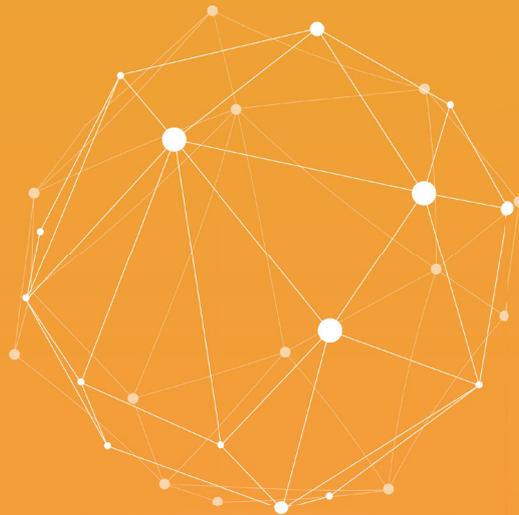


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# OBOS

## *The Open BIM Object standard (The OBOS)*

At NATSPEC, we are dedicated to improving the construction quality and productivity of the built environment, so I am very pleased that this object standard is now available, following the extensive joint research and work carried out by the technical teams of NATSPEC and Masterspec.

The OBOS supports the standardisation of BIM Objects across the Australian construction industry, and globally, with the implementation of the buildingSMART IFC schema. The OBOS and the NATSPEC BIM Properties Generator address the major issues concerning information exchange and compatibility of BIM objects between disciplines and projects, with the latter being aligned to the information requirements of the OBOS.

The implementation of the OBOS and the free exchange of standardised BIM objects will allow different systems and applications to work together. This is crucial to driving productivity across the industry and I'm happy that NATSPEC working together with Masterspec have been able to provide such a beneficial resource to industry to allow this to occur.

**Richard Choy**  
CEO NATSPEC



The intent of this BIM Object standard is to support the sector's drive for a more efficient and defined way of working together. It provides a framework for the consistent creation, maintenance and use of BIM Objects along the building lifecycle.

The standard is designed as an open standard and utilises the buildingSMART IFC Schema to facilitate use of various proprietary authoring tools and their exchange with downstream applications. It complements a number of other existing industry resources, such as the NZ BIM Handbook, the NZ Asset Metadata standard as well as the soon-to-be-released Masterspec Property Selector.

A big THANK YOU goes to the many industry reviewers who have supported the extensive research work jointly undertaken by the technical teams of NATSPEC (Australia) and Masterspec (New Zealand) to arrive at this internationally-based BIM Object standard.

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# Introduction

The lack of standards limits the ability to share BIM content across disciplines, projects, and software.

Most jurisdictions have, or are moving to, protocols or standards for BIM processes. There are also a variety of BIM standards that address some aspects of BIM content or tools. However, many aspects of BIM have no guidance at all. Currently, it is possible for two organisations to create content about the same topic that complies with existing BIM standards but has very different implementations.

As a result, many practices develop their own internal standards and are often reluctant to use any content produced by third-parties.

A number of object libraries and BIM authoring system-based groups have developed their own standards to address this, but the proprietary nature of these standards means that it is difficult for a jurisdiction to adopt these.

The aim of this standard is to cover the primary aspects of BIM object development and provide sufficient commonality so that practitioners will accept and use the content developed in conformance with its requirements.

This standard is to be open. Local requirements, variations or additions, if desired, are to be dealt with in annexures to the standard.

The initial version of this standard was developed by NATSPEC, Australia and Masterspec, New Zealand and is available for free download from either organisation's website. Any organisation wishing to adopt it, create a new local annexure for use in their jurisdiction, or to contribute to its future development should contact either of the initiating organisations.

## Document Conventions

Requirements of this standard are expressed in sentences which include the word 'shall'. To say that an object complies with or conforms to this standard, all the 'shall' requirements of this standard need to be applied to the BIM object.

Recommendations of this standard are expressed in sentences which include the word 'should'. Whilst not a requirement of this standard, it is recommended that an object include these items.

The standard uses the word 'can' to nominate that a concept is a possibility, for example, an addition to the main concept. The object author can include these items, if required.

Terms are identified within the standard using **bold** formatted text for the first time they appear in each clause, with their definition provided in Section 8 - Definitions & Glossary.

# 1.0 BIM Objects

*This section of the standard describes what an object is.*

## 1.1 BIM components and assemblies

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the concept of individual BIM objects and BIM object assemblies. Defining the broad requirements for each.*

### 1.1.1 BIM objects

BIM objects shall be modelled as a component object or a system object.

- Component objects are discrete, or loadable, objects where the geometry is created by the object modeller and represents a specific physical element or component.
- System objects are objects where the geometry is provided by the **BIM authoring system** for the user to configure. Typically, these are **layered objects** such as walls, floors, roofs and ceilings, but can also include, in some BIM authoring systems, windows, doors, piping, columns, beams and similar elements.

### 1.1.2 BIM assemblies

BIM objects can be grouped into **assemblies** to allow for reuse of common groupings of physical elements.

## 1.2 Proprietary and generic BIM objects

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the differences between proprietary (manufacturer) BIM objects and generic BIM objects.*

### 1.2.1 Object type

The object shall be modelled as a **generic object** or a **proprietary object**.

### 1.2.2 Generic objects

Generic objects shall be, as a minimum, recognisable as a representation of the physical element that it is representing.

### 1.2.3 Proprietary objects

Proprietary objects shall be an appropriate geometric representation of the physical element with accurate critical dimensions and **metadata**.

### 1.2.4 Project objects

Project objects are unique project-specific objects created as either a generic or proprietary object for use in a project and not intended for inclusion in a shared **library**.

## 2.0 Naming Conventions

*This section of the standard sets out the requirements and rules for naming object files, properties, property sets, materials, views and material image files.*

### 2.1 General naming requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines the general naming requirements applicable to all situations covered by this standard.*

#### 2.1.1 Naming fields

Object files, materials and material image files shall be named using the naming **fields** from Table 2A, arranged in accordance with the relevant naming clauses below.

Field	Description	Example
<Type>	Shall be used to identify the type of object or material.	Door
<Subtype>	Should be used to identify the subtype of the object or material.	Interior
<Source>	The product manufacturer identification. Shall be used for proprietary objects.	SupaDoors
<Product/Range Identifier>	The manufacturer's product or product range identifier. Shall be used for proprietary objects.	D130ST
<Differentiator>	Can be used to provide additional information required to identify the object or material.	760W
<Originator>	A 3 to 6 character code, can be used to identify the object provider. Should be used for objects provided by an object <b>library</b> .	ABC

Table 2A – Naming fields

#### 2.1.2 Characters

Names and naming **fields** shall include only the following characters:

- Uppercase letters (A to Z) from the ISO basic Latin alphabet.
- Lowercase letters (a to z) from the ISO basic Latin alphabet.
- Numbers (0 to 9).
- Underscore ( ), used only for separating fields within a name.
- A single period character (.), used only to separate the file name from the file extension.

Names and naming fields shall not include any of the following characters:

- Symbols or mathematical operators, including, but not limited to, (! " , £ \$ % ^ & \* { } [ ] + - = < > ? | \ / @ ' ~ # ~ ` ` ).
- Spaces.

The use of the hyphen character should be avoided as it can cause errors when the name (or **property**) is used within formulae, due to the hyphen also representing the mathematical subtraction operator.

#### 2.1.3 Naming rules

PascalCase shall be used to join separate words within naming **fields** and for the naming of properties.

Fields in a name shall be separated by an underscore ( ).

Where required, abbreviations can be used. Recognised industry abbreviations shall be used where they exist, for example, PVC.

## 2.2 Object file naming requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for object file naming. Including Proprietary/Generic/Project object naming, Parametric object naming and Dimensional information in file names.*

### 2.2.1 File naming rules

The object file name shall be a unique human readable description of the object.

The object file name shall be in accordance with clause 2.1.

Relevant dimensional information can be included in the <Differentiator> **field** and should include the unit of measure. For example, 300x700mm, 400mmx30m, 1200mm.

### 2.2.2 Parametric object file naming

The subtype **field** of a **parametric** object file name shall be a pascal case concatenation of the variants represented by the object. For example, RectangularSquare.

