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FOREWORD

The U.S. Department of Defense requested that ASME adapt Appendix B of MIL-STD-31000A, Technical Data Packages (TDP), as a national standard to support broader usage of its concepts. MIL-STD-31000A, Appendix B provides a methodology for organizing the various elements of a product definition data set. The purpose of MIL-STD-31000A, Appendix B is to propose a mechanism for utilizing annotated models in a TDP in a way such that a traditional drawing is not needed.

To address this need for a national standard, the subject of Appendix B, MIL-STD-31000A and the principles defined by the ASME Y14 series of standards formed a basis for the creation of a model organizational framework as outlined in this Standard. The model organizational framework will enable the use of the product definition data by both humans and machines. This capability is also required to support a model-based enterprise (MBE). By supporting an MBE, the product definition data can be readily reused by downstream users throughout the product life cycle.

ASME Y14.47-2023 adds definitions from ASME Y14.41 and a new definition of “metadata elements.” The 2023 edition also updates [Table 5-2](#) (formerly Table 6-3), Metadata Elements. Finally, this edition clarifies the purpose of mapping to the base ASME Y14.47 framework and clarifies product definition elements and data set completeness states, specifically expanding on and clarifying both the geometry state and the annotation and attribute state.

Future editions of this Standard will refine and expand the framework and provide support for both TDP and MBE.

This Standard is available for public review on a continuing basis. This provides an opportunity for additional public review input from industry, academia, regulatory agencies, and the public at-large.

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MODEL ORGANIZATION PRACTICES

1 GENERAL

1.1 Scope

This Standard establishes a framework for organizing a three-dimensional (3D) model and other associated information within the context of a product definition data set, hereafter referred to as data set, for the purpose of conveying a product definition that enables a model-based enterprise (MBE). This Standard contains no requirements pertaining to drawing graphic sheets. The framework defines a common practice to improve design productivity and to deliver consistent data content and structure to consumers of the data to facilitate common exchange interfaces.

1.2 Introduction

This Standard outlines model organization framework practices to support model-based definition (MBD). This Standard provides a set of requirements and guidelines for the computer-aided design (CAD) user. It is intended to be the foundation for design development efforts in an MBE.

Previously, 3D models had an accompanying drawing graphic sheet. Current advances in CAD capabilities allow product definition previously shown on a drawing graphic sheet to be defined and displayed directly in the MBD, which enables the 3D model to be the primary source for obtaining product definition data. Elimination of the drawing graphic sheet can be accomplished by using a combination of annotations and naming conventions to organize the 3D model.

The organization practices defined by this Standard are necessary to establish a common method to facilitate access to the MBD data in the data set. While the focus of this Standard is initially on mechanical items, the intent is to provide a foundation for use in any discipline. The framework is compliant with an annotated model defined in ASME Y14.41.

1.3 ASME Y14 Series Conventions

The conventions in [paras. 1.3.1 through 1.3.12](#) are used in this and other ASME Y14 standards.

1.3.1 Mandatory, Recommended, Guidance, and Optional Words

- (a) The word “shall” establishes a requirement.
- (b) The word “will” establishes a declaration of purpose on the part of the design activity.
- (c) The word “should” establishes a recommended practice.
- (d) The word “may” establishes an allowed practice.
- (e) The words “typical,” “example,” “for reference,” and the Latin abbreviation “e.g.” indicate suggestions given for guidance only.
- (f) The word “or” used in conjunction with a requirement or a recommended practice indicates that there are two or more options for complying with the stated requirement or practice.
- (g) The phrase “unless otherwise specified” or the abbreviation “UOS” establishes a default requirement. The phrase is used when the default is a generally applied requirement and an exception may be provided by another document or requirement.

1.3.2 Cross-Reference of Standards. Cross-reference of standards in text with or without a date following the standard designator shall be interpreted as follows:

- (a) Reference to other ASME Y14 standards in the text without a date following the standard designator indicates that the edition of the standard identified in the References section ([section 2](#)) shall be used to meet the requirement.
- (b) Reference to other ASME Y14 standards in the text with a date following the standard designator indicates that only that edition of the standard shall be used to meet the requirement.

1.3.3 Invocation of Referenced Standards. The following examples define the invocation of a standard when specified in [section 2](#) and referenced in the text of this Standard: