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Foreword

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The first edition of this document cancels and replaces the first edition of ISO 17296-3:2014, which has been technically revised and merged with document ASTM F3122-14 and therefore re-designated and renamed to ISO/ASTM 52927.

The main changes are as follows:

— the main types of materials (metallic, polymers and ceramics) are separated in specific annexes following the main part containing general requirements;

— This document includes the contents of ASTM F3122-14 and merges them with (formerly) ISO 17296-3.

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Introduction

Additive manufacturing is a process of joining materials to make parts from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing and formative methodologies. It is used to manufacture prototypes and production parts.

This document aims to offer recommendations and advice to machine manufacturers, feedstock suppliers, AM system users, part providers, and customers, to improve communication between these stakeholders concerning test methods.

This document has been developed within a set of consistent documents from terminology to test methods and data exchange.

Additive manufacturing processes require the selective application of thermo-physical and/or chemical mechanisms to generate the part. Thus, it is possible to produce parts with different characteristics, depending on the method and the process parameters used. However, complete testing of all characteristics for every part is neither cost-effective nor technologically feasible. Therefore, when formulating parts specifications, the nature and scope of testing is an important issue.

This document provides an overview of test methods for the characterization of the mechanical properties of metals, ceramics and polymers. It lists all the applicable standards based on specimens manufactured in a traditional process and gives the complement applicable when these specimens are manufactured by additive manufacturing.

At the time of publication of this document, the state of the art does not allow to describe all these specificities related to additive manufacturing. This document will therefore be regularly revised in order to incorporate the knowledge acquired in the field of additive manufacturing.