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- a) The entry classes of the classification scheme have been defined to reflect the "inherent function" of the object classified;
- b) The classes are defined to align with the principles of ISO 22274 and ISO 704;
- c) A three-level classification scheme has been defined, which provides a greater flexibility for the designer in some technical fields;
- d) Classes are defined by their definition and provided with a preferred term. Examples are provided if needed;
- e) A separate classification scheme for spaces has been provided.

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this document is to establish classification schemes for objects with assigned letter codes for the defined classes, which can be applied throughout all technical areas, e.g. electric, mechanical, process and civil engineering as well as all branches of industry, e.g. energy, chemical, construction, automotive, shipbuilding and marine. The letter codes are intended for use with the rules for the construction of reference designations in accordance with IEC 81346-1 and other parts of the ISO/IEC 81346 series. The letter codes can also be used "stand-alone" as a generic type designation where a type of component is to be indicated, for example in specifications.

The classification scheme in Clause 5 of this document is an enumerative and faceted classification scheme with the inherent function as the entry class. It is made in accordance with the rules in ISO 704 and the guidelines in ISO 22274.

At the entry level, as shown in Table 1, the inherent function is used to narrow down the areas of applicability of the individual classes to a manageable size. For the sub-divisions of the entry classes, faceted approaches are applied to specify the nature of the concepts contained in the leaf classes.

By applying this method, this document provides stable class codes for objects (including systems and system elements), which are independent of how the objects are used or applied in any design during the entire lifecycle.

Any class is defined by its definition only. Users should select the appropriate class for their object to be classified based on the definition, and not rely upon the class name or the examples.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 81346 establishes classification schemes with defined object classes and their associated letter codes, and is primarily intended for use in reference designations and for designation of generic types.

The classification schemes are applicable for objects in all technical disciplines and all branches of industry.

This document is a horizontal publication also intended for use by technical committees in preparation of publications related to reference designations in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 108.

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IEC 81346-1:2009, *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 1: Basic rules*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

inherent function

function of an object, independent of any application of the object

Note 1 to entry: Inherent is regarded as existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute.

3.2

classification scheme

descriptive information for an arrangement or division of objects into groups based on criteria such as characteristics, which the objects have in common

Note 1 to entry: A classification scheme is a concept system used for classifying some objects.