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Foreword

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Readers of this European standard should note that all standards undergo periodic revisions and that any reference made herein to any other standard implies its latest edition, unless otherwise stated.

The standards will be published under two different standards organizations using different prefixes. ASD-Stan will publish the standard under the number EN 9300-xxx. AIA will publish the standard under the number NAS 9300-xxx. The content in the EN 9300 and NAS 9300 documents will be the same. The differences will be noted in the reference documentation (i.e. for EN 9300 Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing will be referenced in ISO 1101 and ISO 16792, and for NAS 9300 the same information will be referenced in ASME Y14.5M and Y 14.41). The document formatting etc, will follow that of the respective editorial rules of ASD-Stan and AIA.

1 Scope

1.1 Introduction

This European Standard defines common fundamental concepts for Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of CAD mechanical information for elementary parts and assemblies. It details the “fundamentals and concepts” of EN 9300-003 in the specific context of Long Term Archiving of CAD mechanical models.

CAD mechanical information is divided into assembly structure and geometrical information, both including explicit and implicit geometrical representation, Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing with Form Features.

The EN 9300-1XX family is organized as a sequence of parts, each building on the previous in a consistent way, each adding a level of complexity in the CAD data model. This includes the detailing of relationships between the essential information for the different types of CAD information covered by the EN 9300-1XX family.

As technology matures additional parts will be released in order to support new requirements within the aerospace community.

1.2 In scope

The present part describes:

- the fundamentals and concepts for Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of CAD 3D mechanical information;
- the document structure of the EN 9300-1XX family, and the links between all these parts;
- the qualification methods for long term preservation of archived CAD mechanical information; more specially, principles for the CAD validation properties and for verification of the quality of the CAD archived file;
- specifications for the preservation planning of archived CAD information;
- specific functions for administration and monitoring of CAD archived mechanical models;
- the definition of Archive Information Packages for CAD data.

1.3 Out of Scope

The following are out of scope for this part:

- Long Term Archiving of CAD 2D drawings;
- other CAD business disciplines, such as piping, tubing, electrical harnesses, composite, sheet metal design, kinematics.

This version does not include:

- fundamental and concepts for parts EN 9300-120 version 2, EN 9300-125, 1 EN 9300-130.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 9300 (all parts), *Aerospace series — LOTAR — LOng Term Archiving and Retrieval of digital technical product documentation such as 3D, CAD and PDM data*

ISO 10303-203:2011, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Product data representation and exchange — Part 203: Application protocol: Configuration controlled 3D design of mechanical parts and assemblies*

ISO 10303-214:2010, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Product data representation and exchange — Part 214: Application protocol: Core data for automotive mechanical design processes*

ISO 10303-239:2005, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Product data representation and exchange — Part 239: Application protocol: Product life cycle support*

ISO 16792:2006, *Technical product documentation — Digital product definition data practices*

ISO 1101:2004, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Geometrical tolerancing — Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and abbreviations given in EN 9300-007 and the following apply.

In addition EN 9300-100 offers further definitions of common terms as following.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

CAD 3D mechanical

3D Mechanic CAD covers the definition of the physical shape of a component, the positioning of components within an assembly, and the information about shape - such as tolerances or surface finish - which constrains the results of a manufacturing process, but does not specify the process itself. It may include a record of the geometrical operations, such as trimming a surface, which allow the shape to be subsequently edited, but excludes parametric design, in which shapes are generated using specific knowledge embedded in the CAD software

3.2

CAD 3D geometry

the representation of the geometric aspects of the part or assembly, using concepts such as point, line, cube, etc.

Note 1 to entry: For more information: see Annex B.

3.3

CAD 3D topology

although some classes of CAD modeller explicitly represent volumes (e.g. Constructive Solid Geometry), many represent volumes indirectly by representing only their surfaces or, in the case of wire frame modellers, only the edges. CAD 3D topology covers the system of relationships needed to interpret a collection of lower dimensional geometric elements as a 3D volume

Note 1 to entry: For more information: see Annex B.

3.4

“explicit” representation of a CAD model

in the context of engineering and 3D geometrical the term 'explicit representation' refers to the mathematical representation of the final result of the CAD model., From the designer's point of view, it corresponds to the 3D shape (points, curves, surfaces, solids), together with Geometric Dimensions and Tolerancing

Note 1 to entry: Explicit 3D shape may be associated with non-geometric data including design management meta-data such as layer, colour or group or user defined properties. These non-geometric data are optional, and are added by users and checked and validated by specific tools.

