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## Introduction

ISO/IEC 23090-12 was developed to support compression of immersive video content, in which a real or virtual 3D scene is captured by multiple real or virtual cameras. The use of this document enables storage and distribution of immersive video content over existing and future networks, for playback with 6 degrees of freedom of view position and orientation.

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# Information technology — Coded representation of immersive media —

## Part 23: Conformance and reference software for MPEG immersive video

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a set of tests and procedures designed to indicate whether encoders or decoders meet the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

### 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/IEC 23090-12:2023, *Information technology — Coded representation of immersive media — Part 12: MPEG immersive video*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 23090-12 and the following apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **alternative decoder**

*decoder* (3.4) other than the *reference software decoder* (3.7)

#### 3.2

##### **bitstream**

sequence of bits that conforms to the syntax requirements specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12 or sequence of bits to be tested for conformance to those syntax requirements

#### 3.3

##### **bitstream zip-file**

archive file containing a bitstream plus files with information on that bitstream for the purpose of decoder conformance testing

#### 3.4

##### **decoder**

embodiment of the decoding process specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12 or process to be tested for conformance to that decoding process specification

Note 1 to entry: The decoding process does not include post-decoding, reconstruction and display process, which are outside of the scope of this document.

### 3.5

#### **decoder output log**

log file that is output by a *decoder* (3.4) in response to a *bitstream* (3.2) for use in bitstream analysis or decoder conformance testing

### 3.6

#### **encoder**

embodiment of a process, not specified in this document, that produces a *bitstream* (3.2)

### 3.7

#### **reference software decoder**

particular *decoder* (3.4) provided as a software package for use as an example available for study, as a potential starting basis for the development of other decoders, as a way of testing bitstreams for conformance, and as a reference for comparison with the behaviour of other decoders

### 3.8

#### **reference software encoder**

particular *encoder* (3.6) provided as a software package for use as an example available for study, as a potential starting basis for the development of other encoders, and as a reference for comparison with the behaviour of other encoders

## 4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms in ISO/IEC 23090-12:2023, Clause 4 apply.

## 5 Conventions

For the purposes of this document, the conventions specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12:2023, Clause 5 apply.

## 6 Conformance testing

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The following clauses specify normative tests for verifying the conformance of bitstreams as well as decoders. Those normative tests make use of test data (bitstream test suites) provided as an electronic annex to this document and the reference software decoder.

### 6.2 Bitstream conformance

The bitstream conformance of ISO/IEC 23090-12 is specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12:2023, Clause E.4.

### 6.3 Decoder conformance

The decoder conformance of ISO/IEC 23090-12 is specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12:2023, Clause E.5.

### 6.4 Reference bitstreams

The bitstreams used for the decoder conformance testing specified in this document shall be those listed in [Table 1](#). They are available at:

<https://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/23090/-23/ed-1/en/>



Table 1 — List of reference bitstreams

ID	Codec group IDC	Toolset IDC	Features tested
CB01	HEVC Main10	MIV Extended	Packed video data, entity coding
CB02	VVC Main10	MIV Extended	Full occupancy, occupancy video data, different atlas frame sizes
CB03	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Explicit view IDs
CB04	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Grouping, explicit view IDs, multiple CVSs
CB05.1	VVC Main10	MIV Extended	None of the atlases contain constant depth patches
CB05.2	VVC Main10	MIV Extended	One atlas has constant depth patches, one does not
CB05.3	VVC Main10	MIV Extended	All atlases contain constant depth patches
CB06	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Ancillary atlas flag
CB07.1	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Pruning graph (cluster graph)
CB07.2	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Pruning graph (connected graph)
CB07.3	VVC Main10	MIV Main	No pruning graph
CB08	HEVC Main10	MIV Extended	Restricted geometry
CB09	HEVC Main10	MIV Main	Geometry scaling (different factors)
CB10	HEVC Main10	MIV Main	8-bit video sub-bitstreams
CB11	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Inpaint patches
CB12	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Coordinate system parameters
CB14	VVC Main10	MIV Main	360-degree equirectangular projection (clip Classroom-Video)
CB15	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Perspective projection matrix layout (clip Painter)
CB16	VVC Main10	MIV Main	180-degree equirectangular projection (clip Museum)
CB17	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Perspective projection vector layout (clip Frog)
CB18	VVC Main10	MIV Geometry absent	Only texture video (clip Cadillac)
CB19	VVC Main10	MIV Main	Non-IRAP frames: NAL_CAF_TRIAL and NAL_TRAIL_N
CB20	VVC Main10	MIV Extended	Multiple tiles

## 6.5 Procedure to test bitstreams

A bitstream that claims conformance with ISO/IEC 23090-12 shall pass the following test:

The bitstream shall be decoded by processing it with the reference software decoder. When processed by the reference software decoder, the bitstream shall not cause any error or non-conformance messages to be reported by the reference software decoder. This test should not be applied to bitstreams that are known to contain errors introduced by transmission, as such errors are highly likely to result in bitstreams that lack conformance to ISO/IEC 23090-12.

Additional tests can be necessary to more thoroughly check that the bitstream properly meets all the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12, including the hypothetical reference decoder (HRD) conformance, supplemental enhancement information messages (SEI) and volumetric usability information (VUI). These complementary tests may be performed using other bitstream verifiers that perform more complete tests than those implemented by the reference software decoder.

To check the correctness of a bitstream, it is necessary to parse the entire bitstream and to extract all the syntax elements and other values derived from those syntactic elements and used by the decoding process specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

A verifier will not necessarily perform all stages of the decoding process specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12 to verify bitstream correctness. Many tests can be performed on syntax elements in a state prior to their use in some processing stages.

## 6.6 Procedure to test decoders

### 6.6.1 Conformance bitstreams

A bitstream has values of `ptl_profile_codec_group_idc`, `ptl_profile_toolset_idc` and `ptl_level_idc` corresponding to a set of specified constraints on a bitstream for which a decoder conforming to a specified profile and level is required to properly perform the decoding process.

### 6.6.2 Contents of the bitstream zip-files

The conformance bitstreams are available as an electronic attachment to this document. The following information is included in a single zip-file for each bitstream:

- the test bitstream in V3C sample stream format, with file extension `.bit`,
- a decoder output log, as specified in [Clause 8](#), with file extension `.dec`.
- a short textual description of the bitstream, with file extension `.txt`, including:
  - contact information,
  - profile-tier-level information,
  - a description of the encoder, including version information, that was used to create the bitstream,
  - the version of the reference software decoder that was used to create the decoder output log,
  - a description of the alternative decoders (if any), including version information, that were used to verify the decoder output log,
  - a list of features of ISO/IEC 23090-12 that are specifically exercised by this bitstream.

### 6.6.3 Requirements on decoder output and timing

The output of the decoding process is specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

For output timing conformance, a conforming decoder shall also output the decoded samples at the rates and times specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

Post-decoding, reconstruction and display processes are outside of the scope of this document.

## 7 Reference software

### 7.1 Purpose of the reference software

The purpose of the reference software includes:

- serving as an example available for study, e.g. to illustrate how the standard can be implemented,
- demonstrating the capabilities and behaviour that can be expected from implementations of the standard to clarify how to interpret what is specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12,
- providing a potential basis for the development of implementations of ISO/IEC 23090-12,
- providing a reference for comparison with the behaviour of other decoders,
- testing of bitstreams for conformance to ISO/IEC 23090-12.

The use of the reference software is not a requirement for the implementation of ISO/IEC 23090-12. An implementer is permitted to use only the text of ISO/IEC 23090-12 for creating an implementation of a conforming encoder or decoder.