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# Introduction

This family of documents was developed in response to the worldwide stakeholders' demand for minimum requirements and test methods for eye and face protectors traded internationally. ISO 4007 gives the terms and definitions for all the various product types. The test methods are given in the ISO 18526- series, while the requirements for occupational eye and face protectors are in the ISO 16321-series. Eye protectors for specific sports are mostly dealt with by the ISO 18527- series.

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# Eye and face protection for sports use —

# Part 3:

# Requirements and test methods for eyewear intended to be used for surface swimming

# 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for eyewear intended for surface swimming only. It contains requirements for eyewear for both recreational and specialist competitive swimming. It deals with materials, construction, optical properties and test methods.

Requirements for the labelling and marking of swimming eyewear and for information to be supplied by the manufacturer are also specified.

Eyewear intended for surface swimming conforming to the requirements of this standard are suitable for surface use and shallow diving only, e.g. from the edge of a pool and are not suitable for wear when diving from a high board.

This standard applies to eyewear that include:

- a) non-prescription nominally plane or afocal lenses, and
- b) non-prescription mass-produced corrective lenses, and
- c) prescription lenses.

#### 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 4007:2018, Personal protective equipment — Eye and face protection — Vocabulary

ISO 8980-1:2017, Ophthalmic optics — Uncut finished spectacle lenses — Part 1: Specifications for single-vision and multifocal lenses

ISO 8980-2:2017, Ophthalmic optics — Uncut finished spectacle lenses — Part 2: Specifications for power-variation lenses

ISO 11664-2:2007, Colorimetry — Part 2: CIE standard illuminants

ISO 12312-1:2013 + A1:2015, Eye and face protection — Sunglasses and related eyewear — Part 1: Sunglasses for general use

ISO 18526-1:—1), Eye and face protection – Test methods – Part 1: Geometrical optical properties

ISO 18526-2:—<sup>2)</sup>, Eye and face protection– Test methods – Part 2: Physical optical properties

<sup>1)</sup> Under preparation (Stage at the time of publication ISO/FDIS 18526-1)

<sup>2)</sup> Under preparation (Stage at the time of publication ISO/FDIS 18526-2)

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ISO 18526-3:—3), Eye and face protection – Test Methods – Part 3: Physical and mechanical properties

ISO 18526-4:—4), Eye and face protection – Test Methods – Part 4: Headforms

ISO 21987:2017, Ophthalmic optics — Mounted spectacle lenses

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <a href="http://www.electropedia.prg/">http://www.electropedia.prg/</a>
- ISO online browsing platform: available at <a href="http://www.iso.org/obp">http://www.iso.org/obp</a>

#### 3.1

### swimming goggles

eyewear having individual cup-type flat or curved sheet plano lenses or corrective lenses and designed for surface swimming only

#### 3.2

#### swimming mask

eyewear (with one-piece or separate lenses) intended for surface swimming with a single *water seal* or *water gasket* (3.4) on the perimeter of the frame that does not cover the nostrils

# 3.3

part of the eyewear surrounding the lens or lenses, generally with the water seal (3.4) incorporated

Note 1 to entry: Some eyewear designed for competitive use may not have a water seal (3.4).

#### 3.4

#### water seal

#### water cushion

#### water gasket

sealing material typically made of a soft or semi-rigid material attached or adhered to the *eyecup(3.3)* to assist sealing between the face and the eyewear

#### 3.5

#### nosebridge strap

part of the product that connects the *eyecups* (3.3) or frame

Note 1 to entry: Some products have a nosebridge strap that is one-piece with the frame and, as a consequence, is not adjustable. Some products have a separate nosebridge strap and eyecups and this may be adjustable.

#### 3.6

### temporal flange lens

lens that is flat or has a shallow curve across the optical aperture but with a temporal zone angled towards the wearer's face.

