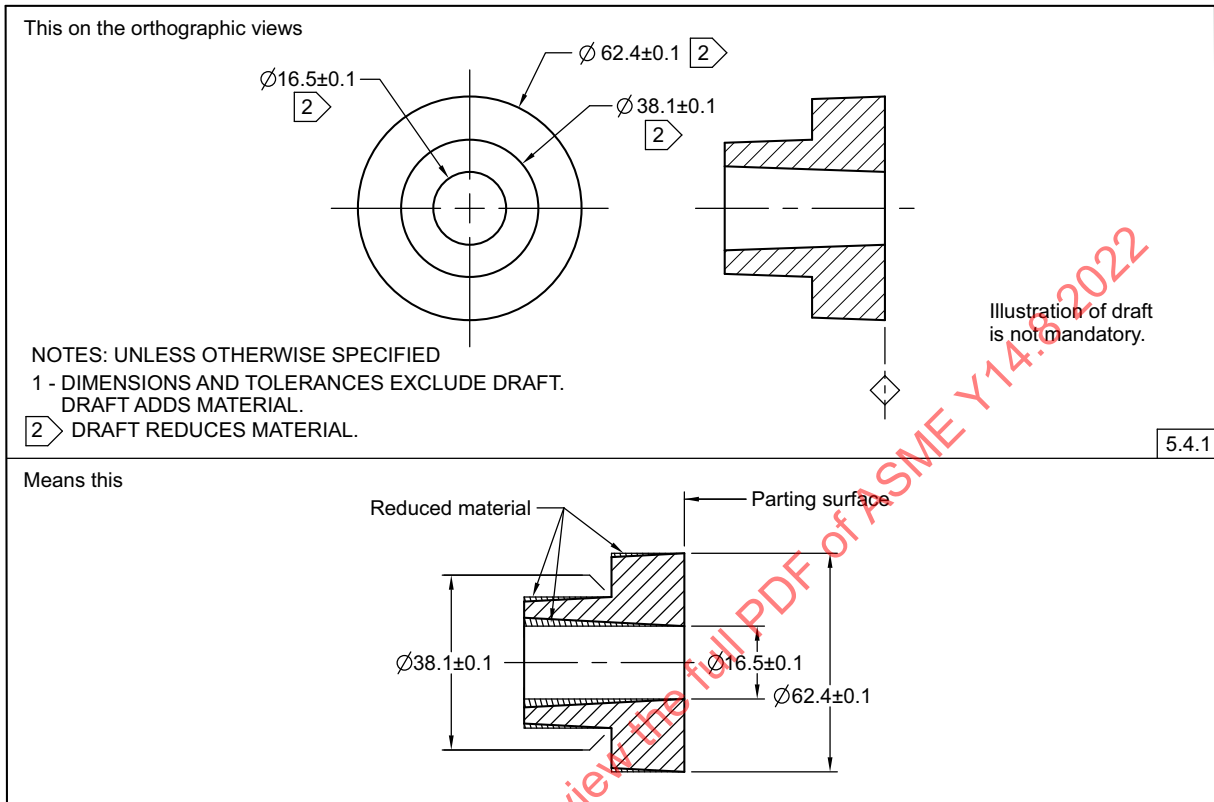
**Figure 5-3**  
**Drafted Surfaces Controlled With Profile of a Surface**



**Figure 5-4**  
**Draft Adds Material**

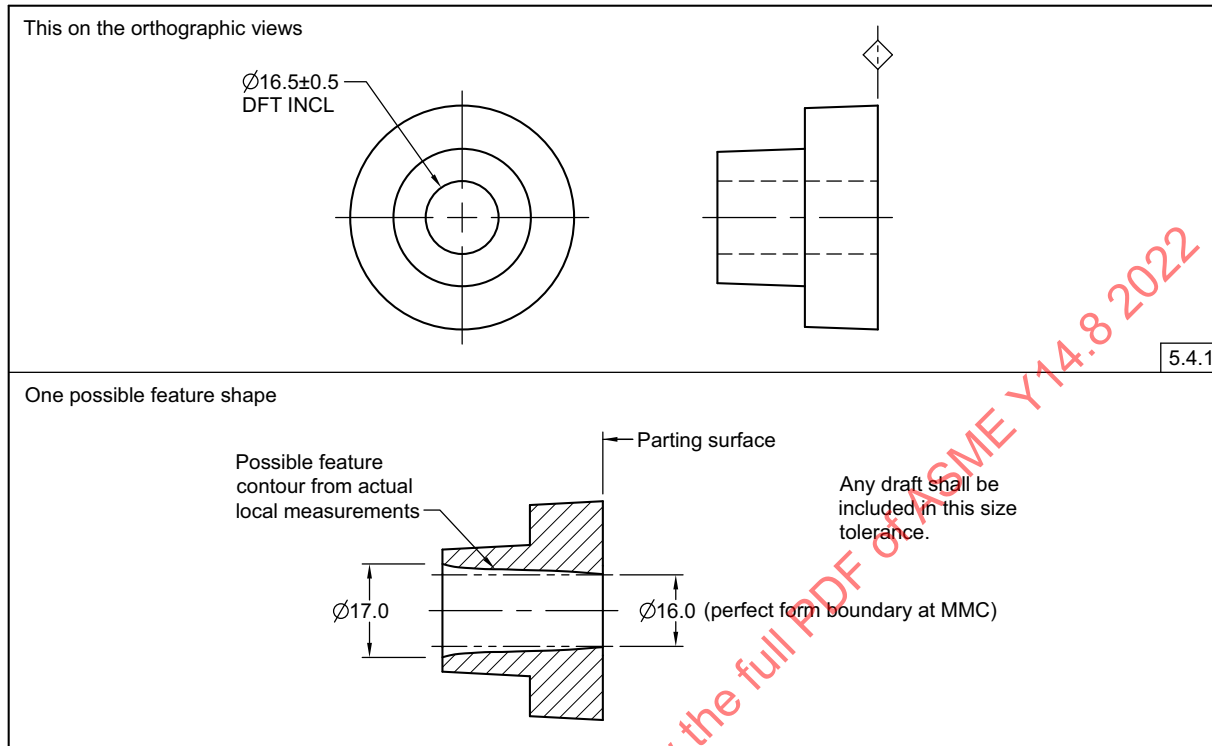


**Figure 5-5**  
**Draft Reduces Material**

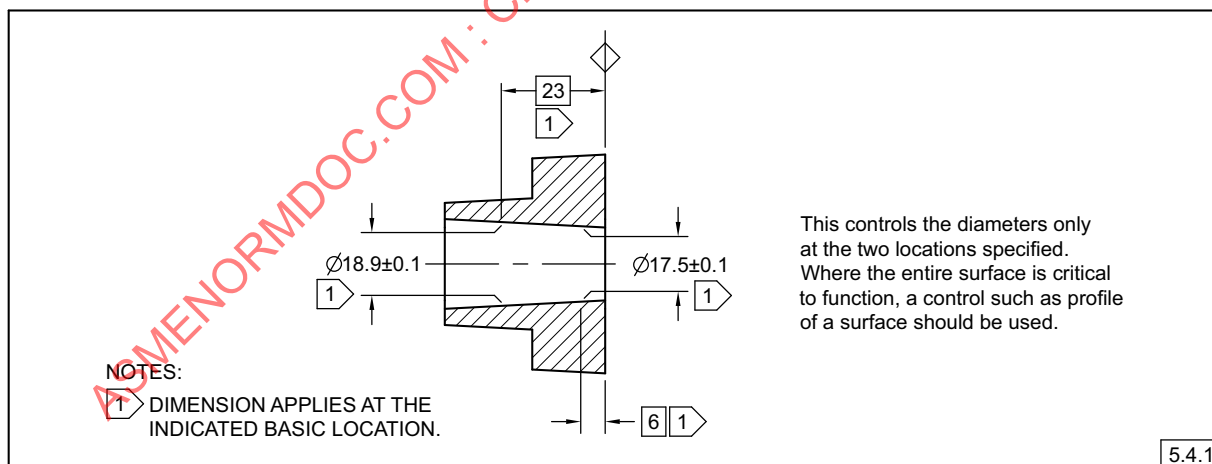




**Figure 5-6**  
**"DFT INCL" Example**

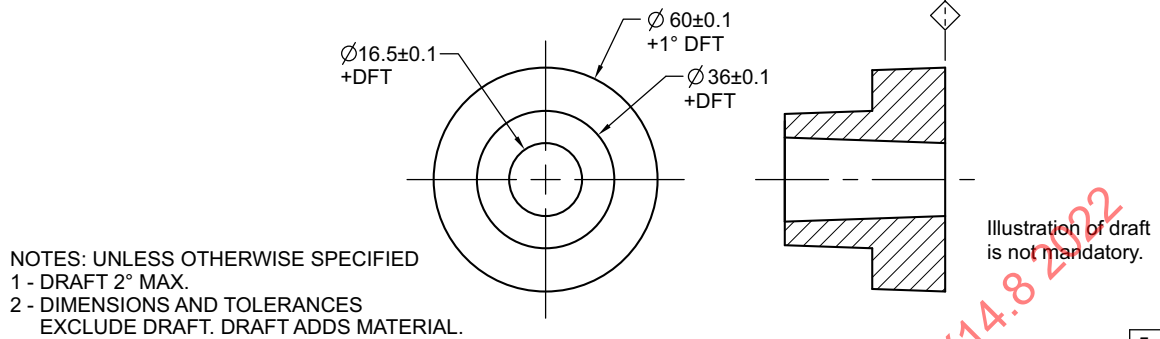


**Figure 5-7**  
**Size at Specific Locations for a Drafted Feature**



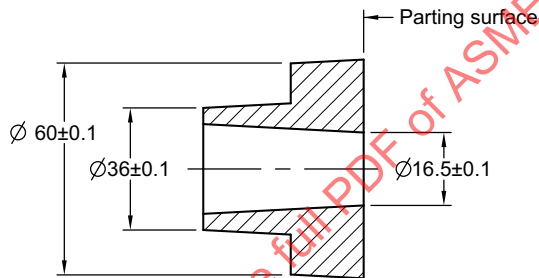
**Figure 5-8**  
**" +DFT " Example**

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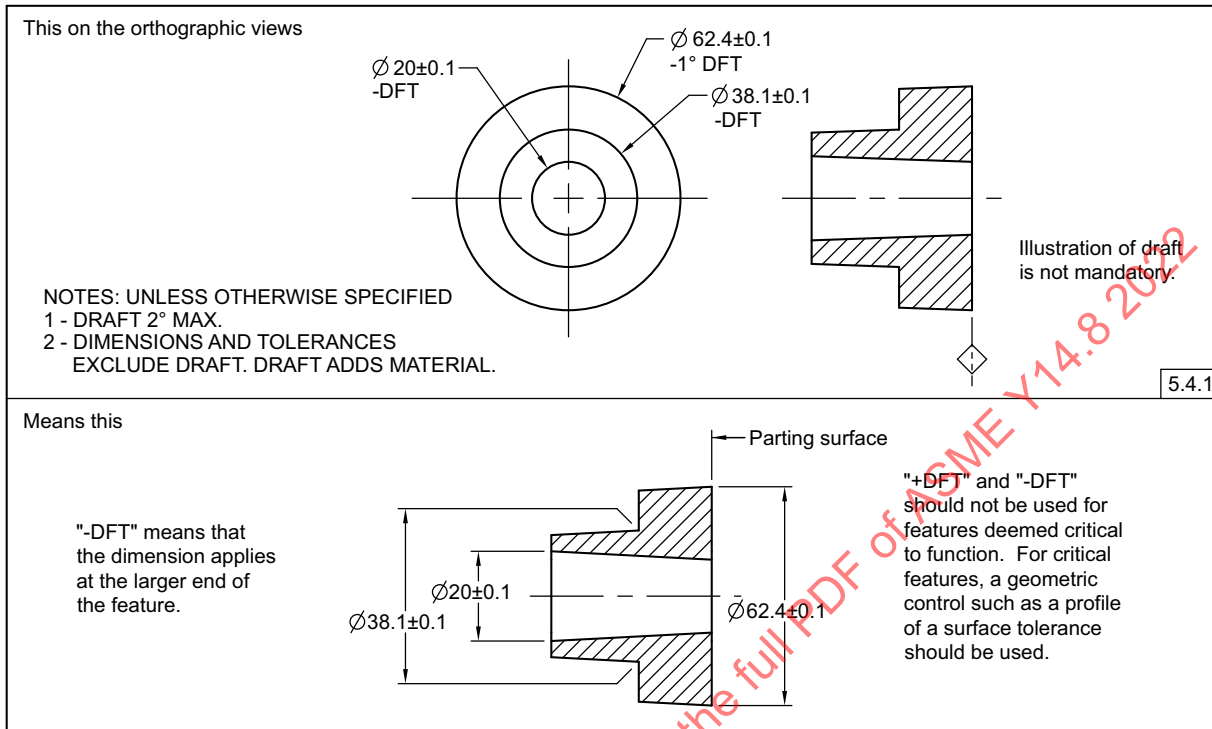
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" +DFT " and " -DFT " should not be used for features deemed critical to function. For critical features, a geometric control such as a profile of a surface tolerance should be used.

