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- *Part 1: Icons — General*
- *Part 2: Object icons*
- *Part 3: Pointer icons*
- *Part 4: Control icons*
- *Part 5: Tool icons*
- *Part 6: Action icons*

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## Introduction

Action icons permit users to invoke functions that act upon pre-selected or default objects. Functions initiated by action icons may also be available via text commands on menus. Action icons provide more direct access to functions by representing those text commands graphically.

The icon functions and graphics included in this part of ISO/IEC 11581 have been selected on the basis of their common use across contemporary platforms and applications.