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

- deletion of definitions of convention “A” and convention “B”;
- deletion of all texts and tables corresponding to air mass 1,0 global;
- revision of 3.1;
- addition of some symbol definitions for variables and parameters;
- addition of calculation methods for luminous transmittance [ $T_L$ ], solar direct reflectance [ $R_e$ ], solar direct absorbance [ $a_e$ ] and colorimetry;
- revision of calculation method for solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(380)}$ ] to calculate with air mass 1,5 global;
- addition of a new [Table 1](#) for calculation of luminous transmittance [ $T_L$ ], a new [Table 2](#) for calculation of solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(380)}$ ], and a new [Table 5](#) for calculation of colorimetry;
- revision of [Table 3](#) (former [Table 1](#)) for calculation of solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(400)}$ ], [Table 4](#) (former [Table 2](#)) for calculation of solar direct transmittance [ $T_e$ ] and solar direct reflectance [ $R_e$ ], and [Table A.1](#) for explanation of derivation process;
- revision of [Annex A](#) to list the source of values in the new solar weight tables and give out the derivation process of [Table 3](#) as an example;

- deletion of Figure A.1 and Figure A.2;
- moving of texts of Annex B to [5.3.7](#) and revision of text structure;
- revision of Bibliography;
- editorial update.

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## Introduction

A review of existing standards and industry specifications and procedures reveals a lack of agreement with respect to the basis for defining and measuring the ultraviolet (UV), visible (VIS), infrared (IR) transmittance and colorimetry ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$ ) properties of glazing materials. To avoid the continued preparation and promulgation of conflicting standards by individual entities, there is an interest in the automotive and glazing industries to harmonize on a worldwide basis the test procedures and protocols used to assess the solar transmittance properties of glazing materials.

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# Road vehicles — Safety glazing materials — Method for the determination of solar transmittance

## 1 Scope

This document specifies test methods to determine the luminous, the direct and total solar transmittance, and the colorimetry of safety glazing materials for road vehicles.

This document applies to monolithic or laminated, clear or tinted samples of safety glazing materials. Essentially flat sections of glazing parts can be used in this test, as well as flat samples of the same materials.

## 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/CIE 11664-4:2019, *Colorimetry — Part 4: CIE 1976 L\*a\*b\* colour space*

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## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

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### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

#### 3.1.1

##### air mass

ratio of the mass of atmosphere in the actual observer-sun path to the mass that would exist if the observer were at sea level, at standard barometric pressure, and the sun were directly overhead

## 3.2 Symbols

$T_L$	luminous transmittance for CIE standard illuminant A with 2 degree view through a glazing
$T_\lambda$	transmittance through a glazing at wavelength $\lambda$ within a specified $\Delta\lambda$
$W_\lambda$	normalized luminous transmittance weighting coefficient
$T_{UV(380)}$	ultraviolet (UV) direct solar energy transmitted through the glazing at a specified upper limit value (380 nm)
$E'_{\lambda(n)}$	normalized relative spectral distribution of global solar radiation
$T_{UV(400)}$	ultraviolet (UV) direct solar energy transmitted through the glazing at a specified upper limit value (400 nm)

$T_e$	direct solar energy (e) transmitted through the glazing
$R_e$	direct solar energy (e) reflected by the glazing
$R_\lambda$	external reflectance (R) of a glazing at wavelength $\lambda$ within a specified $\Delta\lambda$
$a_e$	direct solar energy (e) absorbed by the glazing
$T_{TS}$	total solar energy ( $T_e + q_i$ ) transmitted through the glazing
$q_i$	secondary heat flux through the glazing
$h_e$	heat flux of the safety glazing material towards the outside
$h_i$	heat flux of the safety glazing material towards the inside
$v$	wind velocity
$\varepsilon_i$	corrected emissivity
$X_{10}, Y_{10}, Z_{10}$	tristimulus values calculated using the CIE 1964 standard colorimetric observer under CIE standard illuminant D65 spectral power distribution
$W_{10,X(\lambda)}, W_{10,Y(\lambda)}, W_{10,Z(\lambda)}$	pre-calculated weighting functions for tristimulus integration using the CIE 1964 standard colorimetric observer
$X_n, Y_n, Z_n$	tristimulus values of a specific white colour stimulus calculated using the colour-matching functions of the CIE 1931 standard colorimetric system
$L^*, a^*, b^*$	coordinates of the CIE 1976 $L^*a^*b^*$ colour space; $L^*$ , CIELAB lightness; $a^*$ , $b^*$ , CIELAB coordinates
$\lambda$	wavelength, in nm
$S_\lambda$	relative spectral distribution of global solar radiation
$\Delta\lambda$	uniform $\lambda$ interval
$E_\lambda$	solar energy within a $\Delta\lambda$
$E'_\lambda$	$E_\lambda$ in trapezoidal form ( $E_1/2, E_2 \dots E_{n-1}, E_n/2$ )

