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#### INTRODUCTION

With the spread of smartphones in recent years, finger touch technology has become widespread throughout the world. The field of popularization has started from smartphones, and has spread from information terminals such as notebook (laptop) PCs and tablets to kiosks, ATMs, sales equipment in the field of social infrastructure, medical equipment for professional use, and construction-related items.

Finger touch has several challenges, such as malfunction due to usage environment, such as wearing of gloves or water droplets, in addition to the difficulty of fine drawing with finger touch, signature input, and so on.

Initially, for the pen touch, the operating system and application software supported only the same function as finger touch, but recently a new concept of digital ink has enabled to use not only the data of the entered trajectory, but also the progressing data such as writing pressure, pen angle and drawing, being digitized and saved together with the trajectory data. This means that a new technique with pen input has been developed, which goes beyond the conventional technology of finger touch input.

Based on the above situation, this document aims to focus on the issues related to future standardization by summarizing the sensing methods of pen touch, the types of touch pens and the corresponding technologies, and the market trends of pen touch technology.

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62908, which is a technical report, provides general information on pen touch technology with the aim toward standardization. This document includes an overview of the pen touch technology, critical performance characteristics, issues of characteristics measurements, and other information.

The purpose of this documents is to provide an overview of the different products available in pen touch technology.

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