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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 specify the features of laser-based powder bed fusion of metals (PBF-LB/M) and provides detailed design recommendations.

Some of the fundamental principles are also applicable to other additive manufacturing (AM) processes, provided that due consideration is given to process-specific features.

This document also provides a state of the art review of design guidelines associated with the use of powder bed fusion (PBF) by bringing together relevant knowledge about this process and by extending the scope of AS ISO/ASTM 52910:2020.

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Laser-based powder bed fusion of metals (PBF-LB/M) describes an additive manufacturing (AM) process and offers an additional manufacturing option alongside established processes. PBF-LB/M has the potential to reduce manufacturing time and costs, and increase part functionality. Practitioners are aware of the strengths and weaknesses of conventional, long-established manufacturing processes, such as cutting, joining and shaping processes (e.g. by machining, welding or injection moulding), and of giving them appropriate consideration at the design stage and when selecting the manufacturing process. In the case of PBF-LB/M and AM in general, design and manufacturing engineers only have a limited pool of experience. Without the limitations associated with conventional processes, the use of PBF-LB/M offers designers and manufacturers a high degree of freedom and this requires an understanding about the possibilities and limitations of the process.

The ISO 52911 series provides guidance for different powder bed fusion (PBF) technologies. It is intended that the series will include this document on PBF-LB/M, ISO 52911-2<sup>1)</sup> on laser-based powder bed fusion of polymers (PBF-LB/P), and ISO 52911-3<sup>2)</sup> on electron beam powder bed fusion of metals (PBF-EB/M). Each document in the series shares [Clauses 1](#) to [5](#), where general information including terminology and the PBF process is provided. The subsequent clauses focus on the specific technology.

This document is based on VDI 3405-3:2015. It provides support to technology users, such as design and production engineers, when designing parts that need to be manufactured by means of PBF-LB/M. It will help practitioners to explore the benefits of PBF-LB/M and to recognise the process-related limitations when designing parts. It also builds on ISO/ASTM 52911<sup>3)</sup> to extend the requirements, guidelines and recommendations for AM design to include the PBF process.

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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.

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

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

##### 3.1

##### **curl effect**

##### **thermal and residual stress effect**

<aspect of heat-induced warping> dimensional distortion as the printed part cools and solidifies after being built or by poor evacuated heat input

##### 3.2

##### **downskin area**

$D$

(sub)area where the normal vector  $\vec{n}$  projection on the z-axis is negative

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

##### 3.3

##### **downskin angle**

$\delta$

angle between the plane of the build platform and the *downskin area* ([3.2](#)) where the value lies between 0° (parallel to the build platform) and 90° (perpendicular to the build platform)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).