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- provides examples demonstrating the use of the EDDL constructs;
- shows how the use cases are fulfilled; and
- shows the proper EDD application interpretation for each example.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61804 specifies EDD interpretation for EDD applications and EDDs to support EDD interoperability. This document is intended to ensure that field device developers use the EDDL constructs consistently and that the EDD applications have the same interpretations of the EDD. It supplements the EDDL specification to promote EDDL application interoperability and improve EDD portability between EDDL applications.

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