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Document History

Release	Date	Change
1.0	2017-06-30	Initial Release
1.1	2017-07-20	 SP5: Updated available native models Added statistics for PMI Semantic Text TGP3 (prev. TP4): Updated available native models Changed part geometry to be tessellated geometry S2: Added support for AP242 TC and new Rec. Practices SM2: Added statistics for GVP and PMI CO2, CO3: Added reference to AP242 schema with Composites patch
1.2	2017-08-01	CO2, CO3:
		Added statistics
1.3	2017-08-11	Added Annex C with additional information on CO3



1 Introduction

This document describes the suite of test cases to be used for the fortieth round of testing of the CAx Implementor Forum (CAx-IF). The CAx-IF is a joint testing forum, organized and facilitated by AFNeT, PDES, Inc., and the prostep ivip Association. The test rounds of the CAx-IF concentrate primarily on testing the interoperability and compliance of STEP processors based on AP242.

The test rounds in general combine testing of synthetic and production models. Production models will in most cases be provided by the member companies of the organizations ANFeT, PDES, Inc., and prostep ivip Association. When production models are not available from the member companies, "production-like" models will be solicited from the various CAx-IF participants.

This test suite includes synthetic models for testing the following capabilities: Product Manufacturing Information (PMI), both as Graphic Presentation and as Semantic Representation, 3D Tessellated Geometry, Composite Materials, and Assembly Structure with External References in AP242 BO Model XML format.

1.1 Functionality tested in this round

Functionality tested in this round relates to:

- **Product Manufacturing Information (PMI)** describes the capability to embed information about dimensions, tolerances and other parameters which are necessary input for the manufacturing and measuring of the part from the 3D model. In Round36J, the focus will be on the two approaches for the transfer of PMI in the 3D model:
 - "Tessellated Presentation" refers to breaking down each annotation into tessellated elements as supported by AP242, and exchanging them as geometry. This preserves the exact shape of the annotation, but is human readable only. The test will include section views as well.
 - "Semantic Representation" refers to the intelligent transfer of PMI data in an associative and re-usable way. This scenario aims towards driving downstream usage and later modifications of the model. The data is machinereadable, but not necessarily visible in the 3D model. However, the test also includes additional presentation data, which can be linked to the corresponding PMI representation.
- **Tessellated Geometry** is a simplified representation for the part shape, where the geometry is not given as an exact B-Rep model, but as a collection of simple planar faces (triangles) which can be easily and efficiently created and applied in specific use cases. The scope includes the watertight tessellation format (WTF) and compressed STEP files.
- AP242 BO Model XML Assembly Structure is a new implementation format introduced with AP242, and the designated process format for many applications in the aerospace and automotive industries. It will be used in combination with geometry formats matching the respective requirement. In the CAx-IF, the geometry files will be in STEP Part 21 format. The XML files will contain the assembly structure and part master information.

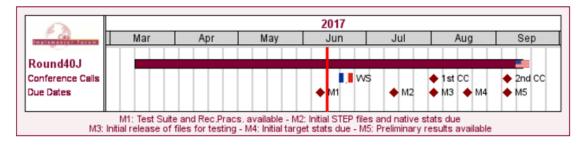
1.2 General testing instructions for this round

The general procedures for communication of models and statistics are outlined in a separate document, named 'General Testing Instructions'. The document can be retrieved from the CAx Implementor Forum web sites. The latest version is v1.12, dated July 5, 2016.



1.3 Testing Schedule

The following schedule has been agreed on for Round 40J:



Date	Action
9 Jun 2017 (Fri)	Test Suite and Rec.Pracs. available
21 Jun 2017 (Wed)	CAx-IF Technical Workshop in Toulouse, France
14 Jul 2017 (Fri)	Initial STEP files and native stats due
2 Aug 2017 mm	Initial release of files for testing /
2 Aug 2017 (Wed)	1st CAx-IF Round40J Conference Call
18 Aug 2017 (Fri)	Initial target stats due
6 Cop 2017 (m. h	Preliminary results available /
6 Sep 2017 (Wed)	2nd CAx-IF Round40J Conference Call
11 Sep 2017 (Mon) - 13 Sep 2017 (Wed)	CAx-IF Round40J Review Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, USA

Figure 1: CAx-IF Round40J Schedule

The CAx-IF Technical Workshop will be held in conjunction with a LOTAR meeting. Conference calls and web sessions will also be available.

The CAx-IF R40J Review meeting will take place in conjunction with the PDES, Inc. Fall Offsite meeting and a LOTAR workshop. In addition, conference calls and web sessions will be available for those not attending the meeting to dial in.

1.4 Copyrights on Test Cases

1.4.1 CAx-IF

None of the production test cases which were provided by the AFNeT, PDES, Inc. and prostep ivip member companies may be publically released for any purpose. The test cases can be freely distributed among the CAx-IF members, and can be used for any purposes that are related to CAx-IF testing (i.e. testing, documentation of testing efforts, etc.), as long as a reference to the originating company is made.

The test cases must not be used for any purposes other than CAx-IF testing or outside of ANFeT, PDES, Inc. and prostep ivip. Test cases provided by the LOTAR project for testing of specific capabilities are applicable to the same restrictions and may not be used outside LO-TAR or the CAx-IF.

1.4.2 NIST

The test cases developed at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) are not subject to copyright protection and are in the public domain. NIST assumes no responsibility for the components of the test system for use by other parties and makes no guarantees, expressed or implied, about their quality, reliability, or any other characteristic. The use of the CAD systems to create the Test Models does not imply a recommendation or endorsement by NIST.

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2 Synthetic Test Case Specifications

2.1 Test Case SP5: Semantic PMI Representation, including STEP File Library

All information about this test case can also be viewed in CAESAR on its Information page.

2.1.1 Motivation

Product Manufacturing Information (PMI) is required for a number of business use cases in the context of STEP data exchange. Among others, it is a prerequisite for long-term data archiving. In addition, PMI can be used to drive downstream applications such as coordinate measuring and manufacturing.

Semantic PMI Representation relates to the capability to store PMI data in the STEP file in a computer-interpretable way, so that it can be used for model redesign or downstream applications. Though the definition of the data is complete, it is by itself not visible in the 3D model.

Additional presentation capabilities are needed to display the data in a way that it is visible to the user in the 3D model. Addition of presentation data is optional in the SP5 test case.

2.1.2 Approach

The approach to be used is described in the latest version (at least v4.0.4, dated September 1, 2016) of the "Recommended Practices for Representation and Presentation of PMI (AP242)", which can be found in the CAx-IF member area under "Information on Round38J of Testing".

Within the PMI domain, the following functionalities are in scope of Round 40J:

- Semantic PMI Representation
- Graphic PMI Presentation (Polyline or Tessellated)
- Linking of PMI Representation to Presentation
- Transfer of editable PMI text as User Defined Attributes
- Semantic PMI Representation Validation Properties

The AP242 schema to be used is the IS version (v1.36), which can be found on the public CAx-IF web sites under "Joint Testing Information".

2.1.3 Testing Instructions

The tests will be performed based on a verified set of test models, each with set of welldefined PMI elements. These models have been developed in the course of the "MBE PMI Validation and Conformance Testing" project, which has been supported by the CAx-IF in recent test rounds.

2.1.3.1 Test Model Overview

The NIST models – in particular the original CTCs – are becoming outdated. Since their creation, new releases of the respective CAD systems have become available that overcome many of the limitations noted in the original design of the models. The vendors of all involved CAD systems are encouraged to upgrade the native models to their latest release, and work on the issues listed in the validation reports which are available on the NIST homepage.

The links to the test model definitions, the NIST web page for the MBE PMI Validation and Conformance Testing Project, and illustrations of the 11 test cases can be found at the end of this document in Annex B.



