
**Eye and face protection against
intense light sources used on humans
and animals for cosmetic and medical
applications —**

**Part 1:
Specification for products**

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Foreword

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— Alignment to ISO 16321 series and ISO 18526 series.

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Eye and face protection against intense light sources used on humans and animals for cosmetic and medical applications —

Part 1: Specification for products

1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for operators' eye protectors for intense light source (ILS) equipment used on humans and animals for cosmetic and medical applications against excessive exposure to optical radiation in the spectral range 250 nm to 3 000 nm, with the exception of laser radiation.

This document is applicable to devices intended for patient protection during ILS procedures, except for treatment in the periorbital area. For guidance on patient eye protection during ILS procedures, see ISO/TR 22463.

For guidance on the use and selection of ILS eye protectors, see ISO 12609-2.

This document does not apply to:

- laser protectors, for which ISO 19818-1 applies;
- protectors for medically prescribed applications (not occupational), e.g. eye protection for severe dry eye, tints prescribed for medical conditions;
- protectors specifically intended for protection against only solar radiation and used in non-occupational environments for which the ISO 12312 (all parts) applies;
- protectors used with tanning equipment;
- protectors intended to protect against ionizing radiation, e.g. X-rays, for which IEC 61331-3 applies.

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, *Personal protective equipment — Eye and face protection — Vocabulary*

ISO 18526-1:2020, *Eye and face protection — Test methods — Part 1: Geometrical optical properties*

ISO 18526-2:2020, *Eye and face protection — Test methods — Part 2: Physical optical properties*

ISO 18526-3:2020, *Eye and face protection — Test methods — Part 3: Physical and mechanical properties*

ISO 18526-4, *Eye and face protection — Test methods — Part 4: Headforms*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

3.1 intense light source ILS

device incorporating one or more non-laser, pulsed or continuous, sources of optical radiation in the wavelength range 250 nm to 3 000 nm and intended to cause biological effects in humans and animals

3.2 opaque patient eye protector

protector made from a medium with spectral transmittance no more than 0,01 % in the waveband 250 nm to 3 000 nm

Note 1 to entry: This can be made of metal or intensely pigmented material.

4 Classes of ILS eye protectors

There are three classes of ILS eye protector

- F-scale eye protector where the scale number is determined by its luminous transmittance for CIE standard illuminant D65,
- B-scale protector where the scale number is determined by its blue-light transmittance, and
- Opaque eye protectors, for patient use only.

5 General requirements for ILS eye protectors

5.1 Ambient temperatures

ILS eye protectors described in this document are intended for use at normal ambient temperatures, (23 ± 5) °C.

5.2 Physiological compatibility

ILS eye protectors 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 ILS eye protector 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 and 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 ILS eye protector such that, when the ILS eye protector is used under the intended 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) specifications regarding 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;
- d) information relating to toxicological, allergenic, carcinogenic, toxic to reproduction, or mutagenic properties of the materials.

Specific national regulations with regard to the restriction of certain chemical substances are to be observed (for example the release of nickel).

5.3 Construction and adjustment

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

Any part of the ILS eye protector 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 favour adjustment, removal and attachment without the use of tools. Critical parts, such as the filters, shall not be removable by the wearer.

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

The test shall be carried out by physical inspection in accordance with ISO 18526-3:2020, 6.1.

5.4 Cleaning and/or disinfection ISO 12609-1:2021

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The ILS eye protectors shall be cleaned only once in accordance with the cleaning and/or disinfection procedures in the information to be supplied by the manufacturer before being subjected to testing.

5.5 Headform(s)

Unless the manufacturer specifies the headform(s) (in accordance with ISO 18526-4) that is/are compatible with the ILS eye protector, test methods where (a) headform(s) is/are required shall use the headform 1-M in accordance with ISO 18526-4 as the default.

5.6 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.

6 Transmittance

6.1 General

The spectral transmittance, $\tau(\lambda)$, of the ILS protection filter at wavelengths between 250 nm and 3 000 nm shall be determined at normal incidence in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, Clause 6. The luminous transmittance, $\tau_{v,D65}$, shall be calculated in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, Clause 7 and the blue-light transmittance, τ_B , shall be calculated in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, 9.2. ILS protection filters shall fulfil the transmittance requirements of either the luminous transmittance, $\tau_{v,D65}$, based scale number designation (F-scale numbers) in accordance with 5.2 or the blue-light transmittance, τ_B , based scale number designation (B-scale numbers) in accordance with 5.3.