### 2.2.3 File name structure

The object file name shall be structured as follows, unless specified otherwise by local requirements:

<Type>\_<Subtype>\_< Source>\_< Product/Range identifier>\_< Differentiator>\_< Originator>

## 2.3 Property naming requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for the naming of properties (also known as attributes or parameters) associated with BIM objects. BIM properties are variables that store data relating to the object. The naming of properties needs to provide a human readable description of the property requirement and also adopt the conventions and methodologies used within modern programming language techniques to allow automated use of the data contained within.*

### 2.3.1 Unique properties

Each unique concept describing information about an object shall have a unique **property** name.

### 2.3.2 Property naming rules

Properties shall be named in accordance with clause 2.1.

Properties shall be named in a consistent and logical manner to aid clarity and usability.

Each **property** name shall be a unique human readable description of the property value requirement.

### 2.3.3 Boolean properties

Properties that require the value to be completed with a Yes/No or True/False enumerator, shall be named to indicate such a requirement, for example, 'IsExternal'.

### 2.3.4 Suffix

If user edited/created **property sets** are not supported in the **BIM authoring system** being used (see clause 4.10), a 3 to 6 character suffix can be added to the end of each **property** name, separated by an underscore(\_), to identify the source of the property. For example, DoorPanelHeight\_ANZRS.

Note: A suffix cannot be added to the end of property names from defined data schemas such as **IFC** (Industry Foundation Classes) or **COBie**. The property names from any defined data schema must not be changed or amended in any way.

## 2.4 Property set naming requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines requirements for the naming of property sets associated with BIM objects. This is to facilitate the metadata being in a format consistent with IFC. Not all BIM authoring systems fully support the concept of property sets for BIM objects, for example Revit only allows the user to assign object properties to hard-coded groups, however the shared parameter file does assign each property to a group, which is an equivalent concept to property sets.*

### 2.4.1 Property sets

Object properties shall be grouped into logical sets, see clause 4.10.

### 2.4.2 Property set naming rules

Property sets shall be named in accordance with clause 2.1.

**Property set** names shall provide a descriptive context for the grouping.

Property set names shall have a prefix followed by an underscore to identify the origin of the property set, for example, *OBOS\_*, *COBie\_*, *ANZRS\_*.

**IFC** property sets shall be named with the corresponding IFC property set name (*Pset\_*).

For properties identified in this standard, the property set name shall be as shown in italics in the table title. For example, for the properties in 'Table 4A – *OBOS\_Admin* properties' the property set name shall be *OBOS\_Admin*.

## 2.5 Material naming requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for the naming of materials associated with BIM objects.*

### 2.5.1 Material naming rules

Materials shall be named in accordance with clause 2.1.

Material names shall be unique human readable descriptions of the material.

### 2.5.2 Material name structure

The material name shall be structured as follows:

<Type>\_<Subtype>\_<Differentiator>

## 2.6 View control naming requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for the naming of view controls associated with BIM objects. BIM authoring systems control object viewing in different ways, such as layers and subcategories. Where the views can be named by the user, and are shared with objects, then it is important to name them consistently to avoid a proliferation.*

### 2.6.1 View control naming rules

Where the **BIM authoring system** allows for user defined **view control**, views shall be named as follows:

- In accordance with clause 2.1.
- In plural form.
- Be consistent and logical to aid clarity and usability.

### 2.6.2 View control name structure

The **view control** name shall be structured as follows, using the **fields** from Table 2B:

<UsageGroup>\_<UsageSubGroup>\_<Differentiator>

Field	Description
<UsageGroup>	Shall be used to name the group's primary purpose or use, for example, <i>Plumbing</i> .
<UsageSubGroup>	Should be used to name the sub group's purpose or use if the usage group covers multiple concepts, for example, <i>Plumbing_Sanitary</i> .
<Differentiator>	Can be used to further differentiate the sub group, for example, <i>Plumbing_Sanitary_Fittings</i> .

**Table 2B – View control naming fields**

## **2.7 Material image file naming requirements**

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for the naming of image files associated with materials.*

### **2.7.1 Material image file naming rules**

Image files shall be named in accordance with clause 2.1.

### **2.7.2 Material image file name structure**

Image files shall be named identically to their corresponding material (see clause 2.5), with the addition of the file format extension of either .bmp or .jpg.

## 3.0 Object Classification

*This section of the standard sets out the requirements for classifying the object and assigning it the correct IFC designation.*

### 3.1 Object IFC designation

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for the designation of the object in IFC to aid interoperability of the BIM object between different BIM applications. See Appendix A for the available `IfcElementType` and `PredefinedTypes` from the IFC4 schema.*

#### 3.1.1 IFC type

The BIM object shall be designated the appropriate `IfcElementType` and `PredefinedType`, see clause 4.3.2.

### 3.2 Object classification

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for the classification of the BIM object. Due to the proliferation of systems in use, it is likely that an object may need to support multiple classifications (addressed in Section 4 of this standard).*

#### 3.2.1 Classification system

The object should be classified using a system(s) that reflects those of the jurisdiction where the object is intended for use.

The classification code should be as specific to the object type as possible, see clause 4.6.1.

#### 3.2.2 Hard-coded classification

BIM objects can be classified using the **BIM authoring system's hard-coded** assembly code (or costing code) and keynote code.

## 4.0 Object Properties & Property Grouping

*This section of the standard defines the properties that should be assigned to a BIM object. It also discusses the grouping of properties and the assignment of properties to object types or object instances.*

### 4.1 General object property requirements

*This sub-section of the standard defines the general rules for properties associated with BIM objects including the requirements for using non-conforming hard-coded properties within BIM authoring applications.*

#### 4.1.1 Provision of properties

Properties can either be embedded within the object or linked via a unique link to an external database.

#### 4.1.2 Extent of properties

Only properties that are deemed necessary to adequately define the object for its intended BIM use(s), and to provide for object interoperability between BIM applications, shall be provided.

#### 4.1.3 Duplication of properties

An object shall not include duplicate occurrences of a **property**.

Where an identical property, either in name or in description/value requirement, exists in multiple sources (for example, **IFC** and **COBie**), only include a single occurrence of that property.

IFC properties shall take precedence over properties from other sources.

#### 4.1.4 Hard-coded properties

**Hard-coded** properties within the **BIM authoring system** shall be used.

Where necessary, hard-coded properties shall be mapped to their corresponding **IFC** properties at export, see clause 7.2.

#### 4.1.5 Proprietary and generic object properties

Proprietary objects shall, as a minimum, include the same properties as those provided for a generic object of the same object type and subtype.

#### 4.1.6 Property values

Property values shall be completed where known.

Proprietary objects shall have all Type property values completed, see clause 4.2.1.

Property values can be completed with:

- A fixed value, where only one value is available or a decision has been made on which value is required, for example, 6000.
- A value range, where a bounded range of values are available and a decision has not been made on which value is required. The lower and upper bound of the available range shall be separated by a hyphen, for example, 100 – 600.
- An enumerated value, where a number of values are available from a defined list of enumerators and a decision has not been made on which value is required. Each available enumerator shall be separated by a comma, for example, X, Y, Z.
- A formula, if the value is reliant on the value of another property.
- Property values shall not:
  - Finish with a full stop(.).
  - Include units, unless specifically required to do so in the property description.

#### 4.1.7 Property units

Units shall be metric unless specified otherwise by local requirements.

#### 4.1.8 Property data type

Properties shall have their data type defined using **ANSI SQL** data types, selected from the following list:

- Character (Text, String) – for fields requiring alpha numeric or text values.
- Integer – for fields requiring whole numbers.
- Decimal (Number, Currency) – for fields requiring decimal numbers.
- Date – for fields requiring a date in the format year-month-day (YYYY-MM-DD).
- Boolean (Yes/No, True/False) – for fields requiring a choice from two options.
- Hyperlink (URL) – a character field where values are links represented as **www.website.domain/path**.

If a data type listed above is not available, or a more specific **hard-coded** data type is available, within the **BIM authoring system** being used, use the most appropriate hard-coded data type. For example, if there is no Date data type, use a Character type and enter the date in the correct format.

#### 4.1.9 Assembly properties

**Assemblies** shall not have properties assigned to the assembly itself.

All properties shall be assigned to the objects contained within the assembly.

## 4.2 Object type or instance properties

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the concept of properties being type properties or instance properties.*

*Type objects represent defined specifications of physical elements. The type information contained on the object is common for all instances of the object.*

*An Instance of an object is a unique placement of a type object in a model. An Instance object can contain unique information such as serial numbers and installation or commissioning information.*

#### 4.2.1 Type properties

A **property** that has a consistent value for all instances of that object type shall be treated as a Type property. Values for Type properties of **library** objects can be pre-completed.