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1

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<sup>4)</sup> Under preparation (Stage at the time of publication ISO/FDIS 18526-4)

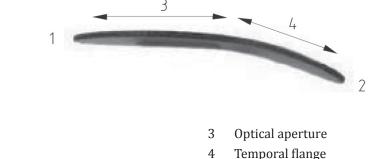


Figure 1 — View from above of an example of a right lens with a temporal flange

# 4 General requirements for eyewear<sup>5)</sup>

## 4.1 Physiological compatibility

Key 1

Nasal

**Temporal** 

Eyewear shall be designed and manufactured in such a way that when used under the conditions and for the purposes intended, they will not compromise the health or safety of the wearer. The risks posed by substances leaking or evaporating from the eyewear that can come into prolonged contact with the wearer shall be reduced by the manufacturer to within the limits of any applicable regulatory requirement.

Special attention shall be given to substances that are allergenic, carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction.

NOTE 1 Excessive pressure due to a poor fit on the head, chemical irritation or allergy are known to produce reactions. Rare or idiosyncratic reactions to any material are known to occur and the individual wearer is well advised to avoid those types of frame materials.

Substances recommended for cleaning, maintenance or disinfection shall be known to be unlikely to have any adverse effect upon the wearer, when applied in accordance with the instructions given in the information to be supplied by the manufacturer.

Manufacturers / suppliers shall perform an appropriate risk analysis on potentially harmful substances contained in the eyewear that, when the eyewear is used under the conditions and for the purposes intended, the health (and safety) of the wearer shall not be compromised.

The following are examples of documents that represent the appropriate information:

- a) specification of the material(s);
- b) safety data sheets relating to the materials;
- c) information relating to the suitability of the materials for use with food, in medical devices, or other relevant applications and
- d) information relating to toxicological, allergenic, carcinogenic, toxic to reproduction, or mutagenic investigations on the materials.

NOTE 2 Specific national regulations with regard to restriction of certain chemicals need to be observed, for example release of nickel.

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<sup>5) &</sup>quot;For the purposes of this document, "eyewear" is used as a general term for masks and goggles used for surface swimming."

## 4.2 Construction and adjustment

Areas of the eyewear that may, during intended use, come into contact with the wearer shall be free from projections, sharp edges or other features likely to cause discomfort or injury to the wearer.

Any part of the eyewear that can be adjusted or removed by the wearer for the purpose of replacement (in accordance with the instructions given in the information to be supplied by the manufacturer), shall be designed and manufactured to facilitate adjustment, removal and attachment without the use of tools.

Any adjustment system incorporated in the eyewear shall maintain the intended fit for the foreseeable conditions of use.

The test shall be carried out by physical inspection according to ISO 18526-3:—, 6.1.

## 4.3 Cleaning and/or disinfection

The eyewear shall be cleaned only once according to the cleaning and/or disinfection procedures in the information to be supplied by the manufacturer before being subjected to testing.

## 4.4 Lens material and surface quality

In a circular area 30 mm diameter centred on the reference point(s) but excluding a marginal area 3 mm wide around the edge of the lens, visor or filter if this overlaps with the circular area, lenses, visors or filters shall be free from defects likely to impair vision in use (such as bubbles, scratches, inclusions, dull spots, pitting, mould marks, scouring, grains, pocking, scaling and undulation) when examined according to ISO 18526-3:—, 6.6. Outside this zone, including on any temporal flange, small isolated material and/or surface defects are acceptable.

# 4.5 Headform(s)

Unless the manufacturer specifies the headform(s) according to ISO 18526-4 that are compatible with the eyewear, the test methods where headform(s) is are required shall use the headform 1-M according to ISO 18526-4 as the default.

## 4.6 Resistance to corrosion

Following the resistance to corrosion test according to ISO 18526-3:—, 6.9, the intended use of all exposed metal parts of the eyewear shall not be affected. No metallic part intended to be in direct contact with the user during intended use shall show signs of corrosion. The test shall be verified by physical inspection according to ISO 18526-3:—, 6.1.

#### 4.7 Retention by headband (Sit and fit)

Eyewear shall sit in the intended position during normal use and shall adapt to the contours of the face. The surfaces in contact with the face shall be made of soft flexible material. The headband shall be designed to be flexible or adjustable and sit securely on the back of the head. The headband assembly shall not cause any discomfort nor exhibit any insecurity when tested in accordance with ISO 18526-3:—, 6.5.

#### 4.8 Mandatory and optional requirements

In this document both optional and mandatory requirements are described. Depending on the intended use and/or the manufacturer's claimed specification, some requirements marked as optional become mandatory.