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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— referred plate sizes have been introduced.

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Introduction

This document stipulates dimensional properties of printing plates for offset printing. While not all present plate dimensions will conform to this document, the specifications for dimensions serve as an effort to reduce the multitude of possible formats to a reasonable level that simplifies manufacture and communications between plate, platesetter and press manufacturers, and the printer.

In this revision, preferred plate sizes are introduced. These represent the most widely used plate sizes and should be selected where possible. It is recognised that for some printing work, other sizes are required.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the width, length and thickness of metal lithographic printing plates (referred to hereafter as "plates"). For plates to be used in computer to plate (CtP) applications, flatness, edge straightness and burr requirements are also included. These requirements are applicable to unprocessed plates.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
cutting burr
ridge along the edge of a plate produced by cutting, especially with a blunt knife

3.2
plate width
W
dimension of a printing plate parallel to the cylinder axis (clamping edge)

3.3
plate thickness
s
caliper of a coated plate

3.4
edge waviness
degree to which a plate edge conforms to a measurement plane

3.5
plate edge straightness
maximum deviation of the plate edge parallel to the cylinder axis (clamping edge) from a straight line, drawn from the corners of the plate

3.6
unprocessed plates
plates as received from the manufacturer

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