#### 4.2.2 Instance properties

A **property** that requires a value that is specific to the instance of that object type shall be treated as an Instance property. Values for Instance properties of **library** objects cannot be pre-completed.

## 4.3 IFC properties

*This sub-section of the standard defines the IFC properties to be assigned to a BIM object.*

#### 4.3.1 IFC for interoperability

To provide for greater interoperability of objects and models between different BIM applications, all objects shall include properties from the buildingSMART IFC4 (Addendum 2) schema that directly correspond to that object type.

#### 4.3.2 IFC object designation properties

The object shall include a **property** named *'IfcExportAs'*, with the value completed with the relevant *IfcElementType* from IFC4 (Add 2). For example, *'IfcPile'*, for a pile foundation.

The object shall include a property named *'IfcExportType'*, with the value completed with the relevant *PredefinedType*, selected from the enumerated list available for the nominated *IfcElementType*. For example, *'DRIVEN'*, for a driven pile foundation.

Note: BIM authoring applications may automatically assign the *'IfcExportAs'* and *'IfcExportType'* properties, based on the in-built tools or templates used for modelling the object, see clause 5.2.1.

### 4.3.3 IFC proxy object designation

If a relevant *IfcElementType* does not exist in IFC4 (Add2), for the object being modelled, then the '*IfcExportAs*' **property** shall be completed with '*IfcBuildingElementProxy*' and the '*IfcExportType*' property shall be completed with 'USERDEFINED'.

When the *IfcBuildingElementProxy* has been nominated, the object shall include an additional property of '*ElementType*', with the value completed with a descriptive name to define the object type.

### 4.3.4 IFC common properties

If an IFC common **property set** (*Pset\_XXXCommon*) exists for the object type, the properties from that property set shall be included.

If no IFC common property set exists for the object type, the properties from the IFC *Pset\_BuildingElementProxyCommon* property set shall be included.

### 4.3.5 Additional IFC properties

Additional properties and **property sets** from the IFC schema can be included, such as Quantity sets (*Qto\_*) and environmental impact properties.

If a **property** in the IFC4 (Add2) schema addresses the same concept to that of a property proposed for inclusion, the IFC property shall be used.

## 4.4 Administration properties

*This sub-section of the standard defines properties to be assigned to a BIM object that relate to the administration and management of the object.*

### 4.4.1 Object admin properties

The set of properties in Table 4A shall be included for all objects.

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>CreatedBy</b>	Name of the person, organisation or <b>library</b> provider that created the object.	Character	SupaObjects	Type
<b>CreatedByURL</b>	URL hyperlink to the object creator's website.	Hyperlink	www.SupaObjects.com	Type
<b>ModifiedIssue</b>	To record the last date of issue (version or revision) of the object within an object <b>library</b> . Value to be completed in the following format <yyyy-mm-dd.no>. The 'no' suffix can be used if the object is issued multiple times on that date.	Date	2018-03-16.02	Type

Table 4A – OBOS\_Admin properties

## 4.5 Proprietary object properties

This sub-section of the standard defines properties to be assigned to a proprietary object.

### 4.5.1 Manufacturer/Product identification properties

The sets of properties in Tables 4B and 4C shall be included for all objects that represent a proprietary manufacturer product (or may be used to do so in the future).

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Organisation that manufactured and/or assembled the product.	Character	SupaObjects	Type
<b>ModelLabel</b>	Descriptive model name of the product model (or product line) as assigned by the manufacturer.	Character	Solid Timber Door	Type
<b>ModelReference</b>	Model number or designator of the product model (or product line) as assigned by the manufacturer.	Character	D130ST	Type
<b>ArticleNumber</b>	Article number or reference that is be applied to a configured product according to a standard scheme for article number definition as defined by the manufacturer. It is often used as the purchasing number.	Character	D130ST2100X800	Type
<b>GlobalTradeItemNumber</b>	Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) is an identifier for trade items developed by GS1 (www.gs1.org).	Integer	00012345600012	Type
<b>ProductionYear</b>	Year of production of the manufactured product.	Integer	2018	Type or Instance
<b>AssemblyPlace</b>	Enumeration defining where the assembly is intended to take place, either in a factory or on the building site.	Character	FACTORY, OFFSITE, SITE, OTHER, NOT KNOWN, UNSET*	Type or Instance

\* Permissible enumerators **Table 4B – Pset\_ManufacturerTypeInformation properties**

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>ManufacturerURL</b>	URL hyperlink to the manufacturer's website.	Hyperlink	www.SupaDoors.com	Type
<b>ProductURL</b>	URL hyperlink to further product information, such as technical documentation or installation guides.	Hyperlink	www.SupaDoors.com/D130ST	Type

**Table 4C – OBOS\_Manufacturer properties**

## 4.6 Classification properties

This sub-section of the standard defines properties to be assigned to an object to classify the object type. As there is no universally adopted classification system, this sub-section allows for the application of multiple classification systems.

### 4.6.1 Classification system properties

Multiple classification systems can be assigned to an object by including the set of properties in Table 4D for each classification required.

NOTE: Substitute <ClassificationSystemName> in the property name for the required classification system and table designation, if applicable. For example, OmniclassTable23. Examples in Table 4D have used Omniclass Table 23.

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<ClassificationSystemName>Code	Required classification code.	Character	23-17-11-00	Type
<ClassificationSystemName>Title	Required classification title.	Character	Doors	Type
<ClassificationSystemName>Version	Published version of the classification system.	Character	2012-05-16	Type

Table 4D – OBOS\_Classification properties

## 4.7 Construction specification properties

This sub-section of the standard defines properties to be assigned to an object to link an object to relevant construction specification information.

### 4.7.1 Specification linking properties

To provide for linking the object to construction specification information, the set of properties in Table 4E can be included.

NOTE: Substitute <SpecificationSystem> in the **property** name for the required specification system or project specification.

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<SpecificationSystem>Code	Specification clause or section code/reference.	Character	0453	Type
<SpecificationSystem>Title	Specification clause or section title.	Character	Doors and access panels	Type
<SpecificationSystem>Version	Published version of the classification system.	Character	Oct-18	Type

Table 4E – OBOS\_Specification properties

## 4.8 Asset/Facilities management properties

This sub-section of the standard defines properties to be assigned to an object for ongoing asset or facilities management purposes.

### 4.8.1 Asset properties

Where the recording of asset data for asset/facilities management purposes is a requirement, the sets of properties in tables 4F, 4G and 4H should be included.

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>AcquisitionDate</b>	Date that the manufactured product was purchased.	Date	2018-03-16	Instance
<b>BarCode</b>	Bar code given to an occurrence of the product.	Integer	9781119060055	Instance
<b>SerialNumber</b>	Serial number assigned to an occurrence of a product.	Character	P345	Instance
<b>BatchReference</b>	Identity of the batch reference from which an occurrence of a product is taken.	Character	P345-20180214	Instance

**Table 4F – Pset\_ManufacturerOccurrence properties**

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>WarrantyIdentifier</b>	Identifier assigned to a warranty.	Character	D130ST5135	Type or Instance
<b>WarrantyStartDate</b>	Date on which the warranty commences.	Date	2018-03-18	Instance
<b>WarrantyEndDate</b>	Date on which the warranty expires.	Date	2020-03-18	Instance
<b>IsExtendedWarranty</b>	Indication of whether this is an extended warranty whose duration is greater than that normally assigned to a product.	Boolean	TRUE or FALSE*	Instance
<b>WarrantyPeriod</b>	Time duration during which a manufacturer or supplier guarantees or warrants the performance of a product.	Integer	2	Type
<b>WarrantyContent</b>	Content of the warranty.	Character	Product and installation	Type or Instance
<b>PointOfContact</b>	Organisation that should be contacted for action under the terms of the warranty.	Character	SupaDoors	Type
<b>Exclusions</b>	Items, conditions or actions that may be excluded from the warranty or that may cause the warranty to become void.	Character	Vandalism	Type or Instance

\* Permissible enumerators Table 4G – Pset\_Warranty properties

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>ServiceLifeDuration</b>	Length or duration of a service life. A lower bound indicates pessimistic service life, an upper bound indicates optimistic service life, and a single value indicates the typical service life. Suggested units = Years.	Integer	2	Type or Instance
<b>MeanTimeBetweenFailure</b>	Average time duration between instances of failure of a product. Suggested units = Years.	Integer	3	Type or Instance

**Table 4H – Pset\_ServiceLife properties**

#### 4.8.2 COBie properties

The COBie properties in Tables 4J and 4K can be included, if the recording of COBie data is required. Do not include any duplicate properties from Tables 4J and 4K if also using properties from Tables 4F, 4G and 4H.

