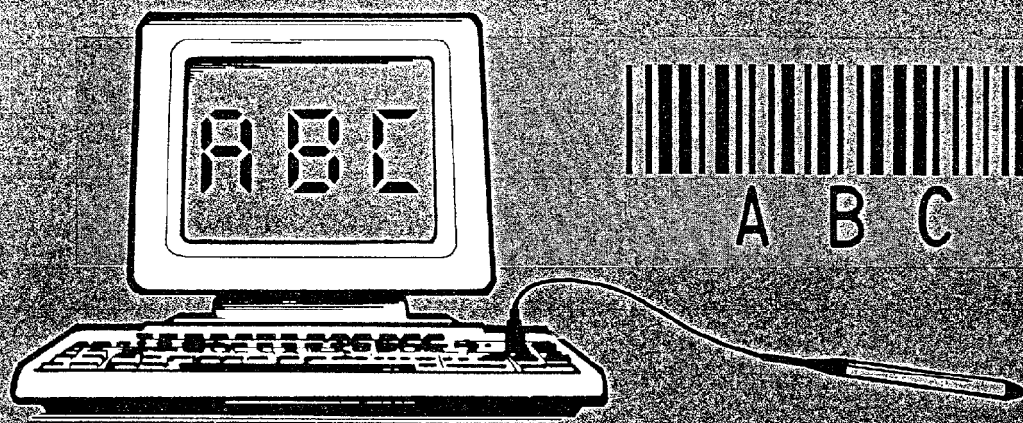


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## FOREWORD

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Code 39 is specified in a second standard written by the Bar Code Task Force for a shipping label application, *Bar-Coded Package Identification Standard*, also available from the Aluminum Association.

The specifications in this standard have been compiled from previously published Code 39 symbology standards and in consultation with other standards-writing bodies and bar code experts. Comments and suggestions are welcome and should be sent to the Bar Code Task Force at the Aluminum Association.

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