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**must:** These requirements shall be fulfilled. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the designed part is not sufficient and the design can not be used.

**should:** These requirements should be fulfilled as good as possible. If these requirements are not fulfilled the designed part can be used, but is not as good as others which fulfil these requirements in a better way.

**could:** These requirements could be fulfilled, if no other “should” or “must” requirements are worsened. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the designed part is still good.