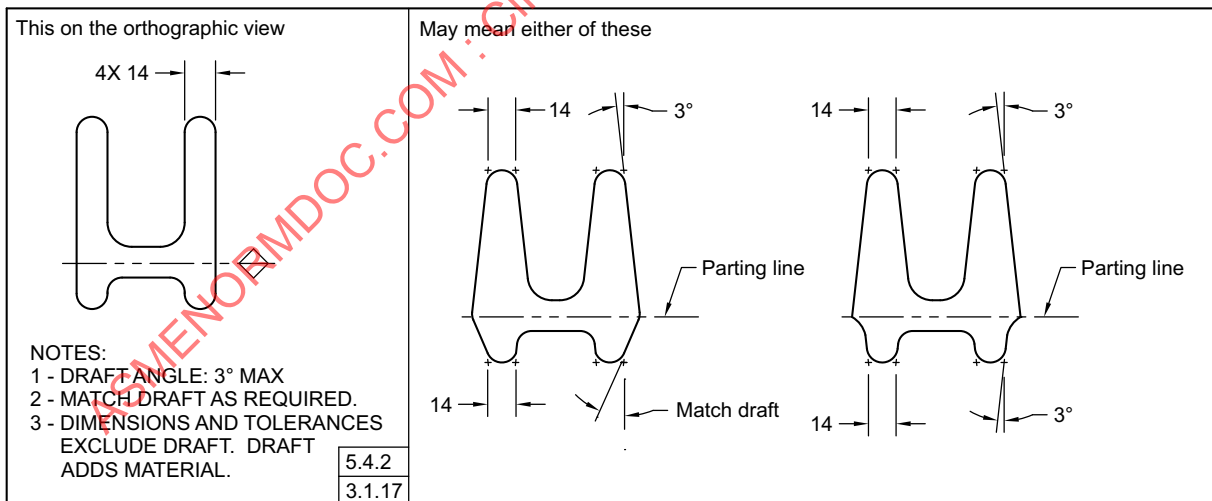


" +DFT " means the dimension applies at the smaller end of the feature.

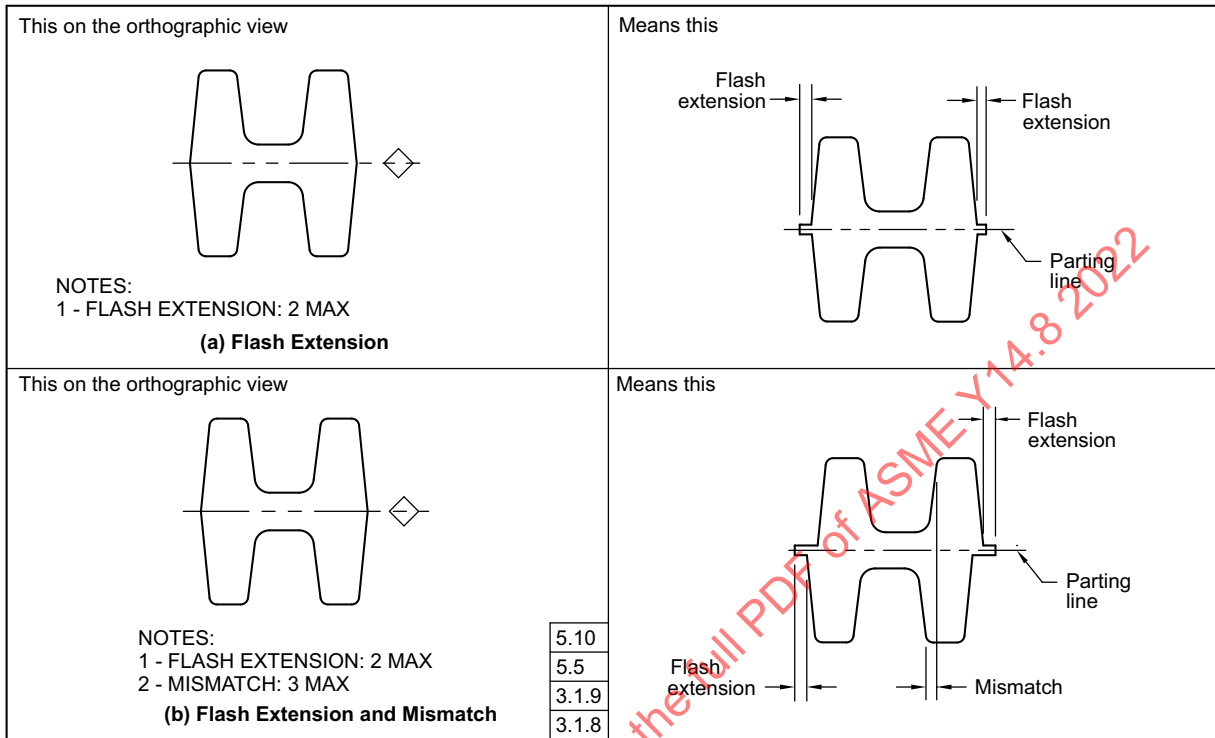
**Figure 5-9**  
**"-DFT" Example**



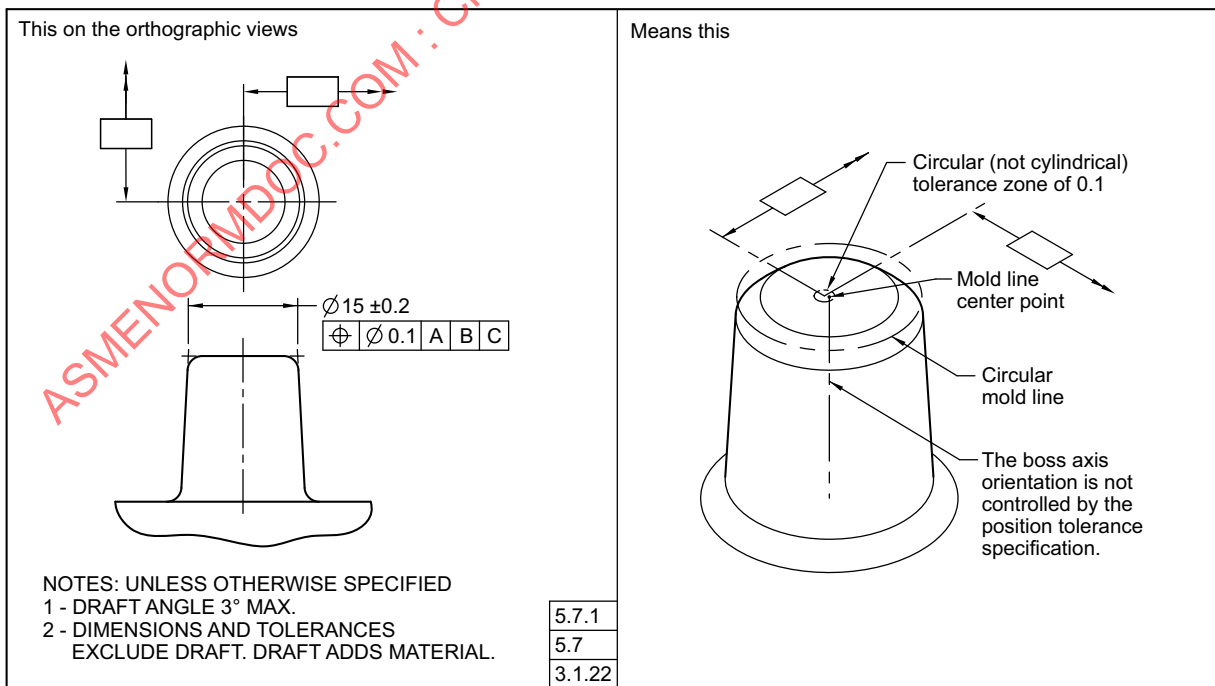
**Figure 5-10**  
**Match Draft**



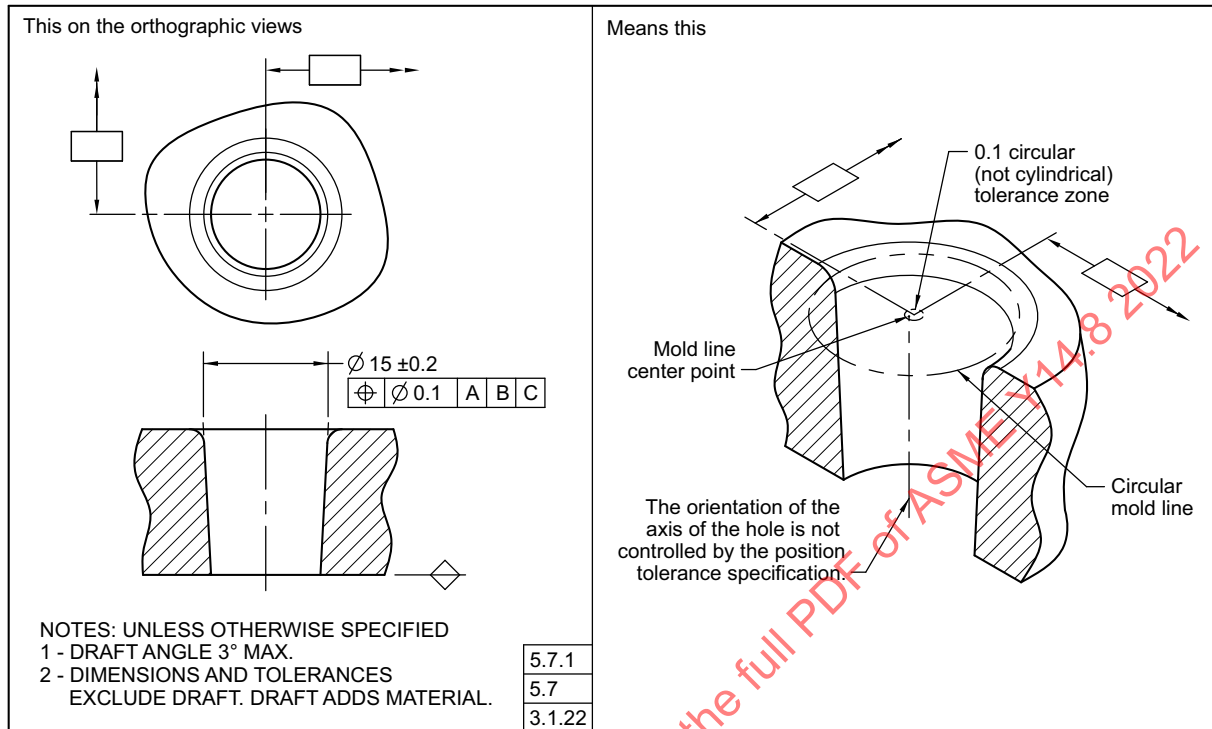
**Figure 5-11**  
**Flash Extension**



**Figure 5-12**  
**Boss Circular Mold Line and Mold Line Center Point**

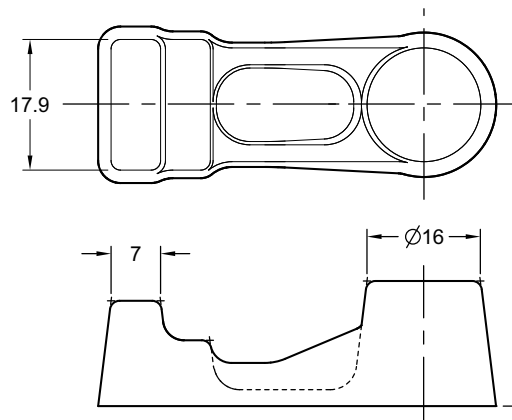


**Figure 5-13**  
**Hole Circular Mold Line and Mold Line Center Point**



**Figure 5-14**  
**Use of Full Feature Modifier**

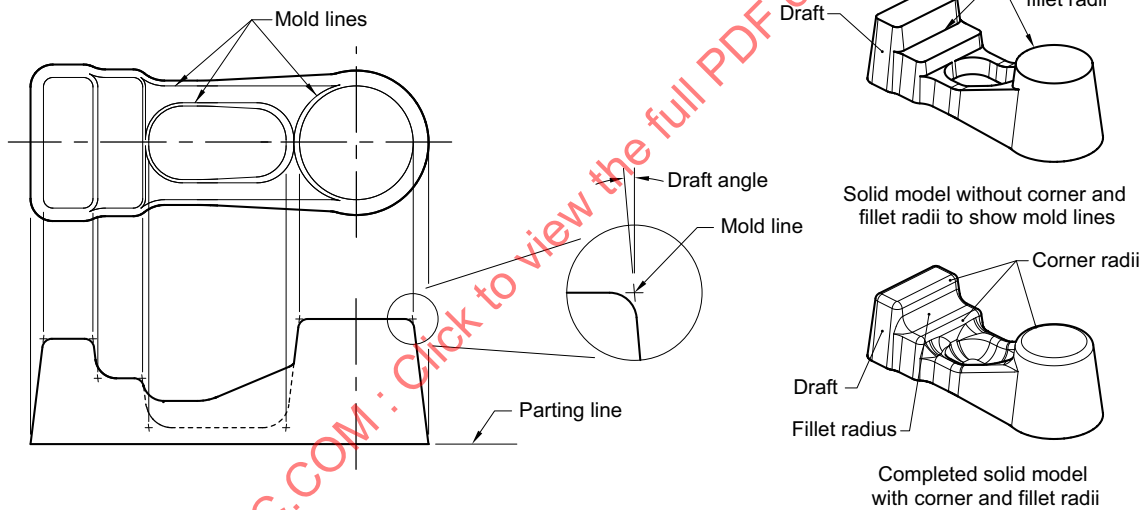
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**(a) Draft Construction and Mold Lines**

