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# Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 10, *Technical product documentation*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 16792:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

— information on assembly part identification added;

— information on movable parts in assemblies added;

— figures updated to reflect current International Standards,

— content which is authored in other documents removed;

— former practices moved to Annex A;

— Annex C with additional examples of applying this document added.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

# Introduction

Every effort was made during the preparation of this document, adapted from ASME Y14.41:2012, to apply existing requirements developed for two-dimensional (2D) presentation equally to the output from three-dimensional (3D) models. Where new geometrical product specification (GPS) rules have proved essential, these have been drafted with a view to their being equally applicable to both 2D and 3D. Therefore, in order to maintain the integrity of a single system, these new rules are being incorporated in the relevant existing International Standards for cross-reference. Application examples have been included where, due to the specific requirements of 3D modelling in support of model-based definition (MBD), additional guidance was deemed beneficial.

It is recognized that there is a need to support drawings in conjunction with 3D models now and for the foreseeable future. This need has been addressed in this document through the definition of the two methods for documenting digital models and specification of requirements to ensure that the information in a data set is consistent between the model and the drawing.

The figures in this document are intended only as illustrations to aid the user in understanding the practices elaborated in the text. In some cases, figures show a level of detail as needed for emphasis; in others, they are only complete enough to illustrate a concept or facet thereof, including the associativity of annotations in the design model. The absence of figures has no bearing on the applicability of the specified requirement or practice.

Most figures are illustrations of models in a 3D environment. Figures illustrating drawings in digital format include a drawing sheet border.

This document describes general requirements and practices for digital product definition applied for 3D mechanical engineering (MCAD) but which can be also applied to other disciplines and trades (e.g. ECAD).

For former practices, see Annex A.

# Technical product documentation — Digital product definition data practices

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the preparation, revision and presentation of digital product definition data, hereafter referred to as data sets, complementing existing standards. It supports two methods of application: 3D model-only and 3D model with 2D drawing in digital format. The structure of this document presents requirements common to both methods followed by clauses providing for any essential, differing requirements for each method. Additionally, its use in conjunction with computer-aided design (CAD) systems can assist in the progression towards improved modelling and annotation practices for CAD and engineering disciplines, as well as serving as a guideline for CAx software developers.

The actual definitions for the interpretation, in particular the ISO TPD and ISO GPS rules, are taken from the original definition standards, e.g. ISO 129-1 and ISO 1101.

When the term model is used in this document it applies to both design models and annotated models.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 128-2, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — General principles of representation — Part 2: Basic conventions for lines*

ISO 128-3:2020, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — General principles of representation — Part 3: Views, sections and cuts*

ISO 129-1, *Technical product documentation (TPD) — Presentation of dimensions and tolerances — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 2553, *Welding and allied processes — Symbolic representation on drawings — Welded joints*

ISO 3098-1, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 3098-5, *Technical product documentation — Lettering — Part 5: CAD lettering of the Latin alphabet, numerals and marks*

ISO 5457, *Technical product documentation — Sizes and layout of drawing sheets*

ISO 5459, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Datums and datum systems*

ISO 7200, *Technical product documentation — Data fields in title blocks and document headers*

ISO 8015, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Fundamentals — Concepts, principles and rules*

ISO 10209:2012, *Technical product documentation — Vocabulary — Terms relating to technical drawings, product definition and related documentation*

ISO 11442, *Technical product documentation — Document management*

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ISO 21920-1[1]), *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile —Part 1:Indication of surface texture*

ISO 25178-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Areal — Part 1: Indication of surface texture*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

IEC 82045-2, *Document management — Part 2: Metadata elements and information reference model*

## 3  Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10209 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

### 3.1  General terms and definitions

**3.1.1**
**absolute coordinate system**
initial model coordinate system in the active CAD model used to define the location of digital elements in that CAD model

Note 1 to entry: The active CAD model may be a part, subassembly or assembly.

Note 2 to entry: This absolute coordinate system has absolute origin of 0,0,0.

