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## Part 2: Spatial Audio Object Coding (SAOC)

### AMENDMENT 5: SAOC Reference Software

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Replace Clause 11 with the following.

#### 11 Reference software

##### 11.1 Reference software structure

###### 11.1.1 General

This clause contains simulation software for SAOC as defined in Clause 1 to Clause 9 and Annex A to Annex G. This software has been derived from verification models used in the process of developing the standard.

Reference software is normative in the sense that it correctly implements the SAOC transcoding/decoding processes described in this document. Complying implementations indicated in this document are not expected to follow the algorithms or the programming techniques used by the reference software. Although the decoding software is considered normative, it cannot add anything to the textual technical description of SAOC included in this document.

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- a) **Bitstream decoding software** is catalogued in 11.2. This software accepts bitstreams encoded according to the normative specification given in this document and decodes the streams into the audio signals associated with each bitstream. While this software appears in the normative part of this specification, attention is drawn to the fact that the implementation techniques used in this software are not considered normative (several different implementations could produce the same result) but the software is considered normative in that it correctly implements the SAOC decoding processes described in this document.
- b) **Bitstream encoding software** is catalogued in Annex H. This software creates bitstreams from associated audio signals. The encoders are provided as a means to obtain bitstreams with the normative syntax described in this document. The techniques used for encoding are not specified by this document, and the quality and complexity of these encoders has not been optimized.
- c) **Utility software** is catalogued in Annex H. This software was found useful by the developers of the standard, but may not conform to the normative specifications given in this document.

File locations in the source tree given in this document are expressed relative to the location of the corresponding reference software package attached to this document.

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**11.2 Bitstream decoding software**

**11.2.1 General**

The provided bitstream decoding software is a normative reference implementation of the respective specification.

### 11.2.2 SAOC decoding software

Location	Content
saoc2mps	SAOC transcoder/decoder
mcu	SAOC MCU combiner
mp4spatialdec	LD-MPS decoder

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Add the following Annex H.

## Annex H (informative)

### Reference software

#### H.1 Bitstream encoding software

##### H.1.1 General

For the bitstream encoding software provided here, attention is called to the fact that these encoders are provided for the purpose of creating bitstreams with normative syntax. The performance of these encoders should not be taken as indicative of that which can be obtained from implementations where quality and computational optimization are given priority. The techniques used for encoding are not specified by this document.

##### H.1.2 MPEG SAOC encoding software

Location	Content
saocenc	SAOC encoder
mp4spatialenc	LD-MPS encoder

#### H.2 Additional utility software

##### H.2.1 General

Software that appears in this annex has proven to be useful to the developers of the standard but is not a normative reference implementation.

##### H.2.2 MPEG SAOC utility software

Location	Content
conf_saoc	Tools for SAOC conformance

#### H.3 Providers of reference software

The following organizations have contributed software:

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- Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS;
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