2.1.3.2 Test Model Access

The updated native CAD files can be downloaded from the member area of the CAx-IF homepages under "Information on Round40J of testing":

- <u>CATIA V5R2016</u> (all CTC models; FTC models 6, 8, 9)
- <u>NX 11</u> (all CTC and all FTC models)
- <u>SolidWorks 2017</u> (all CTC and all FTC models)
- Inventor 2018 (all CTC and all FTC models)

Additional and updated models are anticipated for CATIA, PTC, and Autodesk. These will be added to the test suite as soon as they become available.

2.1.3.3 Test Model Configuration

The following functionality shall be included in the test files provided for this round of testing, as far as it has been implemented by the CAx-IF participants and is described in the Recommended Practices:

- <u>PMI Representation</u> the re-usable representation of PMI data should be included in all SP5 models to the extent supported by the native system.
- <u>PMI Graphic Presentation</u> Many CAD systems require some minimal presentation information to be able to handle the PMI data in a model. Usually, both PMI representation and presentation data are included in the same file. Thus, some form of presentation information shall be included in the SP5 test case as well.
- <u>Linking PMI Representation to Presentation</u> If a model contains PMI Representation information as well as Presentation data, the corresponding elements shall be linked together, so that a Representation element "knows" which annotation it is being presented in the model. The approach to create this link is described in section 7.3 of the PMI Rec. Pracs. (v4.0.4).
- <u>Editable PMI Text</u> Some information relevant for PMI is not encoded in semantic entities, but given as plain text, such as the title block information or additional text on feature control frames for instance. In the context of semantic data exchange, this content needs to be editable in the target system. The approach to be used for this is based on the transfer of User Defined Attributes, and its application in the context of PMI is described in section 7.4 of the PMI Recommended Practices v4.0.4.
- <u>Validation Properties</u> All participants providing STEP files for this test case are encouraged to include validation properties as far as supported. In particular, for vendors already working on the topic, validation properties for Semantic PMI Representation should be included in the test files, based on section 10.1 in the PMI Recommended Practices v4.0.4.

Also refer to Annex A for test model translation configuration considerations.

2.1.3.4 Statistics

For each STEP file exported or imported for the SP5 test case, vendors must submit the corresponding statistics. To do so, go to the [SP5 Data Sheet], and either fill in the web form, or upload a comma-delimited file (.csv) with the data as listed below.

Native Statistics

When exporting a STEP file, report what data importing systems should expect to find. For numeric statistics, enter the respective value or 'na' if not supported. For other statistics, select either 'full support' (i.e. test case and Rec. Pracs. definitions are fulfilled), 'limited support' (meaning the implementation does not meet all criteria and issues may be expected on import), or 'na' if not supported.



Target Statistics

When importing a STEP file, report the results after processing the file as described below.

Screenshots

If presentation information is contained in the test files, it shall be accompanied by corresponding screenshots. Note that CASEAR allows the addition of multiple screenshots per dataset.

Note that in order to count the GD&T elements for the statistics, per agreement during the R22J Review Meeting, the actual STEP entity types (datum, datum_target...) shall be considered.

<u>Note</u> that based on the Round 35J results, a new count has been added for Composite Tolerances as defined in section 6.9.9. of the PMI Rec. Pracs. (v4.0.4).

<u>Note</u> that all statistics – native and target – shall be based on the Semantic PMI Representation data only, and not take any presentation into account.

Data Sheet Columns

column name	description
model	The name of the test model, here 'SP5'
system_n	The system code of the CAD system creating the STEP file
system_t	The system code of the CAD system importing the STEP file. For native stats, select 'stp'
scope	A short designation for the contents of the model as defined in the Test Suite. This is for information only; there will be no results for this field.
dimensions	The number of dimensions processed
datums	The number of datums processed
datum_targets	The number of datum targets processed
tolerances	The number of tolerances (all types combined) processed, regard- less of composition.
compos_tols	The number of composite tolerances processed (number of in- stances of geometric_tolerance_relationship per section 6.9.9. in the PMI Rec. Pracs. v4.0).
labels	The number of labels processed
pmi_graphic_pres	all/partial/none – whether the graphic PMI annotations included in the file could be processed correctly
pmi_linked_pres_rep	all/partial/none – whether the Semantic PMI Representation ele- ments and (Graphic) PMI Presentation elements were linked cor- rectly together.
pmi_semantic_txt	all/partial/none – whether 'semantic' (editable) PMI text was trans- ferred correctly (content and associativity)
date	The date when the statistics were last updated (will be filled in automatically)
issues	A short statement on issues with the file



2.2 Test Case TGP3: 3D Tessellated Geometry & Tessellated PMI Presentation

All information about this test case can also be viewed in CAESAR on its Information page.

2.2.1 Motivation

In addition to use cases that require a fully defined, precise, semantic definition of the part geometry and associated PMI, as is the focus of the SP5 test case described above, there are also scenarios where the presentation of the data – geometry and annotations – for visual consumption are the primary goal. In such cases, a simplified and optimized version of the model is sufficient.

For this purpose, AP242 introduced a data model for tessellated geometry, which can be used for tessellated part geometry, and also for graphic presentation of PMI in a much more efficient way than was the case with Polylines – especially in the case of filled characters. Tessellated PMI Presentation has been tested in combination with precise B-Rep geometry during the recent test rounds; in Round 40J, the focus goes back to a pure visualization scenario where the part shape as well as the graphic PMI are given as tessellated geometry.

2.2.2 Approach

The approach to be used for Tessellated PMI Presentation is described in the latest version (at least v4.0.4, dated September 1, 2016) of the "Recommended Practices for Representation and Presentation of PMI (AP242)", which can be found in the CAx-IF member area under "Information on Round38J of Testing".

The approach to be used for the definition of the part shape is defined in the "Recommended Practices for Tessellated 3D Geometry" (v1.0; 2015-12-17), available on the public CAx-IF web sites under "Joint Testing Information".

The AP242 schema to be used is the IS version (v1.36), which can be found on the public CAx-IF web sites under "Joint Testing Information".

2.2.3 Testing Instructions

The tests will be performed based on the same set of NIST CTC and FTC models as for the SP5 test case described above.

2.2.3.1 Test Model Overview

• See section 2.1.3.1 above, as well as Annex B.a

2.2.3.2 Test Model Access.

• See section 2.1.3.2 above.

2.2.3.3 Test Model Configuration

The following functionality shall be included in the test file provided for this round of testing, as far as it has been implemented by the CAx-IF participants and is described in the respective Recommended Practices:

- <u>Tessellated 3D Geometry</u> include the part shape as tessellated geometry. If supported, water-tight tessellated shall be used.
- <u>Tessellated Presentation</u> include the PMI elements as tessellated annotations. Stroked, outline and filled fonts (and combinations) are allowed, as well as styling of the annotations (colors).
- <u>Definition of "Saved Views"</u> as far as supported, include the saved views defined in the models, which contain a subset of annotations in the file, and provide a predefined position of the model in the design space.



- Several of the models have multiple Saved Views defined: CTC-02 (3), CTC-05 (2), FTC-06 (3), FTC-08 (4), and FTC-09 (4). In the test case definition documents, each page of the PDF document represents one Saved View.
- For each view, a screenshot showing the model layout (displayed elements, orientation, zoom) shall be provided.

Note that it is possible to attach several screenshots to one set of statistics in CAESAR. The name of the view shall be given as description for the screenshot.