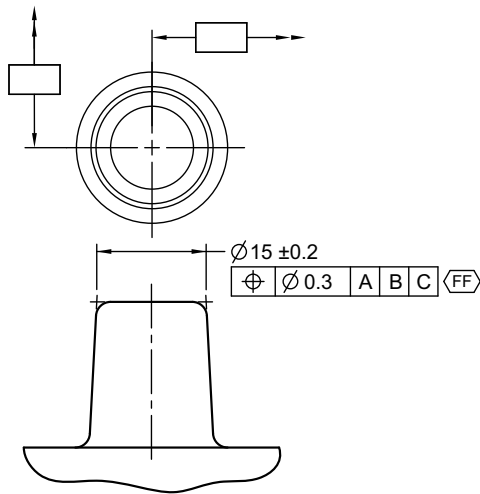
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**Figure 5-14**  
**Use of Full Feature Modifier (Cont'd)**

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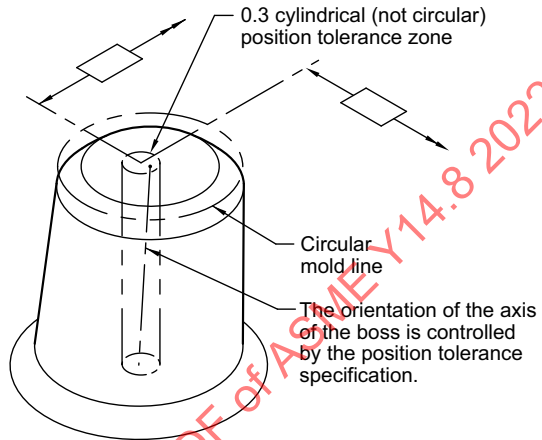


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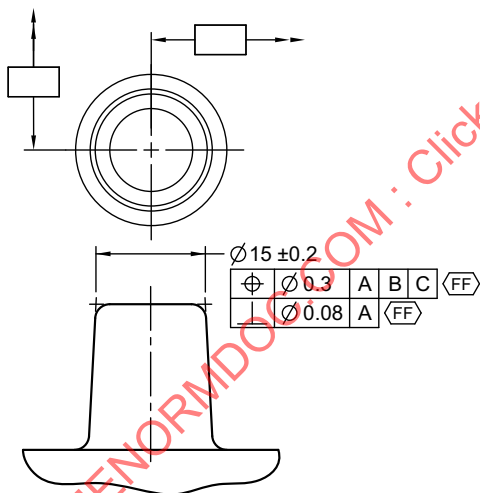
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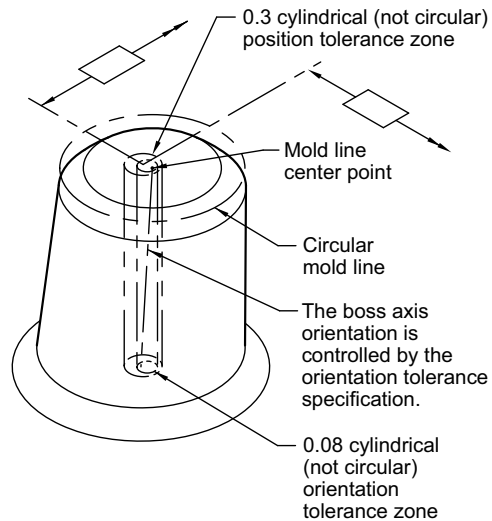


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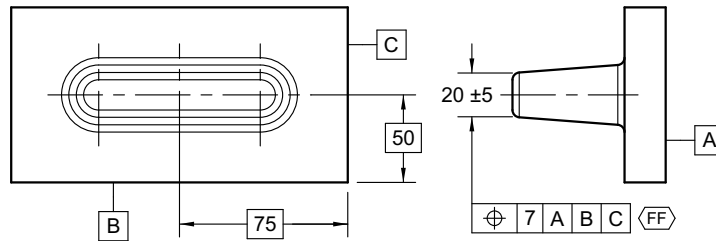
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**Figure 5-14**  
**Use of Full Feature Modifier (Cont'd)**

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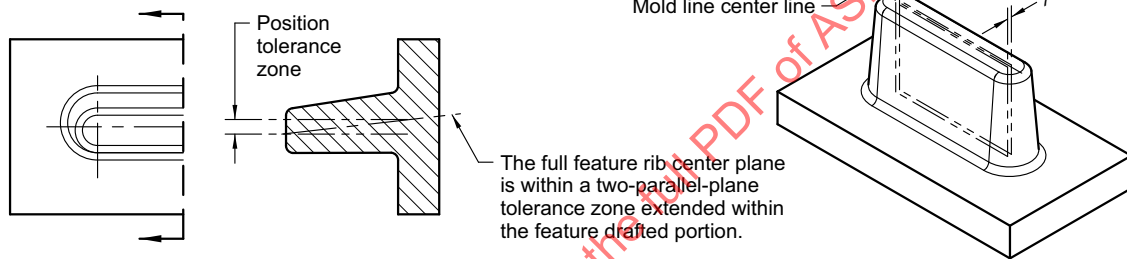
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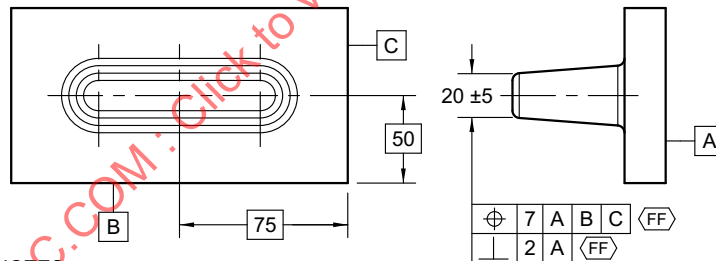
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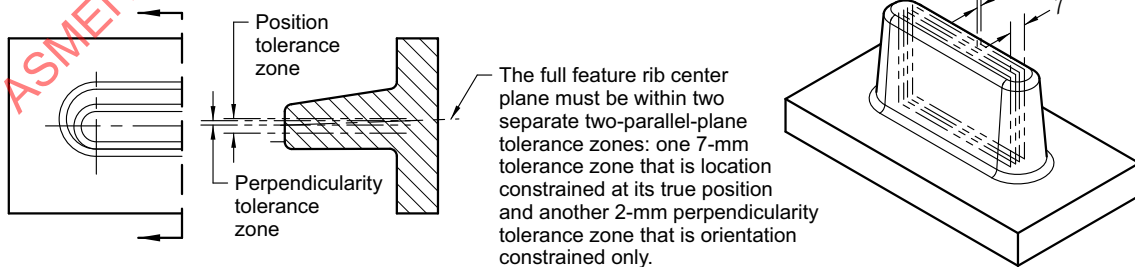
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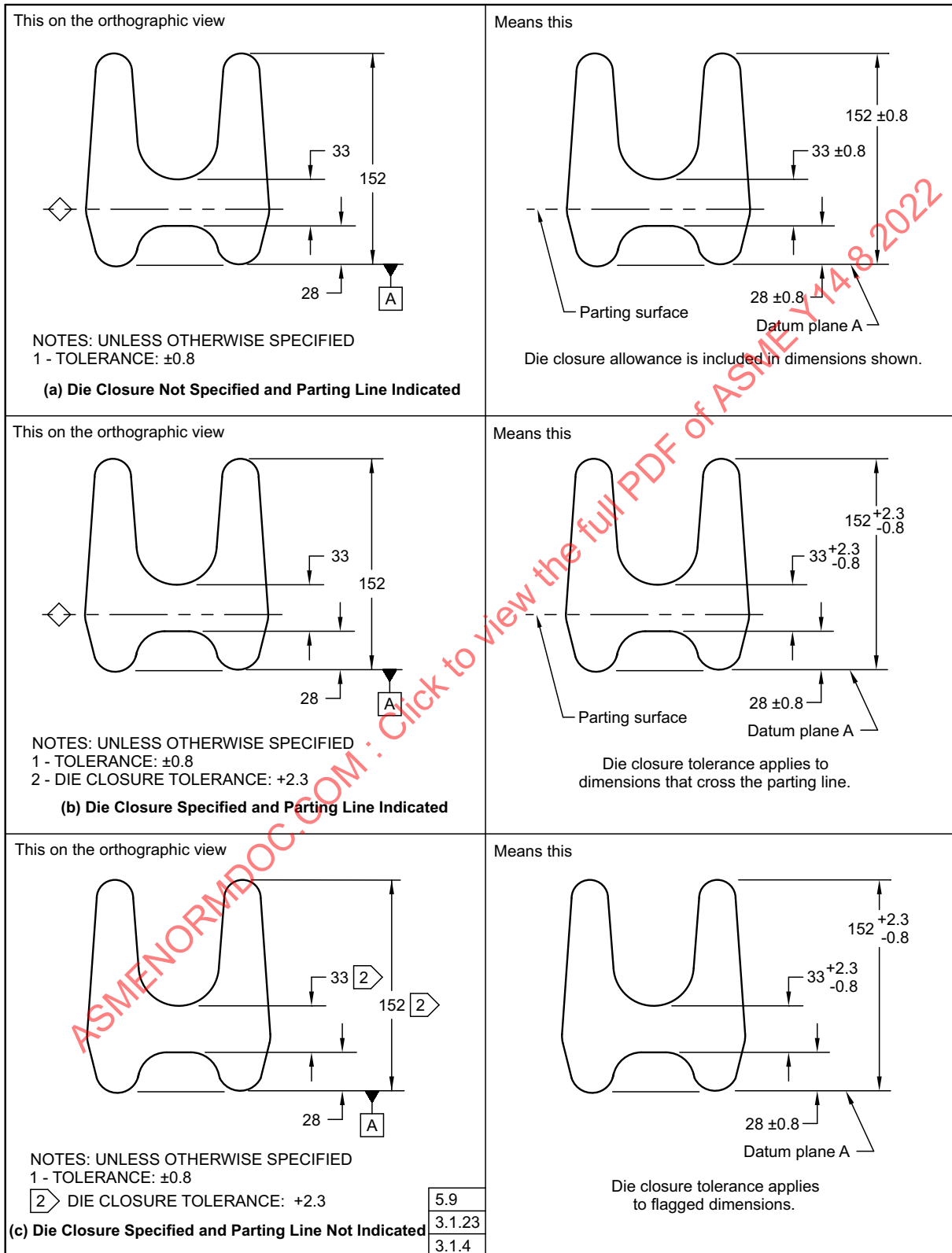
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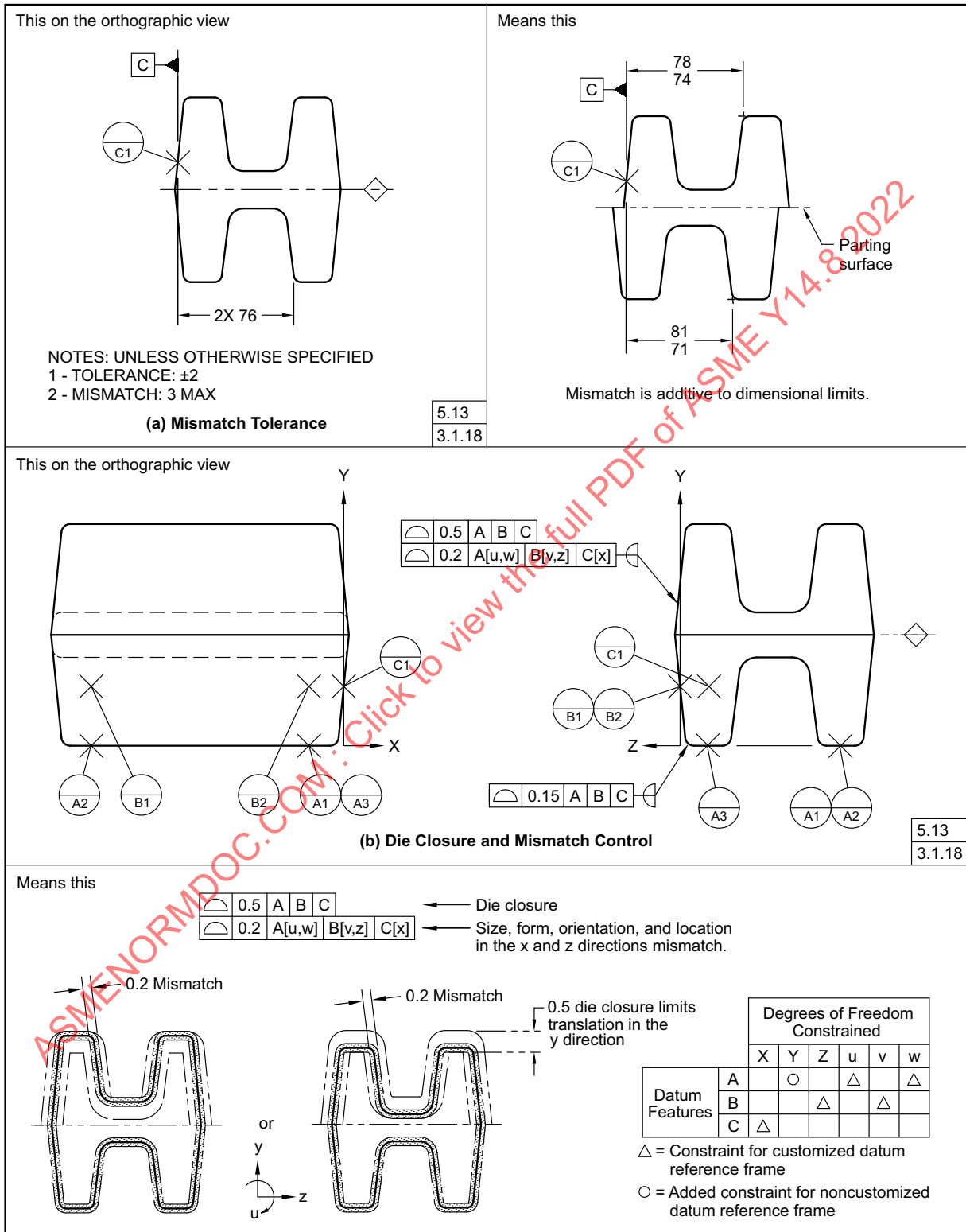