**3.1.2**
**offset section**
stepped cutting plane to include features not located in a straight cutting plane

Note 1 to entry: 2D offset section views are drawn as if the offsets were in one plane, and the offsets are not indicated in any manner in the section views. 3D offset section views are shown by cutting through the part in an offset manner.

**3.1.3**
**product definition data set**
**data set**
collection of one or more computer files that discloses (directly or by reference), by means of graphic or textual presentations, or combinations of both, the physical and functional requirements of a product

**3.1.4**
**user-defined coordinate system**
model coordinate system which is created in the CAD model by the user in addition to the absolute coordinate system

### 3.2  Classification codes for drawings and data sets (see **Annex B**)

**3.2.1**
**classification code**
designation assigned to product definition data that defines what data are included within the drawing, data set or both

Note 1 to entry: A drawing can be in either physical or electronic format.

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**3.2.2**
**classification code 1**
drawing with optional data set

Note 1 to entry: Classification code 1 identifies that the data elements are located on the drawing and the drawing is the original.

**3.2.3**
**classification code 2**
data set with design model and drawing containing specifications

Note 1 to entry: Classification code 2 identifies that data elements are located on a drawing and the drawing is the original. A computer is used as a tool to prepare the drawing graphics sheet and the model. Data elements are located in the digital data and the drawing. The model when provided is supplementary to the drawing.

**3.2.4**
**classification code 3**
data set with design model or annotated model and simplified drawing

Note 1 to entry: Classification code 3 identifies a model with a simplified drawing used to expedite communication of common part features and to define non-geometric part definitions. The data set is the original. For example, the model and the drawing must be used together to satisfy this requirement.

Note 2 to entry: When used, annotated models under classification code 3 are partially annotated.

**3.2.5**
**classification code 4**
data set with annotated model and drawing

Note 1 to entry: Classification code 4 identifies that all data elements are located in both the digital data and the drawing. The data set is the original. For example, the model or the drawing can be used individually to satisfy this requirement.

**3.2.6**
**classification code 5**
data set with annotated model

Note 1 to entry: Classification code 5 identifies that all data elements are located in the data set with model. No drawing exists.

# 4 Data set identification and control

## 4.1 General

Actual data sets shall meet the requirements of this document.

Data sets for which conformity with this document is claimed shall include a reference to this document either in the data set itself or in a document referenced by the data set (see 5.4.3).

The current revision of the data and the computer application(s) and version(s) used to develop the data set shall be specified with other management data (see 5.4).

The data set identifier shall be unique and shall consist of numeric, alphabetic or special characters in any combination. Spaces are not permitted between any of the characters of the data set identifier.

The length of the data set identifier may be a direct function of the computer system and the operating system. When the part or identifying number is used as the data set identifier, the length shall be compatible with recognized limitations on number length in accordance with ISO 7200 and IEC 82045-2.

Special characters, such as hyphen (-), slash (/) or asterisk (*), shall be selected in a manner that does not hinder data set identification or have an adverse effect on the computer system operation.

A recognizable prefix or suffix may be included as part of the identifier to associate files and sets of related data.

