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Foreword

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ISO 17296 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Additive manufacturing — General principles*:

— *Part 1: Terminology*[1)]

— *Part 2: Overview of process categories, part types and feedstock*

— *Part 3: Main characteristics and corresponding test methods*

— *Part 4: Overview of data processing*

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Introduction

Additive manufacturing is a versatile technology that can be used throughout the product development process. The additive manufacturing processes can be used to manufacture prototypes, tool and fully functional end-use parts. In addition to engineering, the application areas of this interdisciplinary technology now include fields ranging from e.g. architecture and medicine, to archaeology and cartography, as well as arts, toys, education, entertainment.

During its somewhat turbulent development, different terms and definitions have emerged which are frequently ambiguous and confusing. Moreover, there are various different processes available on the market and it is not always clear what opportunities and limitations they offer in terms of application.

This part of ISO 17296 aims to offer a description of the general working principles for the different process categories and the processing of feedstock material into the desired product geometry. This will enhance the understanding of the process and improve the communication between the customer and suppliers of products and services.

The principles and process categories described in this part of ISO 17296 refer to commercially available technology that has proven practically useful and viable on the market for several years.

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Additive manufacturing — General principles —

Part 2: Overview of process categories and feedstock

1 Scope

This part of ISO 17296 describes the process fundamentals of Additive Manufacturing (AM). It also gives an overview of existing process categories, which are not and cannot be exhaustive due to the development of new technologies. This part of ISO 17296 explains how different process categories make use of different types of materials to shape a product's geometry. It also describes which type of material is used in different process categories. Specification of feedstock material and requirements for the parts produced by combinations of different processes and feedstock material will be given in subsequent separate standards and are therefore not covered by this part of ISO 17296. This part of ISO 17296 describes the overreaching principles of these subsequent standards.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 17296-1, *Additive manufacturing — General principles — Part 1: Terminology*[2)]

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17296-1 apply.

4 Part types and their classification

4.1 General

Parts produced by additive manufacturing can be used as both prototypes and production parts (the term "prototype" is described in ISO 17296-1). Production parts are used for different applications at the end of the product development (cycle) and reflect all requirements of the desired product. For both prototypes and production parts, different processes and materials can be used depending on the type of the part, application and industry, and cost and delivery time requirements. It is the responsibility of the developer to design the parts and to decide on their specification. Close consultation with the component manufacturer is advisable, depending on the customer's expertise.

4.2 Classification of parts

Parts shall further be divided into different classes, from the most rigorous class regarding quality and traceability (class 1) to the least rigorous class regarding quality and traceability. The details of these classes will be defined in specific further standards related to the feedstock, process and application.

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