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**Technical product documentation —  
Design for manufacturing, assembling,  
disassembling and end-of-life  
processing —**

**Part 2:  
Vocabulary**

*Conception et documentation pour la fabrication, le montage, le  
démontage et le traitement en fin de vie (MADE) —*

*Partie 2: Vocabulaire*

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

In recent years, policymakers throughout the world have focused their attention on ways to reduce environmental impact. In many countries this has led to, or will soon lead to, new incentives with the result that end-of-life processes now need to be considered at the design stage. Consequently, there is an increasing focus on not only the production of a product but also what is to be done when the user has finished with it. Thus, the ISO 8887 series includes consideration of disassembling the product and the treatment of the components through processes such as remanufacturing, recycling, reusing through multiple life cycles or disposing.

The ISO 8887 series aims to specify the documentation requirements for integrating these environmental aspects into the design and development of products. It relates to the following four stages:

with regard to production:

- the manufacturing of the components;
- the assembling of the components to produce a product;

with regard to end of use:

- the disassembling into components;
- the end-of-life processing of these components.

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# Technical product documentation — Design for manufacturing, assembling, disassembling and end-of-life processing —

## Part 2: Vocabulary

### 1 Scope

This document defines terms for design for manufacturing, assembling, disassembling and end-of-life processing.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

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/>

#### 3.1

##### **assembling assemble**

bringing together of *components* (3.6) in a functional relationship

#### 3.2

##### **assembly**

<design for MADE> number of *components* (3.6) fitted together to perform a specific function

[SOURCE: ISO 10209:2022, 3.1.8, modified — The definition has been adjusted for design for MADE.]

#### 3.3

##### **commercially off-the-shelf**

##### **COTS**

bought-out standard *components* (3.6) available to buy from a catalogue or other generally available source

#### 3.4

##### **brief**

##### **design brief**

working document which specifies at any point in time the relevant needs and aims, the resources of the client and user, the context of the project and any appropriate design requirements within which all subsequent briefing (when needed) and designing can take place

Note 1 to entry: The term “design brief” is used interchangeably with “brief” in the ISO 8887 series.

**3.5**  
**carbon footprint of a product**  
**CFP**

sum of greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas removals in a product system, expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents and based on a life cycle assessment using the single impact category of climate change

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2020, 3.11.1]

**3.6**  
**component**

part  
constituent part of equipment that cannot be physically divided into smaller parts without losing its character

[SOURCE: ISO 10209:2022, 3.1.15, modified — “part” was included as an admitted term.]

**3.7**  
**custom component**

*component* (3.6) made specifically for a *product* (3.47) or related series of products

**3.8**  
**hazardous substance**  
**hazardous preparation**

substance or preparation that is, under certain conditions, likely to be injurious to health, safety or the environment

Note 1 to entry: The use of such substances is often restricted by law.

**3.9**  
**ecodesign**

systematic approach that considers environmental aspects in design and development with the aim to reduce adverse environmental impacts throughout the *life cycle* (3.17) of a *product* (3.47)

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2020, 3.5.22]

**3.10**  
**disassembling**  
**disassembly**

taking apart of an assembled *product* (3.47) into constituent materials and/or *components* (3.6)

**3.11**  
**disposal**

any operation which is not recovery even where the operation has, as a secondary consequence, the reclamation of substances or energy

Note 1 to entry: Based on Waste Framework Directive<sup>[1]</sup>.

**3.12**  
**end-of-life**

point at which a *product* (3.47) or *component* (3.6) is taken out of the current use stage

**3.13**  
**energy recovery**

production of useful energy from waste through direct and controlled combustion or gasification

[SOURCE: ISO 15270:2008, 3.11, modified — Definition revised.]

**3.14****environmental aspect**

element of an organization's activities or *products* (3.47) that interacts or can interact with the environment

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2020, 3.2.20]

**3.15****environmental impact**

change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, including possible consequences, wholly or partially resulting from an organization's *environmental aspects* (3.14)

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2020, 3.2.22]

**3.16****fluff**

fibrous waste, produced where it has the potential to interfere with subsequent operation

Note 1 to entry: Particularly applicable to the automotive industry.

**3.17****life cycle**

consecutive and interlinked stages from raw material acquisition or generation from natural resources to final disposal

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2020, 3.6.1]

**3.18****machine assembly****robotic assembly**

assembly carried out by programmed machinery

**3.19****maintenance**

activities carried out to keep a *product* (3.47) in its original, useable state within the current *life cycle* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: This includes planned inspections and replacement of components, as necessary.

**3.20****manufacturing**

production of *components* (3.6)

**3.21****material reduction**

modification of the design of *components* (3.6) and *assemblies* (3.2) to achieve the same performance using less material

**3.22****orientation**

rotational position in space (relative or absolute) a *component* (3.6) has to have in order for some operation or *assembly* (3.2) process to be carried out

**3.23****handling**

transporting, moving or manipulating *components* (3.6) and/or *assemblies* (3.2) during the production process

**3.24****process, verb**

transform a material, *component* (3.6) or *assembly* (3.2) from one configuration or state to another

**3.25**

**process**, noun

<industrial systems> set of interacting operations by which material, energy or information is transformed, transported or stored

**3.26**

**refurbishing**

**refurbish**

**refurbishment**

reconditioning

recondition

industrial process which returns a used *product* (3.47), or *component* (3.6) to a satisfactory performance level when made available on the market as a used product

Note 1 to entry: The refurbisher by whom the product has been refurbished shall be indicated by a “refurbished by” or by the type plate of the refurbisher.

