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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

— removed alternative formulae in 11.2.1 because they are not relevant for tissue paper;

— updated tables in Annex A to include data to 0,01 and corrected errors in the tables;

— changed C/2° Brightness to ISO Brightness.

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Introduction

Brightness and colour measurement can be performed under various illumination and observation conditions. This document deals with C/2° conditions, which refer to an indoor daylight.

D65/10° conditions (outdoor daylight) are considered in ISO 12625-7. Although both International Standards deal with brightness and colour, results obtained are usually different and do not correlate.

Optical measurements are affected by the geometry of the instruments used and by the texture of the material.

The optical properties are related to the visual appearance of the material in a specified illumination condition. Although optical properties are intrinsic properties of tissue paper, they are not functional properties.

Brightness should not be confused with the optical property called CIE-whiteness, which is based on reflectance data obtained over the full visible spectral range (VIS). In contrast, brightness is limited to the blue region of VIS (visible spectrum).

As preferences for the properties specified can vary by country/market, two other test methods for the determination of optical properties were developed in addition to this document: ISO 12625-7 and ISO 12625-16.

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Tissue paper and tissue products —

Part 15: Determination of optical properties — Measurement of brightness and colour with C/2° (indoor daylight) illuminant

1 Scope

This document specifies testing procedures for the instrumental determination of brightness and colour of tissue paper and tissue products viewed in indoor daylight conditions. It also gives specific instructions for the preparation of test pieces (single-ply, multi-ply products) and for the optical measurements of products, where special precautions can be necessary.

NOTE The properties called D65 brightness and colour are measured with an instrument adjusted to a much higher UV content than that specified in this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

ISO 187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

ISO 2469, *Paper, board and pulps — Measurement of diffuse radiance factor (diffuse reflectance factor)*

ISO 2470-1:2016, *Paper, board and pulps — Measurement of diffuse blue reflectance factor — Part 1: Indoor daylight conditions (ISO brightness)*

ISO 2470-2, *Paper, board and pulps — Measurement of diffuse blue reflectance factor — Part 2: Outdoor daylight conditions (D65 brightness)*

ISO/CIE 11664-4, *Colorimetry — Part 4: CIE 1976 L*a*b* colour space*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

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3.1
diffuse radiance factor
R
ratio of the radiation reflected and emitted from a body to that reflected from the perfect reflecting diffuser under the same conditions of diffuse illumination and normal detection

Note 1 to entry: The ratio is often expressed as a percentage.

[SOURCE: ISO 2469:2014, 3.2]

3.2
intrinsic diffuse radiance factor
R_∞
diffuse radiance factor (3.1) of a layer or pad of material thick enough to be opaque, i.e. such that increasing the thickness of the pad by doubling the number of sheets results in no change in the measured radiance factor

Note 1 to entry: The ratio is often expressed as a percentage.

Note 2 to entry: The radiance factor of a single non-opaque sheet is dependent on the background and is not a material property.

[SOURCE: ISO 2469:2014, 3.3, modified — Note 2 to entry added.]

3.3
reflectance factor
ratio of the radiation reflected by a surface element of a body in the direction delimited by a given cone with its apex at the surface element to that reflected by the perfect reflecting diffuser under the same conditions of illumination

Note 1 to entry: The ratio is often expressed as a percentage.

Note 2 to entry: This term shall only be used when it is known that the test material exhibits no luminescence (fluorescence).

[SOURCE: CIE S 017 ILV:2020, 17-24-070]

3.4
ISO brightness
intrinsic diffuse radiance factor (3.2) measured with a reflectometer having the characteristics described in ISO 2469, equipped with a filter or corresponding function having an effective wavelength of 457 nm (and a half bandwidth of 44 nm), and adjusted so that the UV content of the irradiation incident upon the test piece corresponds to that of the CIE illuminant C

Note 1 to entry: The filter function is described more fully by the weighing function factors given in ISO 2470-1.

3.5
tristimulus values
X, Y, Z
amounts of the reference colour stimuli, in a given trichromatic system, required to match the colour of the stimulus considered

Note 1 to entry: In this document as in ISO 5631-1, the CIE illuminant C and the CIE 1931 (2°) standard observer are used to define the trichromatic system.

Note 2 to entry: No subscript is applied to conform to the CIE convention that tristimulus values have no subscript when the CIE 1931 (2°) standard observer is used [the subscript 10 is applied for tristimulus values that are obtained using the CIE 1964 (10°) standard observer].

[SOURCE: CIE S 017 ILV:2020, 17-23-038]

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3.6
C/2° colour
L^*, a^*, and b^* values of the sample according to the CIELAB 1976 system, described in ISO/CIE 11664-4 corresponding to the CIE illuminant C, described in ISO/CIE 11664-2 and the CIE 1964 standard colorimetric (2°) observer, described in ISO/CIE 11664-1, determined by the measurement under the conditions specified in ISO 5631-1

Note 1 to entry: The quantity L^* is a measure of the lightness of the test piece, where $L^* = 0$ corresponds to black and $L^* = 100$ is defined by the perfect reflecting diffuser. Visually, the quantities a^* and b^* represent respectively the red-green and yellow-blue axes in colour space, such that

a) $+a^*$ is a measure of the degree of redness of the test piece,

b) $-a^*$ is a measure of the degree of greenness of the test piece,

c) $+b^*$ is a measure of the degree of yellowness of the test piece, and

d) $-b^*$ is a measure of the degree of blueness of the test piece.

If both a^* and b^* are equal to zero, the test piece is grey.

4 Principle

A test piece is illuminated diffusely in a standard instrument and the light reflected normal to the surface is either allowed to pass through a defined optical filter, and then measured by a photodetector or measured by an array of photosensitive diodes, where each diode responds to a different effective wavelength. The brightness is then determined directly from the output from the photodetector or by calculation from the photosensitive diode outputs using the appropriate weighting function and colour coordinates are calculated for C/2° conditions.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Reflectometer or spectrophotometer, having the geometric, spectral and photometric characteristics described in ISO 2469 and calibrated in accordance with ISO 2469 and ISO 2470-2, and equipped for the measurement of blue reflectance factor.

5.1.1 A filter reflectometer, with the radiation falling upon the test piece shall have a UV content corresponding to that of the CIE illuminant C, adjusted or verified by using the fluorescent reference standard (5.2.2).

5.1.2 An abridged spectrophotometer, with an adjustable filter with a cut-off wavelength of 395 nm or some other system for adjustment and control, and this filter shall be adjusted or the system shall be calibrated using the fluorescent reference standard (5.2.2), so that the UV content of the illumination falling upon the sample corresponds to that of the CIE illuminant C.

5.2 Reference standard for calibration of the instrument

5.2.1 Non-fluorescent reference standard, for photometric calibration, issued by an ISO 4094 authorized laboratory, in accordance with ISO 2469.

5.2.2 Fluorescent reference standard, for use in adjusting the UV content of the radiation incident upon the sample, having an ISO brightness value assigned by an authorized laboratory as prescribed in ISO 2470-1:2016, Annex B.

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