- Both "basic" and "advanced" view implementations are allowed.
- The Saved Views also shall correctly show (or hide) the non-solid Supplemental Geometry contained in some of the models.
- <u>Cross-highlighting of annotations and annotated shape</u> if supported, include in the STEP file the information necessary to maintain the association between annotations and the annotated shape elements in a way, that after import, when highlighting an annotation, the shape elements annotated by it are highlighted too, and vice versa.
- <u>Validation Properties for Tessellated Geometry and Presentation</u> as far as supported and applicable, include validation properties for tessellated 3D geometry as well as tessellated PMI presentations in the files, making sure they are associated with the correct target elements and do not interfere with each other, and evaluate these after import:
 - "Number of Segments"
 - o "Tessellated Curve Length"
 - o "Tessellated Curve Centre Point"
 - o "Number of Facets"
 - o "Tessellated Surface Area"
 - "Tessellated Surface Centre Point"
 - "Equivalent Unicode String"
 - o "Affected Geometry"

Also refer to Annex A for test model translation configuration considerations.

<u>Note</u> that for the creation of the Equivalent Unicode String, the mapping as defined by the "Unicode String Project" report (Revision J) shall be used. This document is available on the public CAx-IF homepages, under "Joint Testing Information".

Note that for the PMI validation properties, the new optimized implementation structure for validation properties can be used. This is currently defined in section 4.11 of the "Recommended Practices for Geometric and Assembly Validation Properties" (Release 4.4, dated August 17, 2016), which can be found on the CAx-IF homepages, under "Joint Testing Information".

2.2.3.4 Statistics

For each STEP file exported or imported for the TP4 test case, vendors must submit the corresponding statistics to CAESAR. To do so, go to the [TP4 Data Sheet], and either fill in the web form, or upload a comma-delimited file (.csv) with the data as listed below.

View-related Statistics

Several of the Statistics for this test case are view-related (e.g. number of annotations, positioning/scaling). The statistics cannot evaluate this for all views in the model. Hence, the idea is to select <u>one</u> specific (interesting) view on export and publish its name in the "Saved View" field of the statistics. <u>It is recommended to use the first view (by name, alphabetized) in the model.</u> Then, fill in the other view-related statistics with the values as valid for this particular



view. After import, select the view with the name given in the native statistics and again provide the values valid for this view.

Native Statistics

When exporting a STEP file, report what data importing systems should expect to find. For numeric statistics, enter the respective value or 'na' if not supported. For other statistics, select either 'full support' (i.e. test case and Rec. Pracs. definitions are fulfilled), 'limited support' (meaning the implementation does not meet all criteria and issues may be expected on import), or 'na' if not supported.

Target Statistics

When importing a STEP file, report the results found after processing the file as described in the table below.

Screenshots

For each Saved View in the model, provide one screenshot, which illustrates the layout (displayed geometry and annotation, model orientation, and zoom factor). Give the name of the view as the description of the screenshot.

<u>Note</u> that in order to count the PMI elements for the statistics, per agreement during the Round 22J Review Meeting, the names of the tessellated_geometric_set shall be considered.

See section "Indicating the Presented PMI Type" in the PMI Rec. Practices for details.

Data Sheet Columns

column name	description
model	The name of the test model, here: 'TP4' followed by the model index; e.g. 'TP4-02', 'TP4-05', or 'TP4-09'.
system_n	The system code of the CAD system creating the STEP file
system_t	The system code of the CAD system importing the STEP file. For native stats, enter 'stp'
dimension	The number of dimensions processed
datums	The number of datums processed
datum_targets	The number of datum targets processed
tolerances	The number of tolerances processed
labels	The number of labels processed
saved_view	The name of the Saved View which is the basis for the view- related statistics
view_annot	The number of annotations included in the specified saved view.
view_pos	pass/fail, whether the model orientation and zoom factor stored for the Saved View could be restored successfully.
highlight	all/partial/none – whether the cross-highlighting for annotations and annotated shape elements works correctly
tess_pmi_area	all/partial/none – whether the surface area of the Tessellated PMI annotations was validated successfully for all, some or none of the given annotations.
tess_pmi_clength	all/partial/none – whether the total length of segments per Tessel- lated PMI annotation was validated successfully for all, some or none of the given annotations.
tess_pmi_c	all/partial/none – whether the centroids of the Tessellated PMI annotations were validated successfully for all, some or none of the given annotations.



eq_unicode	all/partial/none - if the encoding of the equivalent Unicode string was correct for all, some or none of the given annotations.
valid_tess_vp	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation properties for Tessel- lated Geometry in the STEP file per the recommended practices?
	all/partial/none – whether the affected geometry could be validated correctly for all, some or none of the PMI statements in the model.
date	The date when the statistics were last updated (will be filled in automatically)
issues	A short statement on issues with the file

2.3 Test Case S2: AP242 BO Model XML Assembly with Tessellated Geometry

All information about this test case can also be viewed in CAESAR on its Information page.

2.3.1 Motivation

The exchange of assembly structures with external references to geometry files is a longused concept in the STEP multiverse, which has proven its value and stability in many business use cases. In addition to the long-used Part 21 representation, AP242 provides a Business Object (BO) Model with a comprehensive data model in an XML representation.

AP242 BO Model XML is the designated standard process format for the automotive and aerospace industries and will be used together with various standardized and proprietary geometry file formats, depending on the actual use case. Over time, this test case evolved to include external references to 3D Tessellated Geometry, Assembly Validation Properties and User Defined Attributes.

Since the publication of the first AP242 BO Model as International Standard in 2014, improvements on the data model have been made. These include the correction of issues in the original future, as well as changes made to enable future extensions of the data model. This revision was published as AP242 Technical Corrigendum (TC) at the end of 2016. Supporting the new schema requires some changes in the implementations. Corresponding updated Recommended Practices are available. Section 2.3 of the Rec. Practices for AP242-TC (v1.99.01; see list below) summarizes the required changes in the implementation.

In Round 40J, this test case is primarily dedicated to the migration towards AP242-TC. As not all vendors will be able to update their implementations in time, AP242-IS files will be accepted as well.

2.3.2 Approach

The following schemas and documents shall be used for this test:

- AP242 IS Business Object Model XML for schema location, see the corresponding Rec. Practices listed below.
- Recommended Practices for AP242 (IS) Business Object Model XML Assembly Structure, version 1.2.0, dated June 30, 2017 [JTI]
- Recommended Practices for AP242 (TC) Business Object Model XML Assembly Structure, version 1.99.01, dated June 30, 2017 [R40J]
- AP242 IS Longform Schema (v1.36), dated May 22, 2014 [JTI]
- *Recommended Practices for 3D Tessellated Geometry*, version 1.0, dated December 17, 2015 [JTI]
- *Recommended Practices for STEP File Compression*, version 1.2, dated August 15, 2016 [JTI]



The documents can be found in the following locations, as indicated:

- [JTI] Public CAx-IF Homepage, "Joint Testing Information"
- [R40J] CAx-IF Member Area, "Information on Round 40J of Testing"

2.3.3 Test Model

The test model for this test is based on the well-known "S2" model ("spaceship").

For those vendors who do not have the S1 model at hand, modelling instructions can be found in the Round5J Test Suite document (v2.0), which can be found on the "Joint Testing Information" pages of the CAx-IF web sites, dated October 4th, 2000.

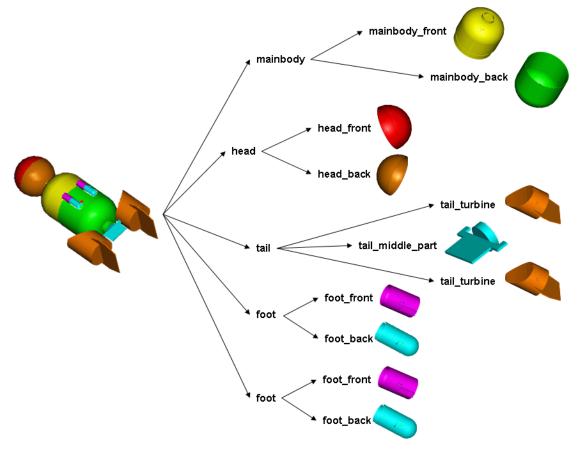


Figure 2: Shape and Structure of the S2 model (spaceship)

The aim of this test is to correctly transfer the assembly structure based on AP242 BO Model XML files, using either the "all-in-one" or the "nested" approach, and referencing tessellated parts.

