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Foreword

The text of the International Standard ISO 13406-1:1999 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 159 "Ergonomics" in collaboration with Technical Committee CEN/TC 122 "Ergonomics", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2000, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2000.

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NOTE: Normative references to International Standards are listed in annex ZA (normative).

Introduction

ISO 13406 addresses the ergonomic considerations that should be taken into account when using flat-panel visual displays. ISO 13406 is based on the ergonomic foundations and principles addressed in ISO 9241. During the development of ISO 9241-3:1992, it was recognized that the use of the same ergonomic principles results in a different approach and specification for flat panels.

ISO 13406 exists for three reasons:

- a) ISO 9241 is sometimes not sufficient to ensure that a display meets basic front-of-screen ergonomic requirements when flat-panel visual displays are used instead of conventional CRT-based VDTs;
- b) ISO 9241 measurement methods are sometimes inappropriate for characterizing flat-panel visual displays;
- c) ISO 9241 addresses office work, but the scope of ISO 13406 includes extended uses and applications.

Examples of special flat-panel considerations are

- picture element discreteness (leading to the possibility of isolated defects);
- optical properties that strongly depend on viewing direction (leading to the need to carefully describe viewing direction during evaluation);
- slow response time of the electro-optical effect (leading to suitability questions when image dynamics are important for performance or comfort);
- panels that electrically vary the reflection properties at the picture element site (leading to complications in evaluation).

ISO 13406, where appropriate, provides physical requirements based on models in ergonomic research and physical measurement protocols to provide consistent compliance decisions. In ISO 9241-3, ISO 9241-7 and ISO 9241-8, an alternative decision route is sometimes appropriate and necessary. These three standards include annexes concerning visual performance tests. These tests address legibility, legibility when unwanted reflections exist on the display screen, and discriminability of colours. When these tests are approved, they will provide an alternative means to decide compliance. These tests (unmodified or with appropriate modifications to account for flat-panel specific environmental considerations) may be used to decide compliance to ISO 13406-2.

ISO 13406-2 treats the ergonomics of directly viewed flat-panel displays. It covers the ergonomic topics of ISO 9241-3, ISO 9241-7, and ISO 9241-8. The requirements and measurements in ISO 13406-2 treat panels with uniformly spaced and constructed pixels. In addition, panels are sufficiently large to display at least three measurement targets, of at least 400 pixels each, that do not overlap.

Figure 1 illustrates a directly viewed flat-panel configuration that cannot be evaluated under ISO 13406-2 because each pixel is specially sized and shaped to represent a specific portion of a numeric symbol. This type of display is known as a segmented display.

Figure 2 illustrates another directly viewed flat-panel configuration that cannot be evaluated under ISO 13406-2 because the uniformly constructed pixels are not uniformly spaced. For economic reasons, the pixel positions between character rows and columns are omitted. With this type of panel, measurement targets are unavailable.

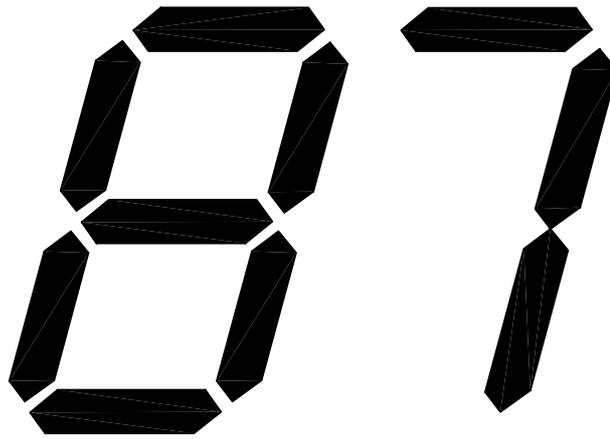


Figure 1 — Segmented display

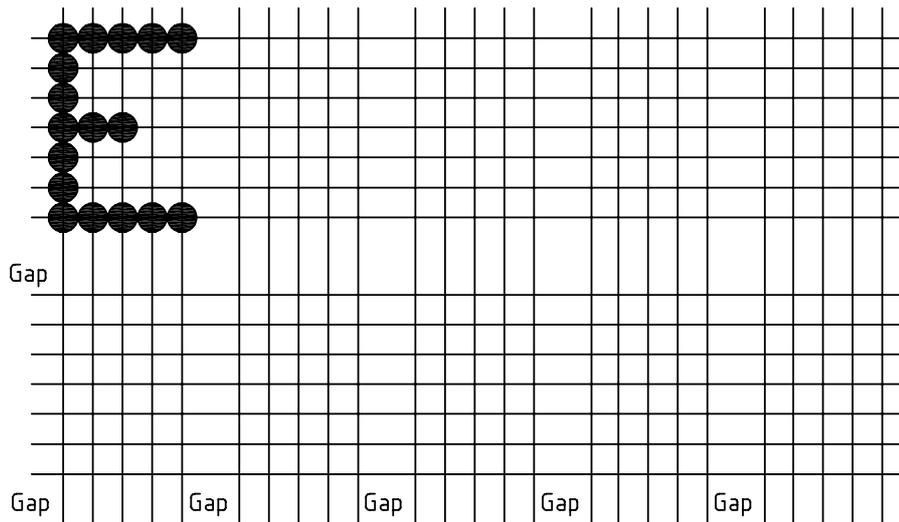


Figure 2 — Display with built-in gaps