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## Foreword

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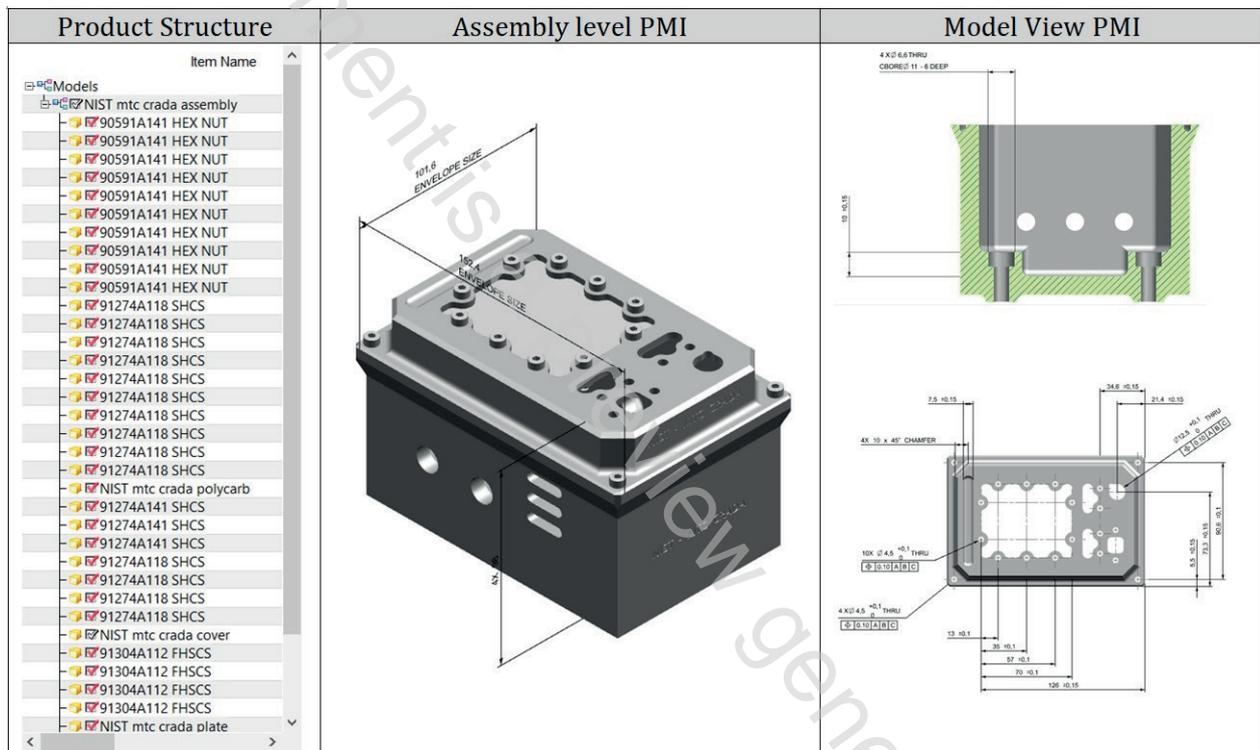
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## Introduction

The ISO 14306 series describes a file format which is used in industry for the representation of computer-interpretable 3D product data. The objective of the industrial user when using data contained in the format described in the ISO 14306 format is 3D visualization to enable collaboration, validation and information sharing throughout the extended enterprise.

The file format description is flexible in design focusing on compression for compact and efficient 3D data representations. Computer Aided Design (CAD) models, represented as data according to the ISO 14306 format are significantly smaller than the size of the original authored CAD data. Software applications that use this description focus on workflows requiring high-performance, both capturing and repurposing of lightweight 3D data that includes content such as product assembly structure and product and manufacturing information (PMI) independent of the original CAD authoring application.

A typical screenshot display of the Product Assembly Structure and PMI data is shown in [Figure 1](#).



**Figure 1** — Example screenshot showing Product Structure and PMI images

The ISO 14306 format file is stored on disk with a file extension of “.jt”.

Beyond the data contents description of the ISO 14306 format, the overall organization of the format is designed to support operations such as:

- offline optimizations of the data contents, therefore file granularity and flexibility, are optimized to meet the needs of enterprise data sharing solutions
- asynchronous streaming of content, therefore viewing optimizations such as view frustum;
- occlusion culling and fixed-framerate display modes
- layers, and layer filters

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# Industrial automation systems and integration — JT file format specification for 3D visualization —

## Part 1: Overview and fundamental principles

### 1 Scope

This document provides an overview and defines the purpose and fundamental principles of the ISO 14306 series as well as the structure of the various parts within the series and an overview of the conformance for files created consistent with the standard.

The ISO 14306 series defines a binary file format description that is a representation of product information with the definitions necessary to enable 3D visualization among different computer systems and environments associated with a complete product lifecycle.

### 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 14306-2:2023, *Industrial automation systems and integration – JT file format specification for 3D visualization – Part 2: Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14306-2 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply.

CAD	Computer Aided Design
URL	Uniform Resource Locator