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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MB-028, Additive Manufacturing.

The objective of this document is to describe a method for defining requirements for plastic materials used in extrusion-based additive manufacturing (AM) processes. Materials include unfilled, filled, and reinforced plastic materials suitable for processing into parts. These materials can also contain special additives (e.g. flame retardants, stabilizers, etc.). Processes include all material extrusion-based AM processes.

This document is intended for use by manufacturers of materials, feedstocks, plastic parts, or any combination of the three using material extrusion-based AM.

**NOTE** In some cases, material manufacturers can also be feedstock manufacturers. In other cases, a material manufacturer can supply materials (example: pellets) to a feedstock manufacturer (example: converter of pellets into filaments).

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## Foreword

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#### 1 Scope

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#### 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/ASTM 52900, *Additive Manufacturing — General Principles — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/ASTM 52900 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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##### 3.1

##### **filament**

feedstock characterized by extreme length relative to its uniform cross section

##### 3.2

##### **pellets**

small mass of preformed feedstock material, having relative uniform dimensions in any given batch

Note 1 to entry: Pellets of smaller size can sometimes be referred to as micro-pellets.