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>Name</b>	Unique human readable name for object type.	Character	Door	Type
<b>Category</b>	Unique identifier of the object within an external source (classification, document or <b>library</b> ). It may be human readable (such as a classification code) or not (such as a GUID) depending on the context of its usage (which has to be determined by local agreement).	Character	23-17-11-00	Type
<b>Description</b>	Concise description of the object.	Character	Solid pine timber door	Type
<b>AssetType</b>	Identifies the predefined types of asset from which the type required may be set.	Character	FIXED or MOVABLE*	Type
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Email address of the organisation that manufactured and/or assembled the product.	Character	info@SupaDoors.com	Type
<b>ModelNumber</b>	Model number or designator of the product model (or product line) as assigned by the manufacturer.	Character	D130ST	Type
<b>WarrantyGuarantorParts</b>	Email address for organisation responsible for parts warranty.	Character	info@SupaDoors.com	Type
<b>WarrantyDurationParts</b>	Duration of parts warranty.	Integer	3	Type
<b>WarrantyGuarantorLabor</b>	Email address for organisation responsible for labour warranty.	Character	info@SupaDoors.com	Type
<b>WarrantyDurationLabor</b>	Duration of labour warranty.	Integer	3	Type
<b>WarrantyDurationUnit</b>	Units used to record warranty durations. Suggested units = Years.	Character	Years	Type
<b>ReplacementCost</b>	Cost to replace product.	Decimal	1000.00	Type
<b>ExpectedLife</b>	Expected serviceable life of product.	Integer	15	Type
<b>DurationUnit</b>	Units used to record expected life duration. Suggested units = Years.	Character	Years	Type
<b>WarrantyDescription</b>	Concise description of warranty content and any items, conditions or actions that are excluded from warranty or that will cause the warranty to become void.	Character	Product and installation	Type

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>NominalLength</b>	Typically the primary or larger of the two perpendicular horizontal dimensions of the product.	Integer	800	Type
<b>NominalWidth</b>	Typically the secondary or smaller of the two perpendicular horizontal dimensions of the product.	Integer	40	Type
<b>NominalHeight</b>	Typically the vertical characteristic dimension of the product.	Integer	2100	Type
<b>ModelReference</b>	Descriptive model name of the product model (or product line) as assigned by the manufacturer.	Character	Solid pine timber door	Type
<b>Shape</b>	Characteristic shape of the product.	Character	Rectangular	Type
<b>Size</b>	Characteristic size of the product.	Character	Large	Type
<b>Color</b>	Characteristic colour of the product.	Character	White	Type
<b>Finish</b>	Specification of surface finish.	Character	Gloss paint	Type
<b>Grade</b>	Standard grading(s) to which the product corresponds.	Character	Internal	Type
<b>Material</b>	Characteristic material of which the product is manufactured.	Character	Pine	Type
<b>Constituents</b>	Details of various parts of the product.	Character	Solid panel door	Type
<b>Features</b>	Primary features or important characteristics of the product.	Character	Single leaf	Type
<b>AccessibilityPerformance</b>	Accessibility issue(s) that product satisfies.	Character	Automated	Type
<b>CodePerformance</b>	Code compliance requirement(s) that product satisfies.	Character	Fire rated	Type
<b>SustainabilityPerformance</b>	Sustainability issue(s) that product satisfies.	Character	Recycled timber	Type

\* Permissible enumerators

**Table 4J – COBie\_Type properties**

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>SerialNumber</b>	Serial number assigned to an occurrence of a product.	Character	D130ST2100X800	Instance
<b>InstallationDate</b>	Date that the manufactured product was installed.	Date	2018-03-18	Instance
<b>WarrantyStartDate</b>	Date on which the warranty commences.	Date	2018-03-18	Instance
<b>TagNumber</b>	Tag identifier (number or label) for the instance of a product or equipment at installation.	Character	D456	Instance
<b>BarCode</b>	Bar code given to the instance of a product.	Integer	9781119060055	Instance
<b>AssetIdentifier</b>	Alternative identifier for specific component, used as defined by contract.	Character	D456-C	Instance

Table 4K – COBie\_Component properties

## 4.9 Product performance properties

*This sub-section of the standard provides for properties relating to product performance or compliance to assigned to the object.*

### 4.9.1 Product declaration/certification properties

Where a statutory product declaration template (PDT), product technical statement (PTS), appraisal, certification or similar exists for the physical element, the object shall include the set of properties included in Table 4L.

NOTE: Substitute <TechnicalDocument> in the **property** name for the name of the technical document, for example, CodeMark.

Property	Description	Data type	Example	Type / Instance
<b>&lt;TechnicalDocument1&gt;URL</b>	URL hyperlink to technical document.	Hyperlink	www.codemark.com/1234	Type
<b>&lt;TechnicalDocument2&gt;URL</b>	URL hyperlink to technical document.	Hyperlink	www.productdata.com/1234	Type

Table 4L – OBOS\_Technical properties

### 4.9.2 Technical performance properties

The object can include properties for items scheduled within the technical documents nominated in Table 4L, if required for the intended BIM use of the object.

## 4.10 Property grouping (Property sets)

*This sub-section of the standard defines the requirements for grouping properties into property sets and the use of property sets. This is to facilitate the metadata being in a format consistent with IFC. Not all BIM authoring systems fully support the concept of property sets in their BIM objects, for example Revit only allows the user to assign object properties to hard-coded groups. However, the shared parameter file in Revit does assign a group to each property, which is an equivalent concept to property sets.*

### 4.10.1 Property grouping requirements

Properties shall be grouped together into **property sets** (groups) for ease of **property** management, navigation and display.

Property sets shall be named in accordance with clause 2.4.

Properties shall be grouped logically and consistently, across all objects, based on their source and intended use/function.

If user edited/created property sets are not supported in the **BIM authoring system** being used, properties shall be assigned to the most relevant **hard-coded** property group within the BIM authoring system.

### 4.10.2 IFC property sets

**IFC** properties shall be grouped in their relevant IFC **property sets** (*Pset\_*'s and *Qto\_*'s).

### 4.10.3 Source of properties

Properties from any source other than **IFC**, shall be grouped in a **property set**, named to clearly identify the source of the properties. For example, COBie\_, ANZRS\_.

If user edited/created property sets are not supported in the **BIM authoring system** being used, a suffix can be added to each property name to identify its source, see clause 2.3.4.

## 5.0 Graphical/Geometric Object Modelling

*This section of the standard defines the generic modelling requirements for the graphical element of the BIM object.*

### 5.1 Object graphical detail

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the graphical requirements for generic and proprietary objects.*

#### 5.1.1 Generic objects

Generic objects shall be visually recognisable as the object type they represent and dimensions shall represent the extent of the object and its connectivity.

Generic objects can include sufficient geometric detail for coordination purposes or to create a visualisation of the object and envisage its operation and use.

#### 5.1.2 Proprietary objects

Proprietary objects shall be visually recognisable as the physical element they represent and critical dimensions shall be accurate for coordination purposes.

Proprietary objects can include sufficient geometric detail to create a visualisation of the object and envisage its operation and use.

### 5.2 Geometric modelling requirements

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the requirements for creating the geometric BIM object, including requirements for the insertion point, units, scale, tools to be used, dimensioning and labelling.*

#### 5.2.1 Modelling tools

The object shall be modelled using the corresponding or most appropriate tool/template from within the **BIM authoring system**.

Consideration shall be given to the tool/template selected in regards to the **IFC** designation that will be assigned to the object, see clause 3.1.

#### 5.2.2 Object origin point

The object **origin point** (or base point) shall be established for the BIM object, from which all object geometry will be set out.

Object origin points shall be consistent for identical or similar object types to allow for simple substitution of alternative BIM objects.

The object origin point can correspond to the **insertion point** of the object, see clause 5.2.3.

#### 5.2.3 Insertion points

An **insertion point** shall be established for the BIM object that logically represents the placement of the object in the project model.

