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INTRODUCTION

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Since the surface morphologies of printed patterns strongly affect the electrical properties of patterns as well as the printing process such as overlay printing onto the patterns, IEC TC 119 plans to prepare other documents to measure the vertical variance of printed patterns, such as the future IEC 62899-402-5 which deals with "'surface roughness", the future IEC 62899-402-6 which deals with "thickness" and the future IEC 62899-402-7 which deals with "surface profile"'. These future documents were designed based on assumptions from classical technologies such as photolithography. However, the cross section of patterns by photolithography has usually a trapezoidal or rectangular shape, and the surface of the patterns is always flat and smooth. In contrast, the actual surface of the printed pattern has various morphologies, because the characteristic surface morphologies are formed by the various printing technologies used in printed electronics, and factors that cannot be controlled perfectly are included in the process of forming the surface. Reflecting those features, the range of variance to be measured in the area of printed electronics becomes very broad, and various measurement methods are used in those measurements. In order to prepare the subsequent documents, the current measurement methods should be reviewed in a technical report. This review will clarify the relation between the morphologies and the appropriate measurement methods.

According to the complicated surface morphologies, it is not easy to specify the measuring point on the surface. This problem will also be reviewed in this document by organizing the definitions of morphologies.

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