## 4 Apparatus

This method requires spectral transmittance data to be obtained from samples of glazing materials using a scanning spectrophotometer. This instrument, preferably equipped with an integrating sphere, shall be capable of measuring transmittance over that part of the electromagnetic spectrum in which the solar energy is transmitted to the earth's surface.

## 5 Procedure

### 5.1 Sample preparation

Cut out (if necessary) and clean the flattest area of curved test specimens with distilled water and reagent grade ethanol, or use an alternate procedure appropriate to the material, if necessary. Cut and clean flat samples similarly.



## 5.2 Measurement

Standardize the spectrophotometer in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Measure transmittance/reflectance of cleaned sample and record the sample spectral data in accordance with the instrument manufacturer's recommendation. Note its film/coating side and curvature orientation, if applicable.

## 5.3 Calculation method

### 5.3.1 Luminous transmittance [ $T_L$ ]

The luminous transmittance  $T_L$  shall be calculated using the weight data of visible radiation of CIE standard illuminant A in [Table 1](#) and [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$T_L = \sum_{380}^{780} T_\lambda \times W_\lambda \quad (1)$$

### 5.3.2 Solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(380)}$ ]

The solar UV transmittance  $T_{UV(380)}$  shall be calculated using the solar weight data in [Table 2](#) and [Formula \(2\)](#):

$$T_{UV(380)} = \sum_{300}^{380} T_\lambda \times E'_{\lambda(n)} \quad (2)$$

### 5.3.3 Solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(400)}$ ]

The solar UV transmittance  $T_{UV(400)}$  shall be calculated using the solar weight data in [Table 3](#) and [Formula \(3\)](#):  
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$$T_{UV(400)} = \sum_{300}^{400} T_\lambda \times E'_{\lambda(n)} \quad (3)$$

NOTE [Annex A](#) gives out an example of derivation process for [Table 3](#).

### 5.3.4 Solar direct transmittance [ $T_e$ ]

The solar direct transmittance  $T_e$  shall be calculated using the solar weight data in [Table 4](#) and [Formula \(4\)](#):

$$T_e = \sum_{300}^{2500} T_\lambda \times E'_{\lambda(n)} \quad (4)$$

### 5.3.5 Solar direct reflectance [ $R_e$ ]

The solar direct reflectance  $R_e$  shall be calculated using the solar weight data in [Table 4](#) and [Formula \(5\)](#):

$$R_e = \sum_{300}^{2500} R_\lambda \times E'_{\lambda(n)} \quad (5)$$

**5.3.6 Solar direct absorbance [ $a_e$ ]**

The solar direct absorbance  $a_e$  shall be calculated using [Formula \(6\)](#):

$$a_e = 100 - T_e - R_e \tag{6}$$

where 100 is expressed in percentage (%).