Insertion points shall be consistent for identical or similar object types to allow for simple substitution of alternative BIM objects.

The insertion point should be located within the extent of the object.

Particular consideration shall be given to objects with **parametric** geometry to allow for the geometry of the object to change in the model environment and the object's position to remain correct. For example, the insertion point of a column should be on its centreline to allow the column size to be changed, if necessary, without changing the position of the centreline of the column.

**NOTE:** **BIM authoring systems** usually require structural items to have their insertion point in the centroid of that element to aid any analytical calculations that the model may be used for.

#### 5.2.4 Scale

The object shall be modelled at a scale of 1:1.

#### 5.2.5 Units

Metric geometry in millimetres shall be used unless specified otherwise by local requirements or if the scale of the object being modelled would better suit metres or kilometres.

#### 5.2.6 Fixed geometry

Fixed geometry shall be used where it is not intended for the object to be modifiable. For example, a **proprietary object** that is only available in one size.

#### 5.2.7 Dimensioning

All dimensions shall be constrained to reference items, such as planes, lines or points, rather than directly to geometry.

Dimensions shall be derived automatically using the **associative dimensioning** functions within the **BIM authoring system**.

Dimensions should be located beyond the extents of the object geometry.

Dimensions shall not overlap and shall be clear to read.

#### 5.2.8 Labels

All labels shall be constrained to reference items, such as planes, lines or points, rather than directly to geometry.

Labels that reflect information contained within the object **metadata** shall match such data.

#### 5.2.9 Object colour

The default colour of grey can be used for objects that represent physical elements available in more than one colour.

Alternatively, a representative colour for the physical element can be used.

#### 5.2.10 Drafting conventions

Visual drafting conventions such as line types, hatching and fill shall be utilised, using the relevant tools available within the **BIM authoring system**, to distinguish between different parts of the object and to show variances in depth of surface in different views.

Hatching should be assigned to the relevant materials, or part description, for the object, rather than added as 2D information.

Symbolic lines should be used in plan views, rather than solid geometry.

The use of arrays, formulas and voids when modelling the object should be kept to a minimum.

2D lines and symbols can be used to indicate items that may not be modelled or to complement the 3D geometric information, such as to indicate flow direction or tap operating direction.

#### 5.2.11 Material assignment

Proprietary objects should have appropriate materials assigned to them to represent the physical element's constituent materials.

Generic objects can have materials assigned to them.

## 5.3 What to model

*This sub-section of the standard defines what should and shouldn't be included in the geometric model of the object, such as maintenance zones, hidden content and other spatial requirements.*

### 5.3.1 Pre-planning

The geometric modelling of the object shall be planned, including any **parametric** relationships, so as to consider what graphical detail is required/necessary and what information will be visible in different views.

Note: Small elements or non-critical elements of the object may not require modelling as these may impact model performance.

### 5.3.2 Detail

The object shall represent the form of the physical element's external boundary without providing excessive or unnecessary detail.

Detail that would not be visible (or hidden), should not be modelled, unless required for the intended BIM use. For example, the face of a chest of drawers only need show the face of each drawer, the drawer itself shall not be modelled.

### 5.3.3 Connection points

Objects that are required to connect to other objects, such as a fan unit to a duct, shall have the relative position of their connection points accurately modelled.

### 5.3.4 Spatial requirements

Objects representing physical elements that have spatial requirements, such as clearance zones, operation zones or maintenance zones, shall also have such spatial requirements modelled.

The modelled spatial requirements shall have their visibility controlled, with the default being that the spatial zones are not visible.

## 6.0 Object Functionality

*This section of the standard discusses the requirements for improving the functionality and performance of BIM objects so as not to detrimentally affect the performance of a model into which they may be placed.*

### 6.1 Object performance

*This sub-section of the standard details measures to be taken to reduce the file size of BIM objects to improve model performance and reliability.*

#### 6.1.1 Purging

All unused or temporary modelling content, such as unused line types, reference items, images, construction lines or CAD content, shall be purged or deleted from the object when modelling is complete.

#### 6.1.2 Saving and compressing

When the object modelling is complete, the file should be saved, using the 'Save As' function, with a different name to that used during its creation, to remove any temporary history data attached to the original file. Where supported by the **BIM authoring system**, the resulting file should also be compressed to minimise its size.

#### 6.1.3 Testing

Objects shall be tested as appropriate to the intended function of the object, to ensure that they perform as intended.

### 6.2 Object relationships

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the requirements for assemblies, nested objects and objects that are reliant on other objects to perform as expected.*

#### 6.2.1 Reliance

Objects shall be modelled so as not to be reliant on other objects, unless it is a specific requirement of that object type that it requires a host object, such as a wall mounted light fitting that would be reliant on a wall object.

Objects with **parametric** behaviour can be reliant on other object types, see clause 6.4.

#### 6.2.2 Assemblies

**Assemblies** should only be created where it may be necessary or beneficial to represent the group of component objects collectively within the assembly, rather than as individual component objects.

Assemblies can include multiple objects.

#### 6.2.3 Nested objects

Nested objects (objects embedded within objects) shall only be created where it may be necessary or beneficial to represent the component objects within the nested object individually from the nested object itself.

Nested objects shall be restricted to two levels (i.e. an object within an object within an object).

### 6.3 Visibility/Views

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the requirements for the visibility of objects and their display views. BIM authoring systems control object viewing in different ways, such as layers and subcategories, these need to be managed to avoid a proliferation of views within models.*

#### 6.3.1 Thumbnails and previews

Thumbnail previews shall be set to a clear, appropriate and consistent view orientation and an appropriate size and resolution.

All reference items and dimensions shall not be visible in these images.

### 6.3.2 Object resolution

Provision for varying object resolution when viewing the object at different scales shall be provided and the graphical information displayed shall be controlled.

Three scales of resolution should be sufficient and shall be provided for each object as follows:

- Coarse: Typically used for low detail, low fidelity views, generally at a scale above 1:100. The geometry visible shall only be indicative of the physical element and can include symbolic 2D linework.
- Medium: Typically used for views at scales of 1:20 to 1:100. The geometry visible shall be sufficient to serve the purpose of representing the physical element.
- Fine: Typically used for highly detailed views, usually at scales of 1:1 to 1:20. The geometry visible can reflect the detailed geometry of the physical element.

### 6.3.3 View control

Views shall be named in accordance with clause 2.6.

Objects shall be assigned, in a consistent and logical manner, to the appropriate view or views.

## 6.4 Parametric behaviour

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the requirements for creating objects with parametric behaviour.*

### 6.4.1 Functional behaviour

**Parametric** objects that are reliant upon host objects in/on which they are placed, shall be created with the specific functionality to manipulate the host object, or vice versa, as necessary to suit their purpose. Such as a parametric window object that shall be modelled so as to create a corresponding void in the wall object into which it would be placed or alternatively if the wall thickness changed the window dimension would adjust to suit.

### 6.4.2 Geometric behaviour

**Parametric** objects shall be created when an object can represent geometrical variants of an object type.

The parametric capability of the object shall be limited to the available variants of the physical element it represents. For example, if a physical element is available in 4 different lengths, limit the parametric length function of the object to those 4 available lengths.

### 6.4.3 Multiple IFC types

Objects shall not be created with **parametric** capability to allow the object to represent multiple *IfcElementType*'s. For example, do not create one object that can represent a bath and also represent a sink, as these objects are represented by different *IfcElementType*'s.

In this situation duplicate parametric objects shall be created and assigned the corresponding *IfcElementType*, one to represent each *IfcElementType* required. For example, one to represent a parametric bath and one to represent a parametric sink.

### 6.4.4 Reference items

When modelling objects with **parametric** geometry, the parametric behaviour shall be controlled by reference items such as planes, lines or points.

### 6.4.5 Use limitation

The use of **parametric** behaviour shall be limited to that deemed necessary, or required, to avoid over-constraining the functionality of the object.

## 7.0 Import, Export and Linking

*This section of the standard discusses methods of importing properties and content into a BIM object and also any requirements for the preparation of a BIM object for export.*

### 7.1 Importing information

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the requirements and recommendations for the import of information (graphical or non-graphical) into the BIM object. Imported geometry can limit functionality and parametric capability, increase possibility of file corruption and cause increased object file sizes.*

#### 7.1.1 Geometric information

Where possible, native geometry within the **BIM authoring system** should be used.

Geometry can be imported from other authoring systems or sources, but should only be used for temporary modelling purposes and removed when no longer required, see clause 6.1.1.