3.5

“implicit” representation of a CAD model

CAD model uses an implicit representation if its geometrical representation is based on a parameterization (e.g. 2D parametric sketches, 3D parametric features such as extrusions of 2D sketches, holes, pockets), together with a set of operations (e.g. extrusion, revolution) or constraints (e.g. perpendicularity, parallelism)

Note 1 to entry: The result of the processing of an implicit representation is a CAD 3D explicit representation, which can be used then for geometric operations such as measurement or clash detection.

3.6

3D Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing

symbolic language used on engineering drawings and computer generated three-dimensional solid models (CAD) for explicitly describing the nominal geometry and its allowable variation. This includes the nominal geometry of parts and assemblies, the allowable variation in form and possible size of individual features, and the allowable variation between features

Note 1 to entry: For archiving, GD&T information is a set of information types which are in direct relationship to each other. The set of information types includes:

- 3D geometry;
- 3D geometric dimensioning;
- 3D geometric tolerances.

Note 2 to entry: Dimensioning information is required to define the characteristics of the 3D explicit model, e.g. in terms of length or height. This additional information may be linked to one geometrical characteristic, e.g. the length of a line.

Note 3 to entry: No design geometrical feature can be manufactured to perfection, so the feature description can be extended with tolerance information. Tolerances may come in the form of limits of size applied to given dimensions, with $\pm$ style tolerance applied directly to dimensions or constraints, such as flatness or parallelism, or a general note.

3.7

Geometrical Product Specifications

GPS

equivalent to GD&T and PMI (Product Manufacturing Information)

3.8

3D notes

represent additional information, usually a text field, which has no geometric constraint or relationship to the 3D explicit model, unlike the GD&T information; the positioning of 3D annotation in the 3D environment of the CAD System is therefore a matter of how best to present the information to the user

The following figure shows an example of 3D annotation:

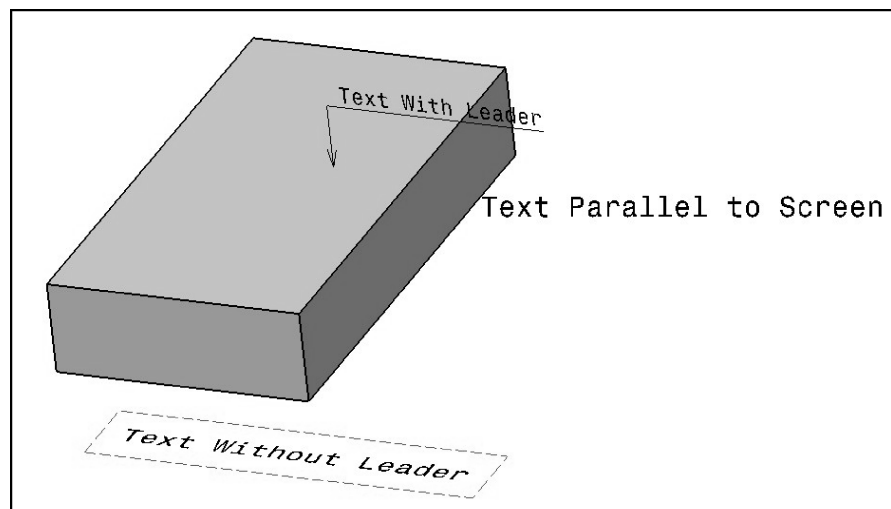


Figure 1 — 3D annotation

3.9

3D annotations

represent Dimension(s), tolerance(s), note(s), text or symbol(s) visible without any manual or external manipulation (see ISO 16792, 3.1)

3.10

types of information: “representation” versus “presentation”

3D representation of a CAD model is a mathematical formulation of a geometric shape; the presentation of that formula for a geometric display requires that the representation is rendered by the corresponding shape; the process of rendering requires additional presentation information, such as colour or transparency

Note 1 to entry: For example, a curve may be displayed as a set of pixels of a particular colour in a computer screen. For example, 3D Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing may be presented as a set of 3D polylines, however, if the GD&T information is represented only by polylines, the human may visualize and understand it as a GD&T, but the computer is not able to interpret it as GD&T, that is, it is not able to check its consistency with the 3G geometry.