Filters with angularly dependent transmittance shall be measured at angles of incidence between 0° and at least 30° from the normal and tested in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, 17.8 and 17.9. ILS protection filters shall fulfil the transmittance requirements for the full angular range (–30° to +30°) of either the luminous transmittance, $\tau_{v,D65}$, based scale number designation (F-scale numbers) in accordance with 5.2 or the blue-light transmittance, τ_B , based scale number designation (B-scale numbers) in accordance with 5.3.

NOTE The spectral weighting functions $S(\lambda)$ and $B(\lambda)$ are given in ISO 4007:2018, Table A.1.

6.2 Luminous and spectral transmittance for F-scale numbers

The F-scale number of ILS eye protector shall be determined in accordance with Table 1 when tested in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, Clauses 6, 7 and 10.1.

Table 1 — Transmittance requirements for ILS protection filters; code letter F

Scale number	Spectral transmittance $\tau(\lambda)$			Luminous transmittance $\tau_{v,D65}$	Near IR transmittance τ_{NIR}
	250 nm $\leq \lambda \leq 315$ nm Maximum %	315 nm $< \lambda \leq 380$ nm Maximum %	380 nm $< \lambda \leq 450$ nm Maximum %	380 nm $< \lambda \leq 780$ nm %	780 nm $\leq \lambda \leq 3\,000$ nm Maximum %
F1	0,1	0,4	$\tau_{v,D65}$ ISO 12609-1:2021 https://standards.itech.ai/catalog/standards/sist/fa69a7b2-24fb-4bd6-81bd-448b366178b1/iso-12609-1-2021	$100 \geq \tau_{v,D65} \geq 43,2$	50
F2				$43,2 > \tau_{v,D65} \geq 17,8$	
F3				$17,8 > \tau_{v,D65} \geq 8,5$	
F4				$8,5 > \tau_{v,D65} \geq 3,2$	
F5				$3,2 > \tau_{v,D65} \geq 1,2$	
F6				$1,2 > \tau_{v,D65} \geq 0,44$	
NOTE Emission by ILS equipment of optical radiation with wavelengths below 400 nm is negligible.					

6.3 Luminous and spectral transmittance for B-scale numbers

In many types of ILS equipment, the blue spectral component of light poses the greatest risk.

The B-scale number of ILS eye protector shall be determined in accordance with Table 2 when tested in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, Clauses 6, 8.2, 9.2 and 10.1.

Table 2 — Transmittance requirements for ILS protection filters, code letter B

Scale number	Spectral transmittance $\tau(\lambda)$			Blue-light transmittance τ_B	Near IR transmittance τ_{NIR}
	250 nm $\leq \lambda \leq 315$ nm Maximum %	315 nm $< \lambda \leq 380$ nm Maximum %	380 nm $< \lambda \leq 450$ nm Maximum %	380 nm $< \lambda \leq 500$ nm %	780 nm $\leq \lambda \leq 3\,000$ nm Maximum %
B1	0,1	0,4	—	$100 \geq \tau_B \geq 43,2$	50
B2			43,2	$43,2 > \tau_B \geq 17,8$	
B3			17,8	$17,8 > \tau_B \geq 8,5$	
B4			8,5	$8,5 > \tau_B \geq 3,2$	
B5			3,2	$3,2 > \tau_B \geq 1,2$	
B6			—	$1,2 > \tau_B$	

NOTE Emission by ILS equipment of optical radiation with wavelengths below 400 nm is negligible.

6.4 Uniformity of luminous transmittance and transmittance matching

ILS protection filters shall fulfil the following requirements for uniformity of transmittance:

- the relative variations of the luminous transmittance around the reference point(s), ΔF_R and ΔF_L , shall be measured in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, 7.4, as applicable. ΔF_R and ΔF_L (as appropriate) shall not exceed ± 10 %.
- the relative difference of the luminous transmittance, ΔP , between the right and left eye reference points shall be measured in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, 7.5. ΔP shall not exceed ± 15 %.

