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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 26925:2006), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

Ecma Technical Committee TC31 was established in 1984 for the standardization of optical disks and optical disk cartridges (ODC). Since its establishment, the Committee has made major contributions to ISO/IEC toward the development of International Standards for 80 mm, 90 mm, 120 mm, 300 mm, and 356 mm media. Numerous standards have been developed by TC31 and published by Ecma, almost all of which have also been adopted by ISO/IEC under the fast-track procedure as International Standards.

In February 2002, a group of companies proposed that TC31 develop a standard for 120 mm rewritable optical disks using phase change recording technology and based on ISO/IEC 16448 and ISO/IEC 16969. TC31 adopted this project and started the work that resulted in ISO/IEC 17341.

In February 2005, a proposal was made to TC31 to develop a new Ecma Standard that supports high-speed recording of 120 mm and 80 mm rewritable disks based on the same technology as ISO/IEC 17341.

This International Standard specifies two Types of rewritable optical disks: one (Type S) making use of recording on only a single side of the disk and yielding a nominal capacity of 4,7 Gbytes or 1,46 Gbytes per disk and the other (Type D) making use of recording on both sides of the disk and yielding a nominal capacity of 9,4 Gbytes or 2,92 Gbytes per disk.

This International Standard, taken together with a standard for volume and file structure, such as for instance developed in Ecma Technical Committee TC15, provides the requirements for information interchange between systems.



# Information technology — Data interchange on 120 mm and 80 mm optical disk using +RW HS format — Capacity: 4,7 Gbytes and 1,46 Gbytes per side (recording speed 8X)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the mechanical, physical and optical characteristics of 120 mm rewritable optical disks with capacities of 4,7 Gbytes and 9,4 Gbytes. It specifies the quality of the recorded and unrecorded signals, the format of the data and the recording method, thereby allowing for information interchange by means of such disks. The data can be written, read and overwritten many times using the phase change method. These disks are identified as +RW HS (High Speed).

This International Standard also specifies 80 mm disks with capacities of 1,46 Gbytes and 2,92 Gbytes. These disks have the same characteristics as the 120 mm disks, except for some parameters related to the smaller dimensions. All parameters unique for the 80 mm disks are specified in Annex A.

This International Standard specifies the following:

- two related but different Types of this disk (see Clause 7);
- the conditions for conformance;
- the environments in which the disk is to be tested, operated and stored;
- the mechanical, physical and dimensional characteristics of the disk, so as to provide mechanical interchange between data processing systems;
- the format of the information on the disk, including the physical disposition of the tracks and sectors, the error correcting codes and the coding method;
- the characteristics of the signals recorded on the disk, thus enabling data processing systems to read the data from the disk.

This International Standard provides for the interchange of disks between optical disk drives. Together with a standard for volume and file structure, it provides for full data interchange between data processing systems.

## 2 Conformance

### 2.1 Optical disk

A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall specify the Type implemented. An optical disk is in conformance with this International Standard if it meets all mandatory requirements specified for its Type.

### 2.2 Generating system

A generating system is in conformance with this International Standard if the optical disk it generates is in accordance with 2.1.

### **2.3 Receiving system**

A receiving system is in conformance with this International Standard if it is able to handle both Types of optical disk according to 2.1.

### **2.4 Compatibility statement**

A claim of conformance by a generating or receiving system with this International Standard shall include a statement listing any other standards supported. This statement shall specify the numbers of the standards, the optical disk types supported (where appropriate) and whether support includes reading only or both reading and writing.

## **3 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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/IEC 4873:1991, *Information technology — ISO 8-bit code for information interchange — Structure and rules for implementation*

ISO/IEC 16448:2002, *Information technology — 120 mm DVD — Read-only disk*

ECMA-287, *Safety of electronic equipment* (2002)