Note 2 to entry: For a single concept, such as Geometric Dimensioning, there may be several representations of different levels of complexity, and enabling different capabilities. For example, a 3D Geometric Dimension can be represented as a set of specific objects with precise semantics, enabling automated update or consistency checking with the related 3D geometry shape subsets. (e.g., distance between two parallel faces).

5 Fundamentals and concepts for Long Term Archiving of CAD 3D mechanical information

5.1 Introduction

Method Generation 1 (2D drawing only)	Method Generation 2 (2D & 3D)	Method Generation 3 (3D with GD&T as master)
Left view Scale: 1:1 Keys characteristics Isometric view Scale: 1:1	Left view Scale: 1:1	

- The first generation of CAD design method was either to create a 2D drawing (without a 3D model), or to create CAD 3D model as support for the generation of a CAD 2D drawing. The essential information of the design intent is represented in a 2D drawing.
- The second generation of CAD design method is based on the complementary use of essential information defined in 3D models and essential information defined in 2D models (drawings).
- The third generation of CAD design method is based on the use of essential information defined only in 3D models that contain associative GD&T and annotation to effectively replace the need for a 2D representation.

- Annex A: evolution of CAD Systems (historical view);
- Annex B: overview of the main types of CAD 3D mechanical information;
- Annex C: overview of the main CAD mechanical assembly structure information;
- Annex E: considerations for long term preservation of CAD 3D information.

Figure 2 — Illustration of the major generations of CAD systems

Some algorithms within CAD applications used in the aerospace industry are proprietary and are not available to the public. These algorithms represent a competitive advantage to the CAD Company. This results in the fact that aerospace manufacturers cannot guarantee the access to all essential design intent in its native format, over the life of the product.

The EN 9300-100 describes the methods for preserving CAD mechanical essential information over time, recognising that the mathematical representation may change between creation of the CAD information to its retrieval and hence after importation, the archived file has to be qualified as acceptable to a level of precision requested by the business function.

5.2 CAD essential information: dependencies on the CAD methods used

Manufacturers may use different CAD methods for the definition of 3D components. The definition of a part may be based on:

- 2D drawing only, fully dimensioned and toleranced, derived from a CAD 3D exact model;
- 2D drawing partially dimensioned and toleranced, derived from a CAD 3D exact model;
- 3D with GD&T, fully dimensioned and toleranced;
- 3D with GD&T, partially dimensioned and toleranced.

The next Figure sums up the type of CAD information to archive, showing:

- the type of CAD method used;
- the type of use cases for retrieval.

		Method 1	Method 2	Method 3
Type of CAD information of the archive		2D drawing fully dimensionned and toleranced	2D drawing partially dimensionned and toleranced	
		3D model	3D model	
				3D model described by GD&T
Need to measure dimensions on the 3D model		NO	YES	YES
Type of Use Case	Certification	Archive of 2D only	Archive of 2D AND 3D	Archive of 3D with GD&T
	Product Liability	Archive of 2D only	Archive of 2D AND 3D	Archive of 3D with GD&T
	Support in operation	Archive of 2D only	Archive of 2D AND 3D	Archive of 3D with GD&T
	Reuse	Archive of 3D and 3D with GD&T according to Company internal policy		

Figure 3 — Type of CAD essential information to archive, depending on the CAD methods used

If a company uses method 1 for mechanical design, this company may decide to archive the CAD 3D model to ease the reuse, but it is not mandatory and depends of its internal policy. If a company uses method 2 for mechanical design, Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of 3D CAD models is required; if a company uses method 3, Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of 3D CAD with GD&T models is required.

5.3 Dependency of CAD essential information on use case

Following the regular enhancements of CAD applications, designers create new types of CAD information (see Annex A “Evolution of CAD systems”). This standard for Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of CAD information cannot be defined and implemented in the abstract, but it must be related to specific business requirements (see EN 9300-002 Clause 6 “Key requirements”) detailed by Use Cases (see EN 9300-003, Figure 8: Distinction of Business requirements, Business Cases and Use Cases).