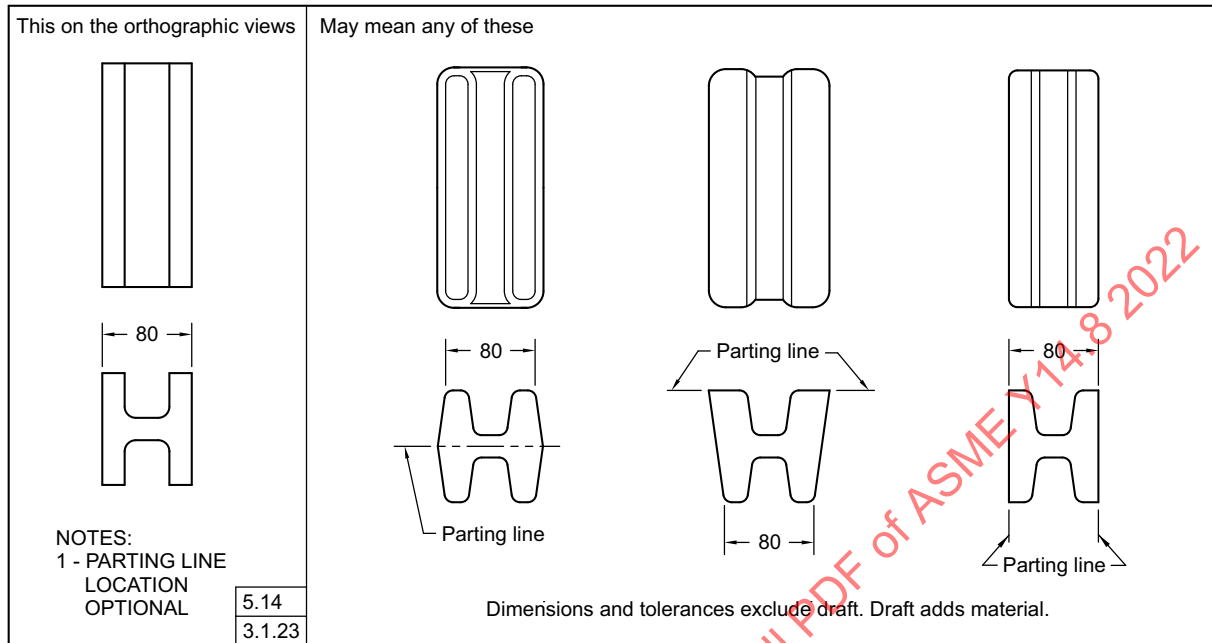
**Figure 5-15**  
**Die Closure**



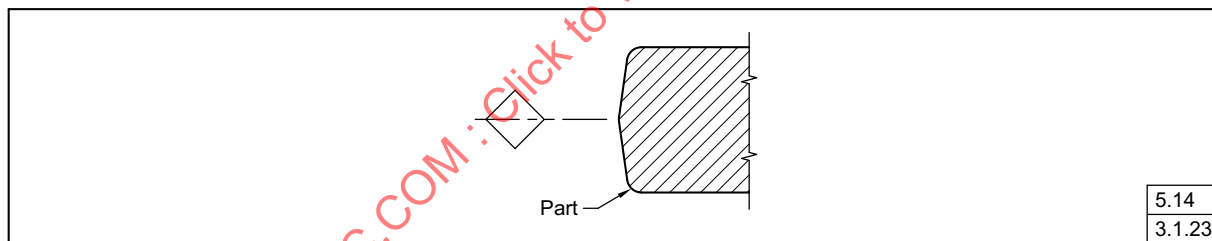
**Figure 5-16**  
**Mismatch**



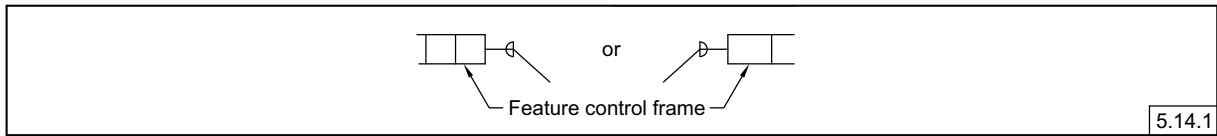
**Figure 5-17**  
**Parting Line Locations**



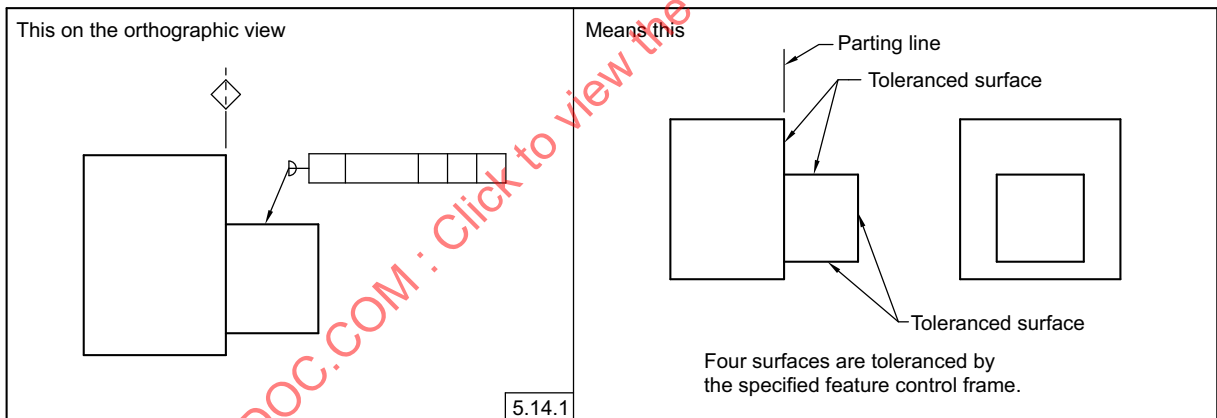
**Figure 5-18**  
**Parting Line Symbol Application**



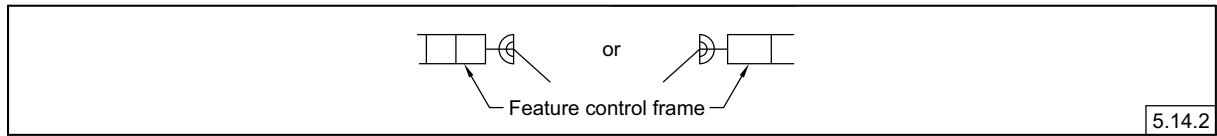
**Figure 5-19**  
**All Around This Side of Parting Line Symbol Application**



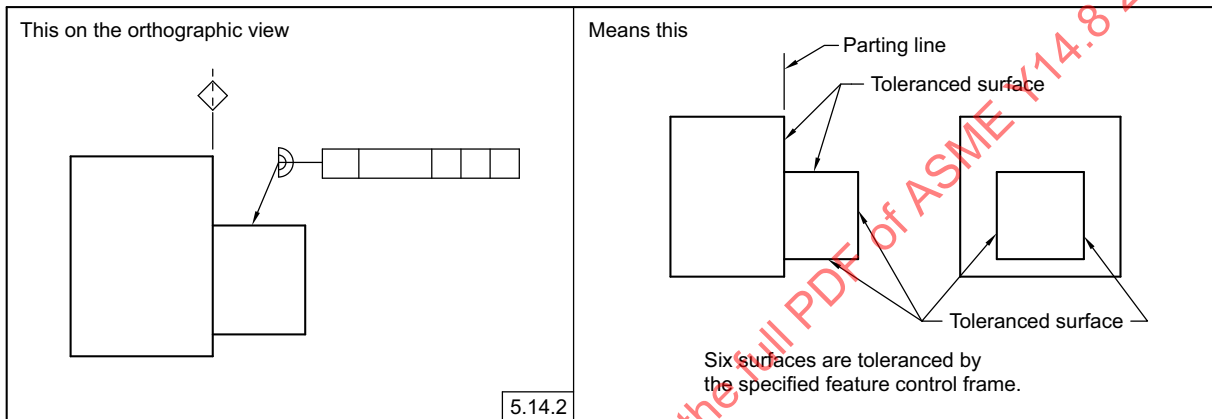
**Figure 5-20**  
**All Around This Side of Parting Line**



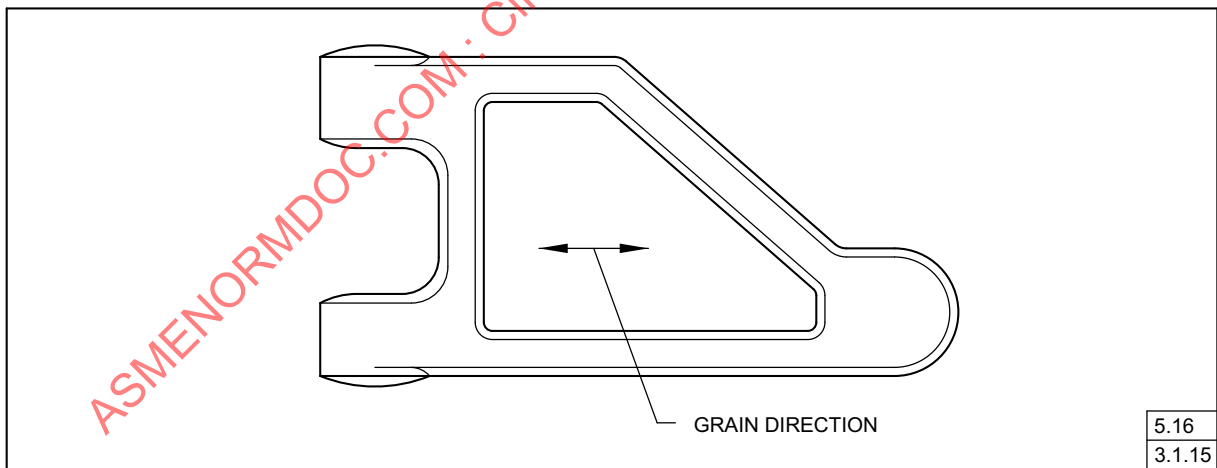
**Figure 5-21**  
**All Over This Side of Parting Line Symbol Application**



**Figure 5-22**  
**All Over This Side of Parting Line**




**Figure 5-23**  
**Grain Direction Specified**



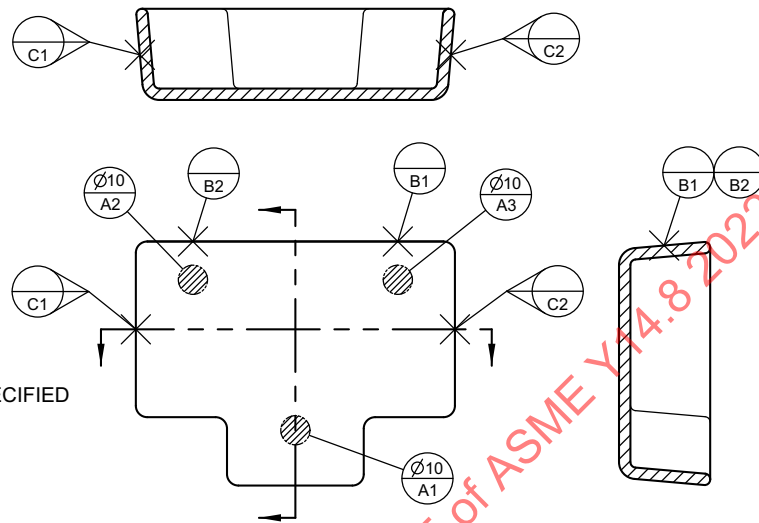
**Figure 5-24**  
**Profile Refined by Wall Thickness**

