
**Standard terminology for additive
manufacturing—Coordinate systems and
test methodologies**

*Terminologie normalisée pour la fabrication additive — Systèmes
de coordonnées et méthodes d'essai*



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1. Scope

1.1 This terminology includes terms, definitions of terms, descriptions of terms, nomenclature, and acronyms associated with coordinate systems and testing methodologies for additive manufacturing (AM) technologies in an effort to standardize terminology used by AM users, producers, researchers, educators, press/media, and others, particularly when reporting results from testing of parts made on AM systems. Terms included cover definitions for machines/systems and their coordinate systems plus the location and orientation of parts. It is intended, where possible, to be compliant with ISO 841 and to clarify the specific adaptation of those principles to additive manufacturing.

NOTE 1—The applicability of this standard to cladding has to be evaluated. Discussions are under progress.

NOTE 2—Non-cartesian systems are not covered by this standard.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics

E8/E8M Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

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F2792 Terminology for Additive Manufacturing Technologies³

2.2 *ISO Standard:*³

ISO 841 Industrial Automation Systems and Integration—Numerical Control of Machines—Coordinate System and Motion Nomenclature

ISO 527 (all parts), Plastics — Determination of tensile properties

ISO 6892-1 Metallic materials — Tensile testing – Part 1: Method of test at room temperature

3. Significance and Use

3.1 Although many additive manufacturing systems are based heavily upon the principles of Computer Numerical Control (CNC), the coordinate systems and nomenclature specific to CNC are not sufficient to be applicable across the full spectrum of additive manufacturing equipment. This terminology expands upon the principles of ISO 841 and applies them specifically to additive manufacturing. Although this terminology is intended to complement ISO 841, if there should arise any conflict, this terminology shall have priority for additive manufacturing applications. For any issues not covered in this terminology, the principles in ISO 841 may be applied.

3.2 Furthermore, this terminology does not prescribe the use of any specific existing testing methodologies or standards that practitioners of AM may wish to employ for testing purposes; however, it is expected that practitioners will employ appropriate existing methodologies and standards to test parts made by AM.

4. Terminology

4.1 *Definitions*—Definitions shall be in accordance with Terminology **F2792** and the following:

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.