#### 7.1.2 External data sets

Data sets (properties and property sets) can be imported into objects.

Imported data sets shall be in accordance with the data requirements of this standard.

### 7.2 Exporting BIM objects

*This sub-section of the standard discusses the requirements and recommendations for the preparation of BIM objects for export to other BIM applications, such as the requirements for mapping non-conforming hard-coded properties from the BIM authoring system to the correct IFC property.*

#### 7.2.1 IFC assignment

The properties of 'IfcExportAs' and 'IfcExportType' shall be checked and values completed before object export, see clause 4.3.2.

#### 7.2.2 Mapping of hard-coded properties

Where a **hard-coded** property is identical in description/value requirement to a defined **IFC property**, but does not identically reflect the name of the corresponding IFC property, then that hard-coded property shall be mapped to the corresponding IFC property at export.

Note: Some **BIM authoring systems** will automatically map hard-coded properties to the relevant IFC properties.

#### 7.2.3 External data sets

An object can be linked to external data sets. Any properties required by downstream BIM uses/applications shall be natively stored on the object at or prior to export, unless such downstream BIM applications can also access the corresponding data sets.

#### 7.2.4 Test export

Objects shall be tested to ensure export results are as intended.

## 8.0 Definitions & Glossary

*This section of the standard provides definitions and terms used in the standard.*

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

<b>ANSI SQL</b>	A specification describing the official features of the SQL database language. Every variant of SQL relational databases implements a subset of ANSI SQL.
<b>Assemblies</b>	A named aggregation of BIM objects that form another object or functional unit.
<b>Associative Dimensioning</b>	A function of a BIM authoring system that automatically updates the value of a dimension when changes occur to the geometry of the object.
<b>BIM Authoring System</b>	An application used for generating data for multiple uses that includes 3D geometric information. EXAMPLES: Autodesk® Revit®, Bentley® AECOsim®, Graphisoft® ArchiCAD®, Nemetschek® Vectorworks® and Tekla® Structures.
<b>COBie</b>	Construction Operation Buildings information exchange. A representation of a handover view of the IFC schema, typically seen as a spreadsheet. (ISO 15686-4)
<b>Field</b>	A data field is a place where data is stored. Commonly used to refer to a column in a database or a field in a data entry form or web form. It is generally the smallest component under which data is captured. This standard applies the concept of fields to the components of a name (property/file/view) which stores a specific piece of information.
<b>Generic Object</b>	A generic representation of the common features and properties of a physical element, intended for use in the early stages of design or when the object is not resolved into a product.
<b>Hard-coded</b>	A field that is coded into a software user interface where the user has no ability to change the field name.
<b>IFC</b>	Industrial Foundation Classes (ISO 16739). An open file format developed and maintained by buildingSMART for the exchange of information enhanced models.
<b>Insertion Point</b>	The point on an object used to place it into a model.
<b>Layered Objects</b>	An object typically constructed from one or more layers of materials to form a building system. Typically these are “system” objects, provided by the BIM Authoring System without fixed geometry, where the user can modify the layers and thickness but the geometry is created on placement in the model.
<b>Library</b>	A collection of reusable BIM objects stored as separate files that are used to facilitate the use of standardised designed or manufactured elements and objects over a project or series of projects.
<b>Metadata</b>	The term for the collection of properties, names, or data associated with an object, element or file. (Can also be known as Attributes, Parameters and Properties).
<b>Origin Point</b>	A fixed point of reference for the geometry of the surrounding space defined as X, Y, and Z. Objects have an origin point that all other points in the object reference. A model has an origin point and objects placed in the model reference this.
<b>Parametric</b>	The use of pre-programmed rules or algorithms to provide the user with the ability to change or configure objects during modelling.

<b>Property</b>	A characteristic, feature or measurable factor associated with an object that can help define the object (or system). (Can also be known as Attribute, Parameter or Metadata).
<b>Property Set</b>	A grouping of properties that belong together based on some principle, e.g. viewpoint, lifecycle stage. (ISO 15686-4)
<b>Proprietary Object</b>	A representation of the common features and properties of an obtainable product.
<b>View Control</b>	A function within the BIM Authoring System that controls which objects, or parts of objects, are visible at any time in a model. BIM Authoring Systems control object viewing in different ways, such as layers or subcategories.

## Appendix A - *IfcElementType* and *PredefinedType* enumerator listing

This appendix to the OBOS provides a list of the *IfcElementType*'s, and their associated *PredefinedType* list of enumerators, from the IFC4 (Add 2) schema. The list below can be used to designate the BIM object in IFC, in accordance with clause 3.1.1 and clause 4.3.2 of the OBOS. The *IfcElementType*'s are listed in **bold** formatted text below, immediately followed by the available *PredefinedType* enumerators for that *IfcElementType* in CAPITAL letters. The *IfcElementType* shall be used as the value for the '*IfcExportAs*' property and the *PredefinedType* shall be used for the '*IfcExportType*' property. For the example of a Steam Boiler, the value for the '*IfcExportAs*' property would be 'IfcBoiler' and the value for the '*IfcExportType*' property would be 'STEAM'.

### **IfcActuator**

ELECTRICACTIONATOR  
HANDOPERATEDACTUATOR  
HYDRAULICACTIONATOR  
PNEUMATICACTIONATOR  
THERMOSTATICACTIONATOR  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcAirTerminalBox**

CONSTANTFLOW  
VARIABLEFLOWPRESSUREDEPENDANT  
VARIABLEFLOWPRESSUREINDEPENDANT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcAirTerminal**

DIFFUSER  
GRILLE  
LOUVRE  
REGISTER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcAirToAirHeatRecovery**

FIXEDPLATECOUNTERFLOWEXCHANGER  
FIXEDPLATECROSSFLOWEXCHANGER  
FIXEDPLATEPARALLELFLOWEXCHANGER  
HEATPIPE  
ROTARYWHEEL  
RUNAROUNDLOOP  
THERMOSIPHONCOILTYPEHEATEXCHANGERS  
THERMOSIPHONSEALEDTUBEHEATEXCHANGERS  
TWINOWERENTHALPYRECOVERYLOOPS  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcAlarm**

BELL  
BREAKGLASSBUTTON  
LIGHT  
MANUALPULLBOX  
SIREN  
WHISTLE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcAudioVisualAppliance**

AMPLIFIER  
CAMERA  
DISPLAY  
MICROPHONE  
PLAYER  
PROJECTOR  
RECEIVER

SPEAKER  
SWITCHER  
TELEPHONE  
TUNER  
USERDEFINED,  
NOTDEFINED

### **IfcBeam**

BEAM  
HOLLOWCORE  
JOIST  
LINTEL  
SPANDREL  
T\_BEAM  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcBoiler**

STEAM  
WATER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcBuildingElementPart**

INSULATION  
PRECASTPANEL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcBuildingElementProxy**

PROVISIONFORSPACE  
PROVISIONFORVOID  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcBuildingSystem**

FENESTRATION  
FOUNDATION  
LOADBEARING  
OUTERSHELL  
SHADING  
TRANSPORT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcBurner**

NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcCableCarrierFitting**

BEND  
CROSS  
REDUCER  
TEE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcCableCarrierSegment**

CABLELADDERSEGMENT  
CABLETRAYSEGMENT  
CABLETRUNKINGSEGMENT  
CONDUITSEGMENT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcCableFitting**

CONNECTOR  
ENTRY  
EXIT  
JUNCTION  
TRANSITION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcCableSegment**

BUSBARSEGMENT  
CABLESEGMENT  
CONDUCTORSEGMENT  
CORESEGMENT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcChiller**

AIRCOOLED  
HEATRECOVERY  
WATERCOOLED  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcChimney**

NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcCoil**

DXCOOLINGCOIL  
ELECTRICHEATINGCOIL  
GASHEATINGCOIL  
HYDRONICCOIL  
STEAMHEATINGCOIL  
WATERCOOLINGCOIL  
WATERHEATINGCOIL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcColumn**

COLUMN  
PILASTER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCommunicationsAppliance**

ANTENNA  
COMPUTER  
FAX  
GATEWAY  
MODEM  
NETWORKAPPLIANCE  
NETWORKBRIDGE  
NETWORKHUB  
PRINTER  
REPEATER  
ROUTER  
SCANNER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCompressor**

