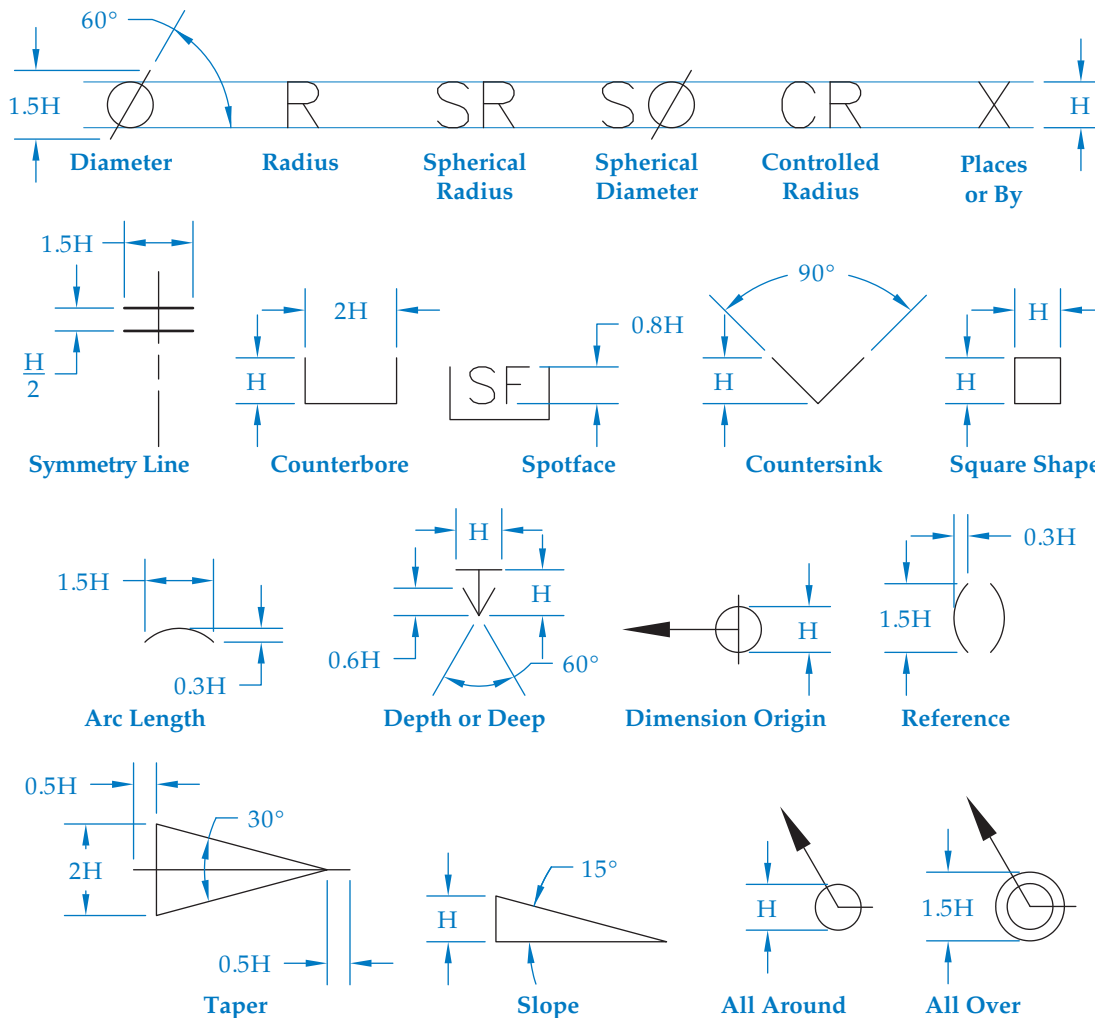


# Drafting Symbols

Symbols provide a “common language” for drafters all over the world. However, symbols are meaningful only if they are drawn according to relevant standards or conventions. This document describes and illustrates common dimensioning, GD&T, architectural, piping, and electronic symbols.

## Recommended ASME Dimensioning Symbols

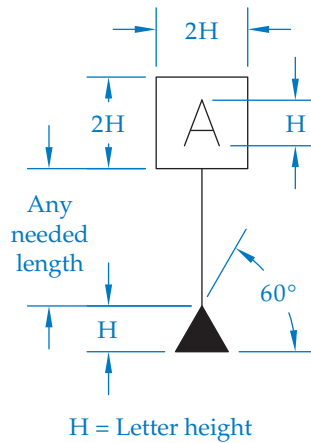
The size of dimensioning symbols is consistent with text height. In the following illustration, H = text height.



