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# Personal protective equipment — Test methods for sunglasses and related eyewear

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies reference test methods for determining the properties of sunglasses given in ISO 12312 (all parts). It is applicable to all sunglasses and related eyewear.

Other test methods may be used if proven to be equivalent.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

ISO 1042:1998, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4007, *Personal protective equipment — Eye and face protection — Vocabulary*

ISO 8596, *Ophthalmic optics — Visual acuity testing — Standard optotype and its presentation*

ISO 11664-1, *Colorimetry — Part 1: CIE standard colorimetric observers*

ISO 11664-2, *Colorimetry — Part 2: CIE standard illuminants*

ISO 12312-1:2013, *Eye and face protection — Sunglasses and related eyewear — Part 1: Sunglasses for general use*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4007 apply.

## 4 Prerequisites

The following parameters shall be specified prior to testing [see ISO 12312 (all parts)]:

- the number of specimens;
- specimen preparation;
- any conditioning prior to testing;
- characteristics to be assessed subjectively (inappropriate);

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— pass/fail criteria.

## 5 General test requirements

Unless otherwise specified, the values stated in this International Standard are expressed as nominal values. Except for temperature limits, values which are not stated as maxima or minima shall be subject to a tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$ . Unless otherwise specified, the ambient temperature for testing shall be between  $16\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $32\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Where other temperature limits are specified they shall be subject to an accuracy of  $\pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Relative humidity shall be maintained at  $(50 \pm 20)\%$ .

Unless otherwise specified, the filters shall be tested at the reference points as defined in ISO 4007.

## 6 Test methods for assessing the construction and materials

### 6.1 Prior assessment of construction, marking and information

Prior to applying the test methods, a visual inspection shall be carried out with normal or corrected vision, without magnification. Marking and information supplied by the manufacturer and safety data sheets (if applicable) or declaration relevant to the materials used in its construction shall also be assessed.

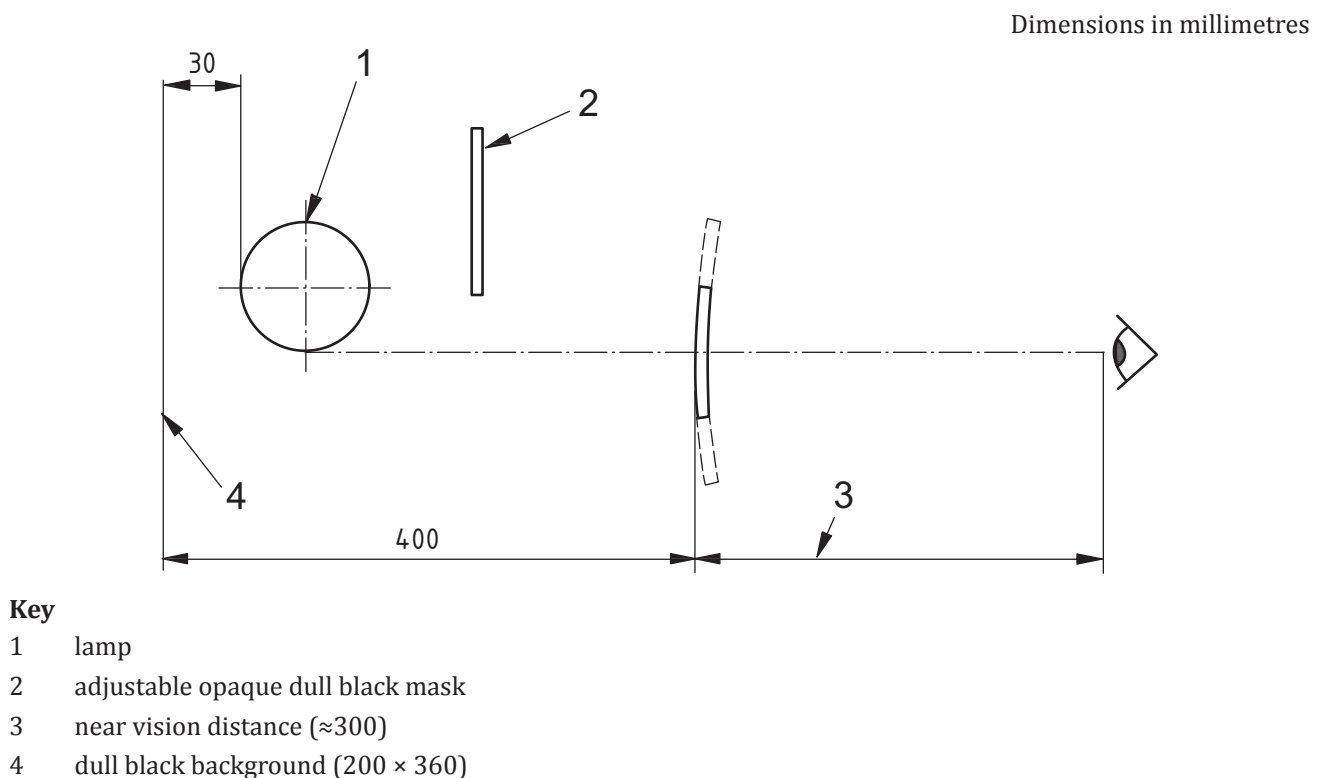
### 6.2 Test method for assessment of filter material and surface quality