BOOSTER  
DYNAMIC  
HERMETIC  
OPENTYPE  
RECIPROCATING  
ROLLINGPISTON  
ROTARY  
ROTARYVANE  
SCROLL  
SEMIHERMETIC  
SINGLESCREW  
SINGLESTAGE  
TROCHOIDAL  
TWINSCREW  
WELDEDSHELLHERMETIC  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCondenser**

AIRCOOLED  
EVAPORATIVECOOLED  
WATERCOOLED  
WATERCOOLEDBRAZEDPLATE  
WATERCOOLEDSHELLCOIL  
WATERCOOLEDSHELLTUBE  
WATERCOOLEDTUBEINTUBE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcController**

FLOATING  
MULTIPOSITION  
PROGRAMMABLE  
PROPORTIONAL  
TWOPOSITION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCooledBeam**

ACTIVE  
PASSIVE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCoolingTower**

MECHANICALFORCEDDRAFT  
MECHANICALINDUCEDDRAFT  
NATURALDRAFT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCovering**

CEILING  
CLADDING  
FLOORING  
INSULATION  
MEMBRANE  
MOLDING  
NOT DEFINED  
ROOFING  
SKIRTINGBOARD  
SLEEVEING  
WRAPPING  
USERDEFINED

**IfcCurtainWall**

NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDamper**

BACKDRAFTDAMPER  
BALANCINGDAMPER  
BLASTDAMPER  
CONTROLDAMPER  
FIREDAMPER  
FIRESMOKEDAMPER  
FUMEHOODEXHAUST  
GRAVITYDAMPER  
GRAVITYRELIEFDAMPER  
RELIEFDAMPER  
SMOKEDAMPER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDiscreteAccessory**

ANCHORPLATE  
BRACKET  
SHOE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDistributionChamberElement**

FORMEDDUCT  
INSPECTIONCHAMBER  
INSPECTIONPIT  
MANHOLE  
METERCHAMBER  
SUMP  
TRENCH  
VALVECHAMBER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDistributionPort**

CABLE  
CABLECARRIER  
DUCT  
PIPE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDistributionSystem**

AIRCONDITIONING  
AUDIOVISUAL  
CHEMICAL  
CHILLEDWATER  
COMMUNICATION  
COMPRESSED AIR  
CONDENSERWATER

CONTROL  
CONVEYING  
DATA  
DISPOSAL  
DOMESTIC COLD WATER  
DOMESTIC HOT WATER  
DRAINAGE  
EARTHING  
ELECTRICAL  
ELECTROACOUSTIC  
EXHAUST  
FIRE PROTECTION  
FUEL  
GAS  
HAZARDOUS  
HEATING  
LIGHTING  
LIGHTNING PROTECTION  
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE  
OIL  
OPERATIONAL  
POWER GENERATION  
RAIN WATER  
REFRIGERATION  
SECURITY  
SEWAGE  
SIGNAL  
STORM WATER  
TELEPHONE  
TV  
VACUUM  
VENT  
VENTILATION  
WASTEWATER  
WATER SUPPLY  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDoor**

DOOR  
GATE  
TRAPDOOR  
NOTDEFINED

**IfcDuctFitting**

BEND  
CONNECTOR  
ENTRY  
EXIT  
JUNCTION  
OBSTRUCTION  
TRANSITION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDuctSegment**

FLEXIBLE SEGMENT  
RIGID SEGMENT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcDuctSilencer**

FLAT OVAL  
RECTANGULAR  
ROUND  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcElectricAppliance**

DISHWASHER  
ELECTRICCOOKER  
FREESTANDINGELECTRICHEATER  
FREESTANDINGFAN  
FREESTANDINGWATERCOOLER  
FREESTANDINGWATERHEATER  
FREEZER  
FRIDGE\_FREEZER  
HANDDRYER  
KITCHENMACHINE  
MICROWAVE  
PHOTOCOPIER  
REFRIGERATOR  
TUMBLEDRYER  
VENDINGMACHINE  
WASHINGMACHINE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcElectricDistributionBoard**

CONSUMERUNIT  
DISTRIBUTIONBOARD  
MOTORCONTROLCENTRE  
SWITCHBOARD  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcElectricFlowStorageDevice**

BATTERY  
CAPACITORBANK  
HARMONICFILTER  
INDUCTORBANK  
UPS  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcElectricGenerator**

CHP  
ENGINEGENERATOR  
STANDALONE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcElectricMotor**

DC  
INDUCTION  
POLYPHASE  
RELUCTANCESYNCHRONOUS  
SYNCHRONOUS  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcElectricTimeControl**

RELAY  
TIMECLOCK  
TIMEDELAY  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcEngine**

EXTERNALCOMBUSTION  
INTERNALCOMBUSTION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcEvaporativeCooler**

DIRECTEVAPORATIVEAIRWASHER

DIRECTEVAPORATIVEPACKAGEDROTARYAIRCOOLER  
DIRECTEVAPORATIVERANDOMMEDIAAIRCOOLER  
DIRECTEVAPORATIVERIGIDMEDIAAIRCOOLER  
DIRECTEVAPORATIVESLINGERSPACKAGEDAIRCOOLER  
INDIRECTDIRECTCOMBINATION  
INDIRECTEVAPORATIVECOOLINGTOWERORCOILCOOLER  
INDIRECTEVAPORATIVEPACKAGEAIRCOOLER  
INDIRECTEVAPORATIVEWETCOIL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcEvaporator**

DIRECTEXPANSION  
DIRECTEXPANSIONBRAZEDPLATE  
DIRECTEXPANSIONSHELLANDTUBE  
DIRECTEXPANSIONTUBEINTUBE  
FLOODEDSHELLANDTUBE  
SHELLANDCOIL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFan**

CENTRIFUGALAIRFOIL  
CENTRIFUGALBACKWARDINCLINEDCURVED  
CENTRIFUGALFORWARDCURVED  
CENTRIFUGALRADIAL  
PROPELLORAXIAL  
TUBEAXIAL  
VANEAXIAL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFastener**

GLUE  
MORTAR  
WELD  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFilter**

AIRPARTICLEFILTER  
COMPRESSED-AIRFILTER  
ODORFILTER  
OILFILTER  
STRAINER  
WATERFILTER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFireSuppressionTerminal**

BREECHINGINLET  
FIREHYDRANT  
HOSEREEL  
SPRINKLER  
SPRINKLERDEFLECTOR  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFlowInstrument**

AMMETER  
FREQUENCYMETER  
PHASEANGLEMETER  
POWERFACTORMETER  
PRESSUREGAUGE  
THERMOMETER  
VOLTMETER\_PEAK  
VOLTMETER\_RMS  
NOTDEFINED

USERDEFINED

### **IfcFlowMeter**

ENERGYMETER  
GASMETER  
OILMETER  
WATERMETER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFooting**

CAISSON\_FOUNDATION  
FOOTING\_BEAM  
PAD\_FOOTING  
PILE\_CAP  
STRIP\_FOOTING  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcFurniture**

BED  
CHAIR  
DESK  
FILECABINET  
SHELF  
SOFA  
TABLE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcGeographicElement**

TERRAIN  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcHeatExchanger**

PLATE  
SHELLANDTUBE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcHumidifier**

ADIABATIC-AIRWASHER  
ADIABATICATOMIZING  
ADIABATICCOMPRESSED-AIRNOZZLE  
ADIABATICPAN  
ADIABATICRIGIDMEDIA  
ADIABATICULTRASONIC  
ADIABATICWETTEDELEMENT  
ASSISTEDBUTANE  
ASSISTEDELECTRIC  
ASSISTEDNATURALGAS  
ASSISTEDPROPANE  
ASSISTEDSTEAM  
STEAMINJECTION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

### **IfcInterceptor**

CYCLONIC  
GREASE  
OIL  
PETROL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcJunctionBox**

DATA  
POWER  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcLamp**

COMPACTFLUORESCENT  
FLUORESCENT  
HALOGEN  
HIGHPRESSUREMERCURY  
HIGHPRESSURESODIUM  
LED  
METALHALIDE  
METALHALIDE  
OLED  
TUNGSTENFILAMENT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcLightFixture**

DIRECTIONSOURCE  
POINTSOURCE  
SECURITYLIGHTING  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcMechanicalFastener**

ANCHORBOLT  
BOLT  
DOWEL  
NAIL  
NAILPLATE  
RIVET  
SCREW  
SHEARCONNECTOR  
STAPLE  
STUDSHEARCONNECTOR  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcMedicalDevice**

