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# Introduction

### 0.1 General

This document describes best practice for the development and application of library objects to support building information modelling (BIM)-based design, specification, construction and operational processes, including giving additional recommendations for specific use cases such as assemblies.

A library object is intended for reuse within project teams and across organizations. This serves to improve accuracy and constructability of designs and to improve the handover of information through the supply chain to the owner or operator. Objects in a digital format combining properties, shape and graphical symbols offer scope for greater accuracy and efficiency.

This document includes principles and definitions for the symbolic and simplified visual presentation of library objects in connection with BIM and their organization into libraries.

### 0.2 Purpose and justification

The purpose of this document is to offer a standard for developers, library providers, designers and manufacturers to improve the exchange and reuse of library objects.

Library objects and their corresponding graphical symbols are now commonly provided in a digital format by model authoring software. Traditional paper-based methods for graphical symbols have therefore become less useful and are in some cases outdated. Several national standards have been withdrawn due to lack of maintenance and conflicting International Standards. Still, documentation of complex entities such as buildings and civil engineering works requires clear and uniform presentation so as to be legible and easily understood. This document is intended to give a framework for the presentation of library objects, with respect to those purposes, and also the structuring of graphical symbols into libraries.

Library objects, by combining properties, shape and graphical symbols, offer scope for greater accuracy and efficiency. Current technology gives the opportunity to adjust the views of library objects (content and visual presentation) to the many purposes that occur during the life cycle of an information model and to connect symbol graphics to library objects.

### 0.3 Relationship to other standards

The increased adoption of data dictionaries, along with ISO 23386 and ISO 23387, is expected to facilitate the preparation of data templates with properties for the non-graphical aspects of library objects and ISO 7817-1 to facilitate specifying the level of information need for geometrical and alphanumeric information and documentation.

The ISO 7817-1 concepts and principles can be applied for a general information exchange and, while in progress, for a generally agreed way of information exchange between parties in a collaborative work process, as well as for an appointment with specified information delivery. Therefore, ISO 7817-1 concepts and principles support the preparation of libraries outside of any individual project and are applied in this document.

This document recommends that ISO 16739-1 is used as a basis for the naming of objects.

Project and asset information references provided by the appointing party, such as object libraries, are covered in ISO 19650-2:2018, 5.1.6, and ISO 19650-3:2020, 5.1.8.

Guidance on graphical presentation for specific types of objects is provided by ISO 7519-1.

# Library objects for architecture, engineering, construction and use

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for defining structure and content for library objects to support project inception, brief, design, tendering, construction, operations, use and demolition, supporting the development of information throughout the process, in connection with building information modelling (BIM) and the organization of the objects into libraries.

This document does the following:

- Establishes requirements for defining template objects, generic objects and product objects in data-driven library and design processes.
- Establishes requirements for graphical symbols and other graphic conventions for use on drawings for the built environment, giving principles and definitions for the symbolic and simplified visual presentation of objects. It also describes a rationale of symbolism which establishes rules for the design of graphical symbols and other graphic conventions and gives recommendations for the application of those rules and the ways in which symbolism should be used.
- Defines the purposes of characterizing the shape and measurement of library objects.
- Defines the purposes of specifying and assessing properties for library objects. It defines the information appropriate for specific uses, including specification of the desired outcome (typically by designers and engineers) and the selection of identified products (typically by contractors and subcontractors). It also gives recommendations for the application of assemblies in integrated BIM working.
- Refers to the Industry Foundation Classes (IFC) schema as a common object model.

This document is applicable to all professionals and service providers who produce and use library objects with generic and product-specific information. This group includes, but is not limited to, product manufacturers and suppliers, library authors, designers and engineers, contractors, owners, maintainers and commissioners.

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ISO 13567-2, *Technical product documentation — Organization and naming of layers for CAD — Part 2: Concepts, format and codes used in construction documentation*

ISO 16739-1, *Industry Foundation Classes (IFC) for data sharing in the construction and facility management industries — Part 1: Data schema*

ISO 23386, *Building information modelling and other digital processes used in construction — Methodology to describe, author and maintain properties in interconnected data dictionaries*

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