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dimensional symbol printed information for products, product packages, transport loads, returnable containers and freight containers. Tags are covered in Part 2; Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are covered in Part 3.

This standard defines physical attributes and quality parameters to meet specified requirements in application standards for these labels. This standard stipulates the test procedures and requirements for performing the tests and references appropriate standards and guidelines to assist in producing labels that will meet national and global standards.

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This standard was developed using industry standards and specifications as primary references.

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- Part 1: Pressure sensitive labels
- Part 2: Tags
- Part 3: Labels and tags incorporating RFID transponders

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# Labels Incorporating Linear Bar Code and Two-Dimensional (2D) Symbols — Part 1: Pressure-Sensitive Labels

## 1 Scope

This American National standard:

- Provides detailed test procedures and performance requirements for optically readable pressure sensitive labels used to identify products;
- Provides detailed test procedures and performance requirements for optically readable pressure sensitive labels used on product packages and shipping containers;
- Is intended for applications which include, but are not limited to, support of systems that automate the control of items during the processes of:
  - production,
  - inventory,
  - distribution,
  - field service,
  - point of sale and
  - repair
- Is intended to include, but it is not limited to, multiple industries including:
  - automotive,
  - aerospace,
  - chemical,
  - consumer items,
  - electronics,
  - health care,
  - marine,
  - rail, and
  - telecommunications

In this document, the word "shall" indicates a requirement and the word "should" indicates a recommendation. This standard does not supersede or replace any applicable safety or regulatory marking, labelling or testing requirements.

Intended applications include, but are not limited to, supply chain applications, e.g., inventory, distribution, manufacturing, quality control, acquisition, transportation, supply, repair, and disposal.

Label requirements and the resultant tests that are applicable for use environments from this standard should be agreed to between trading partners. Reference Section 19, Table 4 for industry-specific tests for the appropriate application environment.

The figures contained herein are illustrative and not necessarily to scale or to the quality requirements in this document.