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Standard Test Method for Color and Color Difference of Whitewares by Abridged Spectrophotometry¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method describes the instrumental measurement of the reflection properties and color of ceramic glazes and other whitewares by the use of a spectrophotometer or spectrocolorimeter with a hemispherical optical measuring system, such as an integrating sphere.

1.2 The test method is suitable for use with most specimens having an exterior flat surface large enough to cover the spectrophotometer sample port.

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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[C242 Terminology of Ceramic Whitewares and Related Products](#)

[D2244 Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates](#)

[E179 Guide for Selection of Geometric Conditions for Measurement of Reflection and Transmission Properties of Materials](#)

[E284 Terminology of Appearance](#)

[E308 Practice for Computing the Colors of Objects by Using the CIE System](#)

[E805 Practice for Identification of Instrumental Methods of Color or Color-Difference Measurement of Materials](#)

[E1164 Practice for Obtaining Spectrometric Data for Object-Color Evaluation](#)

[E1331 Test Method for Reflectance Factor and Color by Spectrophotometry Using Hemispherical Geometry](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 The definitions in Guide [E179](#), Terminologies [C242](#) and [E284](#), and Practice [E1164](#) are applicable to this test method.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 This test method provides a procedure for measuring the reflectance factors of reflecting ceramic glazes or related whiteware specimens by using a spectrophotometer or spectrocolorimeter equipped with a hemispherical optical measuring system such as an integrating sphere. (See Test Method [E1331](#).)

4.2 This test method includes procedures for calibrating the instrument and for selecting specimens suitable for precision measurement.

4.3 Most modern spectrophotometers have the capacity to compute the color coordinates of the specimen immediately following the measurement. When this is the case, the user must select the color system, observer, and illuminant (Practice [E308](#), Section 6).

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The most direct and accessible methods for obtaining the color coordinates of ceramic glazes and related whitewares are by instrumental measurement using spectrophotometers or colorimeters with either hemispherical or bidirectional optical measuring systems. This test method provides procedures for such measurement by reflectance spectrophotometry using a hemispherical optical measuring system.

5.2 This test method is especially suitable for measurement of the following types of specimens for the indicated uses (See Practice [E805](#)):

5.2.1 All types of ceramic glaze and related whiteware specimens to obtain data for use in computer colorant formulation.

5.2.2 Ceramic glaze and related whiteware specimens for color assessment.

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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.