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lenses — Measurement of ISO spectral  
transmittance**

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the document has been updated to current drafting rules;
- [A.2](#) b) has been adjusted.

## Introduction

This document describes a preferred method for the measurement of spectral transmittance. Alternative methods may be used, provided that the method gives the same result as that obtained according to this document within the tolerances allowed by it. In the case of lenses with very long or short focal lengths and in large aperture lenses, care should be taken to maintain the ideal integration properties of the integrating sphere.

Spectral transmittance of the lens under test may vary with the diameter of the incident beam and with the angle of incidence of the beam. In order to obtain uniform results, this document specifies that the measurement is to be made with a collimated beam incident upon the lens along its optical axis, and filling the central half diameter of its entrance pupil at its minimum  $f$ -number.

In the case of lenses with very long or short focal lengths, the measuring method specified in this document may not be applicable due to the difficulty in preparing a very big or very small integrating sphere. In such a case, an alternative method may be used, provided that it gives the same result as that obtained according to this document within the tolerances allowed by this document.

[Annex A](#), which forms an integral part of this document, is provided to give a particular method for measuring the spectral transmittance of mirror lenses.

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