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Preface

Branches of engineering are growing further apart and, with constant innovation, development and diversification within each discipline, there is a strong demand for increased specialisation by the engineer. Along with this growth, the terminology employed in industry has become more sophisticated and at times confusing. However, these engineering disciplines are still linked in practice and those involved in industry are frequently called upon to understand the precise meaning of the terms used in a field other than their own.

This glossary is a collection of current terms presented as a straightforward alphabetical list. It covers a wide range of disciplines, including mechanical, production and electronic engineering, and is of value both to students and practising engineers. It includes numerous cross references and employs the SI system of units. With its wide coverage and ease of use it should help to bridge the interdisciplinary gap in a number of situations.