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Foreword

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Introduction

Extended rectangular data matrix (DMRE) is a two-dimensional matrix symbology which is made up of nominally square modules arranged within a perimeter finder pattern. Though primarily shown and described in this document as a dark symbol on light background, rectangular data matrix symbols can also be printed to appear as light on dark.

This document is an extension of ISO/IEC 16022, to which it adds rectangular formats. Maximum compatibility is a design goal. In consequence, most clauses of ISO/IEC 16022 are identical to those of this document, including the module placement algorithm and the reference decode algorithm.

This document is published separately because existing equipment supporting ISO/IEC 16022 will not recognize DMRE symbols. Only equipment that is enabled and configured to support DMRE will be capable of printing and scanning the new rectangular formats. To avoid user confusion due to this fact, a separate and complete document was developed.

Manufacturers of bar code equipment and users of the technology require publicly available standard symbology specifications to which they can refer when developing equipment and application standards. The publication of standardized symbology specifications is designed to achieve this.

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1 Scope

This document defines the requirements for the symbology known as extended rectangular data matrix (DMRE). It specifies the DMRE code symbology characteristics, data character encodation, symbol formats, dimensions and print quality requirements, error correction rules, decoding algorithm, and user-selectable application parameters.

It applies to all DMRE code symbols produced by any printing or marking technology.

Original data matrix code sizes are not covered by this document but defined in ISO/IEC 16022 using the same matrix placement, decoding and error correction algorithm.

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/IEC 646, *Information technology — ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange*

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC 15415, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Bar code symbol print quality test specification — Two-dimensional symbols*

ISO/IEC 19762, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 29158:—[1)], *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Direct Part Mark (DPM) Quality Guideline*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms and mathematical/logical notations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19762 and the following 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

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