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# INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of the Introduction is to enable the paper to be understood without undue reference to other sources. It should therefore have sufficient background material for this purpose. Generally, highly specialised technical papers will not need extensive introduction as interested readers may be expected to be familiar with current literature on the subject. On the other hand, when a technical paper is likely to interest Engineers working in fields outside the immediate area of the technical paper, the introduction should contain background material that could otherwise be scattered throughout the literature.

# GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

## Type area

The text should fit exactly into the type area of 187 × 272 mm (7.36" × 10.71"). For correct settings of margins in the Page Setup dialog box (File menu) see Table 1.

All text types and headings to be used in this template have been pre-defined as tags and can be found in the Styles toolbar. These can be selected without the need for setting or changing font size, line spacing, and other attributes.

Table 1. Margin settings for A4 size paper

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Top 1.2 0.47"

Bottom 1.3 0.51"   
Left 1.15 0.45"

Right 1.15 0.45"

All other 0.0 0.0"

Column width\* 9.0 3.54"

Column spacing\* 0.7 0.28"

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\* Column dialog box in Format menu.

## Typefont, typesize and spacing

Use Times New Roman 12-point size and 13-point line spacing (Normal text tag). Use roman type except for the headings (Heading tags), parameters in mathematics (not for log, sin, cos, ln, max., d (in d*x*), etc.), and the titles of journals and books, which should all be in italics. Never use bold, except to denote vectors in mathematics. Never underline any text. Use the small font (10 point on 11 point line spacing) for tables (Table tags), figure captions (Figure caption tag), and the references (Reference text tag).

Never use letterspacing, and never use more than one space after another. To facilitate the collation of the papers, authors are requested to omit page numbers from their drafts please.

# Getting started

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## Title, author and affiliation frame

The title of the paper should be typed in lower case (no caps except for proper names) and should not be longer than 75 characters. No abbreviations should be used in the title.

Start by entering the name of the first author (first the initials and then the last name). If any of the co-authors have the same affiliation as the first author, add their names after an & (or a comma if more names follow). Type the correct affiliation (Name of the institute, City, State/Province, Country). If there are authors linked to other institutes, place the cursor at the end of the affiliation line just typed and add a hard return. Now type the name(s) of the author(s) and after a hard return, the affiliation. Repeat this procedure until all affiliations have been typed.

All texts shall fit in a frame that should not be changed (Width: Exactly 187 mm (7.36"); Height: Exactly 73 mm (2.87") from top margin; Lock anchor).

## Abstract frame

Once there are no further authors, place the cursor one space behind the word ABSTRACT and type your abstract of not more than 200 words. The top of the first line of the abstract will be 73 mm (2.87") from the top of the type area. The complete abstract will fall in the abstract frame, the settings of which should also not be changed (Width: Exactly 187 mm (7.36"); Height: Automatic; Vertical 73 mm (2.87") from margin; Lock anchor).

# Layout of text

## Text and indenting

Text is set in two columns of 9 cm (3.54") width, each with a 7 mm (0.28") space between the columns. All text should be typed in Times New Roman, 12 pt on 13-pt line spacing except for the paper title (18 pt on 20 pt), author(s) (14 pt on 16 pt), and the small text in tables, captions and references (10 pt on 11 pt). All line spacing is exact. Never add any space between lines or paragraphs. When a column has blank lines at the bottom of the page, add space above and below headings (see opposite column).

First lines of paragraphs directly below headings are not indented (First paragraph tag). Subsequent lines of paragraphs are indented 5 mm (0.2") (Normal,Normal text tag).

## Headings

Type primary headings in capital letters roman (Heading 1 tag) and secondary and tertiary headings in lower case italics (Headings 2 and 3 tags). Headings are set flush against the left margin. Insert two blank lines (13 pt each) above every primary heading (except when at the start of the paper or top of a page) and one blank line (13 pt) beneath the primary heading.

Headings are not indented and neither are the first lines of text following the heading indented.

## Length of paper

The suggested length for the Full Paper should be 2500 – 4000 words maximum, with a maximum of six pages, including all appendices and illustrations in the required format. Any papers longer than this may be returned for editing by the author and may miss meeting key deadlines.

## Listing and numbering

When creating a list, use either the style tag List signs or the style tag List numbers.

## Equations

Use the equation editor of the selected word processing programme. Equations are not indented (Formula tag). Number equations consecutively, and place the number with the tab key at the end of the line, between parentheses. Refer to equations by these numbers. See Equation 1 below for example:

From the above, note that sin θ = (*x* + *y*)*z* and:

 (1)

where *ca* = interface adhesion; δ = friction angle at interface; and *k*1 = shear stiffness number.

For simple equations in the text, always use superscript and subscript (select Font in the Home menu). The inline equations (equations within a sentence) in the text will automatically be converted to the AMS notation standard.

## Tables

Locate tables close to the first reference to them in the text and number them consecutively. Avoid abbreviations in column headings. Indicate units in the line immediately below the heading.

Explanations should be given at the foot of the table, not within the table itself. Use only horizontal rules (lines): One above and one below the column headings and one at the foot of the table (Table rule tag: Use the Shift-minus key to actually type the rule exactly where you want it). For simple tables, use the tab key and not the table option.

Type all text in tables in small type: 10 point on 11 point (Table text tag). Align all headings to the left of their column, and start these headings with an initial capital. Type the caption above the table to the same width as the table (Table caption tag). See for example Table 1.

## Figure captions

Always use the Figure caption style tag (10 points on 11 points). Place the caption underneath the figure (see Section 5). Type as follows: ‘Figure 1. Caption’. Leave about two lines of space between the figure caption and the text of the paper.

## Notes

Notes should be avoided. Insert the information in the text. In tables, the following reference marks should be used: \*, \*\*, etc., and the actual footnotes set directly underneath the table.

# Photographs and figures

Number figures consecutively in the order in which they are referred to in the text, making no distinction between diagrams and photographs. Figures should fit within the column width of 90 mm (3.54") or within the type area width of 187 mm (7.36").

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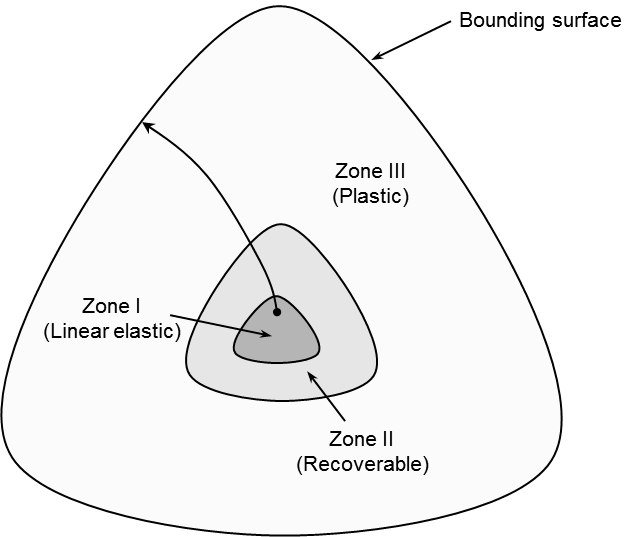


Figure 1. Caption of a typical figure

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3. × 20 *instead of* ×20 / X20 / x 20; 4 + 5 > 7 *instead of* 4+5>7 *but* –8 / +8 *instead of* – 8 / + 8
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Papers will not be accepted finally for publication and presentation until such time as the peer review and alteration process has been completed to the satisfaction of the Technical Committee.

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# conclusionS

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