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## INTRODUCTION

Establishing the jetted drop direction under specific operating conditions of inks and inkjet print-heads is significant for accurate drop placement during the manufacture of printed electronics. Manufacturers that include such print-heads in their equipment should know the angular spread of ink drop directions because this influences the achievable spatial resolution of the printed material, and in particular whether any neighbouring conducting tracks could be connected by stray materials, which would affect the printed electronics' product performance. This document defines the methods for in-flight imaging measurement of jetted drop direction from drop-on-demand type inkjet print-heads to be used in printed electronics equipment.

## PRINTED ELECTRONICS –

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62899 specifies in-flight imaging methods for the measurement of the direction of ink drops jetted from inkjet print-heads using drop watchers. It does not apply to holographic or other interference techniques, or to any method assessing deposited ink drops. It is specific to drop-on-demand type inkjet print-heads (used in printed electronics equipment).

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##### 3.1

##### **inkjet nozzle plane**

flat outer surface of the inkjet print-head nozzle plate

Note 1 to entry: The inkjet nozzle plane is defined for a drop-on-demand multi-nozzle print-head, or as otherwise specified by the print-head manufacturer or inkjet equipment integrator and stated in the measurement results.

##### 3.2

##### **nozzle row direction**

line in the inkjet nozzle plane passing through a row of nozzle exit centres

Note 1 to entry: Typically along the length of the inkjet nozzle plane, or as otherwise specified by the print-head manufacturer or inkjet equipment integrator and stated in the measurement results.

##### 3.3

##### **reference direction**

normal angle (90°) to the inkjet nozzle plate

Note 1 to entry: Or as otherwise specified by the print-head manufacturer or inkjet equipment integrator and stated in the measurement results.