These use cases describe precisely the functions to be supported by the preserved information after retrieval. Consequently they identify the essential information for archive specific to the use case, and the related mechanisms to validate the full process of preservation. This is illustrated by Figure 4 below.

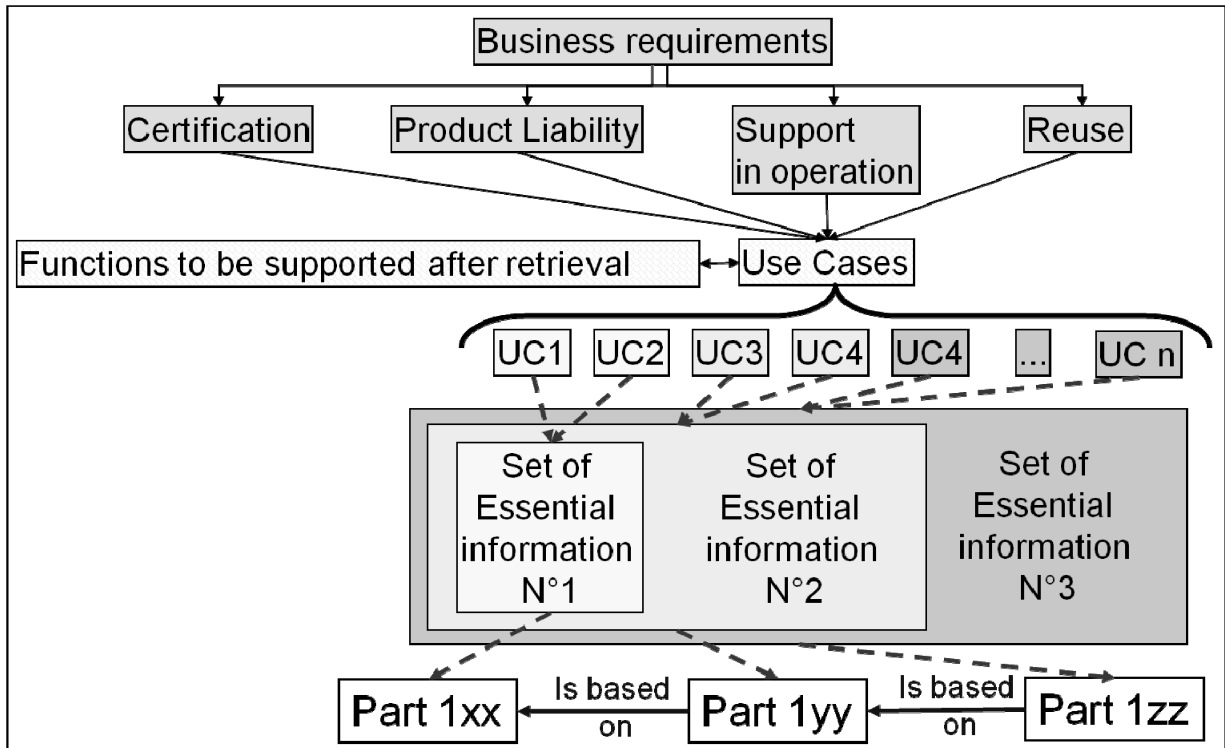


Figure 4 — Links between Use Cases, essential information and EN 9300 1xx parts

In this example, the part 1XX describes specifications for long term archiving of a set of essential information N°1, allowing to support retrieval for use cases 1 and 2. Then, the part 1YY describes specifications for long term archiving of a set of essential information N°2, including the set of essential information N°1, then supporting additional use cases 3 and 4. The Figure points out also that both the functions to be supported after retrieval and the associated levels of quality depend of the policy of risk management of the aerospace manufacturer (see 5.5).

5.4 Use cases shared by different aerospace communities

Aerospace manufacturers share some common requirements, such as certification and product liability, these result in common use cases for retrieval. However, there are also strong differences in products and processes between aerospace manufacturers, depending on:

- the type of product (satellites, large civil airframe manufacturer, engines etc.);
- the type of customers (civil, defence);
- the related processes of support.

As a result, the aerospace community does not share a single set of use cases. Some use cases are common only to a particular community of aerospace manufacturers, which may share the same legal constraints or business needs. Use cases specific to a company are not described; these may be related to a particular process, or part of a competitive advantage. Figure 5 illustrates the families of use case.