**5.3.7 Total solar transmittance [ $T_{TS}$ ]**

**5.3.7.1** The total solar transmittance  $T_{TS}$  shall be calculated by [Formula \(7\)](#):

$$T_{TS} = T_e + q_i \tag{7}$$

**5.3.7.2** The secondary heat flux through the glazing  $q_i$  of a single glazing shall be calculated by [Formula \(8\)](#):

$$q_i = a_e \times \frac{h_i}{h_i + h_e} \tag{8}$$

**5.3.7.3**  $h_e$  and  $h_i$  mainly depend on the position of the safety glazing material, wind velocity, inside and outside temperatures, as well as on the temperature of the two external glazing material surfaces. As the purpose of this document is to provide basic information on the performance of safety glazing materials, conventional conditions have been stated for simplicity, as specified below:

- a) The position of the safety glazing material is vertical;
- b) Outside surface: <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/612b8777-fecd-4590-810b-4ba84cf595bc/iso-fdis-13837>
  - 1) wind velocities:
    - $v_1$  = approximately 4 m/s for vehicles at rest;
    - $v_2$  = 14 m/s for vehicles at 50 km/h;
    - $v_3$  = 28 m/s for vehicles at 100 km/h;
    - $v_4$  = 42 m/s for vehicles at 150 km/h.
  - 2) Hemispherical emissivity = 0,837;
  - 3) Radiative heat flux was not considered.
- c) Inside surface:
  - 1) natural convection;
  - 2) emissivity is an optional consideration;

**5.3.7.4** Under above conventional, average conditions, standard values of  $h_{e1}$  to  $h_{e4}$  are obtained as follows:

- $h_{e1} = 21 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$  at  $v_1$ ;
- $h_{e2} = 56 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$  at  $v_2$ ;
- $h_{e3} = 97 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$  at  $v_3$ ;

—  $h_{e4} = 133 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})$  at  $v_4$ ;

where

$$\text{for } v < 5 \text{ m/s, } h_e = 5,6 + 3,9 v \quad (9)$$

$$\text{for } v \geq 5 \text{ m/s, } h_e = 7,2 v^{0,78} \quad (10)$$

NOTE For [Formulae \(9\)](#) and [\(10\)](#), see Reference [\[11\]](#).

**5.3.7.5** For  $h_i$ , expressed in  $\text{W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})$ , shall be calculated by [Formula \(11\)](#):

$$h_i = 3,6 + \frac{4,4\varepsilon_i}{0,837} \quad (11)$$

NOTE For ordinary glass,  $\varepsilon_i = 0,837$  and  $h_i = 8 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})$ .

**5.3.7.6** The corrected emissivity,  $\bar{\mu}$ , is defined and measured in accordance with ISO 10292. If other heat flux is used to calculate the secondary heat flux in order to meet special boundary conditions, this shall be reported.

NOTE Values lower than 0,837 for  $\varepsilon_i$  (due to surface coatings with higher reflection in the far infrared) are only considered if water condensation on the coated surface can be excluded.

**5.3.7.7** For multiple safety glazing materials, e.g. double glazing, and for vehicles at rest and in motion, the definitions and formulae used in ISO 9050 can be applied, if necessary, to calculate the total solar transmittance  $T_{TS}$ .

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### 5.3.8 Colorimetry

#### 5.3.8.1 Tristimulus value $X_{10}$ , $Y_{10}$ , $Z_{10}$

Calculate tristimulus value ( $X_{10}$ ,  $Y_{10}$ ,  $Z_{10}$ ) by CIE standard illuminant D65 tristimulus weighting functions ( $W_{10,X(\lambda)}$ ), ( $W_{10,Y(\lambda)}$ ) and ( $W_{10,Z(\lambda)}$ ) in [Table 5](#). Tristimulus value ( $X_{10}$ ,  $Y_{10}$ ,  $Z_{10}$ ) for the visible range is determined by [Formulae \(12\)](#), [\(13\)](#) and [\(14\)](#):

$$X_{10} = \sum_{380}^{780} T_{\lambda} \times W_{10,X(\lambda)} \quad (12)$$

$$Y_{10} = \sum_{380}^{780} T_{\lambda} \times W_{10,Y(\lambda)} \quad (13)$$

$$Z_{10} = \sum_{380}^{780} T_{\lambda} \times W_{10,Z(\lambda)} \quad (14)$$

#### 5.3.8.2 CIE 1976 $L^*$ , $a^*$ , $b^*$ colour space

Calculate  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  values in accordance with ISO/CIE 11664-4:2019, 5.1 using ( $X_{10}$ ,  $Y_{10}$ ,  $Z_{10}$ ) calculated above and white point data in [Table 5](#) as ( $X_n$ ,  $Y_n$ ,  $Z_n$ ).