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# FOREWORD

The Charter of the ASME Y14.46 Subcommittee was approved by the ASME Y14 Standards Committee on October 10, 2014, with the task to develop requirements in geometric dimensioning and tolerancing for additive manufacturing (AM). The goal of the Subcommittee was to create a broadly accepted standard that incorporates, expands, or refines international practices and symbology to enable AM product definition data to be created, interpreted, and consumed on a global basis. The Y14.46 Subcommittee has brought together subject matter experts (SMEs) who have generously volunteered a significant amount of time and resources to this effort over the last 5 years.

The Subcommittee approved the ASME Y14.46 Draft Standard for Trial Use on June 19, 2017. The Subcommittee welcomed comments and/or proposals for revisions to the Draft Standard, as submitted through the provided forms and additional balloting process. Since the initial release of the Draft Standard for Trial Use, the Subcommittee has received important feedback from the additive manufacturing and product definition communities. The Subcommittee has incorporated the feedback into this document to make it a released Standard.

Some appendices are introduced in this Standard because the Subcommittee is aware of the need to address these topics. Work to enhance these appendices is ongoing, and feedback from the public is welcome (see [Correspondence With the Y14 Committee](#)). The following appendices are identified as “forward work”:

- (a) [Nonmandatory Appendix C](#), Reference Documents to Test for Conformance
- (b) [Nonmandatory Appendix D](#), Complex Geometry and Forward Work

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# PRODUCT DEFINITION FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

## 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 Scope

This Standard covers the definitions of terms and features unique to additive manufacturing (AM) technologies with recommendations for their uniform specification in product definition data and in related documents. Unless otherwise specified, any reference to features, parts, or processes shall be interpreted as applying to parts or assemblies manufactured using an AM process. Additively manufactured parts or assemblies are referred to as “parts” throughout the Standard. The Standard extends to capturing relevant AM detail from design, manufacturing, and quality engineering.

### 1.2 ASME Y14 Series Conventions

The conventions in [paras. 1.2.1](#) through [1.2.12](#) are used in this and other ASME Y14 standards.

#### 1.2.1 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” shall be used to indicate 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.

**1.2.2 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 ([para. 1.5](#)) 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.

**1.2.3 Invocation of Referenced Standards.** The following examples define the invocation of a standard when specified in [para. 1.5](#) and referenced in the text of this Standard:

- (a) When a referenced standard is cited in the text with no limitations to a specific subject or paragraphs of the standard, the entire standard is invoked. For example, “Dimensioning and tolerancing shall be in accordance with ASME Y14.5” is invoking the complete standard because the subject of the standard is dimensioning and tolerancing and no specific subject or paragraphs within the standard are invoked.
- (b) When a referenced standard is cited in the text with limitations to a specific subject or paragraphs of the standard, only the paragraphs on that subject are invoked. For example, “Assign part or identifying numbers in accordance with ASME Y14.100” is invoking only the paragraphs on part or identifying numbers because the subject of the standard is engineering drawing practices and part or identifying numbers is a specific subject within the standard.
- (c) When a referenced standard is cited in the text without an invoking statement such as “in accordance with,” the standard is invoked for guidance only. For example, “For gaging principles, see ASME Y14.43” is only for guidance and no portion of the standard is invoked.

**1.2.4 Definitions.** [Section 2](#) provides definitions specific to this Standard. For definitions of words used in but not defined in this Standard, see Merriam-Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary at <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>.