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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is one of a series under the general title "Houses — Description of performance". The objective of the ISO 15928 series is to identify the methods used to describe the performance of houses. The ISO 15928 series is confined to buildings occupied for residential purposes that may be separated or linked horizontally, but not linked vertically, and which have their own access and do not share any common space.

Each part of the ISO 15928 series relates to a separate attribute. ISO 15928 (all parts) do not specify levels of performance and are not intended to replace national standards, but to provide a standardized framework to facilitate the development of national standards. ISO 15928 (all parts) do not provide design methods and/or design criteria.

Based on the framework provided by the ISO 15928 series, purchasers, regulators and standards writers in their respective countries can describe their requirements in standardized performance terms, as appropriate. Additionally, the manufacturers/providers can respond by describing the performance of their products in a similar manner. The purpose of this document is to provide a standardized system of describing performance that can be used to specify performance requirements and performance levels, or to rate houses in terms of accessibility, usability, and safety during use.

The intent is to provide a standardized system that is to be used to realize performance description.

The objectives of this document are as follows:

- a) to facilitate international trade in housing systems and housing products and to exchange housing information and knowledge by eliminating technical barriers;
- b) to facilitate innovation in housing by providing a systematic framework for evaluation and acceptance;
- c) to establish user needs related to in specific technical engineering terms in order to facilitate communication among all stakeholders.

This document can also be useful in increasing consumer product awareness and in developing quality systems for houses.

NOTE [Annex A](#) provides a commentary on this document.

