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## Prints and printing inks — Assessment of resistance to water

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### 0 INTRODUCTION

This International Standard is in technical conformity with CEI specification 03-59 of the European Committee of the Paint and Printing Ink Manufacturers' Associations.

### 1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies a method of assessing the resistance to water of prints and printing inks, by giving

- the general test requirements for prints;
- the special test requirements for inks.

### 2 REFERENCES

ISO/R 105/I, *Tests for colour fastness of textiles – First series*.

ISO 2834, *Printing inks – Preparation of standard prints for determination of resistance to physical and chemical agents*.<sup>1)</sup>

### 3 TESTING OF PRINTS

#### 3.1 Field of application

This International Standard applies to all printing substrates such as paper, board, metals (thin metal sheets and plate)

and plastics materials, and to all printing processes : letterpress, lithographic and gravure.

#### 3.2 Definition

A print is considered **water resistant** when, under the test conditions and provided that the substrate has undergone no change, any deterioration is only negligible and bleeding is below grade 4 of the grey scale.

#### 3.3 Principle

A test piece is pressed between damp filter papers and then assessed as to colour change and bleeding.

#### 3.4 Apparatus and reagent

**3.4.1 Filter paper** for quantitative analysis, with a very smooth non-hardened surface. The size of the strips of filter paper should be 60 mm × 90 mm.

**3.4.2 Deionized water** as per pharmacopoeia stipulations.

**3.4.3 Glass slides**, 60 mm × 90 mm.

**3.4.4 Grey scale** for assessment of bleeding (according to ISO/R 105/I – Part 3).

1) At present at the stage of draft.

### 3.5 Procedure

Place a 20 mm X 50 mm test piece between two filter papers saturated with deionized water and arrange them between two glass slides.

Place the whole (wrapped, for example, in oiled paper or enclosed in a polyethylene bag or a desiccator filled with water) in a water-vapour saturated atmosphere, beneath a 1 kg weight, at a temperature of  $20 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , for 24 h.

Remove and separate the test piece from the filter papers and dry, for example at  $40^{\circ}$ , before attempting to assess.

### 3.6 Assessment of results

Examine for any deterioration of the colour of the test piece or bleeding onto the filter paper. (Bleeding is considered to have occurred if grade 4 of the grey scale is reached.)

Examine whether the ink film is completely intact and if its adhesion is maintained.

### 3.7 Test report

Quoting this International Standard, state whether any bleeding occurred onto the filter paper (i.e. staining of the filter paper which was in contact with the print), and if there was any deterioration of the colour of the test piece. Any changes should be described.

## 4 TESTING OF INKS

### 4.1 Definition

By the **water resistance of an ink** is meant the resistance of a standard print assessed according to the instructions given in this International Standard relating to prints.

### 4.2 Preparation of the standard print

Prepare the standard print according to the instructions given in ISO 2834.

### 4.3 Test method

Follow the instructions given in clause 3.

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