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(GPS) — Types of documents with GPS**

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## Introduction

This document is a geometrical product specifications (GPS) standard and is to be regarded as a fundamental GPS standard (see ISO 14638). It influences all chain links of all chains of general GPS standards (see [Annex A](#) for further information).

The ISO/GPS Matrix model given in ISO 14638 gives an overview of the ISO/GPS system of which this document is a part. The fundamental rules of ISO/GPS given in ISO 8015 apply to this document and the default decision rules given in this document apply in ISO/GPS, unless otherwise indicated.

Traditionally, functional requirements, manufacturing requirements and verification requirements are mixed up in one and the same specification. Furthermore, the basic function of a part may be jeopardized when changing the manufacturing and/or the verification process.

Consequently, the functional requirements may not be identified easily and, furthermore, traceability to functional needs often gets obscured or impossible to derive.

Therefore, it is necessary to provide a structure to organize the mindset of the involved stakeholders (such as designers, process engineers, verifiers, purchasers and suppliers). The design intent as expressed in the functional specification is imperative and constitutes the master for all subsequent specifications.

This document provides such a structure for documents with GPS, thus enabling:

- easier communication;
- clear distinction between the three basic types of specifications applied;
- improved contractual reliability.

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