Since transfer of the S2 geometry itself can safely be considered stable, there will be no geometry-related statistics. The evaluation will focus on completeness and correctness of the assembly structure and the external references.

2.3.4 Testing Instructions

Each set of files (structure + geometry files) shall be provided as a ZIP package containing:

- For the component part geometry files:
 - A compressed AP242 Part 21 file (*.stpZ) with a tessellated representation of the part geometry
 - Vendors who do not support 3D tessellated geometry in their implementations may provide the part geometry as "classic" STEP B-Rep data (*.stp).



- For the assembly structure:
 - One AP242 BO Model XML file ("all-in-one" approach), or
 - Multiple AP242 BO Model XML files ("nested" approach) see section 9.2 in the Recommended Practices for AP242 BO Model XML Assembly Structure.
 - AP242-TC is the preferred format; but AP242-IS files will be accepted as well.

The assembly files shall contain Assembly Validation Properties for all nodes in the product structure. The two values – number of children, and notional solids centroid – and their representation are defined in section 13.1 of the AP242 BO Model XML Assembly Structure Recommended Practices.

In addition, all CAx-IF members supporting User Defined Attributes are encouraged to include these in the model as well. It is recommended to include attributes at the part level (section 12.4.1 of the Recommended Practices) and at the assembly instance level (section 12.4.2). Examples for attributes to be added can be found in earlier CAx-IF Test Rounds.

2.3.5 Statistics

For each STEP file exported or imported for the S2 test case, vendors must submit the corresponding statistics to CAESAR. To do so, go to the [S2 Data Sheet], and either fill in the web form, or upload a comma-delimited file (.csv) with the data as listed below.

Native Statistics

When exporting a STEP file, report what data importing systems should expect to find. For numeric statistics, enter the respective value or 'na' if not supported. For other statistics, select either 'full support' (i.e. test case and Rec. Pracs. definitions are fulfilled), 'limited support' (meaning the implementation does not meet all criteria and issues may be expected on import), or 'na' if not supported.

Target Statistics

When importing a STEP file, report the results found after processing the file as described in the table below.

column name	description
model	The name of the test model, here: 'S2'
system_n	The system code of the CAD system creating the STEP file
system_t	The system code of the CAD system importing the STEP file. For native stats, enter 'stp'
fref_found	all/partial/none - indicates if all, some or none of the references to the external files can be found in the assembly structure file(s), and if they are correctly associated with the respective nodes in the assembly structure.
fref_processed	all/partial/none - indicates if all, some or none of the referenced files were be processed correctly to successfully construct the overall model.
assem_struct	pass/fail - if the model structure (assembly tree) was transferred correctly, i.e. no nodes have been added or removed, and all elements are on the correct hierarchical level.
assem_place	all/partial/none - whether the placement of assembly components is correct
children	pass/fail, indicates whether the number of children for each node in the assembly tree matches the AVP value given in the STEP file

Data Sheet Columns



valid_child	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation property 'number of children' in the STEP file as per the recommended practices for validation properties?
notional_solids	all/partial/none, whether the position of all, some or none of the assembly components in the model could be validated throug the 'notional solids' AVP.
valid_notion	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation property 'notional solids' in the STEP file as per the recommended practices for vali- dation properties?
part_attr	pass/fail, have the User Defined Attributes at the part/product level been processed correctly?
instance_attr	pass/fail, have the User Defined Attributes at the assembly com- ponent instance level been processed correctly?
valid_attr	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the User Defined Attributes as per the Recommended Practices?
date	The date when the statistics were last updated (will be filled in automatically)
issues	A short statement on issues with the file

2.4 Test Case SM2: Alternative Part Shapes / Sheet Metal

All information about this test case can also be viewed in CAESAR on its Information page.

2.4.1 Motivation

A number of scenarios have recently come up that require storing more than one shape for a particular part. After initial testing in Round 39J, the use case in focus for this round again provides the folded and unfolded shape of a sheet metal part in the same file, and will be enriched with additional data. In particular, the PMI on the folded shape shall be preserved, and geometric validation properties be added for both shapes.

2.4.2 Approach

The approach to be used is described in the draft Recommended Practices for Alternative Shapes, version 0.1, dated May 31, 2016. It can be found in the member area of the CAx-IF homepages under "Information on Round 38J of Testing".

In particular, this test case relates to section 6 of this document, "Alternative Part Shapes".

The PMI data included in this test shall comply with the PMI Recommended Practices v4.0.4, which can be found in the CAx-IF member area under "Information on Round 38J of Testing".

2.4.3 Testing Instructions

The model used for this test is based on the NIST test case CTC-03. The part as available from the NIST homepage (see SP5 and TP4 test cases above) contains the folded shape of the part.

Based on this, ITI has created native CAD models that contain the folded as well as the unfolded shape. These files are available in the member area of the CAx-IF homepages under "Information on Round 39J of Testing". Currently included are:

- nist_ctc_03_asme1_cr40b0_smt1.prt (PTC Creo 4.0)
- nist_ctc_03_asme1_nx110_rc.prt (Siemens NX 11)
- nist_ctc_03_asme1_rc_sw1702_ra.SLDPRT (SolidWorks 2017)
- nist_ctc_03_asme1_ct5_2016_flatpattern.CATPart (CATIA V5-6R2016)



Each model contains both shapes – as-designed model with an additional flat pattern feature and a family table, aka part family table, aka design table to differentiate the two versions – generally naming the instances <name>_DSGN and <name>_FLAT.

Note that the NX model was not created as a sheet metal model to begin with, so it has been converted.

In SolidWorks, the two representations are stored in the model as "configurations". The "Default" configuration is for the as-designed model and the "FLAT" configuration is for the flattened part.

In CATIA, switching between the two shapes is done using a command in the sheet metal design workbench. The MultiViewer command can be used for that, which is similar to opening the same model twice in the same session.

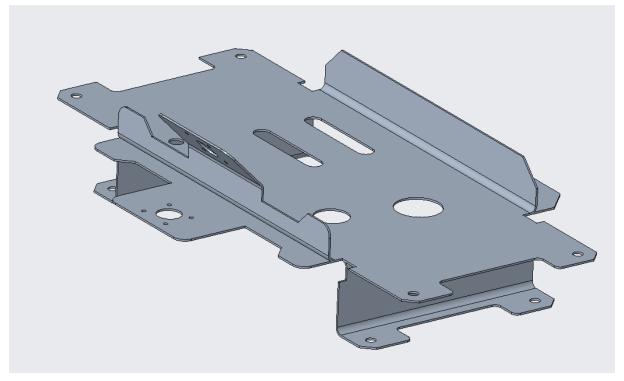


Figure 3: Illustration of SM2, showing folded and unfolded shape simultaneously

When manufacturing such a part, it is clear that the flat shape is the starting point, created by shearing and punching, which is then folded or "broken" in one or several subsequent steps. In CAD design however, the process usually works the other way around: the final folded part is designed, and then the flat shape is derived from that. So which of the two shapes shall be identified as the derived shape in the STEP file depends on the point of view (manufacturing or design) is a topic for discussion.

Geometric Validation Properties

In addition to the Bounding Box, which as was already in scope during Round 39J, the other applicable geometric validation properties (centroid, area...) shall be included as well, and for both shapes.

The GVP need to be associated with the correct product_definition_shape (see Figure 4 and Figure 5 respectively in the Rec. Practices for Alternative Part Shapes) for the shape they apply to.

PMI Data

As the SM2 model is derived from the NIST test case CTC-03, PMI definitions are available for the folded shape (also see section 2.1). These should be included in the STEP files in Round 40J as well. All PMI information shall be associated with the folded shape only.



