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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MB-028, Additive Manufacturing.

The objective of this document is to specify the features of laser-based powder bed fusion of polymers (LB-PBF/P) and provide detailed design recommendations.

Some of the fundamental principles are also applicable to other additive manufacturing (AM) processes, provided that due consideration is given to process-specific features.

This document also provides a state-of-the-art review of design guidelines associated with the use of powder bed fusion (PBF) by bringing together relevant knowledge about this process and by extending the scope of AS ISO/ASTM 52910:2020.

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Introduction

Laser-based powder bed fusion of polymers (LB-PBF/P) describes an additive manufacturing (AM) process and offers an additional manufacturing option alongside established processes. LB-PBF/P has the potential to reduce manufacturing time and costs, and increase part functionality. Practitioners are aware of the strengths and weaknesses of conventional, long-established manufacturing processes, such as cutting, joining and shaping processes (e.g. by machining, welding or injection moulding) and of giving them appropriate consideration at the design stage and when selecting the manufacturing process. In the case of LB-PBF/P and AM in general, design and manufacturing engineers only have a limited pool of experience. Without the limitations associated with conventional processes, the use of LB-PBF/P offers designers and manufacturers a high degree of freedom and this requires an understanding about the possibilities and limitations of the process.

The ISO 52911 series provides guidance for different powder bed fusion (PBF) technologies. It is intended that the series will include ISO 52911-1 on laser-based powder bed fusion of metals (LB-PBF/M), this document on LB-PBF/P, and ISO 52911-3[1)] on electron beam powder bed fusion of metals (EB-PBF/M). Clauses 1 to 5, where general information including terminology and the PBF process is provided, are similar throughout the series. The subsequent clauses focus on the specific technology.

This document is based on VDI 3405-3:2015[8]. It provides support to technology users, such as design and production engineers, when designing parts that need to be manufactured by means of LB-PBF/P. It will help practitioners to explore the benefits of LB-PBF/P and to recognize the process-related limitations when designing parts. It also builds on ISO/ASTM 52910[4] to extend the requirements, guidelines and recommendations for AM design to include the PBF process.

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1 Scope

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2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/ASTM 52900, *Additive manufacturing — General principles — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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3.1
downskin area
D
(sub-)area where the normal vector $\vec{n}$ projection on the z-axis is negative

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.2
downskin angle
δ
angle between the plane of the build platform and the *downskin area* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: The angle lies between 0° (parallel to the build platform) and 90° (perpendicular to the build platform).

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.3
upskin area
U
(sub-)area where the normal vector $\vec{n}$ projection on the z-axis is positive

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

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