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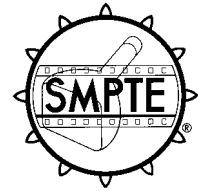
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**SMPTE STANDARD****ANSI/SMPTE 37M-1994**Revision of  
ANSI/SMPTE 37M-1987**for Motion-Picture Equipment —  
Raw Stock Cores**

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**1 Scope**

This standard specifies the recommended sizes and dimensions of raw stock cores for 8-, 16-, 35-, 65-, and 70-mm motion-picture films.

**2 Dimensions**

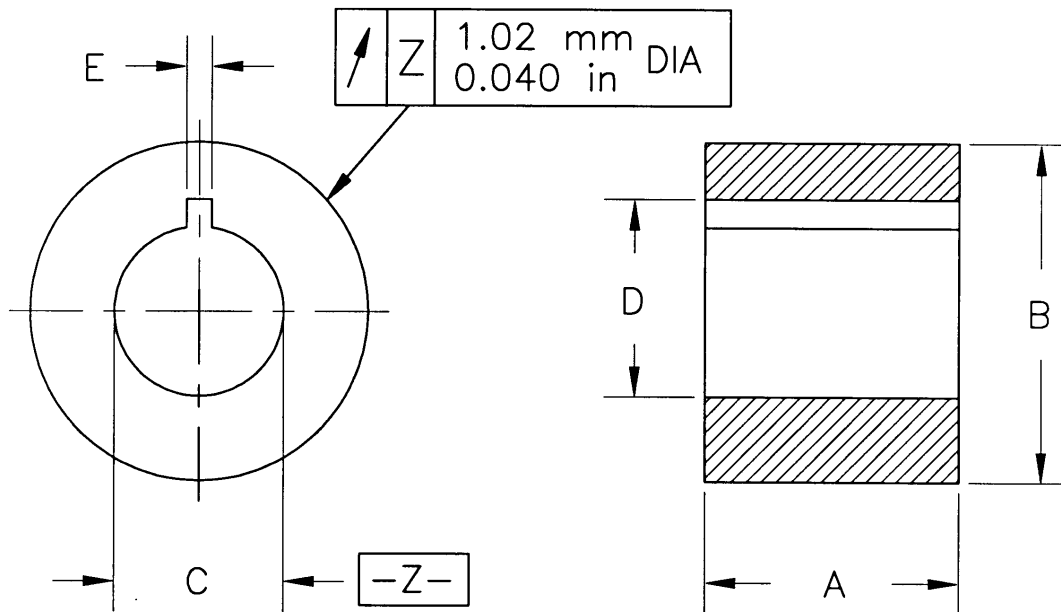
The dimensions of all cores shall be as given in figure 1 and table 1.

**3 Concentricity allowance**

The concentricity of the inside and outside diameters of the core shall be as specified in figure 1.

**4 Drive holes in 35-mm × 125-mm cores**

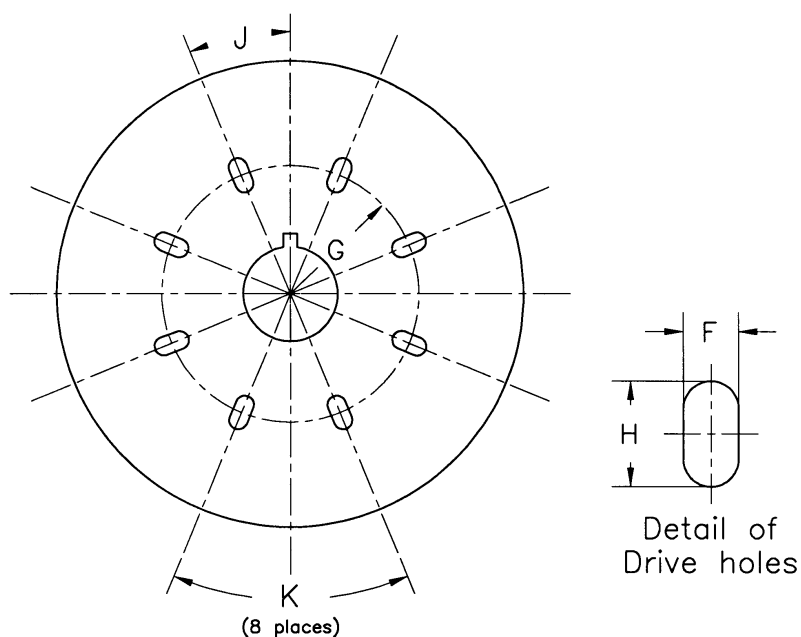
Cores of 35-mm × 125-mm shall have eight drive holes with dimensions and locations as shown in figure 2 and table 2.