2.4.4 Statistics

For each STEP file exported or imported for the SM2 test case, vendors must submit the corresponding statistics. To do so, go to the [SM2 Data Sheet], and either fill in the web form, or upload a comma-delimited file (.csv) with the data as listed below.

Native Statistics

When exporting a STEP file, report what data importing systems should expect to find. For numeric statistics, enter the respective value or 'na' if not supported. For other statistics, select 'full support' (i.e. test case and Rec. Pracs. definitions are fulfilled), 'limited support' (meaning the implementation does not meet all criteria and issues may be expected on import), or 'na' if not supported.

Shape-related statistics

Unless otherwise notes, all shape-related statistics, that is Geometric Validation Properties and PMI, shall be based on the folded shape.

Target Statistics

When importing a file, report the results found after processing the file as described below:

Data Sheet Columns

column name	description
model	The name of the test model, here 'SM2'
system_n	The system code of the CAD system creating the STEP file
system_t	The system code of the CAD system importing the STEP file. For native stats, select 'stp'
unit	The unit the model is designed in
alt_shapes	all/partial/none - whether the alternative part shapes in the model were processed correctly
volume	Total volume of all solids
validation_volume	Total volume of all solids as received via the validation property capability
valid_vol	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation property 'volume' in the STEP file as per the recommended practices for validation properties?
area	Total surface area of all solids
validation_area	Total surface area of all solids in the model, as received via the validation property capability
valid_area	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation property 'area' in the STEP file as per the recommended practices for validation proper- ties?
сх	
су	Centroid of the model
cz	
validation_cx	
validation_cy	Centroid of the model (entire assembly) as received via the valida- tion property capability
validation_cz	
valid_cent	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation property 'centroid' in the STEP file as per the recommended practices for validation properties?



column name	description
bbox_minx	
bbox_miny	The (min X, min Y, min Z) corner point of the Bounding Box (per GVP RP v3.3 or later)
bbox_minz	
bbox_maxx	
bbox_maxy	The (max X, max Y, max Z) corner point of the Bounding Box (per GVP RP v3.3 or later)
bbox_maxz	
bbox_min_unfoldx	The (min X, min Y, min Z) corner point of the Bounding Box of the
bbox_min_unfoldy	Unfolded (Flat) Shape of a Sheet Metal Part (per GVP RP v3.3 or
bbox_min_unfoldz	later)
bbox_max_unfoldx	The (max X, max Y, max Z) corner point of the Bounding Box of
bbox_max_unfoldy	the Unfolded (Flat) Shape of a Sheet Metal Part (per GVP RP v3.3
bbox_max_unfoldz	or later)
valid_bbox	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation property 'centroid' in the STEP file as per the recommended practices for validation properties?
dimensions	The number of dimensions processed
datums	The number of datums processed
datum_targets	The number of datum targets processed
tolerances	The number of tolerances (all types combined) processed, regard-less of composition.
labels	The number of labels processed
date	The date when the statistics were last updated (will be filled in automatically)
issues	A short statement on issues with the file

2.5 Test Case CO2: Composite Materials (Ply Contour)

All information about this test case can also be viewed in CAESAR on its Information page.

2.5.1 Motivation

For several years, some STEP composite interfaces have been available in several CAD tools such as CATIA V5, FiberSIM and in CT CoreTechnologie tools, with a certain level of maturity proven by LOTAR pilot projects.

The goal of including Composite Materials in a CAx-IF test round is to align these implementations and provide an official framework for composite materials implementation tests as STEP AP 242e1 since it includes this capability.

2.5.2 Approach

The scope of this test case is the "exact implicit" representation of composites where the ply geometry is based on surfaces and contours. "Basic" composite validation properties at the part level are also in the scope of this test case. The approximate explicit representation of composite plies, where there is a 3D tessellated solid for each ply, is out of scope for this test case.

The approach is to export and to import composite information in STEP AP242 based on the:

• AP242 Edition 1 MIM Longform EXPRESS Schema with Composite Patch



- Recommended Practices for Composite Materials; Version 3.4; June 13, 2017
- Draft Recommended Practices for Composite Structure Validation Properties; Release 0.9; June 8, 2017

The documents are available in the member area of the CAx-IF homepages, under "Information on Round 40J of Testing".

As the validation properties recommended practices have not been completely agreed upon, some tests will be done by end user checks.

2.5.3 Testing Instructions

One test model will be used. The model has been provided by Airbus Helicopter.

The test case CPD_PUBLIC_LOTAR.CATPart will be used:

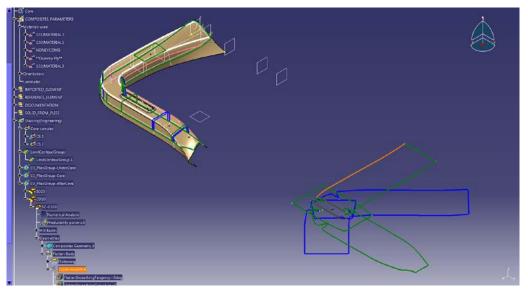


Figure 4: Illustration of the CO2 Test Case

The test case is available in the member area of the CAx-IF homepages, under "Information on Round 40J of Testing".

2.5.4 Statistics

For each STEP file exported or imported for the CO2 test case, vendors must submit the corresponding statistics. To do so, go to the [CO2 Data Sheet], and either fill in the web form, or upload a comma-delimited file (.csv) with the data as listed below.

Native Statistics

When exporting a STEP file, report what data importing systems should expect to find. For numeric statistics, enter the respective value or 'na' if not supported. For other statistics, select either 'full support' (i.e. test case and Rec. Pracs. definitions are fulfilled), 'limited support' (meaning the implementation does not meet all criteria and issues may be expected on import), or 'na' if not supported.

Target Statistics

When importing a file, report the results found after processing the file as described below:

Ply-related Statistics

Several of the Statistics for this test case are related to a specific ply within a specific sequence (e.g., material, orientation, rosette). The statistics cannot evaluate this for all plies in the model. Hence, the idea is to select one specific (interesting) sequence and ply on export, and to publish its name in the "Composite Ply Sequence" field of the statistics. Then, fill in



the other ply-related statistics with the values as valid for this particular sequence and ply. After import, select the sequence and ply with the name given in the native statistics, and again provide the values valid for this particular sequence and ply.

The sequence and ply to be used for evaluating the CO3 test case in Round 40J is:

PLY SC-0035 of SEQUENCE A035

Statistics for Core Sample Point

The position of the point for the Core Sample shall be given for:

CORE SAMPLE CS1

Statistics for Flatten Pattern

The length of the curve contour of the flatten pattern shall be given for:

PLY SC0200 of SEQUENCE C010

Data Sheet Columns

These statistics will be enhanced in future test rounds, especially with the release of newer versions of the Recommended Practices for Composite Structure Validation Properties.

column name	description
model	The name of the test model, here 'CO3'
system_n	The system code of the CAD system creating the STEP file
system_t	The system code of the CAD system importing the STEP file. For native stats, select 'stp'
unit	The unit the model is designed in
compos_tables	The number of Composite Tables in the Model
sequences	The number of Sequences in the model
plies	The total number of plies in the file
num_materials	Total number of Materials defined
compos_table_name	The name of the Composite Table of the model
ply_sequence	The ID of the Sequence and the ID of the Ply within that Se- quence for all ply-related statistics; e.g., "Ply.P4 of Se- quence.S4".
seq_ply_number	The total number of Plies defined within the Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
seq_ply_material	The name of the Material of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
seq_ply_mat_type	The type of Material of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
seq_ply_orient	pass/fail - whether the orientation of the specific Ply and Se- quence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet was correct
seq_ply_rosette	The name of the Rosette of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
ply_surface_area	The value of the area of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.



