## Sectioning standards and conventions - recognition

An engineering drawing often needs to show features that we can't see because they are inside the object. If the thing we are drawing is quite simple, we can mark the hidden parts by a hidden outline.

If the thing we are drawing is too complicated for this method, instead of drawing hidden outlines we can make sectional views. This means we imagine that the front part of the object has been cut off so we can see what is inside. The cut off part is only removed in the sectional view and no other view.

To make the cut parts stand out on the drawing, we use cross hatching. This is a series of parallel lines, drawn very lightly, usually at a $45^{\circ}$ angle.


A section plane is shown on a drawing by a light chain line with heavy ends. It indicates where we imagine the object is cut through. We use arrows to show where we are looking from, and letters to identify the sections.


Pictorial representation


Another way of looking at a sectional view is to picture an object being cut by a hacksaw so that you can remove the front portion of the object to reveal internal features.


Note: All surfaces cut by the hacksaw are drawn with $45^{\circ}$ lines ( $45^{\circ}$ preferred) called sectioning, or cross hatching lines.

Surfaces that are not cut are left blank.

## Cross hatching of single parts

Solid material which has been cut by the sectional cutting plane should be indicated by cross hatching (also known as sectioning lines). Cross hatching should consist of a series of equally spaced thin parallel lines usually drawn at $45^{\circ}$ to the horizontal. The distance between the parallel lines should be in relation to the area to be covered.
As the drawing process of crosshatching is time consuming it is recommended that wide spacing be used, provided that there is no loss of clarity of the sectioned view.


Description
Full section
When an object is cut straight
through the centre, so that we can
see everything inside, we call it a full
section.
In orthogonal projection, the cutting
plan is shown by a thin chain dotted
line and arrows.
Half section
In a half section, one quarter of the
object is removed, so that we see
part of the outside and part of the
inside.
The cutting plane is shown as a full
section. The section view is titled
Half Section'.

## Sectioning

For simple shaped objects the internal parts are shown as hidden outlines
When several parts are shown together the internal details shown as hidderi outlines makes the drawing harder to read
This can be made clearer for reading and dimensioning by drawing a SECTION VIEW
In a section we assume that the object is cut by a cutting plane in a convenient position, and portion
of the object is removed temporarily so when we look at the view, the hidden surfaces cut by the
cutting plane become outlines and the cut surfaces are indicated by hatching lines.
See the numbered blocks 1-4
Outlines

Exercise 6-1
SECTIONING RULES

The treatment of webs in sectioned views (cast article)
If a web (when it has been sectioned) is crosshatched, it would make the object appear solid (below left) Therefore, when a web is cut along its thickness,(below right). The web is show without cross hatching.


When a web is cut across its thickness by a sectional cutting plane it is cross hatched in the normal manner. (top view above right)
Hidden detail (that is holes) are not shown on the section views.


## Sectioning webs (Fabricated articles)

A web is a supporting piece between two surfaces which are at an angle to each other.
Note:

1. When the cutting plane cuts through the length of the web, the web is not cross hatched in the section view. (Section B-B).
2. When the cutting plane cuts across the web, the web is hatched in the section view (Section A-A).
3. Hidden detail (like holes) are not shown on the section view.


Exercise 6-1
Identifying section views (fabricated objects)
Tick the correct section view for each cutting plane. (discuss your choices with your teacher)


| Section AA | Section BB | Section CC | Section DD | Section EE |
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