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I support Clem Miller (Viewpoint, May/June) in his skepticism of ISO 9000. The metrology of gears is important, but in the present state of the art, manufacture is more accurate than design.

Having encountered situations where gears were being made accurate to 2 μm , but the design specified was inaccurate by 20 μm , it seems more important to improve the design process than to spend time and effort on further "improving" the control of production.

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