column name	description
num_core_samples	The total number of core samples in the file
cs_pointx	Position of the point for the Core Sample indicated in the Test Suite.
cs_pointy	
cs_pointz	
fp_length	The length of the curve contour of the Flatten pattern of the ply and sequence indicated in the Test Suite document.
validation_c_tables	Total number of Composite Tables in the model, as received via the validation properties capability
validation_sequences	Total number of Sequences as received via the validation properties capability
validation_plies	Total number of Plies (entire assembly) as received via the vali- dation properties capability
validation_c_materials	Total number of Materials as received via the validation proper- ties capability
validation_c_orient	pass/fail, indicates whether the Number of Orientations per part in the model matches the Composite validation property value given in the STEP file
validation_ply_area	pass/fail, indicates whether the sum of all ply surface areas in the part matches the Composite validation property value given in the STEP file
validation_ply_centroid	pass/fail, indicates whether the sum of all ply geometric cen- troids in the part matches the Composite Validation Property value given in the STEP file
valid_cvp	pass/fail, is the instantiation of the validation properties for Tes- sellated Geomtry in the STEP file as per the recommended prac- tices?
date	The date when the statistics were last updated (will be filled in automatically)
issues	A short statement on issues with the file

2.6 Test Case CO3: Composite Materials (3D Explicit Ply Representation)

All information about this test case can also be viewed in CAESAR on its Information page.

2.6.1 Motivation

For several years, some STEP composite interfaces have been available in several CAD tools such as CATIA V5, FiberSIM and in CT CoreTechnologie tools, with a certain level of maturity proven by LOTAR pilot projects.

The goal of including Composite Materials in a CAx-IF test round is to align these implementations and provide an official framework for composite materials implementation tests as STEP AP 242e1 includes this capability.

2.6.2 Approach

The scope of this test case is the "3D tessellated" representation for each ply. The approximate explicit representation of composite plies includes a 3D tessellated solid for each ply.



The approach is to export and import the composite information in STEP AP242 based on the Recommended Practices for Composite Materials; Version 3.4; June 13, 2017. The document is available in the member area of the CAx-IF homepages, under "Information on Round 40J of Testing".

Implementation requires using the "AP242 Edition 1 MIM Longform EXPRESS Schema with Composite Patch", which is available in the same location.

Refer to Annex C for further information on the extended data model.

As the validation properties recommended practices have not been completely agreed upon, the tests will be done by end user checks.

2.6.3 Testing Instructions

One test model will be used. The model has been provided by The Boeing Company.

The test case ASME_Y14.37_RosetteType2.CATPart will be used:

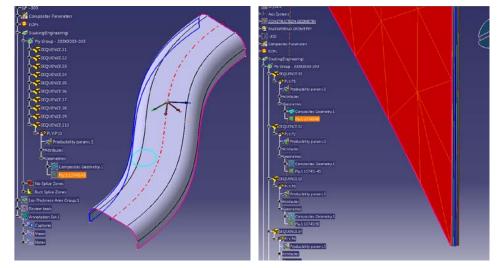


Figure 5: Illustration of the CO3 Test Case

The test model contains the 3D tessellated representation of each ply.

The test case is available in the member area of the CAx-IF homepages, under "Information on Round 40J of Testing".

2.6.4 Statistics

For each STEP file exported or imported for the CO3 test case, vendors must submit the corresponding statistics. To do so, go to the [CO3 Data Sheet], and either fill in the web form, or upload a comma-delimited file (.csv) with the data as listed below.

Native Statistics

When exporting a STEP file, report what data importing systems should expect to find. For numeric statistics, enter the respective value or 'na' if not supported. For other statistics, select either 'full support' (i.e. test case and Rec. Pracs. definitions are fulfilled), 'limited support' (meaning the implementation does not meet all criteria and issues may be expected on import), or 'na' if not supported.

Target Statistics

When importing a STEP file, report the results found after processing the file as described in the table below.



Ply-related Statistics

Several of the Statistics for this test case are related to a specific ply within a specific sequence (e.g., material, orientation, rosette). The statistics cannot evaluate this for all plies in the model. Hence, the idea is to select one specific (interesting) sequence and ply on export, and to publish its name in the "Composite Ply Sequence" field of the statistics. Then, fill in the other ply-related statistics with the values as valid for this particular sequence and ply. After import, select the sequence and ply with the name given in the native statistics, and again provide the values valid for this particular sequence and ply.

The sequence and ply to be used for evaluating the CO3 test case in Round 40J is:

PLY.P4 of SEQUENCE S.4

Data	Sheet	Columns	
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column name	description
model	The name of the test model, here 'CO3'
system_n	The system code of the CAD system creating the STEP file
system_t	The system code of the CAD system importing the STEP file. For native stats, select 'stp'
unit	The unit the model is designed in
compos_tables	The number of Composite Tables in the Model
compos_table_name	The name of the Composite Table of the model
sequences	The number of Sequences in the model
plies	The total number of plies in the file
num_materials	Total number of Materials defined
num_saved_views	The number of Saved Views defined in the model
num_annotations	The total number of Annotations defined in the model.
ply_sequence	The ID of the Sequence and the ID of the Ply within that Sequence for all ply-related statistics. For CO3, use: "Ply.P4 of Sequence.S4".
seq_ply_number	The total number of Plies defined within the Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
seq_ply_material	The name of the Material of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
seq_ply_mat_type	The type of Material of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
seq_ply_orient	pass/fail - whether the orientation of the specific Ply and Se- quence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet was correct
seq_ply_rosette	The name of the Rosette of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
ply_rosette_type	The type of the Rosette of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.



column name	description
ply_contour_area	The surface area of the ply contour of the specific Ply and Se- quence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
facets	The number of facets in the Tessellated model
ply_explicit_area	The surface area of the 3D explicit representation (tessellated geometry) of the specific Ply and Sequence as listed in the "Composite Ply Sequence" column of the data sheet.
date	The date when the statistics were last updated (will be filled in automatically)
issues	A short statement on issues with the file



Annex A NIST Model Translation Configuration Considerations

Based on data translation issues identified in the NIST Phase 2 project (requiring multiple dataset submission iterations to resolve), the following translator configuration considerations have been derived for the PMI-related test cases (SP5 and TP4) in Round 40J:

- Include annotations, coordinate systems, model properties, and PMI views
- Include supplemental geometry (non-solid surfaces, curves, points)
- Preserve annotation associations with both product and supplemental geometry
- Preserve annotation semantic PMI properties
 - Clearly point out if these are intentionally not translated
- Preserve annotation text
 - Creo should be configured to display dimension tolerances (tol_display on)
 - Do not drop leading zeros or add trailing zeros
- Preserve annotation units
 - CTC 01, 02, and 04 are defined in millimeters
 - CTC 03 and 05 are defined in inches
 - FTC 06 through 09 models are defined in inches
 - FTC 10 and 11 models are defined in millimeters
- Preserve display names of annotations and coordinate systems
 - Point out if you use NX 9 or newer since this will change some of the annotation names (see Figure 6 below)
- Preserve display colors of product geometry, supplemental geometry, and annotations
- Preserve view-specific visibility of annotations, coordinate systems, and supplemental geometry:
 - In the ZIP files with the test case specifications (see links in section 2.1.3), there is a PDF named "*nist_[ctc/ftc]_suppl_elem_visibility.pdf*" which gives a detailed definition of which elements shall be visible in which view, and which not.
 - Note that for each test case, there is a second PDF document included in the ZIP files, named "..._elem_ids.pdf" which contains the element ids for unambiguous identification of all PMI.
- Preserve view frustum (orientation and zoom level) definition:
 - JT model views should be defined so they are listed in the "Model Views" menu of JT2Go and work properly when selected
- Do not export extraneous information
 - Only CATIA Captures (not Views) should be exported to STEP Saved Views
 - Creo sketch dimensions should only be included when visible in a Combined View



