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Foreword

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Introduction

Bar code technology is based on the recognition of patterns encoded in bars and spaces of defined dimensions according to rules defining the translation of characters into such patterns, known as the symbology specification.

Bar code digital imaging systems must be capable of reliably converting the information to be encoded into a bar code symbol meeting the symbology specification and application requirements if the technology is to fulfil its basic objective. Such systems comprise two major components, namely the hardware device which produces the physical image of the bar code symbol on paper, photographic film, printing plate, or other substrate, and the associated software which converts the input data into digital instructions used to drive the hardware device. Each component can take many forms and perform differing functions.

Manufacturers of bar code equipment, the producers of bar code symbols and the users of bar code technology therefore require publicly available standard test specifications for bar code digital imaging systems to ensure the accuracy and consistency of performance of these systems. This International Standard is intended to lay down general principles governing the bar code image generation function in each component, supplemented by more specific details applicable to certain major categories of software and hardware.