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## Introduction

This International Standard specifies the characteristics of 130 mm Optical Disk Cartridges (ODC) with a capacity of 1,3 Gbytes per cartridge. This International Standard is the first of a series of International Standards for ODCs of different capacities, based on the optical disk cartridge specified in ISO/IEC 10089. Whilst the latter specifies a fully re-writable disk, this International Standard specifies four related, but different implementations of such cartridges, viz.

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Type R/W</b>   | Provides for data to be written, read, and erased many times over the whole of both recording surfaces of the disk using the thermo-magnetic and magneto-optical effects.  |
| <b>Type P-ROM</b> | Provides for a part of both disk surfaces to be pre-recorded and reproduced by stamping or other means. This part of the disk is read without recourse to the magneto-optical effect. All parts which are not pre-recorded, provide for data to meet the requirements of Type R/W. |
| <b>Type O-ROM</b> | Provides for the whole of both disk surfaces to be pre-recorded and reproduced by stamping or other means. This type of disk is read without recourse to the magneto-optical effect.   |
| <b>Type WO</b>    | Provides write once, read multiple functionality on the whole of both disk surfaces using the thermo-magnetic and magneto-optical effects.   |

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# Information technology — Data interchange on 130 mm optical disk cartridges — Capacity: 1,3 gigabytes per cartridge

## Section 1 - General

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies

- the conditions for conformance testing;
- the environments in which the cartridges are to be operated and stored;
- the mechanical, physical and dimensional characteristics of the case and of the cartridges, so as to provide mechanical interchangeability between the data processing systems;
- the format of the information on the disk, both embossed and user-written, including the physical disposition of the tracks and sectors, the error correction codes, and the modulation method used;
- the characteristics of the embossed information on the disk;
- the magneto-optical characteristics of the disk, enabling processing systems to write data onto the disk;
- the minimum quality of user-written data on the disk, enabling data processing systems to read data from the disk.

This International Standard provides for interchange between optical disk drives. Together with a standard for volume and file structure, it provides for full data interchange between data processing systems.

### 2 Conformance

#### 2.1 Optical disk cartridge (ODC)

An optical disk cartridge claiming conformance with this International Standard shall specify its Type. It shall be in conformance if it meets all mandatory requirements specified herein for that Type.

#### 2.2 Generating system

A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall specify which Type(s) is (are) supported. A system generating an ODC for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with this International Standard if it meets the mandatory requirements of this Standard for the Type(s) specified.

#### 2.3 Receiving system

A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall specify which Type(s) is (are) supported.

A system receiving an ODC for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with this International Standard if it is able to handle any ODC which conforms to this International Standard for the Type(s) specified.

### 3 Normative reference

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