

Tolerances for cold drawn bar								
Section	Size, di	ameter or	width acro	ss flats	Perr	nitted vari	ation	
	mm				mm			
	>	6	≤	18	+0	to	-0.070	
Round	>	18	<	30	+0	to	-0.085	
Hound	>	30	≤	50	+0	to	-0.100	
	>	50	≤	80	+0	to	-0.120	
	>	80	<u>≤</u>	100	+0	to	-0.140	
	≥	6 /	-5	18	+0	to	-0.090	
	>	18/ /	<	30	+0	to	-0.110	
Square and hexagon	>	30-	- s-	50	+0	to	-0.130	
nexagon	>	50	5//	80	+0	to	-0.160	
	>	80	_ 5/	105	+0	to	-0.250	
	< 9		et Ind		S +0	to	-0.110	
	>	18	≤	30	+0	to	-0.130	
	>	30	≤	50	+0	to	-0.160	
Flat (width)	>	50	<	80	+0	to	-0.190	
Truc (wider)	>	80	<	100	+0	to	-0.220	
	>	100	≤	130	+0	to	-0.350	
	>	130	≤	160	+0	to	-1.000	
	>	160	≤	320	+1.0	to	-1.000	
	<	18			+0	to	-0.110	
	>	18	≤	30	+0	to	-0.130	
Flat (thickness)	>	30	<	50	+0	to	-0.250	
	>	50	≤	80	+0	to	-0.350	

Comparing Global Tolerance Systems for Steel Bright Bars: A Buyer's Reference Guide

## Descrição

What makes things more complex is that different countries use **different tolerance systems**: ISO (Europe), ANSI (USA), IS (India), JIS (Japan) — all with distinct notations and bands.

This guide compares the most common tolerance systems used globally for bright steel bars and explains how Steelmet Industries helps companies match the right tolerances for their applications.

# Why Tolerances Matter in Bright Bars

- Ensure interchangeability of parts
- Avoid fitment issues (too tight or too loose)
- Reduce **machining time** and **rework**
- Maintain tool life
- Avoid costly rejections

Choosing the correct tolerance grade — like h9 or h11 — is crucial to achieving optimal functionality without overpaying for unnecessary precision.



# **Major Tolerance Systems in the World**

Europe/Global ISO 286 h9, h11, k12 Engineering, CNC parts  USA ANSI B89.1 ±0.001?, Class ZZ Precision shafts, inch drawings  Japan JIS B0401 H9, js10 High-accuracy parts  India IS 9550 CD/PD bars Domestic machining, general fit	Region	Standard	<b>Notation Example</b>	Typical Use Case
Japan JIS B0401 H9, js10 High-accuracy parts	Europe/Glob	al ISO 286	h9, h11, k12	Engineering, CNC parts
	USA	ANSI B89.1	±0.001?, Class ZZ	Precision shafts, inch drawings
India IS 9550 CD/PD bars Domestic machining, general fit	Japan	JIS B0401	H9, js10	High-accuracy parts
	India	IS 9550	CD/PD bars	Domestic machining, general fit

# ? Tolerance Table for Bright Steel Bars (Reference Sizes)

### ? Rounds

	? Note: These values are typical and simplified for reference. Always refer to full standards							
for de	esign-critical applica	tions.			<b>A</b> 11	703		
? Round	S			ht P	gars, All	steels		
Section	Size Range (mm / inch)	Standard	Grade	Tolerance Band	Total Variation	Notes		
Round	3–6 mm / 0.12–0.24?	ISO 286	h9 St	+0/-0.027 mm	0.027 mm	Small shafts		
Round	10–18 mm / 0.39–0.71?	ISO 286	h9	+0 / -0.036 mm	0.036 mm	CNC turning		
Round	18–30 mm / 0.71–1.18?	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.090 mm	0.090 mm	General use		
Round C	30–50 mm / 1.18–2.00?	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.110 mm	0.110 mm	Shafts, pins		
Round	50–100 mm / 2.00–3.94?	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.130 mm	0.130 mm	Larger parts		
Round	All sizes	IS 9550	CD	~h11	±0.11–0.13 mm	Cold drawn		
Round	All sizes	IS 9550	PD	~h10	±0.07–0.09 mm	Peeled bars		
Round	0.25–2?	ANSI	Class ZZ	±0.0012?	0.060 mm	Inch tolerances		

## ?? Squares

Section	Size Range (mm / inch)	Standard	Grade	Tolerance Band	Total Variation	Notes
Square	6–25 mm / 0.24–1.00?	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.13 mm	0.13 mm	Drawn squares
Square	All sizes	IS 9550	CD	~h11	0.16 mm	Indian std



Section	Size Range (mm / inch)	Standard	Grade	Tolerance Band	Total Variation	Notes
Square	0.5–1.5?	ANSI	±0.0015?	±0.0015?	0.076 mm	Square bars US spec

## ? Hexagons

Section	n Size (mm A/F)	) Standard	I Grade	e Tolerance Band	l Total Variation	Notes
Hex	6–20 mm	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.11 mm	0.11 mm	Fasteners, bolts
Hex	All sizes	IS 9550	CD	~h11	0.13 mm	Indian hex bar

### ? Flats

Section	Width x Thickness (mm)	Standard	Grade	Tolerance Band	Total Variation	Notes
Flat	10-50 mm wide	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.20 mm	0.20 mm	Width control
Flat	3-10 mm thick	ISO 286	h11	+0 / -0.12 mm	0.12 mm SS	Thickness control
Flat	All sizes	IS 9550	CD	~h115, 51	~0.15 mm	Flat bars general use

# ? Glossary of Key Terms

Term Meaning

h9/h112 ISO tolerance grades for outer dimensions

CD Bar Cold drawn bright bar

PD Bar Peeled bar, more precise and smoother

Ra Surface roughness average (lower is smoother)

Total Variation Difference between max and min permissible diameter

## ? FAQ

### Q1. What is the difference between h9 and h11 tolerance grades?

A: h9 is a tighter tolerance used for precision applications; h11 is more general-purpose and costeffective.

#### Q2. Are tolerances the same for rounds and flats?

A: No, width and thickness may have separate tolerance bands, especially in flats.

## Q3. Can Steelmet match ANSI (inch) tolerances?



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A: Yes. We routinely supply inch-dimension bars with ANSI tolerances for US-bound components.

#### Q4. How are tolerance inspections carried out?

A: Using calibrated micrometers, vernier calipers, and batchwise checks; reports can be shared on request.

#### Q5. Can custom tolerance bands be produced?

A: Absolutely. We deliver bright bars with per-face tolerances for special profiles and custom needs.

## ? How Steelmet Industries Delivers Global Tolerance Solutions

Steelmet Industries provides:

- ? Bright bars in ISO h9 to h13, ANSI, JIS, and IS tolerances
- ? Sizes from 3 mm to 100 mm rounds, flats, hex, square
- ? Custom profiles with per-face tolerance bands
- ight Bars, Alloy

  Is, Stainles

  Stainles ? Full traceability with MTCs and dimensional inspection reports
- ? In-house QC with NABL-calibrated tools
- ? Quick response to customer drawings and specs



A European automotive component buyer needed h9 tolerance bars for critical spindle fitment. Their previous supplier shipped h11 bars, leading to press-fit failure. Steelmet Industries quickly supplied verified h9 bright bars with micrometer report, resolving the issue without any design change.

## **Call to Action**

### ? Looking for globally compliant bright bars?

At Steelmet Industries, we understand that tolerance isn't just a number — it's the foundation of your product's performance.

Visit? www.steelmet.in or reach out to us to discuss your bright bar requirements with our technical team.

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