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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62899 specifies the method for determining accurate inkjet droplet volume based on images obtained by drop-in-flight measurement systems. It does not apply to imaging systems using interference fringes, such as holography or phase doppler anemometry. This document is not limited to drop-on-demand inkjet systems, but might not be applicable to continuous inkjet or liquid dispensing systems. This document includes a description of the issues concerning such measurements and consideration of the limits to measurement accuracy.

2 Normative references

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3.1

droplet volume

amount of jetted fluid from an inkjet print-head nozzle measured by single event imaging

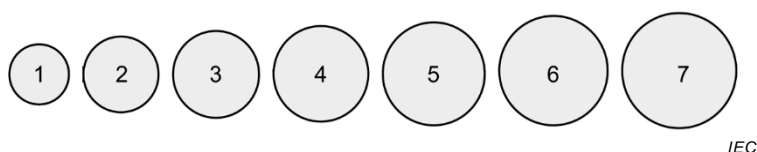
Note 1 to entry: For a single event drive pulse designed to produce sub-drops that are intended to merge in-flight to form a larger droplet, for example to form a specific greyscale image value on deposition, droplet volume refers to the large merged droplet and not to smaller component sub-drops.

3.2

native drop volume

amount of fluid within the smallest sub-drop jetted from a greyscale inkjet print-head used to create images with droplets formed by multiple sub-drops within a single event

Note 1 to entry: Native drops (or threads or satellite drops) might be too small for accurate measurements by flash imaging, but satellite drops that have merged in-flight might be large enough for drop analysis systems. (See Figure 1 for a representation of the relative sizes for greyscale droplets in-flight.)



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**Figure 1 – Representation of greyscale drop size 1
("native drop") to size 7**