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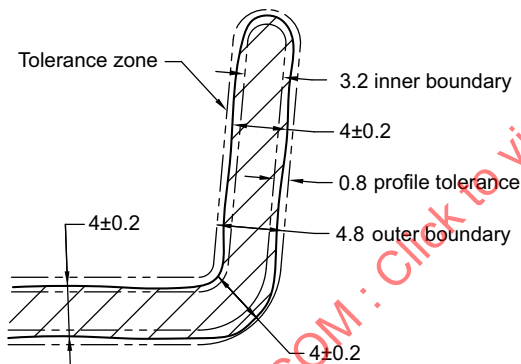
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2 - WALL THICKNESS:  $4 \pm 0.2$



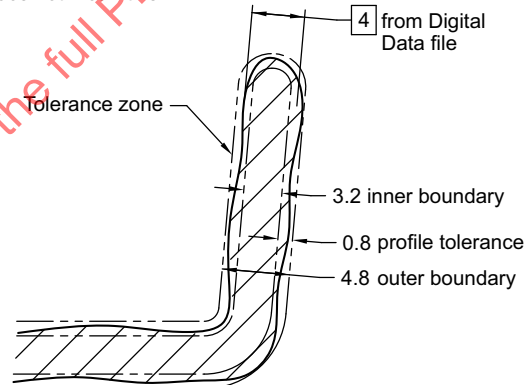
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The wall thickness specification means that the surfaces of the part may float within the profile of a surface tolerance but the wall thickness dimension may not measure less than 3.8 or greater than 4.2.

Does not mean this



Without the wall thickness dimension, the thickness could vary by the total profile of a surface tolerance. In this case, it could vary from 3.2 to 4.8.

Wall thickness is not a feature of size; it is a local size between any two opposing points.

## Section 6

# Datum Referencing

### 6.1 GENERAL

This Section establishes the principles of datum referencing for cast, forged, and molded parts. It contains the criteria for selecting and designating features to establish the datum reference frame and relate it to the finished part. See [Figure 6-1](#).

### 6.2 DATUM TARGETS

Because of inherent irregularities, the entire surface of some features cannot be effectively used to establish a datum. Such surfaces are common on castings, forgings, and molded parts. Datum targets and datum features may be combined to establish a datum reference frame.

#### 6.2.1 Datum Target Location

Datum targets should be located as follows:

(a) on features produced by one segment of a die or pattern, except in the case of equalizing datum targets; see [Figures 6-2 through 6-4](#)

(b) on features opposite machining cuts that establish a subsequent machining datum reference frame; see [Figure 6-5](#)

(c) on features not subject to processing variables, such as parting lines and flash extensions

(d) on features not subsequently altered or removed

(e) with optimum spacing considering function and producibility; see [Figure 6-4](#)

(f) on noncoplanar features where the area or location requires one or more datum targets offset from the datum plane; see [Figure 6-6](#)

#### 6.2.2 Effect of Draft and Parting Lines

The relationship of features of a part to datums established by targets can be affected by draft and parting lines. See [Figure 6-7](#).

#### 6.2.3 Placement of Local Dimensions

Dimensions not intended to be from the datum reference frame (local dimensions) shall be clearly indicated to apply to the mold lines. See [Figure 6-8](#).

### 6.3 MACHINED DATUM FEATURES

Machined datum features should be controlled relative to a datum reference frame established from cast, forged, or molded datum features. The cast, forged, or molded surfaces selected as datum features should be surfaces that will exist after machining, maintaining dimensional traceability back to cast, forged, or molded datums.

#### 6.3.1 Machined Datum Reference Frame

Machined datum features should be established relative to a cast, forged, or molded-part datum reference frame. The relationship between datum features of multiple datum reference frames shall be specified. See [Figure 6-9](#).

#### 6.3.2 Machined Datum Reference Frame Established With Optimization of Material

Where the complexity of design or variations in tooling capabilities preclude the assignment of datum targets to as-cast, as-forged, or as-molded parts, machined datum targets may be created by optimizing the material distribution in a simulated datum reference frame. Where only machined datum features are shown on the drawing, the part mass shall be optimized to establish the location of these machined datum features. See [Figure 6-10](#).

NOTE: Use of the optimized material distribution method of creating datum targets will require close cooperation between all elements of the concurrent engineering team.

### 6.4 EQUALIZING DATUMS

Where it is desirable to center a casting, forging, or molded part, the application of equalizing datums should be considered; see [Figure 6-4](#). The associated datum plane or axis may be identified by a note. [Figure 6-11](#) illustrates the application of an equalizing datum established by two fixed datum targets, B1 and B2, and two movable target simulators, C1 and C2. [Figure 6-12](#) illustrates the establishment of two equalizing datums resulting from datum B targets being movable. [Figure 6-13](#) illustrates the establishment of two equalizing datums resulting from six fixed datum targets.

### 6.4.1 Movable Target Simulators

The readability of a drawing may be improved by indicating movable datum target simulators (per ASME Y14.5). Figures 6-3, 6-11, and 6-12 illustrate applications of the movable datum target symbol. Where movable target simulators are used, regardless of material boundary (RMB) applies. Where the direction of the simulator motion is not indicated, a direction normal to the undrafted true surface is used.

## 6.5 DATUM TARGETS AND PROFILE TOLERANCING

Where a profile tolerance has been applied to a surface containing datum targets, the true profile of the surface and the extremities of the surface that contact the datum target simulators are coincident. Unless otherwise specified, the profile tolerance zone is equally disposed about the true profile. See Figure 6-14.

The underlying concepts are as follows:

- (a) The profile tolerance zone is located and oriented to the datum reference frame.
- (b) The datum reference frame is located and oriented by the datum target simulators.
- (c) When the part is mated with the datum target simulators, the remaining surface of the considered feature is then related to the tolerance zone.

Figure 6-14, illustration (a) shows the workpiece with a midpoint surface element (neither a high point nor a low point) coincident with the datum target simulators. All surface elements shown are contained within the profile tolerance zone.

Figure 6-14, illustration (b) shows the same workpiece with a high point contacting the datum target simulators if the drawing specifies them in a different location. Several portions of the surface elements are now outside of the profile tolerance zone.

In Figure 6-14, illustrations (a) and (b), the true profile of the tolerance zone is aligned to the datum target simulators. The tolerance zone is then related to the feature surface by the contact of the workpiece surface with the datum target simulators. The feature's form error does not exceed 0.8; however, the actual contact of the datum target simulator and the workpiece surface sets the location of the true profile relative to the workpiece. The use of targets to establish a datum reference frame and the variation from workpiece to workpiece may result in having some portions of the actual surface extend beyond the tolerance zone. When a balanced surface relative to the targets is desired, this method should be considered.

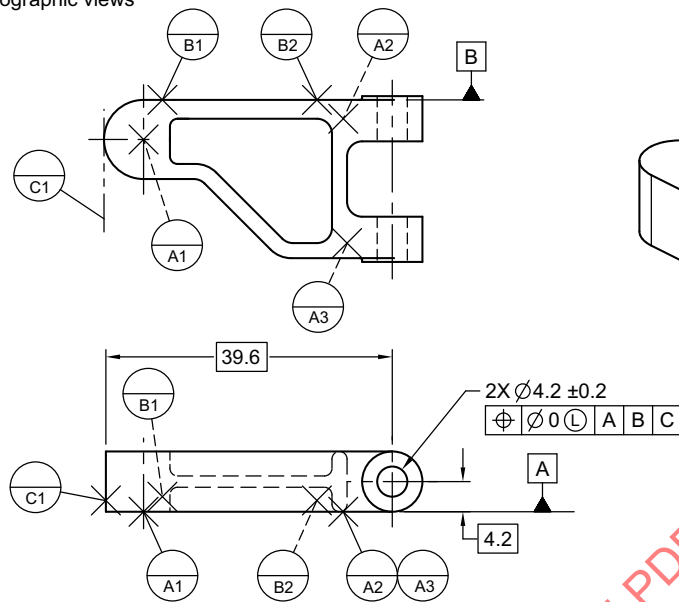
Allowable variation of the actual workpiece surface coincident with the target area is one-half the specified profile tolerance for an equal bilateral distribution, or the amount of the specified profile tolerance in the direction that removes material specified in an unequal bilateral control. Target lines and datum target points act in a similar fashion, except that the variation restriction applies to areas with the control being along the line or point of the simulator. The remaining surface variation outside the target area or line shall be contained within the total profile tolerance zone as established from the true profile related to the datum target location.

Profile of a surface without a datum reference frame specified could be applied to datum feature A and would control the surface variation independent of, and prior to, the establishment of any datum. This may be applied in cases when a forged or cast part is being evaluated to determine whether sufficient material is available to produce a machined part. An "ALL OVER" profile of a surface control without datum features referenced could also be applied, when the tolerance zone for the entire surface is intended to be best-fit to the workpiece, rather than fixed relative to a datum reference frame.



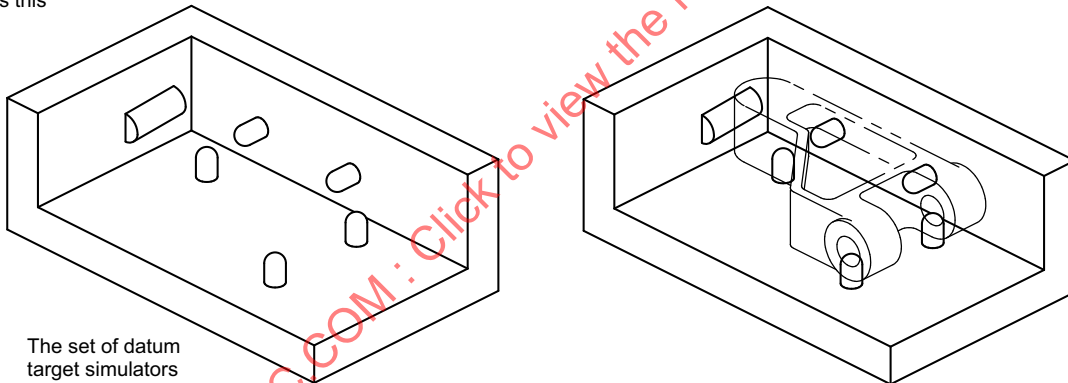
**Figure 6-1**  
Datum Targets Establishing a Datum Reference Frame

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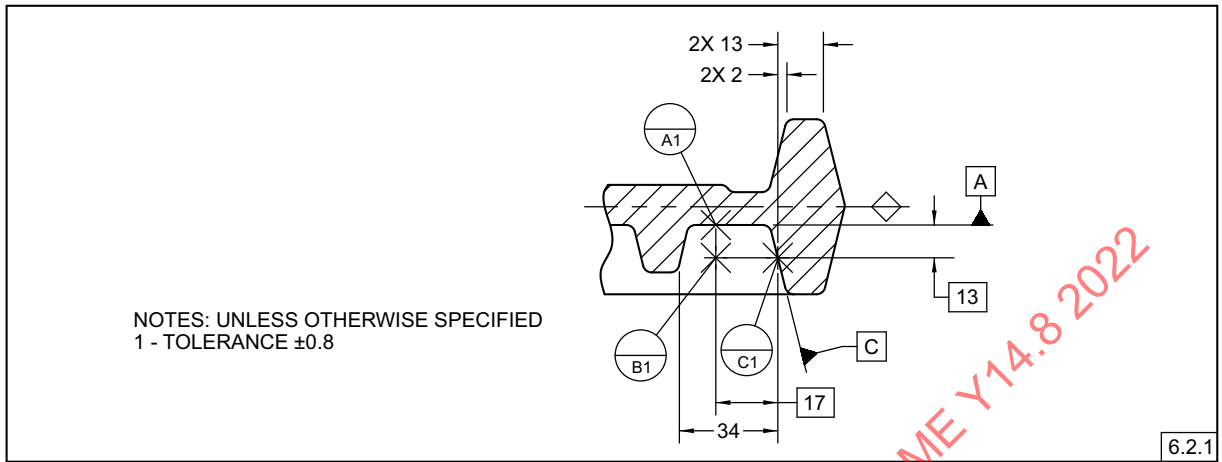
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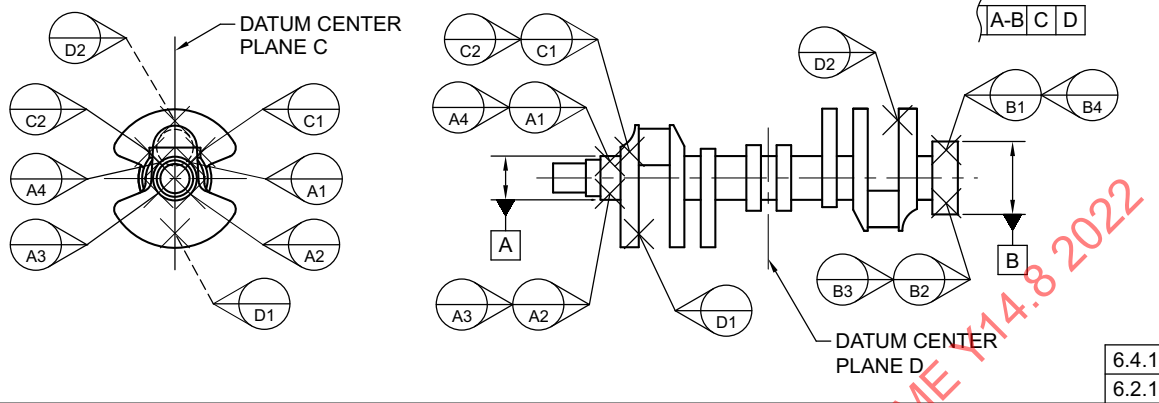
The set of datum  
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**Figure 6-2**  
**Datum Targets Within the Same Die Segment**

