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National Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard is one of a series of International Standards dealing with robots and robotic devices, which cover topics including vocabulary, safety, presentation of characteristics, performance criteria and related test methods, and mechanical interfaces. The series of International Standards dealing with robots and robotic devices are interrelated and are related to other International Standards.

[Annex A](#) provides examples of applications for different mechanical structure

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines and specifies robot coordinate systems. It also provides nomenclature, including notations, for the basic robot motions. It is intended to aid in robot alignment, testing, and programming.

This International Standard applies to all robots and robotic devices as defined in ISO 8373.

2 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 8373:2012, *Robots and robotic devices — Vocabulary*