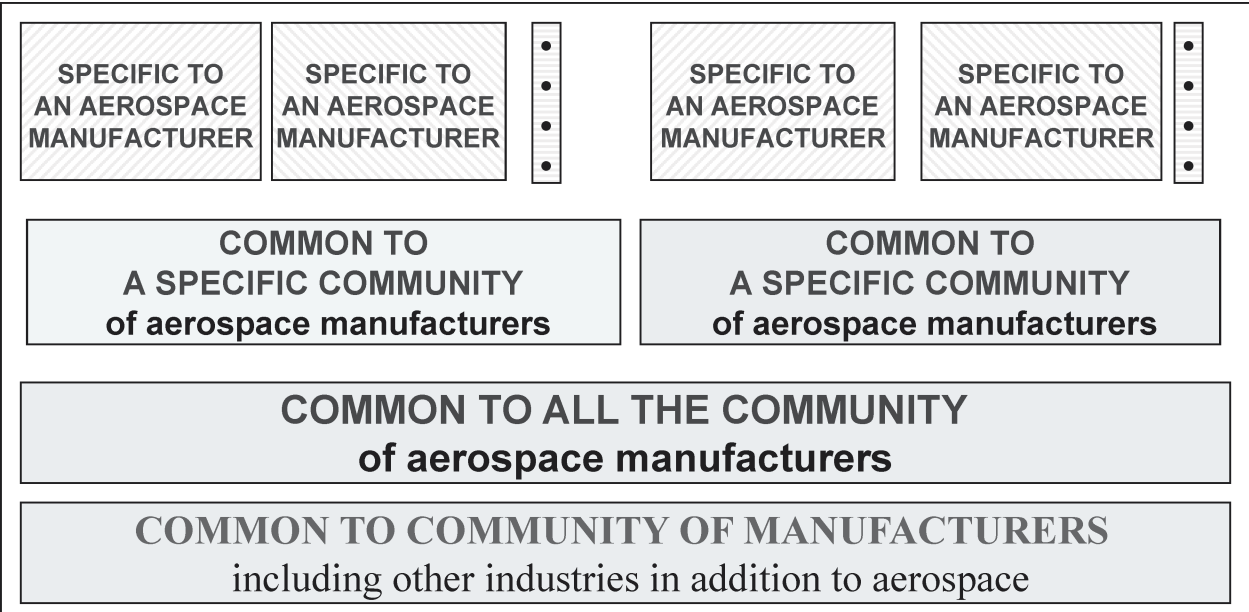


Figure 5 — Different levels of commonality of business requirements and use cases

The EN 9300-1xx standards describe requirements and use cases for long term archiving and retrieval of CAD mechanical information which are:

- common to all the community of aerospace manufacturers;
- common to a particular but broad community of aerospace manufacturers, with a scope clearly mentioned, and with the agreement of the aerospace community.

Some requirements are not shared by all the aerospace manufacturers.

Where a use case is shared by a particular community of aerospace manufacturers, the EN 9300 standard may be extended to include this case.

In the case of uses cases particular to a manufacturer, this manufacturer shall apply the fundamental concepts of the EN 9300 standards relevant to its needs, and document the related process chain and essential information.

The next table provides examples of the types of common business requirements and associated use cases to be shared within a particular aerospace community. Use cases for retrieval of CAD archived information for “support in operation” may only be particular to a community of aerospace manufacturers.

Table 1 — Types of business requirements and use cases to be shared within a particular aerospace community

		Types of business requirements			
		Certification	Product Liability	Support in operation	Reuse
Requirements and use cases for Long Term Archiving and Retrieval	common to all the community of aerospace manufacturers	Yes	Yes	Partially	Partially
	Specific to a community of aerospace manufacturers			Yes	Yes
	Specific to an aerospace manufacturer			Possible	Possible

The section “business specification” of each specific part details the business requirements and the associated use cases.

5.5 Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of CAD as part of the company risk management

The use of CAD 3D mechanical information results in new risks for long term archiving, quite different from those encountered in the past for 2D drawings.

The EN 9300 standard defines rules and principles to be applied by the manufacturers. It defines, where possible, a mandatory a set of verification rules for the CAD model, based on an open international format, and it defines also validation properties to be created during the ingestion and to be checked during the retrieval process (see EN 9300-005).

