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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO/IEC 10918-3 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 29, *Coding of audio, picture, multimedia and hypermedia information*, in collaboration with ITU-T. The identical text is published as ITU-T Rec. T.84.

ISO/IEC 10918 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images*:

- *Part 1: Requirements and guidelines*
- *Part 2: Compliance testing*
- *Part 3: Extensions*
- *Part 4: Registration procedures for JPEG profile, APPn marker and SPIFF profile ID marker*
- *Part 5: MHEG subset for base level implementation*

Annexes A to G form an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 10918. Annexes H and I are for information only.

## Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard, Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images, is published as three parts:

- CCITT Rec. T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1: Requirements and guidelines;
- ITU-T Rec. T.83 | ISO/IEC 10918-2: Compliance testing;
- ITU-T Rec. T.84 | ISO/IEC 10918-3: Extensions.

This Recommendation | International Standard sets out requirements and guidelines for encoding and decoding extensions to the processes defined by CCITT Rec. T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1, and for the coded representation of compressed image data of these extensions. This Recommendation | International Standard also defines tests for determining whether implementations comply with the requirements for the various encoding and decoding extensions.

This Recommendation | International Standard:

- defines extensions [including variable quantization, selective refinement, composite tiling, and a Still Picture Interchange File Format (SPIFF)] to processes for converting source image data to compressed image data;
- defines extensions to processes for converting compressed image data to reconstructed image data;
- defines coded representations for compressed image data;
- gives guidance and examples on how to implement these extensions in practice;
- describes compliance tests for these extensions.

**INTERNATIONAL STANDARD****ITU-T RECOMMENDATION****INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – DIGITAL COMPRESSION AND CODING OF  
CONTINUOUS-TONE STILL IMAGES: EXTENSIONS****1 Scope**

This Recommendation | International Standard is applicable to continuous-tone – grayscale or colour – digital still image data. It is applicable to a wide range of applications which require use of compressed images.

This Recommendation | International Standard:

- defines extensions [including variable quantization, selective refinement, tiling, and a Still Picture Interchange File Format (SPIFF)] to processes for converting source image data to compressed image data;
- defines extensions to processes for converting compressed image data to reconstructed image data;
- defines coded representations for compressed image data;
- gives guidance and examples on how to implement these extensions in practice;
- describes compliance tests for these extensions.

**2 Normative references**

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through references in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

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- ITU-T Recommendation H.262 (1995) | ISO/IEC 13818-2:1995, *Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information: Video*.
- CCITT Recommendation T.81 (1992) | ISO/IEC 10918-1:1994, *Information technology – Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images – Requirements and guidelines*.
- ITU-T Recommendation T.82 (1993) | ISO/IEC 11544:1993, *Information technology – Coded representation of picture and audio information – Progressive bi-level image compression*.
- ITU-T Recommendation T.83 (1994) | ISO/IEC 10918-2:1995, *Information technology – Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images: Compliance testing*.

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<sup>1)</sup> Currently under revision.

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- ISO 8859-4:1988, *Information processing – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 4: Latin alphabet No. 4.*
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- CCITT Recommendation T.6 (1988), *Facsimile coding schemes and coding control functions for Group 4 facsimile apparatus.*
- ITU-T Recommendation T.30 (1993), *Procedures for document facsimile transmission in the general switched telephone network.*
- ITU-T Recommendation T.42 (1994), *Continuous-tone colour representation method for facsimile.*
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