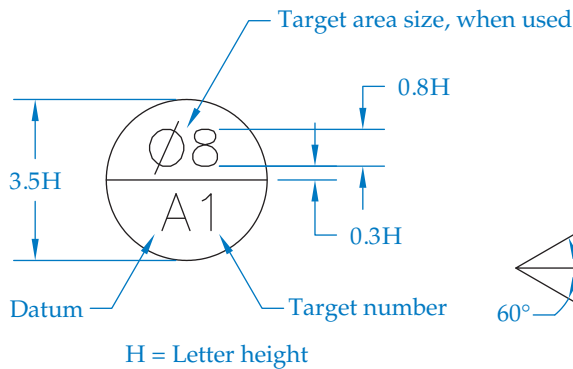
H = Letter height

# Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing Symbols

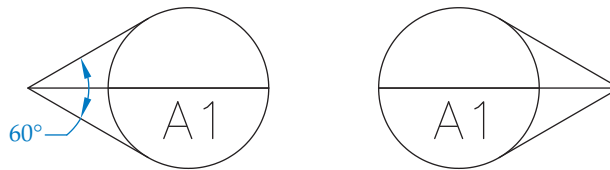
You can create a library of GD&T symbols, use AutoCAD GD&T tools, or use an AutoCAD GD&T font to insert symbols as text. The following tables show examples of GD&T symbols. For complete coverage of GD&T, refer to *Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing* by David A. Madsen and David P. Madsen, published by Goodheart-Willcox.



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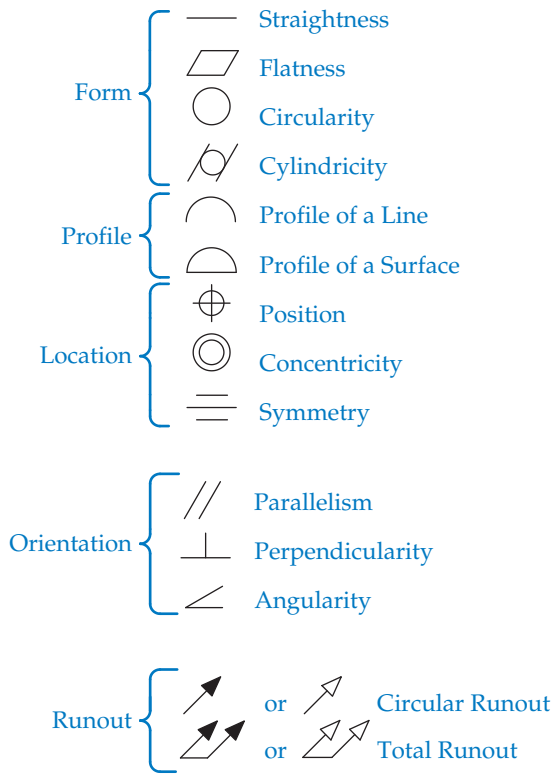


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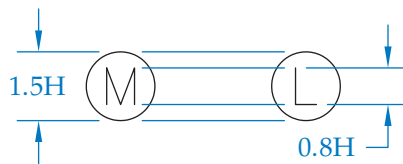


**Movable Datum Target Symbol**

**Datum Target Symbols**

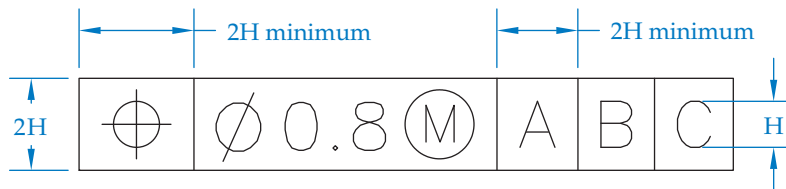


**Geometric Characteristic Symbols**



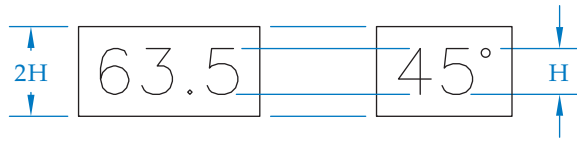
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**Material Condition and Material Boundary Symbols**



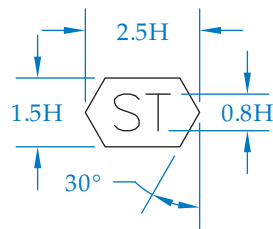
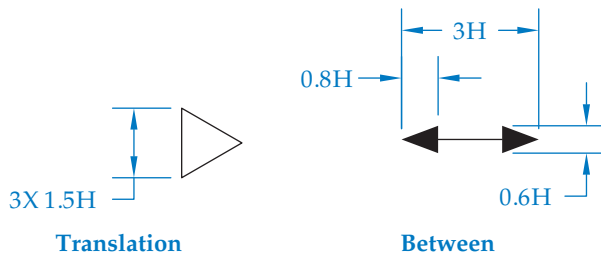
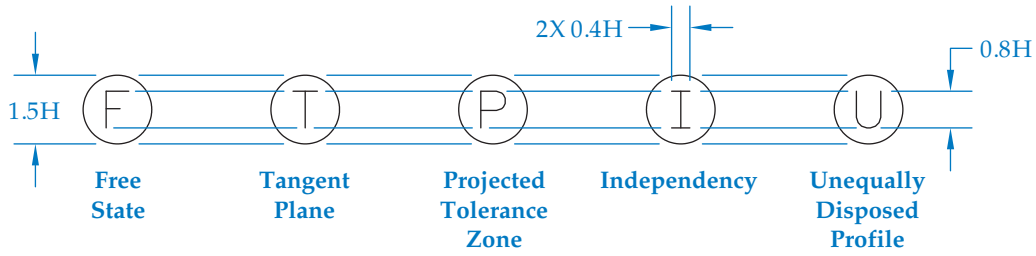
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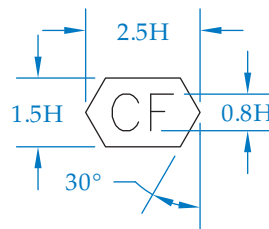