For CAD information, these verification and validation rules are in most cases based on thresholds, the values of which are not fixed in the standard, since the results are subject to numerical errors in the algorithms of the CAD applications. The EN 9300-100 standard identifies the point where it may be adapted by each manufacturer, according to its own specific processes and products. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to document and apply the principles, with the appropriate thresholds, according to an analysis based on risk management, as illustrated in Figure 6.

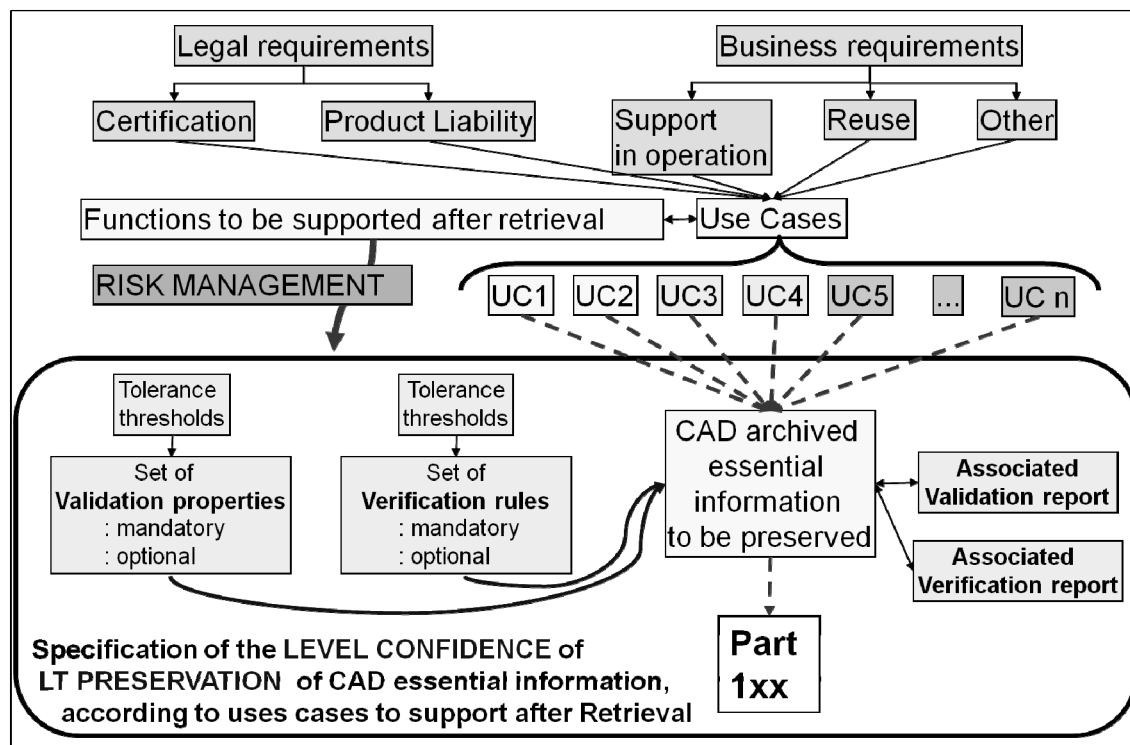


Figure 6 — Long term preservation of CAD and risk management

The company shall describe precisely the list of rules it has selected for verification and validation (mandatory and optional), with the associated tolerance thresholds. Then, the company shall archive the CAD STEP file with the associated validation report and verification report.

The aerospace manufacturer should define a risk management policy to ensure the Long Term Archiving and Retrieval of CAD information. To reduce the risk, the company should select or establish an appropriate qualification method.

For more details, see Clause 7: “Qualification methods for long term preservation of CAD archived information”.

5.6 CAD reference model for Long Term Archiving of Design intent

Once the CAD model has been released, there are three main strategies to preserve the essential information of the design through the product life cycle:

- Solution 1: to migrate the design intent of the released native CAD format from system X to the native format of the next generation of CAD system Y, with a process demonstrating that the essential information of the migrated model is equivalent to that of the original native essential information.

NOTE This solution is out of the scope of EN 9300, and is not recommended for aerospace products, where data life is expected to exceed 50 years.