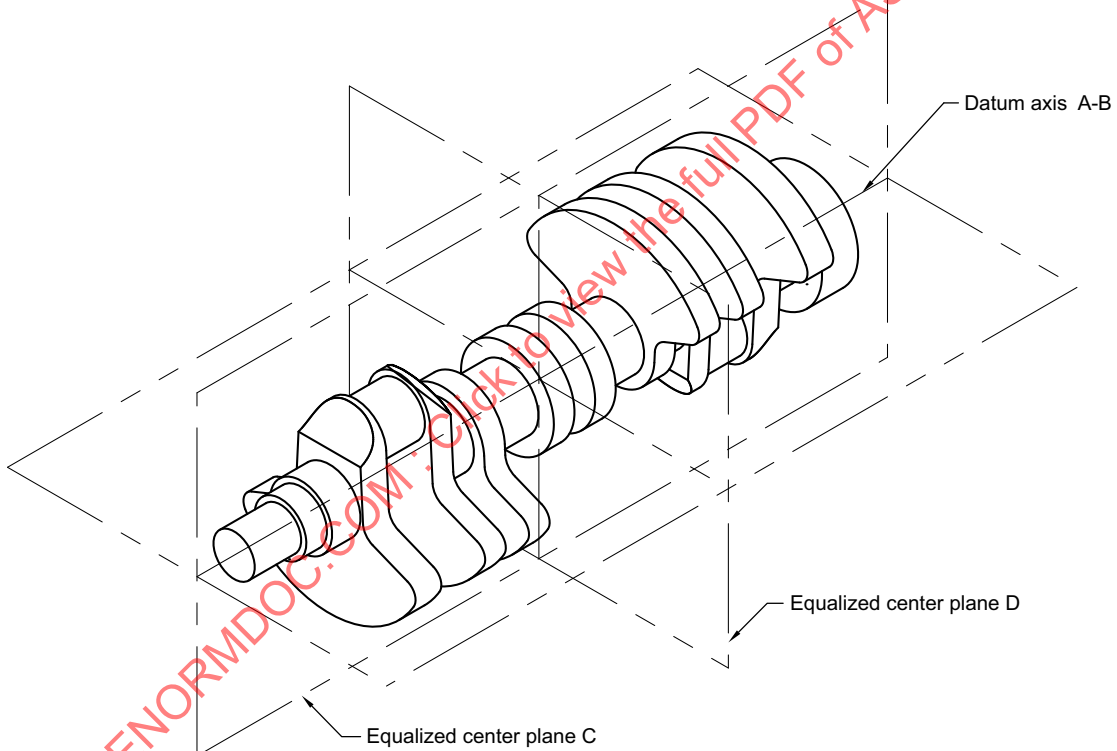


**Figure 6-3**  
**Equalizing Datums**

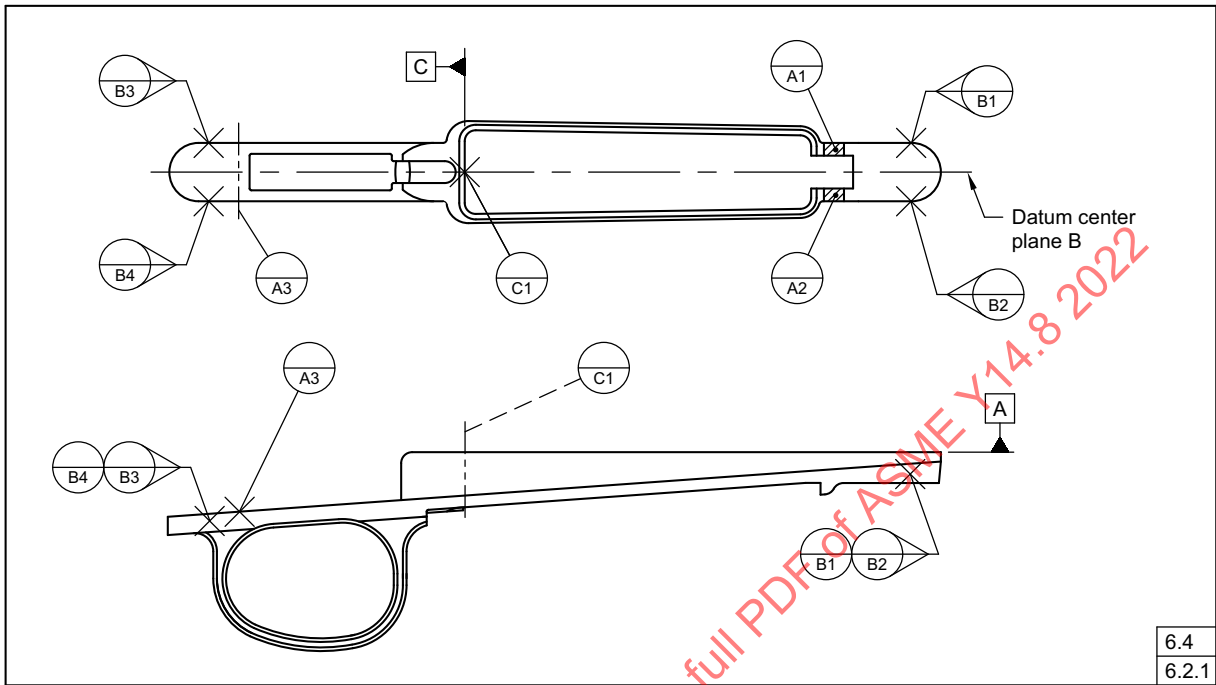
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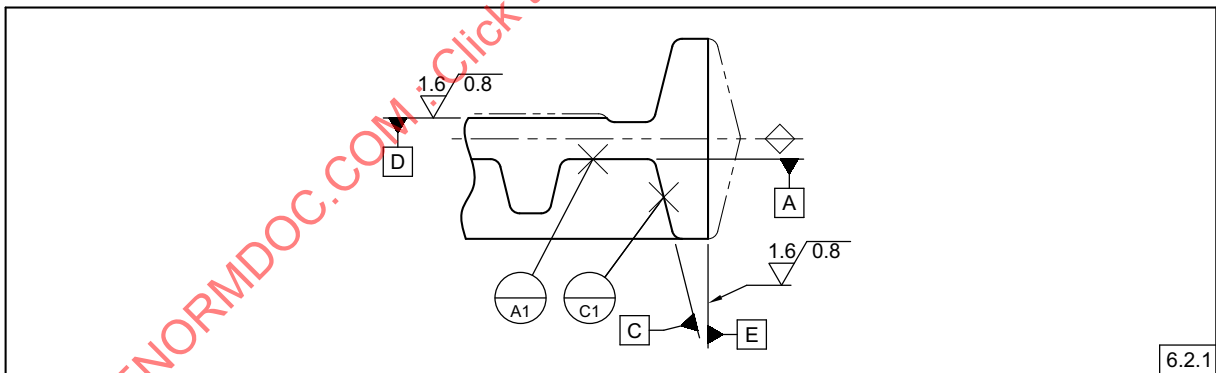
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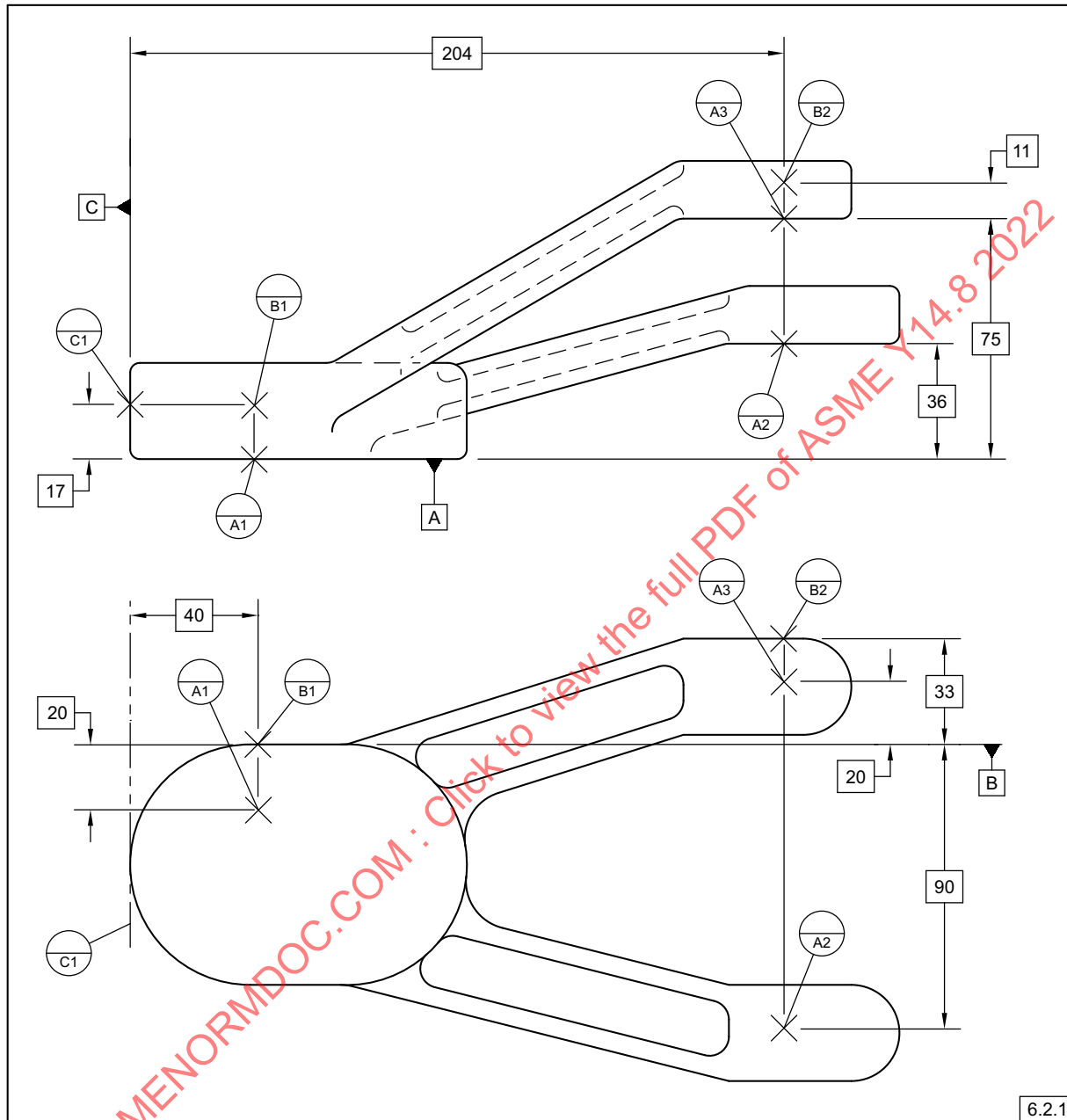
**Figure 6-4**  
**Optimum Location of Equalizing Datum Targets**



**Figure 6-5**  
**Datum Targets Located Opposite Machined Surfaces**

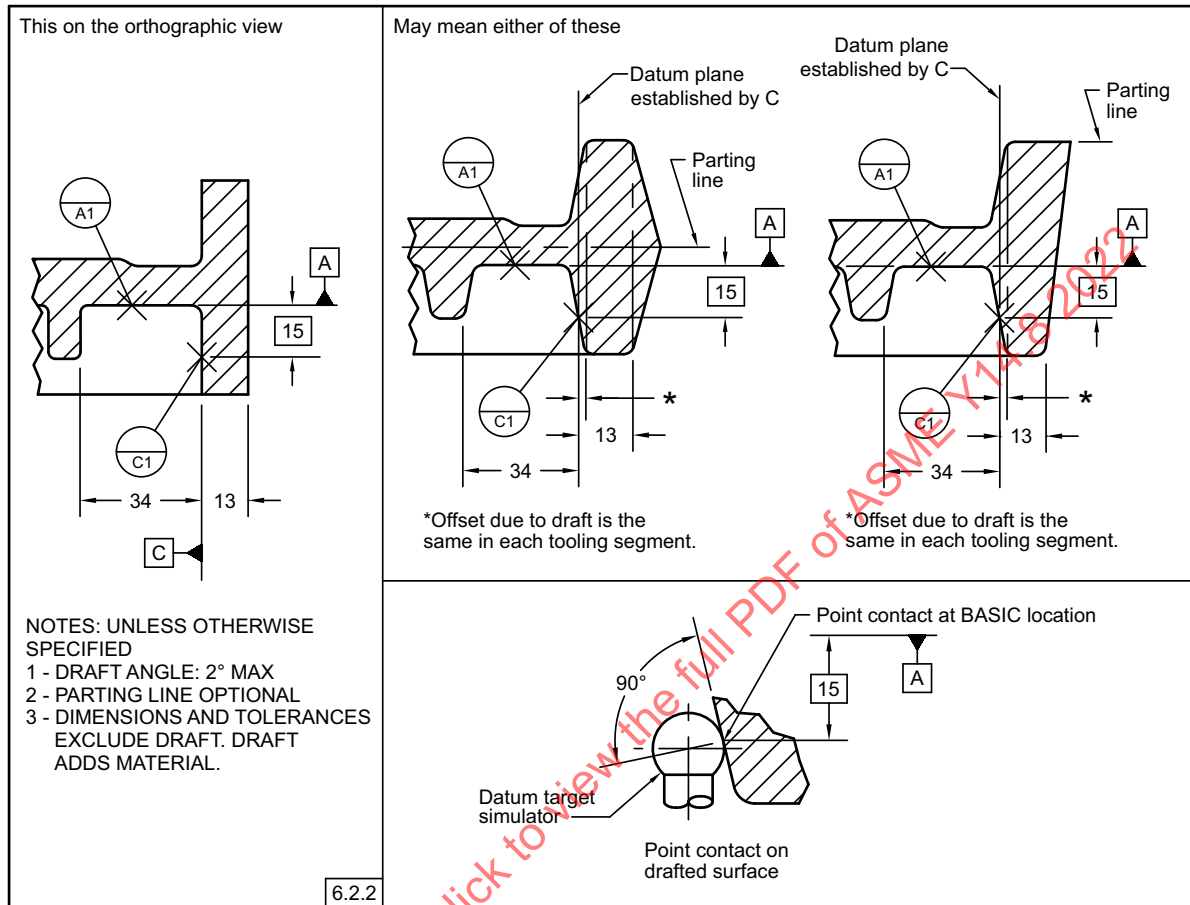


**Figure 6-6**  
**Datum Targets Offset From the Datum Plane**

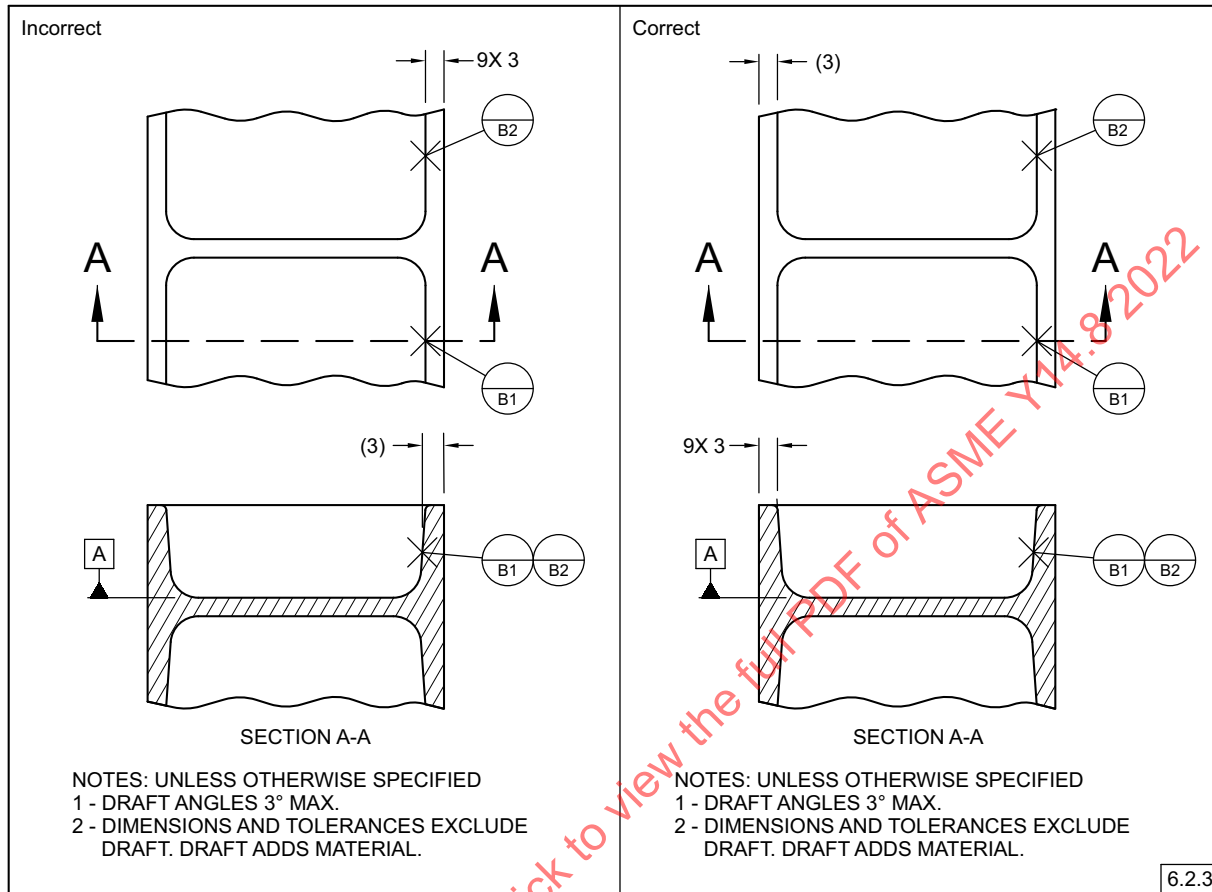


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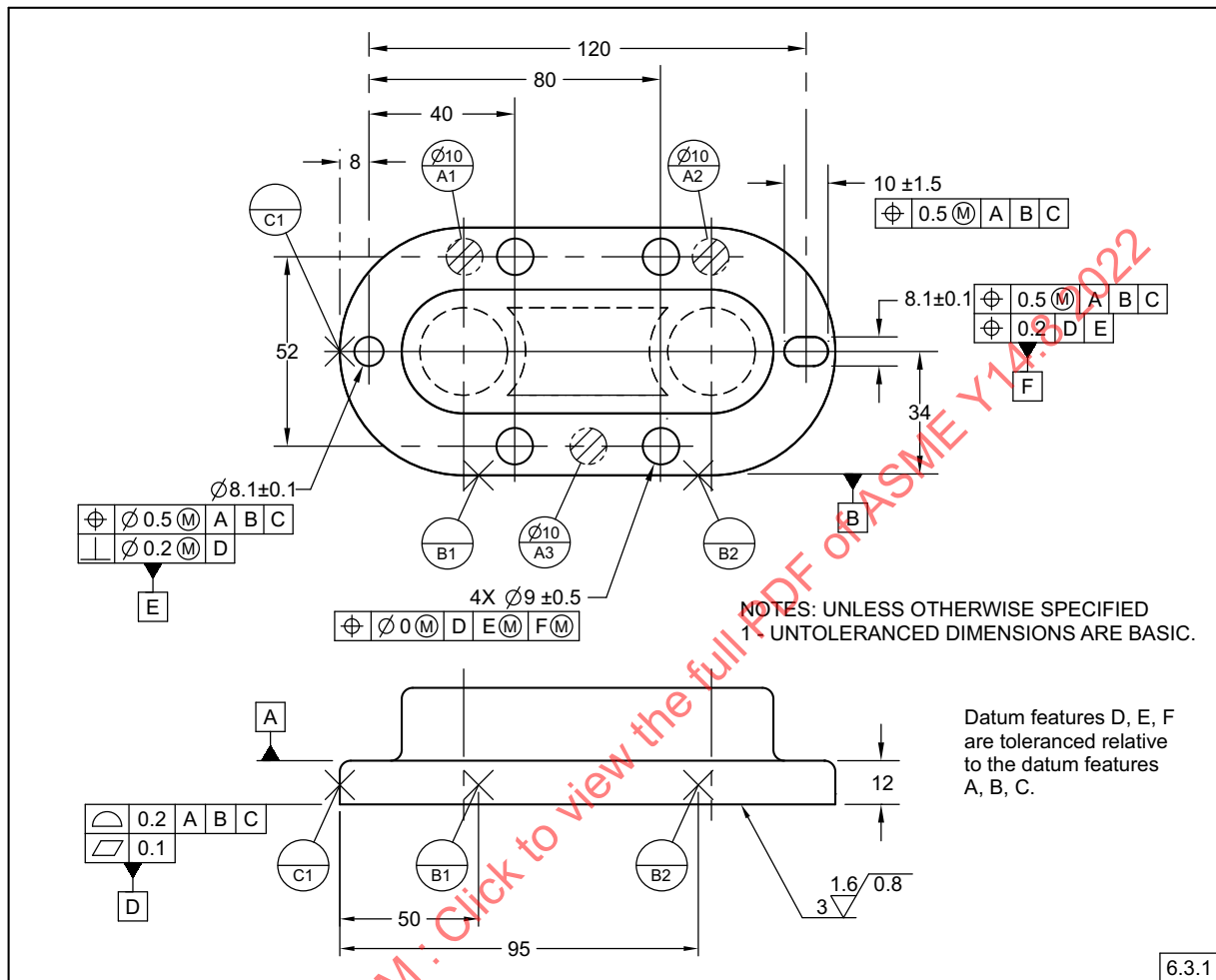
**Figure 6-7**  
**Effect of Draft and Parting Line on Datums**



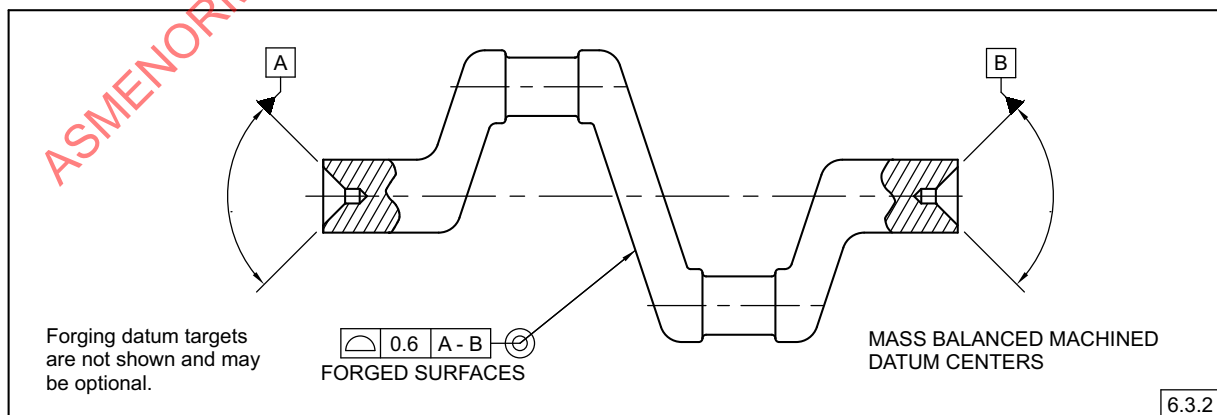
**Figure 6-8**  
**Placement of Local Dimensions Affected by Draft**



