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FOREWORD

Objective

This Technical Report was developed to incorporate the emergence of AI (Artificial Intelligence) techniques with established functional safety methodologies. Functional safety terminology used in this B11.TR10 was primarily selected to complement other ANSI B11 American National Standards. The writing subcommittee of this Technical Report realizes that AI methodologies are expected, and will continue, to evolve. The “requirements” herein were written to be robust enough to apply to future applications, with the numerous *Informative Notes* providing examples of ways it could be achieved using current methods.

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Normative vs. Informative Text

Voluntary consensus standards typically denote requirements through use of the word syntax “shall” whereas the word syntax “should” denotes a recommendation and not a requirement. By definition, Technical Reports are informative guidance documents that do not contain normative requirements, however, both terms (shall / should) are used within this TR with the following distinction: The term “shall” denotes a matter with a high/strong recommendation. Following “shall” statements can improve the probability of designing an algorithm capable of achieving a more robust (higher level of) functional safety system. The term “should” denotes a topic where implementation may further improve the (functional safety) outcome.

In this sense, this technical report more resembles the form and construct of an ISO Technical Specification (a category of document that ANSI does not include). ISO Technical Specifications are used for the following:

- Preliminary publication of data which is intended to be included in a published standard after further refinement and testing;
- Represents industry best practice at the time of publication;
- Carries more weight than a Technical Report;
- Uses **shall** to indicate a normative, mandatory requirement.

General

“Safe” is the state of being protected from recognized hazards that are likely to cause physical harm. There is no such thing as being absolutely safe, that is, a complete absence of risk. In turn, there is no machine that is absolutely safe. All machinery contains hazards, and some level of residual risk. However, the risk associated with those hazards should be reduced to an acceptable level.

AI applications for machine safety systems is an emerging technology incorporating hardware and software technologies. This Technical Report reflects the best industry available knowledge/information at the time of its registration. The inclusion or omission of language relative to any evolving technology, in no way infers acceptance or rejection of such technologies.

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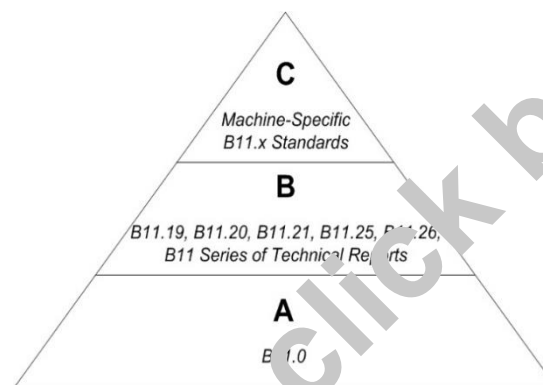
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- **Type-A standards** (basis standards/documents) give basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to machinery;
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- **Type-C standards** (machinery safety standards/documents) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

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B11.TR6	<i>Withdrawn</i> (Safety Control Systems for Machines)	(2010)	B
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B11.TR10	Guidance on Artificial Intelligence into Machinery Safety Applications	2020	B
ANSI/ISO 12100	Safety of machinery (national adoption of ISO 12100-2010)	2012	A



Functional Safety of Artificial Intelligence for Machinery Applications

1 Scope

This Technical Report provides guidance for the:

- implementation of functional safety principles in artificial intelligence (AI) programming when used as a means for machinery safety applications;
- effective communication between functional safety personnel (who provide the primary technical knowledge of machine(s) system hazards and the application of risk reduction measures) and data scientists / programmers with no or limited machine system knowledge, but who understand the capabilities and limitations of the AI system.

These principles may include internal diagnostics such as component/system integrity during operation and external diagnostics such as environmental effects and communication networks.

This Technical Report is not a replacement for embedded and application functional safety software requirements. Examples and topics used in this Technical Report are non-inclusive of all possible situation / scenarios / applications.

2 Reference

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