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**Basic Dimension Symbol**



**Statistical Tolerance**

























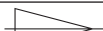



**Continuous Feature**

H = Letter height






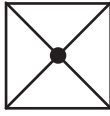


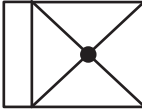










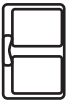





















**Additional GD&T Symbols**

To draw GD&T symbols as text, create a style using the gdt.shx font. Then use the lowercase alphabet to type the symbols. The following table shows the symbol produced by each lowercase letter.

Lowercase Letter	Symbol Produced
a	
b	
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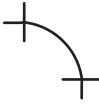











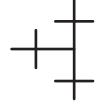








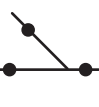


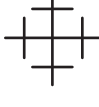






















# Architectural Symbols

The following table shows basic examples of architectural drafting symbols.

Common Architectural Symbols		
		
Exterior Door	Toilet	Water Heater
		
Interior Door	Wall Hung Toilet	Shower
		
Pocket Door	Urinal	Shower w/ Seat
		
Bifold Door	Oval Vanity Sink	Tub
		
Bypass Door	Rectangular Vanity Sink	Washer/Dryer
		
Window	Single Kitchen Sink	Range
		
Lighting Outlet	Double Kitchen Sink	Refrigerator
		
Recessed Lighting Outlet	220V Outlet	Fan
		
Wall Lighting Outlet	Weatherproof Outlet	Conduit
		
Fluorescent Light Fixture	Thermostat	
		
Single Receptacle Outlet	Doorbell	
		
Duplex Convenience Outlet	Fan Hanger Receptacle	
		
Triplex Receptacle Outlet	Clock Hanger Receptacle	
		
Special Outlet	TV Outlet	
		
Floor Single Receptacle Outlet		
		
Floor Duplex Receptacle Outlet		
		
Single Pole Switch		
		
3-Way Switch		

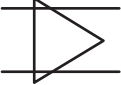

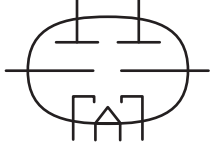







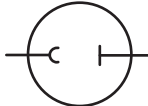






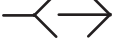



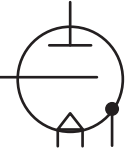

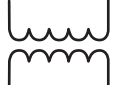

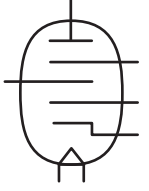

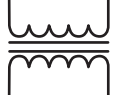




# Piping Symbols

The following table shows basic examples of piping drafting symbols.

Single-Line Piping Symbols						
	Screwed			Buttwelded		
Name	Left Side	Front	Right Side	Left Side	Front	Right Side
90° Elbow						
45° Elbow						
Tee						
45° Lateral						
Cross						
Cap						
Concentric Reducer						
Eccentric Reducer						
Union						
Coupling						

# Electronic Symbols

The following table shows basic examples of electronic drafting symbols.

Common Symbols for Electrical Diagrams			
			
Amplifier	Capacitor, Polarized	Twin Triode Using Elongated Envelope	Microphone
			
Antenna, General	Circuit Breaker	Voltage Regulator, also, Glow Lamp	Receiver, Earphone
			
Antenna, Dipole	Ground	Phototube	Resistor, General
			
Antenna, Loop	Chassis Ground	Inductor, Winding, Reactor, General	Resistor, Adjustable
			
Antenna, Counterpoise	Engaged Connectors	Magnetic Core Inductor	Resistor, Variable
			
Battery, Long Line Positive	Triode with Directly Heated Cathode and Envelope Connection to Base Terminal	Adjustable Inductor	Transformer, General
			
Multicell Battery	Pentode Using Elongated Envelope	Ballast Lamp	Transformer, Magnetic Core
			
Capacitor, General	Incandescent Lamp	Shielded Transformer, Magnetic Core	Auto-Transformer, Adjustable
