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Foreword

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Introduction

A diffractive surface contains diffractive structures (see [Annex A](#)), which are very small structures on or in the surface which use the wave properties of the light and work with diffraction and interference. The diffractive optical function is realized by relief structures on or in the surface or by variations of the index of refraction in the coating material. Diffractive surfaces may be also situated inside of optical assemblies.

Due to the large variety of diffractive optical elements for many purposes, this document is divided in several sub clauses. Common diffractive properties and specifications will be described in the beginning of this document. Specific properties and specifications of several basic types are described in the Annex to this document.

The three most applied types of diffractive structures are linear diffractive structures, concentric circular structures and more complex computer generated diffractive structures.

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1 Scope

This document provides general methods of describing surfaces adding a diffractive optical function on optical surfaces, such as planes, spheres, aspheres or general optical surfaces, in the ISO 10110 series, which standardizes drawing indications for optical elements and systems. The subject of this document is the presentation, description and dimensioning of diffractive surfaces in technical drawings.

This document does not apply to diffractive surfaces with random surface texture, for example stochastic antireflective structures. Also not addressed by this document are all types of 3-dimensionally extended diffractive structures: Bragg gratings, volume holograms (HOE) and acousto-optic modulators.

This document does not address the methods to test and qualify the specifications.

This document does not address tools and methods for manufacturing diffractive surfaces.

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.

ISO 10110-1, *Optics and photonics — Preparation of drawings for optical elements and systems — Part 1: General*

ISO 10110-5, *Optics and photonics — Preparation of drawings for optical elements and systems — Part 5: Surface form tolerances*

ISO 10110-14, *Optics and photonics — Preparation of drawings for optical elements and systems — Part 14: Wavefront deformation tolerance*

ISO 15902, *Optics and photonics — Diffractive optics — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15902 and the following apply.

IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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