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## Foreword

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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](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document consolidates information that is considered important for users to properly understand, apply and nationally adapt the EPB standards.

The detailed technical rules in CEN/TS 16629 ask for a clear separation between normative and informative contents:

- to avoid flooding and confusing the actual normative part with informative content;
- to reduce the page count of the actual standard;
- to facilitate understanding of the package.

Therefore, it is important that each EPB standard is accompanied by an informative technical report, like this document, where all informative contents are collected. [Table 1](#) shows the relative position of this document within the EPB set of standards.

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Table 1 — Position of this document within the EPB set of standards

		Technical building system										
Sub module	Over-arching	Building (as such)	Descriptions	Heating	Cooling	Ventilation	Humidification	Dehumidification	Domestic hot waters	Lighting	Building automation and control	PV, wind...
sub1	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	
1	General	General	General									
2	Common terms and definitions; symbols, units and subscripts	Building energy needs	Needs									
3	Application	(Free) Indoor conditions without systems	Maximum load and power									
4	Ways to express energy performance	Ways to express energy performance	Ways to express energy performance							x		
5	Building functions and building boundaries	Heat transfer by transmission	Emission and control							x		
6	Building occupancy and operating conditions	Heat transfer by infiltration and ventilation	Distribution and control							x		
7	Aggregation of energy services and energy carriers	Internal heat gains	Storage and control							x		
8	Building partitioning	Solar heat gains	Generation and control							x		
9	Calculated energy performance	Building dynamics (thermal mass)	Load dispatching and operating conditions							x		
10	Measured energy performance	Measured energy performance	Measured energy performance							x		
11	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection									
12	Ways to express indoor comfort		BMS									
13	External environment conditions											
14 <sup>a</sup>	Economic calculation											

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# Energy performance of buildings — Contribution of building automation, controls and building management —

## Part 2: Explanation and justification of ISO 52120-1

### 1 Scope

This document contains information to support the correct understanding, use and adoption of ISO 52120-1.

### 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 52120-1, *Energy performance of buildings — Contribution of building automation, controls and building management — Part 1: General framework and procedures*

ISO 7345, *Thermal performance of buildings and building components — Physical quantities and definitions*

ISO 52000-1, *Energy performance of buildings — Overarching EPB assessment — Part 1: General framework and procedures*

### 3 Terms and definitions ISO/TR 52120-2:2021

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7345, ISO 52000-1 and ISO 52120-1 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/>

### 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 4.1 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in ISO 52000-1 and ISO 52120-1 apply.

#### 4.2 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations in ISO 52120-1 apply.