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method**

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## Introduction

This document intends to provide a generic definition and classification of glass clarity to permit a global understanding of consumer quality requirements, with a corresponding method to measure glass clarity.

For glass clarity, spectrophotometric measurement is performed in accordance with CIE 15 with a predefined choice of illuminate and observer. Measurement on the sample at two different thicknesses permits calculation of internal transmission for a defined intermediate thickness and indicates glass clarity irrespective of the refractive index value. The same methodology applies for all mineral glasses.

This method has been verified in accordance with visual inspection with a light cabinet. In addition, preliminary collaborative studies have confirmed the results of these measurements as being coherent with both consumer perception and quality recognition.

As it is well known that iron is by far the main contaminant of glass raw materials affecting the transparency and colorimetric purity of the glass, the iron content has been considered as an additional criterion.

This document does not concern lead crystal categories as defined in EU Council Directive 69/493/EEC, which has its own characteristics with respect to density and refraction index.

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