#### 6.2.1 Principle

The quality of the filter material and surface is assessed by visual inspection.

#### 6.2.2 Apparatus

A suitable apparatus is shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1 — Arrangement of apparatus for assessment of quality of material and surface**

### 6.2.3 Test procedure

Carry out the assessment of the quality of material and surface by visual inspection with the aid of a "light box" or illuminated grid.

NOTE One method of inspection in current use consists of an illuminated grid as a background to be viewed through the filter which is held at various distances from the eye. Another method is to illuminate the filter by means of a fluorescent lamp mounted within a dull black chamber and with the amount of illumination adjusted by means of an adjustable opaque black mask. A suitable arrangement is shown in [Figure 1](#).

### 6.2.4 Verification and test report

Except for a marginal area 5 mm wide at the edge of the eye protector, any significant defects likely to impair vision in use shall be recorded in the verification and test report.

## 7 Test methods for measuring spectrophotometric properties

### 7.1 Measurement of spectral transmittance $\tau(\lambda)$

#### 7.1.1 Spectral transmittance

##### 7.1.1.1 General

Test methods shall be used which have relative uncertainties in spectral transmittance less than or equal to those given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Relative uncertainty of measured spectral transmittance**

Spectral transmittance value		Uncertainty
Less than %	to %	%
100	17,8	±2 absolute
17,8	0,44	±10 relative
0,44	0,023	±15 relative
0,023	0,0012	±20 relative
0,0012	0,000023	±30 relative

The general methods of evaluating the components of uncertainty are set out in ISO/IEC Guide 98-3. [Annex A](#) shows how uncertainty of measurement is to be applied in the reporting of results and compliance and [Annex B](#) is a guide to the sources of uncertainty in spectrophotometry, their minimization and evaluation.

The location and direction of measurement of transmittance shall be as specified in ISO 12312-1. If the measurements are not made normal to the surface of the filter, then particular attention should be paid to the effects of beam displacement (see [Annex B](#)). If the direction of measurement is not specified then it shall be measured normal to the surface of the filter when unmounted.

Calculations shall be carried out at not more than 5 nm intervals ( $\Delta\lambda = 5$  nm) in the ultraviolet-visible region (280 nm to 780 nm) and not more than 10 nm in the infrared region (780 nm to 2 000 nm). The necessary data at these intervals are provided in [Annexes D, E, F, H](#) and [I](#).

##### 7.1.1.2 Test procedure

Place the filter in order to follow the location and direction of measurement of transmittance as specified in ISO 12312-1.