Note 2 to entry: With respect to refurbishing:

- manufacturing effort involves the replacement of worn or broken components but is generally more extensive than for repair;
- performance after refurbishing is expected to perform its intended role but the overall performance is likely to be inferior to that of the original model;
- any subsequent warranty is generally less than that for a new or remanufactured product but is likely to cover the whole product (unlike repair); refurbished products do not require a warranty equivalent to that of a newly manufactured equivalent.

**3.27**

**recovery**

process in which waste material is either treated to release materials in a form where they can be used again or used as fuel in energy recovery

**3.28**

**recycling**

**recycle**

reprocessing a material or *component* (3.6) which has previously been processed for inclusion in a *product* (3.47)

**3.29**

**remanufacturing**

**remanufacture**

industrial process which creates a new *product* (3.47), from used products, or *components* (3.6), which has to be placed on the market

Note 1 to entry: Original manufacturers are not obliged to disclose technical documents to the remanufacturer for the reason of know-how protection.

**3.30**

**renewable**

replenishable from natural sources at a rate greater than consumption

Note 1 to entry: This can apply to materials and energy.

**3.31**

**repairing**

**repair**

returning a faulty, worn or broken *product* (3.47) or *component* (3.6) back to a usable state

Note 1 to entry: A repair may use remanufactured or refurbished components.

Note 2 to entry: With respect to repairing:

- manufacturing effort is the minimum required to address the specified fault;
- after repair, the product is expected to be in a useable state, but assurances of performance are generally limited to the repaired component;
- any subsequent warranty is generally less than that of newly manufactured, remanufactured or refurbished equivalents and may apply only to the component that has been replaced or repaired.

**3.32****repurposing**  
**repurpose**

utilize a *product* (3.47) or its *components* (3.6) in a role that it was not originally designed to perform

Note 1 to entry: This action deals specifically with products and assemblies and not materials, which fall under recycling.

Note 2 to entry: In some cases, repurposing will lead to a substantial modification, i.e. a new product which has to be placed on the market.

**3.33****reusing**  
**reuse**

operation by which a *product* (3.47) or its *components* (3.6) are put back into use for the same purpose at *end-of-life* (3.12)

Note 1 to entry: Based on The WEEE Directives<sup>[2]</sup>.

**3.34****reverse engineering**

analysis of the shape, dimensions and function of a *product* (3.47) to obtain information

**3.35****set-up**

particular configuration of *components* (3.6) and tooling for a specific operation

**3.36****shredding**

process of cutting or tearing which reduces *products* (3.47) and/or materials to smaller pieces

**3.37****sub-assembly**

set of *components* (3.6), built as a single unit, forming part of a subsequent larger *assembly* (3.2)

**3.38****supply chain**

series of organizations which apply processes at any point within the *life cycle* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: Typically, this would be taken to mean the supply of a product to market but can also include replacement of components and return to manufacture.

**3.39****sustainable design**

discipline that aims to optimize the positive environmental, economic and social impacts of a *product* (3.47)

**3.40****technical product documentation****TPD**

means of conveying all or part of a design definition or specification of a *product* (3.47)

**3.41**  
**technical product realization**  
**TPR**

system facilitating cooperation between disciplines to effect conversion of a concept into correctly functioning workpieces or *product* (3.47), to time and with minimal rework or reject requirement

**3.42**  
**technical product specification**  
**TPS**

collection of technical product documents comprising the complete design definition and specification of a *product* (3.47), for manufacturing and verification purposes

**3.43**  
**tooling**

devices necessary to manufacture, hold or position a *component* (3.6) or components for processing

**3.44**  
**design validation**

process of proving a design by testing to demonstrate conformity of the *product* (3.47) to design requirements and performance ratings

[SOURCE: ISO 15551:—, 3.40]

**3.45**  
**whole-life costs**

costs incurred or arising out of the creation, fabrication, use, maintenance, disposal and final elimination of a *product* (3.47)

Note 1 to entry: This also includes the costs to recruit, train and retrain personnel, and other indirect costs in the organization.

Note 2 to entry: The effect of reuse on whole-life cost,  $C_{wl}$  is:

$$C_{wl} = \frac{C_{oem} + nC_{rmf} + C_{oel}}{1+n}$$

where

- $C_{oem}$  is the cost of original manufacture;
- $C_{rmf}$  is the cost of remanufacturing;
- $C_{eol}$  is the end-of-life cost;
- $n$  is the number of times the product is remanufactured.

**3.46**  
**core**

*component* (3.6) or *product* (3.47) retained throughout the *end-of-life* (3.12) process

Note 1 to entry: Core is generally obtained either as a discrete unit or as a component or subcomponent of a larger product. Acquiring core varies from sector to sector but can include warranty returned product; user send-back schemes; collection through servicers, repairers or brokers; removal from larger scrapped products; part-exchanges; deposit returns; service contracts and recovery from waste streams. Core can also be obtained from customers who wish to have work performed on their specific product with the expectation of receiving the same product back.

Note 2 to entry: The definition of core is dependent on the condition of its assemblies and components, for example fixings are not necessarily part of the core.