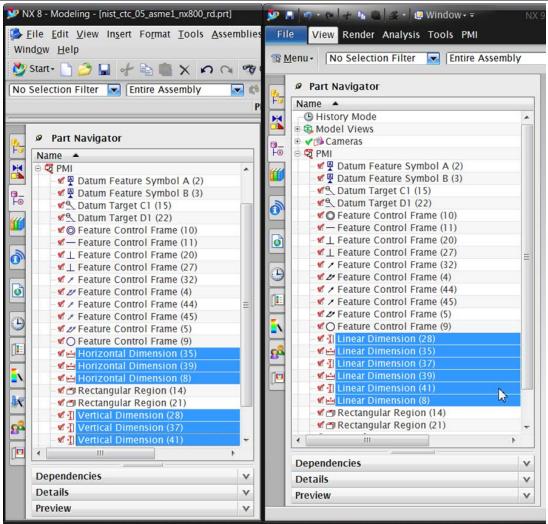


Figure 6: NX 8 vs. NX 9 Dimension Display Names



NIST Model Definitions Annex B

This section provides an overview of the test models used for testing of PMI capabilities in Round 40J, namely SP5 (see section 2.1) and TGP3 (see section 2.2). All of these models have been developed in the course of NIST's "MBE PMI Validation and Conformance Testing Project". Information on this project and related activities can be found on internet at https://pages.nist.gov/CAD-PMI-Testing/

The full suite of models consists of two data sets:

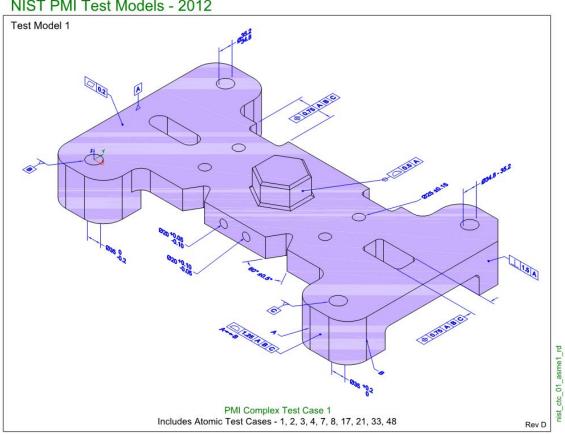
First, the so-called Complex Text Cases (CTC). These are the models with indices 01-05. They contain a collection of basic PMI constructs. Download the definitions from:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nist-el/mfg digitalthread/NIST CTC Definitions Dec 2016.zip

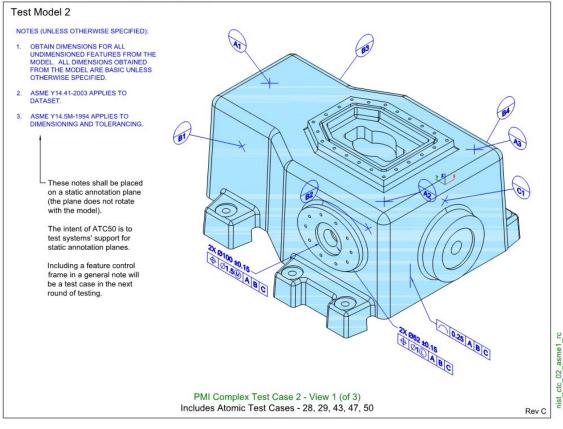
Second, the so-called Fully-toleranced Test Cases (FTC). These are the models with indices 06-11. They are fully defined models, providing all information required to actually manufacture and inspect the models. Download the definitions from:

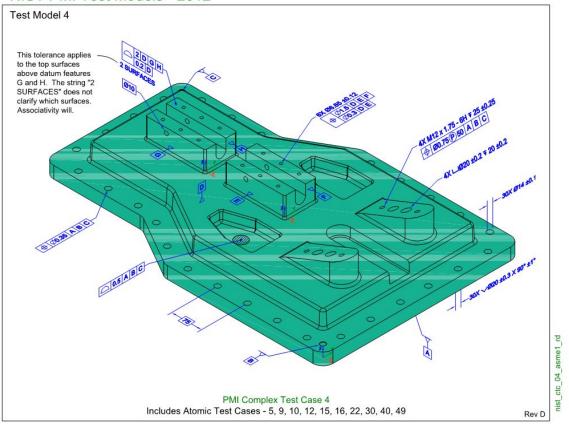
https://s3.amazonaws.com/nist-el/mfg_digitalthread/NIST_FTC_Definitions_Dec_2016.zip

The illustrations below show the first page of the PDF document for each test model.

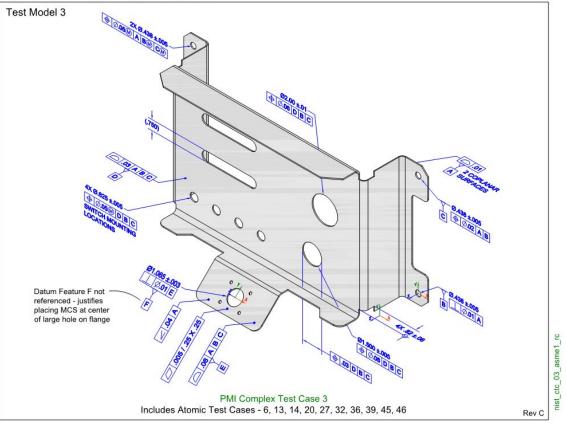


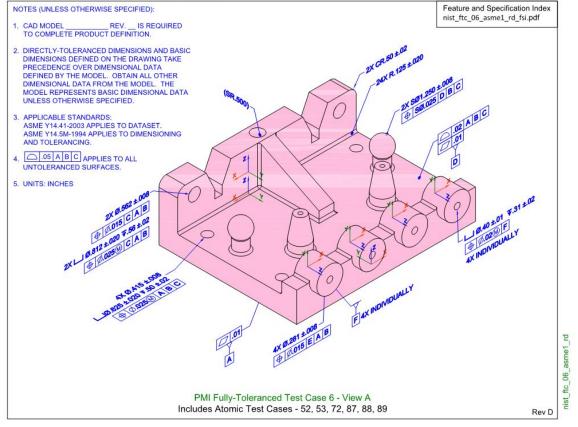




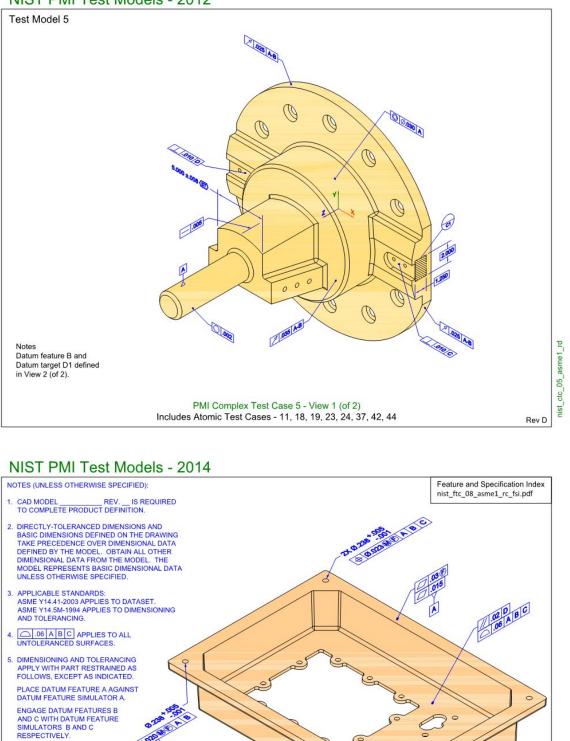












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6. UNITS: INCHES

APPLY LOAD TO PART TO RESTRAIN DATUM FEATURE A AGAINST ITS SIMULATOR.

DETAILED INSPECTION PLAN NEEDED TO COMPLETELY DEFINE RESTRAINT.