**Figure 1 – Core**

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**Table 1 – Core dimensions**

Dimension A					Dimension B				
Nominal size		Millimeters <sup>1)</sup>		Inches		Millimeters		Inches	
8 mm × 50 mm (8 mm × 2 in)		7.90	+ 0.00 − 0.50	0.311	+ 0.000 − 0.020	50.00 ± 0.50		1.968 ± 0.020	
16 mm × 50 mm (16 mm × 2 in)		15.90	+ 0.00 − 0.50	0.626	+ 0.000 − 0.020	50.00 ± 0.50		1.968 ± 0.020	
16 mm × 75 mm (16 mm × 3 in)		15.90	+ 0.00 − 0.50	0.626	+ 0.000 − 0.020	75.00 + 2.00 − 1.00		2.953 + 0.079 − 0.039	
16 mm × 100 mm (16 mm × 4 in)		15.90	+ 0.00 − 0.50	0.626	+ 0.000 − 0.020	100.00 ± 1.50		3.937 ± 0.059	
35 mm × 50 mm (35 mm × 2 in)		34.90	+ 0.00 − 1.00	1.374	+ 0.000 − 0.039	50.00 ± 0.50		1.968 ± 0.020	
35 mm × 75 mm (35 mm × 3 in)		34.90	+ 0.00 − 1.00	1.374	+ 0.000 − 0.039	75.00 + 2.00 − 1.00		2.953 + 0.079 − 0.039	
35 mm × 100 mm (35 mm × 4 in)		34.90	+ 0.00 − 1.00	1.374	+ 0.000 − 0.039	100.00 ± 1.50		3.937 ± 0.059	
35 mm × 125 mm <sup>2)</sup> (35 mm × 5 in)		34.90	+ 0.00 − 1.00	1.374	+ 0.000 − 0.039	125.00 ± 1.00		4.921 ± 0.039	
65 mm × 75 mm (65 mm × 3 in)		64.90	+ 0.00 − 1.00	2.555	+ 0.000 − 0.039	75.00 + 2.00 − 1.00		2.953 + 0.079 − 0.039	
70 mm × 75 mm (70 mm × 3 in)		69.90	+ 0.00 − 1.00	2.752	+ 0.000 − 0.039	75.00 + 2.00 − 1.00		2.953 + 0.079 − 0.039	
Dimensions		Millimeters		Inches					
C		25.70	+ 0.40 − 0.00	1.012	+ 0.016 − 0.000				
D		29.50	+ 0.90 − 0.00	1.161	+ 0.035 − 0.000				
E		3.80	+ 0.40 − 0.00	0.150	+ 0.016 − 0.000				
NOTES									
<sup>1)</sup> Millimeter dimensions are primary.									
<sup>2)</sup> See clause 4.									



**Figure 2 – Drive holes in 35-mm × 125-mm core**

**Table 2 – Drive hole dimensions**

Dimensions	Millimeters	Inches
F	$10.00 \pm 0.50$	$0.394 \pm 0.020$
G	$35.00 \pm 0.50$	$1.378 \pm 0.020$
H	$14.60 \pm 0.50$	$0.575 \pm 0.020$
J	$22.5^\circ$	$22.5^\circ$
K	$45^\circ$	$45^\circ$

## **Annex A (informative)**

### **Additional data**

Means of attaching film to all cores are optional.

The keyway is provided as a means of driving the core for take-up or of providing holdback tension on a feed spindle. The dimensions of the keyway shall be adequate to clear a square-ended key.

The maximum value for dimension A has been fixed intentionally to encourage a common manufacturing practice of keeping the maximum widths of cores very slightly less than the minimum widths of corresponding films.

The rather large tolerances on dimension B are necessary to encompass the satisfactory existing practices of many different manufacturers. It is expected, however, that cores

made by any one manufacturer would be held to a considerably smaller tolerance range. This will help prevent large variations, including undue tapering of the core from one side to the other, of any manufacturer's product.

In the interest of standardization, it is recommended that future cores with diameters greater than 100 mm (4 in) be designed to even-millimeter (nominal inch) dimensions, such as 125, 150, 175 millimeters, etc.

Cores with keys (so-called male cores) have not been included in this standard because they are in declining use. Therefore, new equipment should be designed to accept the female core (core with keyway).