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— new and modified terms and definitions;

— abbreviations added for seven process categories;

— new annex for the specification of AM processes based on process categories and determining characteristics (Annex A).

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Introduction

Additive manufacturing (AM) is the general term for those technologies that successively join material to create physical objects as specified by 3D model data. These technologies are presently used for various applications in engineering industry as well as other areas of society, such as medicine, education, architecture, cartography, toys and entertainment.

During the development of additive manufacturing technology, there have been numerous different terms and definitions in use, often with reference to specific application areas and trademarks. This is often ambiguous and confusing, which hampers communication and wider application of this technology.

It is the intention of this document to provide a basic understanding of the fundamental principles for additive manufacturing processes, and based on this, to give clear definitions for terms and nomenclature associated with additive manufacturing technology. The objective of this standardization of terminology for additive manufacturing is to facilitate communication between people involved in this field of technology on a worldwide basis.

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1 Scope

This document establishes and defines terms used in additive manufacturing (AM) technology, which applies the additive shaping principle and thereby builds physical three-dimensional (3D) geometries by successive addition of material.

The terms have been classified into specific fields of application.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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3.1 General terms

3.1.1
3D printer, noun
machine used for *3D printing* (3.3.1)

3.1.2
additive manufacturing, noun
AM
process of joining materials to make *parts* (3.9.1) from 3D model data, usually *layer* (3.3.7) upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing and formative manufacturing methodologies

Note 1 to entry: Historical terms include: additive fabrication, additive processes, additive techniques, additive layer manufacturing, layer manufacturing, solid freeform fabrication and freeform fabrication.

Note 2 to entry: The meaning of “additive-”, “subtractive-” and “formative-” manufacturing methodologies is further discussed in Annex B.

3.1.3
additive system, noun
additive manufacturing system
additive manufacturing equipment
machine and auxiliary equipment used for *additive manufacturing* (3.1.2)

3.1.4
AM machine, noun
section of the *additive manufacturing system* (3.1.3) including hardware, machine control software, required set-up software and peripheral accessories necessary to complete a *build cycle* (3.3.8) for producing *parts* (3.9.1)

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