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Standard Specification for Illuminators Used for Viewing Industrial Radiographs¹

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1. Scope

1.1 The function of the illuminator is to provide sufficient illumination and viewing capabilities for the purpose of identification and interpretation of radiographic images. This specification provides the recommended minimum requirements for Industrial Radiographic Illuminators used for viewing industrial radiographic films using transmitted light sources.

1.2 The illuminator has to ensure the same safety for personnel, or users of any electric apparatus, as specified by electrical standards applicable in the country in which the illuminator is used.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 Values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parenthesis are provided for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

E1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

For definitions of terms used in this specification, see Terminology E1316.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 This specification is intended to be used by the manufacturers and purchasers of radiographic illuminators. Requirements, if imposed on manufacturers, should be established by contractual agreement or appropriate purchase document.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *General*—The illuminator shall consist of a housing with one or more of the sides containing a viewing screen illuminated from the inside of the housing. The viewing screen may also be the diffusing screen. There shall be thermal protection to prevent overheating, and subsequent damage to the radiographs placed on the viewing screen. The housing or system may or may not require ventilation. A rheostat or suitable electrical circuit shall be provided to vary the light intensity.

6. Physical Properties

6.1 *General*—The illuminator shall be manufactured of materials deemed suitable to withstand the environmental conditions encountered under normal operating conditions.

6.2 *Viewing Screen*—The viewing screen shall be easy to clean and made of material which is resistant to scratches. The size of the screen shall allow the user to view the radiograph without excessive glare. If the illuminator is to be used for viewing radiographs of various sizes, masks of various sizes and configurations shall be provided. Alternately, an adjustable aperture may be used.

6.3 *Color of Light*—The color of the light used to illuminate the radiograph shall be white, that is, color temperature between 5000 and 6250°K. However, illuminators using non-white or “colored” light may be used if they have been recommended by the film manufacturers.

6.4 *Diffusing Screen*—If the illuminator has a diffusing screen, the light shall be sufficiently divergent so that both eyes of the observer receive rays from all parts of the screen.

6.5 *Housing*—The external housing shall be constructed in such a manner that no disturbing light hinders the viewing of the radiographs.

6.6 *Anti-Glare Device*—The illuminator shall be fitted with an anti-glare switch or device that minimizes the probability of the operator being subjected to excessive glare when the radiograph is removed. This switch or device may be manual or automatic.

6.7 *Illuminators Used for Viewing “Wet” Radiographs*—Illuminators manufactured for use in viewing “wet” radiographs shall be manufactured to prevent the penetration of liquid into internal electrical components in such a manner that safe operation of the unit would be compromised.