AIRSTATION  
FEEDAIRUNIT  
OXYGENGENERATOR  
OXYGENPLANT  
VACUUMSTATION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcMember**

BRACE  
CHORD  
COLLAR  
MEMBER  
MULLION  
PLATE  
POST  
PURLIN  
RAFTER  
STRINGER  
STRUT  
STUD  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcMotorConnection**

BELTDRIVE  
COUPLING  
DIRECTDRIVE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcOutlet**

AUDIOVISUALOUTLET  
COMMUNICATIONSOUTLET  
DATAOUTLET  
POWEROUTLET  
TELEPHONEOUTLET  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcPile**

BORED  
COHESION  
DRIVEN  
FRICTION  
JETGROUTING  
SUPPORT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcPipeFitting**

BEND  
CONNECTOR  
ENTRY  
EXIT  
JUNCTION  
OBSTRUCTION  
TRANSITION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcPipeSegment**

CULVERT  
FLEXIBLESEGMENT  
GUTTER  
RIGIDSEGMENT  
SPOOL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcPlate**

CURTAIN\_PANEL  
SHEET  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcProtectiveDeviceTrippingUnit**

ELECTROMAGNETIC  
ELECTRONIC  
RESIDUALCURRENT  
THERMAL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcProtectiveDevice**

CIRCUITBREAKER  
EARTHLEAKAGECIRCUITBREAKER  
EARTHINGSWITCH  
FUSEDISCONNECTOR  
RESIDUALCURRENTCIRCUITBREAKER  
RESIDUALCURRENTSWITCH  
VARISTOR

NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcPump**

CIRCULATOR  
ENDSUCTION  
SPLITCASE  
SUBMERSIBLEPUMP  
SUMPPUMP  
VERTICALINLINE  
VERTICALTURBINE  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcRailing**

BALUSTRADE  
GUARDRAIL  
HANDRAIL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcRampFlight**

SPIRAL  
STRAIGHT  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcRamp**

HALF\_TURN\_RAMP  
QUARTER\_TURN\_RAMP  
SPIRAL\_RAMP  
STRAIGHT\_RUN\_RAMP  
TWO\_QUARTER\_TURN\_RAMP  
TWO\_STRAIGHT\_RUN\_RAMP  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcReinforcingBar**

ANCHORING  
EDGE  
LIGATURE  
MAIN  
PLAIN  
PUNCHING  
RING  
SHEAR  
STUD  
TEXTURED  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcReinforcingElement**

BAR  
MESH  
PUNSHINGSHEARREINFORCEMENT  
TENDON  
TENDONANCHOR  
TENDONSHEATH  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcReinforcingMesh**

NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcRoof**

BARREL\_ROOF  
 BUTTERFLY\_ROOF  
 DOME\_ROOF  
 FLAT\_ROOF  
 FREEFORM  
 GABLE\_ROOF  
 GAMBREL\_ROOF  
 HIP\_ROOF  
 HIPPED\_GABLE\_ROOF  
 MANSARD\_ROOF  
 PAVILION\_ROOF  
 RAINBOW\_ROOF  
 SHED\_ROOF  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSanitaryTerminal**

BATH  
 BIDET  
 CISTERN  
 SANITARYFOUNTAIN  
 SHOWER  
 SINK  
 TOILETPAN  
 URINAL  
 WASHHANDBASIN  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSensor**

CO2SENSOR  
 CONDUCTANCESENSOR  
 CONTACTSENSOR  
 COSENSOR  
 FIRESSENSOR  
 FLOWSSENSOR  
 FROSTSENSOR  
 GASSENSOR  
 HEATSENSOR  
 HUMIDITYSENSOR  
 IDENTIFIERSENSOR  
 IONCONCENTRATIONSENSOR  
 LEVELSENSOR  
 LIGHTSENSOR  
 MOISTURESENSOR  
 MOVEMENTSENSOR  
 PHSENSOR  
 PRESSURESENSOR  
 RADIATIONSENSOR  
 RADIOACTIVITYSENSOR  
 SMOKESENSOR  
 SOUNDSSENSOR  
 TEMPERATURESENSOR  
 WINDSENSOR  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcShadingDevice**

AWNING  
 JALOUSIE  
 SHUTTER  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSlab**

BASESLAB

FLOOR  
 LANDING  
 ROOF  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSolarDevice**

SOLARCOLLECTOR  
 SOLARPANEL  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSpaceHeater**

CONVECTOR  
 RADIATOR  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSpace**

EXTERNAL  
 GFA  
 INTERNAL  
 PARKING  
 SPACE  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSpatialZone**

CONSTRUCTION  
 FIRESAFETY  
 LIGHTING  
 OCCUPANCY  
 SECURITY  
 THERMAL  
 TRANSPORT  
 VENTILATION  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcStackTerminal**

BIRDCAGE  
 COWL  
 RAINWATERHOPPER  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcStairFlight**

CURVED  
 FREEFORM  
 SPIRAL  
 STRAIGHT  
 WINDER  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcStair**

CURVED\_RUN\_STAIR  
 DOUBLE\_RETURN\_STAIR  
 HALF\_TURN\_STAIR  
 HALF\_WINDING\_STAIR  
 QUARTER\_TURN\_STAIR  
 QUARTER\_WINDING\_STAIR  
 SPIRAL\_STAIR  
 STRAIGHT\_RUN\_STAIR  
 THREE\_QUARTER\_TURN\_STAIR  
 THREE\_QUARTER\_WINDING\_STAIR  
 TWO\_CURVED\_RUN\_STAIR  
 TWO\_QUARTER\_TURN\_STAIR  
 TWO\_QUARTER\_WINDING\_STAIR

TWO\_STRAIGHT\_RUN\_STAIR  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSwitchingDevice**

CONTACTOR  
 DIMMERSWITCH  
 EMERGENCYSTOP  
 KEYPAD  
 MOMENTARYSWITCH  
 SELECTORSWITCH  
 STARTER  
 SWITCHDISCONNECTOR  
 TOGGLESWITCH  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcSystemFurnitureElement**

PANEL  
 WORKSURFACE  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcTank**

BASIN  
 BREAKPRESSURE  
 EXPANSION  
 FEEDANDEXPANSION  
 PRESSUREVESSEL  
 STORAGE  
 VESSEL  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcTendonAnchor**

COUPLER  
 FIXED\_END  
 TENSIONING\_END  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcTendon**

BAR  
 COATED  
 STRAND  
 WIRE  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcTransformer**

CURRENT  
 FREQUENCY  
 INVERTER  
 RECTIFIER  
 VOLTAGE  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcTransportElement**

CRANEWAY  
 ELEVATOR  
 ESCALATOR  
 LIFTINGGEAR  
 MOVINGWALKWAY  
 NOTDEFINED  
 USERDEFINED

**IfcTubeBundle**

FINNED  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcUnitaryControlElement**

ALARMPANEL  
CONTROLPANEL  
GASDETECTIONPANEL  
HUMIDISTAT  
INDICATORPANEL  
MIMICPANEL  
THERMOSTAT  
WEATHERSTATION  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcUnitaryEquipment**

AIRCONDITIONINGUNIT  
AIRHANDLER  
DEHUMIDIFIER  
ROOFTOPUNIT  
SPLITSYSTEM  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcValve**

AIRRELEASE  
ANTIVACUUM  
CHANGEOVER  
CHECK  
COMMISSIONING  
DIVERTING  
DOUBLECHECK  
DOUBLEREGULATING  
DRAWOFFCOCK  
FAUCET  
FLUSHING  
GASCOCK  
GASTAP  
ISOLATING  
MIXING  
PRESSUREREDUCING  
PRESSURERELIEF  
REGULATING  
SAFETYCUTOFF  
STEAMTRAP  
STOPCOCK  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcVibrationIsolator**

COMPRESSION  
SPRING  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcWall**

MOVABLE  
PARAPET  
PARTITIONING  
PLUMBINGWALL  
POLYGONAL  
SHEAR  
SOLIDWALL  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcWasteTerminal**

FLOORTRAP  
FLOORWASTE  
GULLYSUMP  
GULLYTRAP  
ROOFDRAIN  
WASTEDISPOSALUNIT  
WASTETRAP  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

**IfcWindow**

LIGHTDOME  
SKYLIGHT  
WINDOW  
NOTDEFINED  
USERDEFINED

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