**Figure 6-9**  
**Machined Datum Features Located From Cast, Forged, or Molded Datum Features**



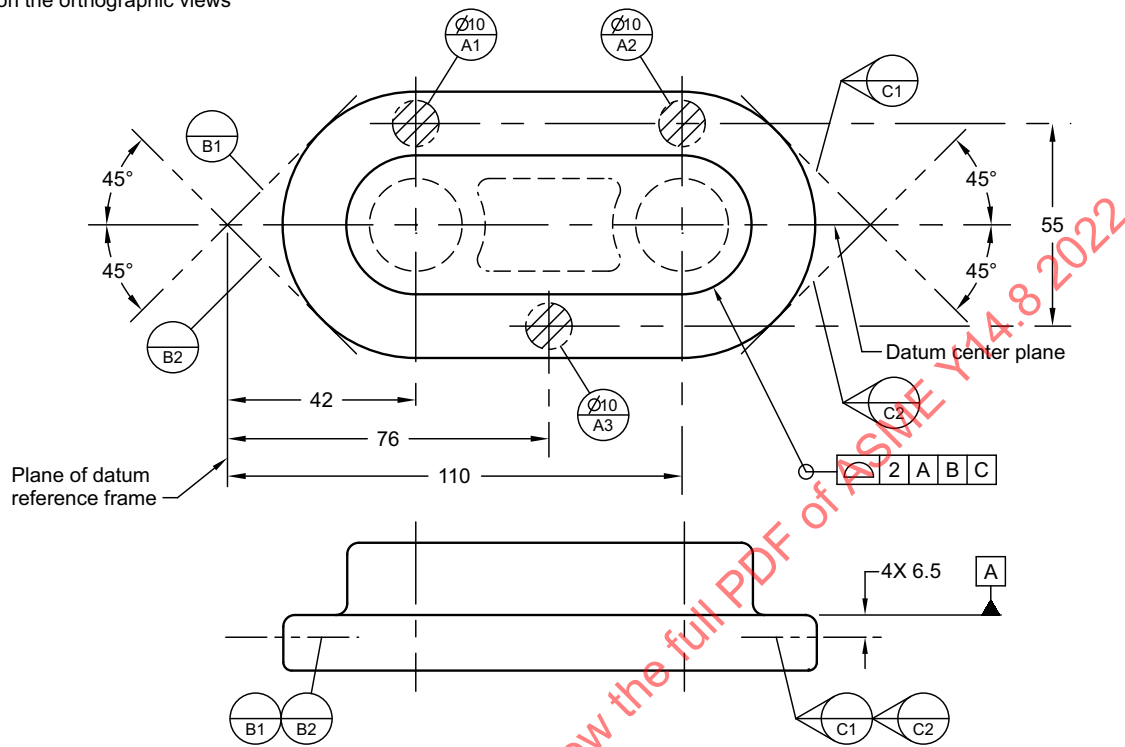
**Figure 6-10**  
**Machine Centers Establishing a Datum Axis**





**Figure 6-11**  
**Movable Datum Target Simulators Establishing a Datum Center Plane**

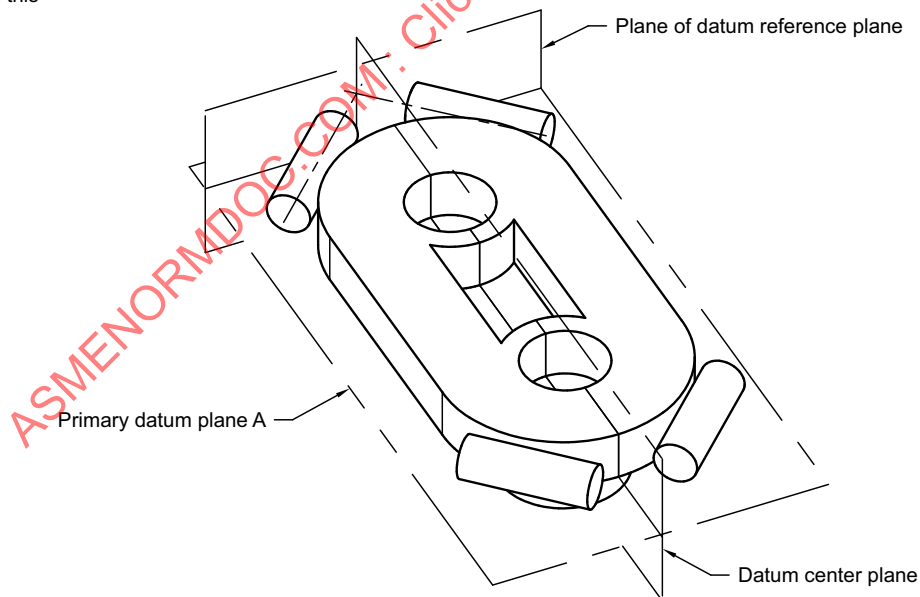
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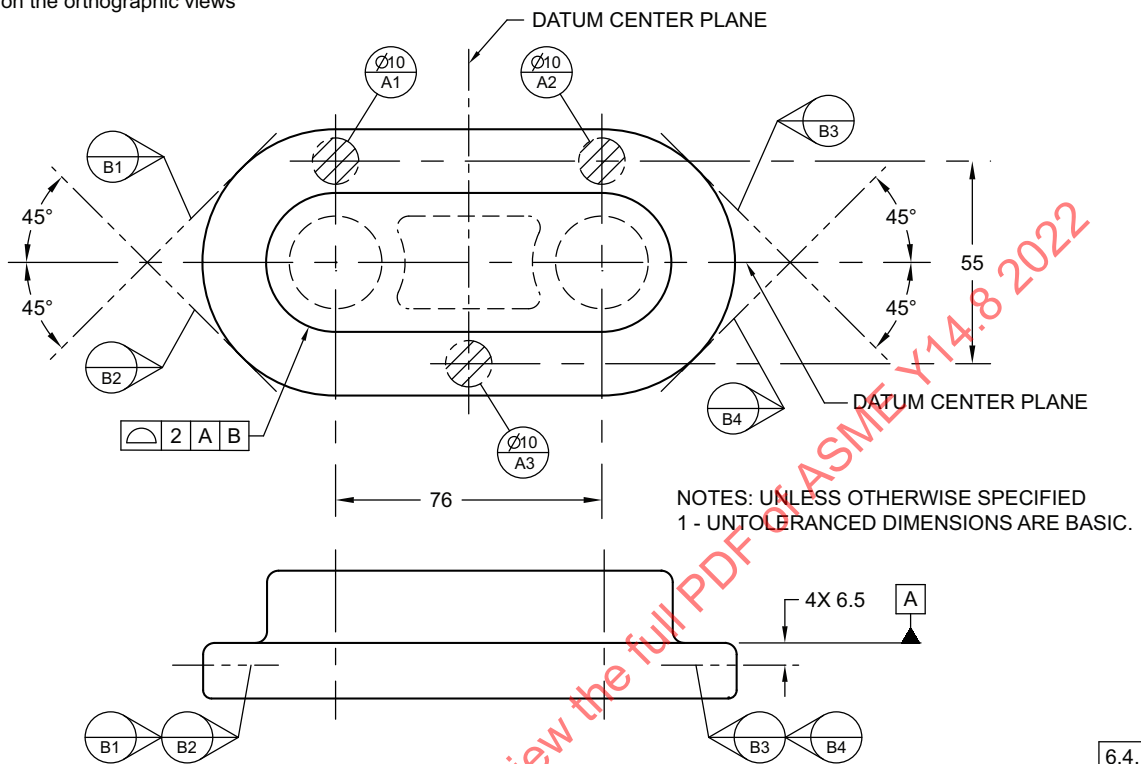
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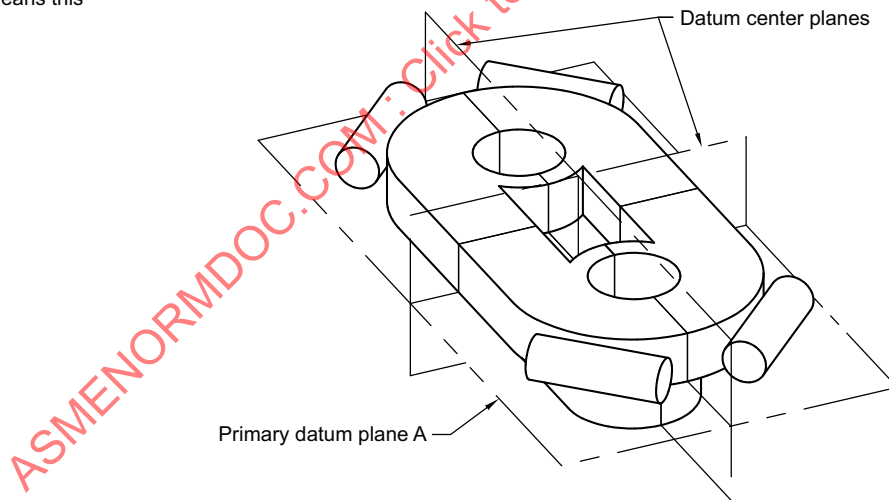
**Figure 6-12**  
**Movable Datum Target Simulators Establishing Two Datum Center Planes**

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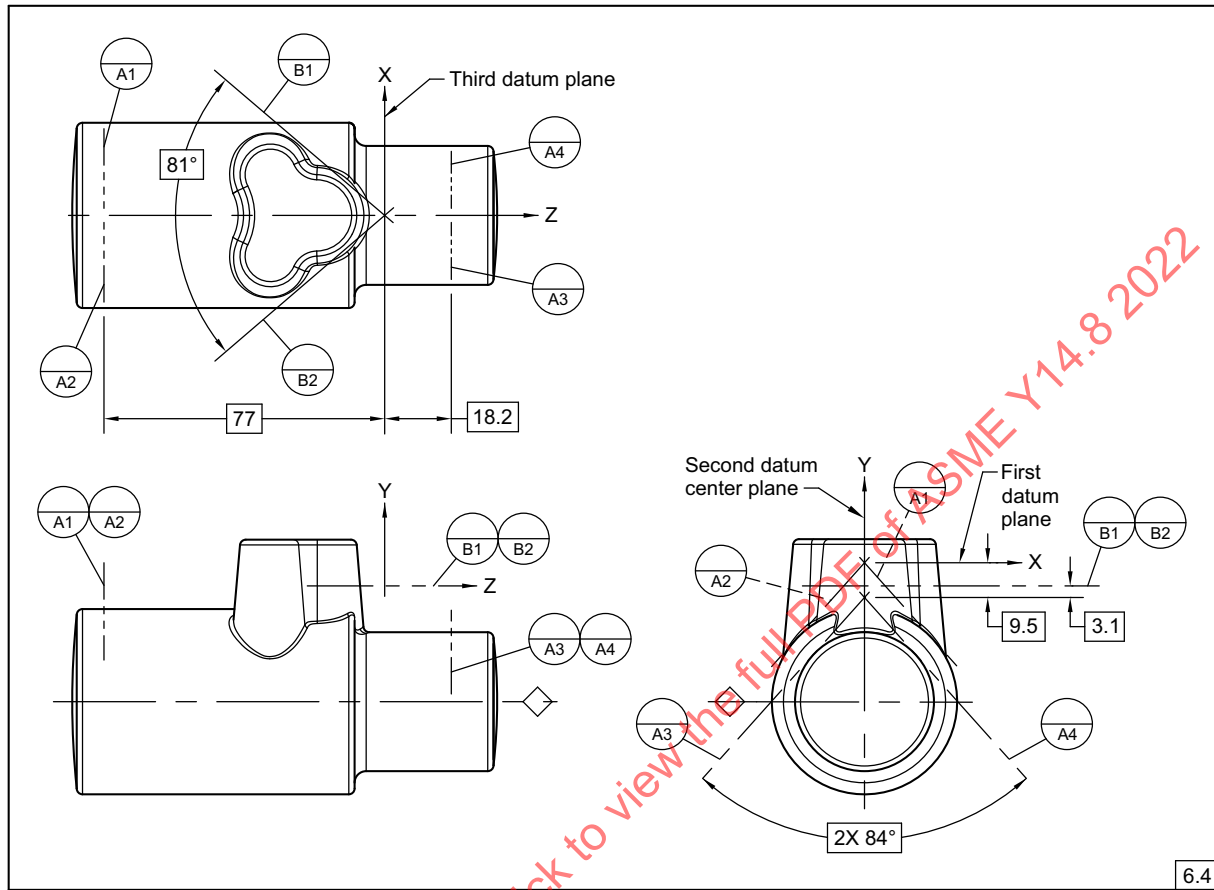


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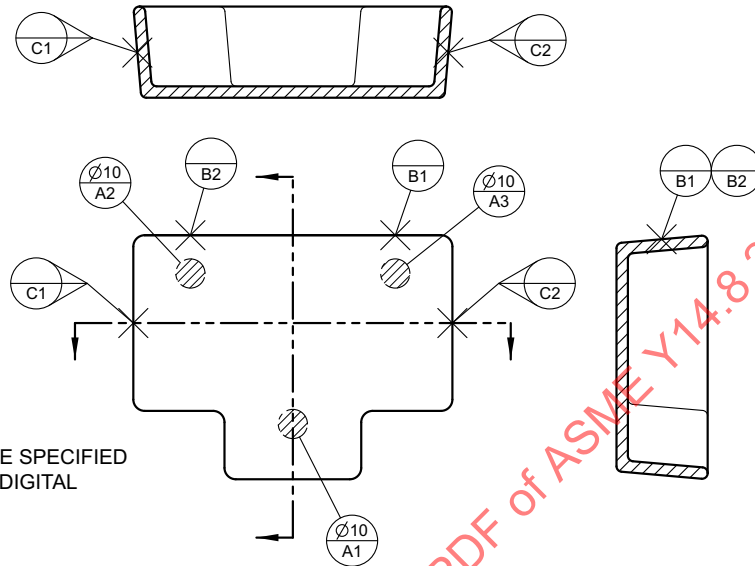


**Figure 6-13**  
**Equalized Datums Established by Fixed Datum Target Simulators**



**Figure 6-14**  
**Datum Targets and Profile Tolerancing**

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Two possibilities depending on where the datum target simulator contacts the part