The classification codes given in Annex B can be used to identify the content of the data sets and define the hierarchal relationships when applicable.
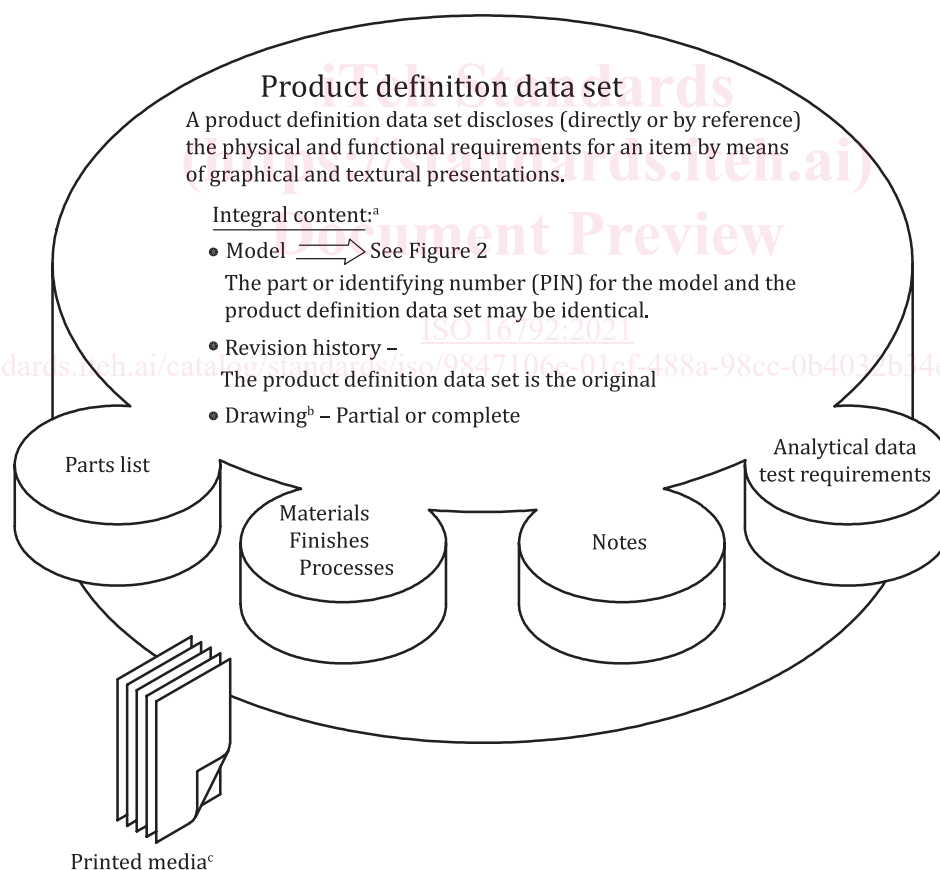
## 4.2 Related data

Related data shall be integral to, or referenced in, the data set. Examples of related data include analytical data, parts lists, test requirements, material specifications, process and finish requirements (see Figure 1).

## 4.3 Data management

The following specifies the structure and control requirements for data management:

a) The data management system shall meet the requirements of ISO 11442, providing information to enable the control and tracking of data sets throughout the life cycle of the product to which each relates. The system may include work in process, data review status, model checked status, release status, design tool and version and libraries.

b) Revision history information in accordance with ISO 11442 shall be contained in the data set.



<sup>a</sup> Related data (as applicable) required for complete definition may be integral to or referenced in the product definition data set. Data not integral to the product definition data set may be revised independently.

<sup>b</sup> A drawing is not required for model only data sets.

<sup>c</sup> Related data may be manually or computer generated.

**Figure 1 — Content of a product definition data set**

A model in a product definition data set contains annotations, attributes and the CAD design model, which typically comprises model geometry, geometric elements and supplemental geometry (see Figure 2).
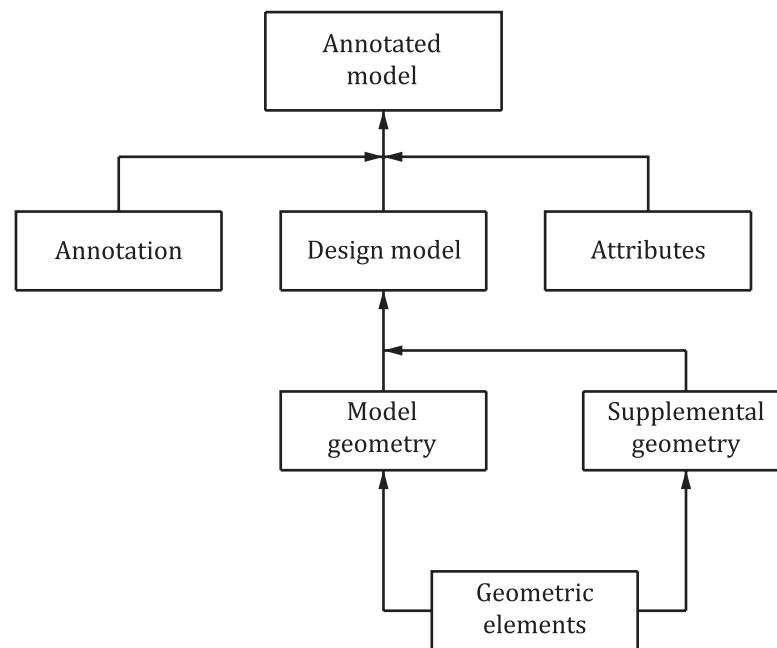