PMI Fully-Toleranced Test Case 8 - View A

Includes Atomic Test Cases - 66, 90

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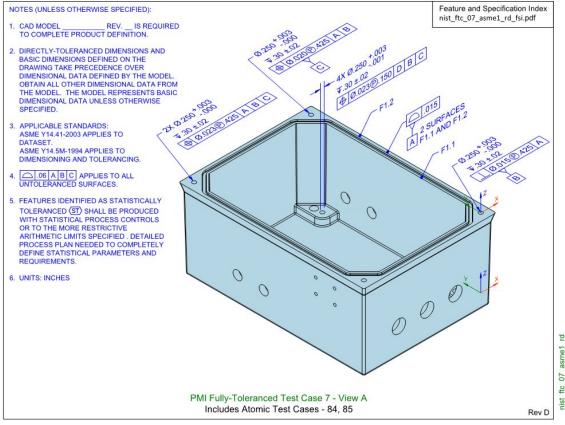
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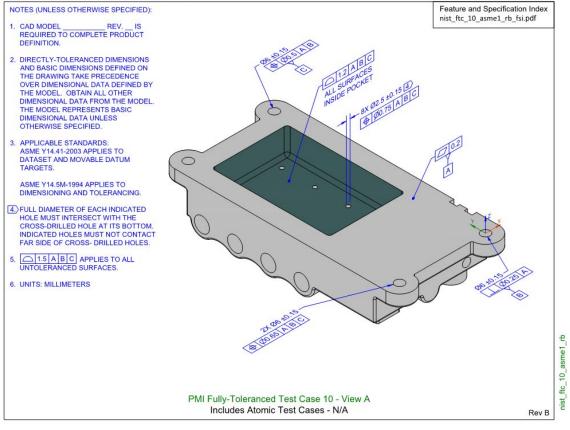
nist

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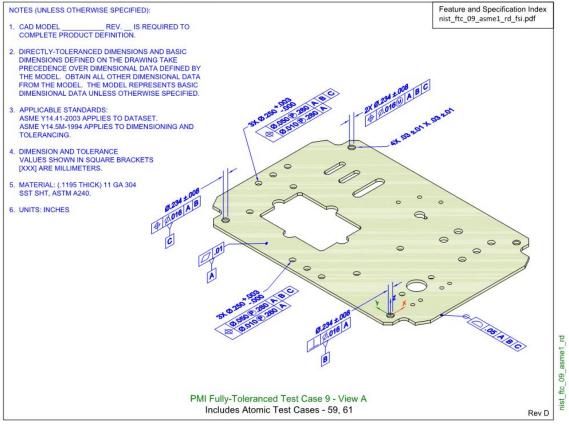
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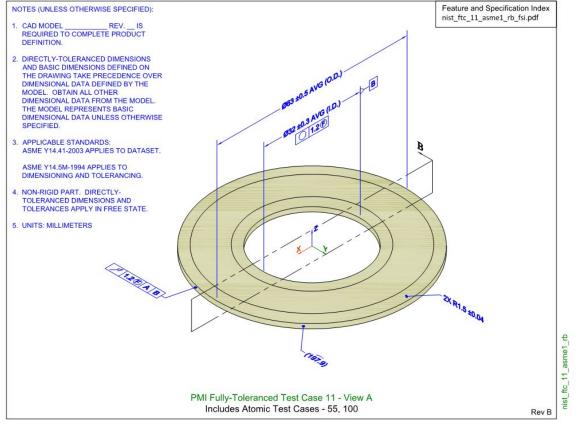














Annex C Composite Data model for Rosette Type 2

This section gives some additional information provided by Dassault Systèmes on the CO3 test case, see section 2.6.

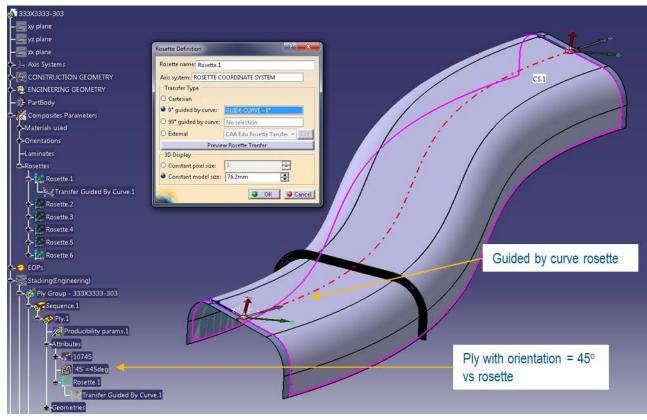


Figure 7: ASME_Y14.37_RosetteType2.CATPart

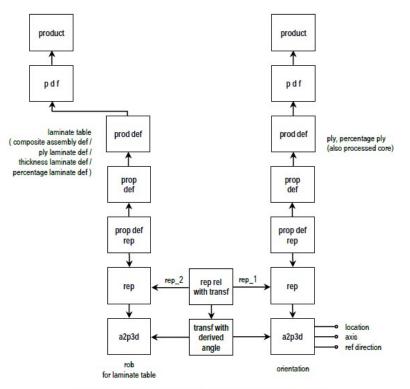


Figure 15: Ply Orientation by Simple Rosette

Figure 8: Old Recommendation from AP203e2



In AP203 Edition, the $2^{nd} axis2_placement_3d$ provided the orientation angle (same axis, angle between ref_directions (= x-axis)) as shown in Figure 8 above. However, this only works for cartesian rosette.

In AP242e2, the orientation angle is explicitly defined, as shown in Figure 9 below. This works for cartesian, curve guided, cylindrical, polar etc. rosettes.

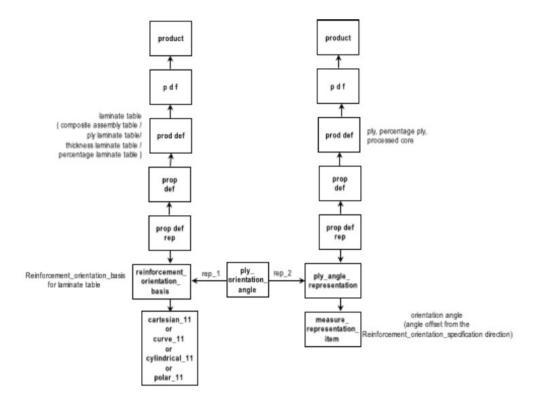




Figure 9: New Recommendations AP242 E2

The new entities developed to support this are described below. They are contained in the "AP242 Edition 1 MIM Longform EXPRESS Schema with Composite Patch", which is available in the CAx-IF member area under "Information on Round 40J of Testing".

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ENTITY reinforcement_orientation_basis
SUBTYPE OF (representation);
SELF\representation.items : SET[1:1] OF basis_ll_direction_member;
END_ENTITY;
TYPE basis_ll_direction_member = SELECT
(cartesian_ll,
curve_ll);
END_TYPE;
ENTITY cartesian_ll
SUBTYPE OF (geometric_representation_item);
END_ENTITY;
```

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```
ENTITY cartesian_11
  SUBTYPE OF (geometric representation item);
END ENTITY;
ENTITY curve_11
  SUBTYPE OF (geometric representation item);
END_ENTITY;
ENTITY ply_angle_representation
  SUBTYPE OF (representation);
   self\representation.items : SET [1:1] OF measure_representation_item;
END ENTITY;
ENTITY ply_orientation_angle
  SUBTYPE of (representation_relationship);
    SELF\representation_relationship.rep_1 : reinforcement_orientation_basis;
    SELF\representation_relationship.rep_2 : ply_angle_representation;
END_ENTITY;
ENTITY draped_orientation_angle
  SUBTYPE OF (ply_orientation_angle);
END ENTITY;
ENTITY laid_orientation_angle
  SUBTYPE OF (ply orientation angle);
END ENTITY;
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