Changes of luminous transmittance that are caused by thickness variations due to the design of the filter are permitted. For verification, the procedure in accordance with the test method in ISO 18526-2:2020, 7.4.1.4 shall be used.

This requirement can be omitted for opaque patient eye protectors.

7 Colour neutrality (optional requirement)

If colour neutrality is claimed, the spectral transmittance between 450 nm and 650 nm shall be uniform, defined as being within ± 20 % of the mean transmittance value in this range.

The colour neutrality shall be tested in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, Clause 6.

8 ILS eye protectors with autodarkening filters

8.1 General

ILS eye protectors with autodarkening (electro-optical) filters switch from a light state (high transmittance) to a dark state (low transmittance) during the ILS procedures. Autodarkening eye protectors protect against the excessive exposure to optical radiation in the spectral range of 250 nm to 3 000 nm. ILS eye protectors with autodarkening filters combine passive UV and IR filters that protect against these respective hazards with an autodarkening filter technology that automatically attenuates the excessive radiation in the visible spectral range to safe and non-glaring levels.

ILS eye protectors with autodarkening filters are not intended for patient use.

NOTE In the light state, the protector enables the operator to recognize the required operational details during the treatment. As soon as bright light is reflected, mainly off the patient's skin or when the ILS source is pointed accidentally towards the eyes of the operator, the autodarkening filter switches to the dark state.

8.2 Transmittance

ILS eye protectors with autodarkening filters shall provide the required levels of spectral transmittance (250 nm to 450 nm) and near IR transmittance as specified in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) in their light and dark states. The luminous transmittance or the blue-light transmittance shall be within the transmittance ranges for the shade numbers/categories claimed by the manufacturer for both light and dark states.

If the power supply is disconnected or malfunctions, ILS eye protectors with autodarkening filters powered by mains, batteries or photoelectric cells shall reduce the luminous transmittance (380 nm to 780 nm) to a maximum of 30 %. The spectral transmittance (250 nm to 450 nm) and the near IR transmittance requirements of scale number F2 or B2 specified in [Table 1](#) or [Table 2](#) shall also be fulfilled.

8.3 Angular dependence of luminous transmittance

Autodarkening filters with angularly dependent transmittance shall be measured at angles of incidence between 0° and at least 30° from the normal in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, 17.8, at a temperature of (23 ± 5) °C.

The maximum values of V_{15} and V_{30} of F-scale number and B-scale number autodarkening filters measured in white light (CIE standard illuminant A) shall not exceed the values given in [Table 3](#). The requirement shall apply to both the light and the dark states.

Table 3 — Angular dependence of luminous transmittance of autodarkening filters

Maximum value of V_{15}	Maximum value of V_{30}
7,20 (corresponding to 2 scale numbers)	51,75 (corresponding to 4 scale numbers)

8.4 Switching time

The time taken by an ILS eye protector with autodarkening filters to reach its maximum specified scale number ("dark state") in response to exposure to incident optical radiation shall not exceed 1 ms when determined in accordance with ISO 18526-2:2020, 17.11.

9 Construction of ILS eye protectors

9.1 Area to be protected from ILS radiation

[Figure 1](#) and [Table 4](#) describe the minimum areas to be protected against optical radiation from the ILS.

The dimensions of the headform(s) are defined in ISO 18526-4.

When tested in accordance with ISO 18526-3:2020, 6.3, the ILS protector shall cover two ellipses projected on to the headform defined in [Table 4](#) and [Figure 1](#). These ellipses have a horizontal dimension of b and a vertical dimension of c , the centres of which are separated by dimension a . They are symmetrically placed on either side of the centre of the bridge of the headform nose, i.e. the vertical axis of symmetry midway between the corneal apices.

When tested from each side in accordance with ISO 18526-3:2020, 6.4, the ILS protector shall cover the area projected on to the headform as defined in [Table 4](#) and [Figure 1](#). This area is bounded by a semicircle of radius f centred on the lateral canthus, which is a distance, e , behind the corneal apex, and the horizontal lines through the top and bottom of the semicircle.