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Part 1:

**General: terms, symbols, notations and  
cartridge characterization framework**

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The purpose of this part of ISO/IEC 29142 is to define the framework for characterizing ink and toner cartridges used in printing devices that have a digital input printing path, including multi-function devices. This part of ISO/IEC 29142 defines terms, symbols, and notations used throughout the ISO/IEC 29142 series to characterize such ink and toner cartridges.

Customer information related to ink and toner cartridges is not consistent in the global marketplace.

Cartridge manufacturers, including original, non-original manufacturers, refillers, and remanufacturers, have each communicated expressions of cartridge characteristics.

The ISO/IEC 29142 series is provided to aid transparency between manufacturers, suppliers and their customers regarding selected cartridge characteristics. The selected cartridge characteristics do not provide for an exhaustive cartridge characterization. Where applicable, cartridge attributes and the associated characterization tests are used consistently with both ink and toner cartridge technologies. The selected cartridge attributes are defined for all cartridges, regardless of manufacturing methodology.

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## Part 1: General: terms, symbols, notations and cartridge characterization framework

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 29142 establishes terms, symbols, notations and a framework for characterizing toner and ink cartridges used in printing devices that have a digital input printing path, including multi-function devices. This part of ISO/IEC 29142 is intended for equipment used in office environments.

It primarily provides a foundation for measuring, evaluating, or specifying characteristics of such toner and ink cartridges.

The terms, symbols, notations and framework established herein can be applied to such cartridges.

The characterizations associated with the terms, symbols, notations, and framework established herein are specified throughout the ISO/IEC 29142 series.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13655, *Graphic technology — Spectral measurement and colorimetric computation for graphic arts images*

ISO 5-3, *Photography and graphic technology — Density measurements — Part 3: Spectral conditions*

ISO/IEC 29142-2, *Information technology — Print cartridge characterization — Part 2: Cartridge characterization data reporting*

ISO/IEC 29142-3, *Information technology — Print cartridge characterization — Part 3: Environment*