- Solution 2: to convert the released original native CAD model to an archived open format, then to convert it at retrieval to the target CAD native format, and to ensure that the target native essential information is equivalent to the original released essential information.
- Solution 3: to convert the released original native CAD model to an archived open format; and in parallel, to migrate the released native CAD format to the native format of the next generation of

CAD system. The essential information of the archived open format is compared to the essential information of the migrated native CAD model.

This is illustrated in Figure 7 below.

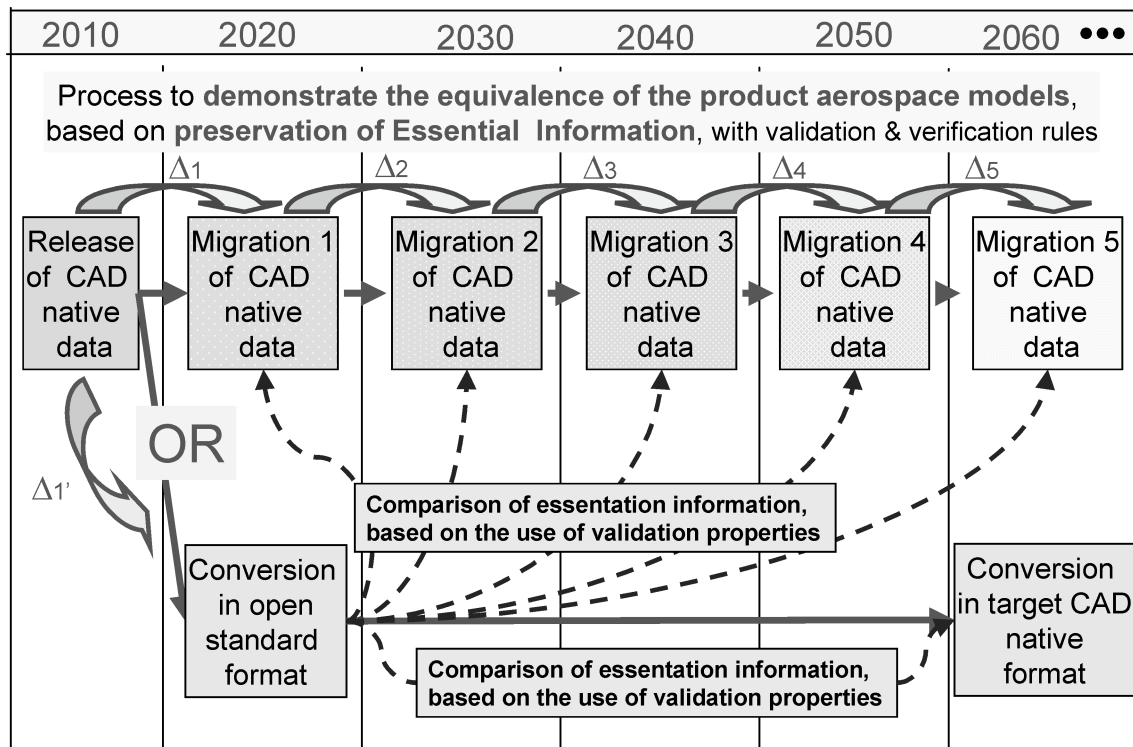


Figure 7 — Migration strategies

There is a need to identify what is the CAD reference information over the time and corresponding to the use cases of the organization.

The qualification of a CAD model as the reference is related to its precise purpose within a well-defined context, relative to the specific processes and methods of each company. According to its specific processes and uses cases, the company shall decide if the archived CAD model is the reference, or if the reference is the CAD native model (initially released, or migrated, or converted from the STEP archive).

NOTE For example, the CAD 3D reference model may be used to confirm that the manufactured part conforms to the design.

The identification of the use cases where the neutral archived CAD model is the reference allows the company to list the essential information required for the archive. Refer to the relevant appendices of the specific parts EN 9300-1XX.

5.7 Long Term Archiving of CAD and the maturity of related technologies

The availability of COTS applications able to support open standards for the Long Term Archiving of CAD - as stipulated in EN 9300-003 - requires the availability of:

- ISO or equivalent open standard defining the CAD information model (e.g., ISO 10303-203 or ISO 10303-214);