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Foreword

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In the field of information technology, ISO and IEC have established a joint technical committee, ISO/IEC JTC1. Draft International Standards adopted by the joint technical committee are circulated to national bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75% of the national bodies casting a vote.

International Standard ISO/IEC 10090 was prepared by the European Computer Manufacturers Association (as Standard ECMA-209) and was adopted under a special "fast-track procedure", by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC1, *Information technology*, in parallel with its approval by national bodies of ISO and IEC.

Annexes A to G form an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes H to L are for information only.

Introduction

International Standard ISO/IEC 13421 concerns a magnetic tape cartridge of a type different from that of International Standards ISO 9661 and ISO/IEC 11559. Whilst the magnetic tape is also 12,7 mm wide, it is characterized by the fact that the physical tracks, recorded and read in pairs, constitute two groups, the first recorded and read in forward direction, the second in reverse direction. International Standard ISO/IEC 13962 constitutes a development of the cartridge specified in International Standard ISO/IEC 13421 in that the number of tracks has been raised from 48 to 112, thus raising the total capacity of the cartridge accordingly.

This International Standard specifies a further development of the DLT-formatted cartridges. By raising the number of tracks to 128 and adopting an enhanced format, a further capacity increase is achieved.

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Section 1: General

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the physical and magnetic characteristics of a 12,7 mm wide, 128-track magnetic tape cartridge, to enable interchangeability of such cartridges. It also specifies the quality of the recorded signals, a format - called Digital Linear Tape 3 (DLT 3) - and a recording method. Together with a labelling standard, for instance International Standard ISO 1001: 1986, *Information processing - File structure and labelling of magnetic tapes for information interchange*, it allows full data interchange by means of such magnetic tape cartridges.

2 Conformance

2.1 Magnetic tape cartridges

A magnetic tape cartridge shall be in conformance with this International Standard if it satisfies all mandatory requirements of this International Standard. The tape requirements shall be satisfied throughout the extent of the tape.

2.2 Generating systems

A system generating a magnetic tape cartridge for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with this International Standard if all the recordings that it makes on a tape according to 2.1 meet the mandatory requirements of this International Standard.

2.3 Receiving systems

A system receiving a magnetic tape cartridge for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with this International Standard if it is able to handle any recording made on a tape according to 2.1.

3 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1302:1992, *Technical drawings - Method of indicating surface texture*.

4 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

4.1 Average Signal Amplitude : The average peak-to-peak value of the output signal from the read head at the physical recording density of 1 640 ftpmm measured over a minimum length of track of 25,4 mm, exclusive of missing pulses.

4.2 azimuth : The angular deviation, in minutes of arc, of the mean flux transition line of the recording made on a track from the line normal to the Reference Edge.

4.3 back surface : The surface of the tape opposite the magnetic coating which is used to record data.

4.4 Beginning-Of-Tape marker (BOT) : A hole punched on the centreline of the tape towards the end nearest to the leader.