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## CODE FOR DESIGNATION OF COLOURS

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- a) Updated to the last IEC template;
- b) Codes restricted to letter codes;
- c) Removed old unnecessary notes;
- d) Added a new subclause on alternating colours of the same item;
- e) Added Annex A with examples of colours and their corresponding RGB encoding.

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85 **that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding**  
86 **of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.**

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89 is 2030.

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## CODE FOR DESIGNATION OF COLOURS

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### 1 Scope

98 This International Standard specifies letter codes for designation of colours and provides rules  
99 for their combination to designate colour combinations. The letter codes are intended to be  
100 applied in the technical documentation of industrial installations, equipment and products, and  
101 in markings of equipment and products.

102 This basic safety publication is primarily intended for use by technical committees in the  
103 preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and  
104 ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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107 preparation of its publications. The requirements of this basic safety publication will not apply  
108 unless specifically referred to or included in the relevant publications.

109 This International Standard does not specify any requirements for the encoding of colour  
110 properties, nor for their visual representation. Such requirements are under the responsibility  
111 of the different technical committees.

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116 amendments) applies.

117 IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications  
118 and group safety publications*

119 ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

120 IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification –  
121 Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

### 122 3 Terms and definitions

123 No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

- 126 • IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- 127 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 128 4 Letter codes for colours

129 For the designation of a colour, the following applies:

- 130 • For colours listed in Table 1, the designation shall be in accordance with the letter code  
131 specified in Table 1;

- 132 • For other colours, the letter code applied shall be specified in supporting documentation.  
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134 **Table 1 – Colours and their letter code**

Colour	Letter code
Black	BK
Brown	BN
Red	RD
Orange	OG
Green	GN
Yellow	YE
Blue	BU
Violet	VT
Grey	GY
White	WH
Pink	PK
Gold	GD
Turquoise	TQ
Silver	SR

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136 NOTE In Annex A is shown examples of the colours together with their RGB encoding. There is no colour matching  
137 required or implied, but the colours need to be unambiguously different to ensure safe usage.

138 **5 Application of colour designations**

139 **5.1 Multiple colours on the same item**

140 Where an item is coloured with different colours, the colour designation for that item shall be  
141 formed by adding the colour codes for the different colours applied in a sequence as they are  
142 listed from the top in Table 1.

143 EXAMPLE: An item coloured red and blue is colour designated: RDBU.

144 The combination of the colours green, GN, and yellow, YE, shall be restricted to those purposes  
145 specified in IEC 60445, and those colours shall not be used in any combination other than the  
146 combination green-and-yellow, GNYE.

147 **5.2 Alternating colours of the same item**

148 Where different colours are used alternatively for the same item, the colour designation for that  
149 item shall be formed by adding the colour codes for the different alternating colours applied in  
150 a sequence as they are listed from the top in Table 1, separated by the SOLIDUS sign “/”.

151 EXAMPLE: A LED alternating between the two colours blue and white is colour designated BU/WH.

152 **5.3 Colours on different subitems of an item**

153 Where different subitems of an item are coloured with different colours or colour combinations,  
154 the colour designation for the content of the item shall be formed by adding the colour  
155 designation of the different subitems separated by the PLUS sign “+”.

156 EXAMPLE: A cable with a black, a brown, a grey, a blue and a green-and-yellow core is colour designated:  
157 BK+BN+GNYE+BU+GY