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Technology as a philosophical concept: the basic approaches to its definition

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The article notes that the philosophy of technology is aimed at understanding the nature of technology and assessing its impacts on society, culture and man. At the same time, attention is paid to both the understanding of technology and the ambiguity of the concept of «technology». The formation of the philosophical definition of technology is the following: from skill, experience and art to understanding technology as a combination of technical devices, artifacts and the designation of a skill system, the level of mastery in the implementation of a particular activity. It is shown that in the philosophy of technology several approaches to understanding the nature and essence of technology have been formed. Particular attention is paid to the consideration of the engineering approach, in which the nature of technology is analyzed in detail. It should also be noted the importance of considering the humanitarian approach, due to the special role of technology in the society.

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