**Figure 2 — Content of a model**

# 5 Data set requirements

## 5.1 General

### 5.1.1 Introduction

The data set shall provide complete product definition, for example, a design model, its annotation and related documentation.

### 5.1.2 Fundamental requirements

#### 5.1.2.1 General

The following are the fundamental requirements and other provisions applicable to both annotated models and drawings, specific to annotated models and specific to drawings.

The integrity of product definition data should be ensured at all times, i.e. the information presented shall not be conflicting.

#### 5.1.2.2 Common to annotated models and drawings

— All model values and resolved dimensions shall be obtained from the model.

— Rounding requirements for resolved dimensions shall conform with 9.2.2.

— The ability to query the model shall be available (see 7.3.8).

— All angular values shall be queried from the model (see 9.2). Exceptions to this are model coordinate system(s), planes and axes in a datum system and orthographic views.

— When query is required, a notation stating the requirement for query of the model or associated data shall be added to the drawing or in the general notes. See Figure 26 for an example.

— Values obtained from the model for any feature(s) which are not covered by any tolerance, specify the location of a datum target, or the location and extent of a restricted portion of a feature, shall be auxiliary dimensions.

— The legibility requirements of ISO 3098-1 and ISO 3098-5 shall apply when the annotation is viewed perpendicular to the annotation plane.

— Annotation in any given annotation plane shall not overlap other annotation in the same annotation plane when the model is viewed perpendicular to the annotation plane.

— Annotation text within any given annotation plane shall not be placed over the design model when the model is viewed perpendicular to the annotation plane. Where this is unavoidable the legibility shall not be compromised.

— On spherical surfaces tolerance indicators shall be placed on an annotation plane containing its centre point.

### 5.1.2.3   Applicable only to models

— An annotation shall be specified in an annotation plane. Several annotations can belong to the same annotation plane. When the model-only method (classification code 5) is used, the CAD software shall support maintenance of annotation plane orientation relative to the model (see 7.3.4).

— The associated entities, annotation and attributes shall be in agreement.

— Resolved dimensions created from queried model values are considered the same as dimensions displayed on a model (see 9.2.2).

— Display of centre lines or centre planes for features of size is optional.

— To ensure that the annotation is readable – the text, for example, can be upside down or backwards following rotation of the model – one of the following techniques shall be used:

  a)   ensuring that the reading direction is updated after rotation of a model;

  b)   inclusion of means of determining the correct reading direction in each annotation plane applied to a model;

  c)   when using saved views, ensuring that the model is orientated in the intended view direction, for example by including a means of determining the correct reading direction in the view;

  d)   when the orientation of the annotation is part of the specification, the relationship to the geometry shall be maintained regardless of the viewing direction.

— Dimensions, tolerances and datums to internal features can be shown without the use of a section as long as the specification is unambiguous.

— Utilizing an annotation plane on the design model, the method to indicate annotations is as follows:

  a)   The annotation plane shall be parallel to the orthogonal coordinate surface of the absolute coordinate system or a user-defined coordinate system of the 3D model. In addition, it is acceptable to set an annotation plane in a discretionary direction as needed (see Figure 3).

  b)   Indicate so that the relationship between the annotation and the design model portion indicating the annotation can be maintained through a dimension line, projection line and leader line.

  c)   The colour of the annotation should be set to a colour which can be clearly identified against the colour of the design model, the annotation plane and the background.