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# Standard Test Method for Instrumental Measurement of Distinctness-of-Image (DOI) Gloss of Coated Surfaces<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 These test methods describe the measurement of the distinctness-of-image (DOI) gloss of coating surfaces using electro-optical measuring techniques.

1.2 The coatings assessed shall be applied to planar rigid surfaces.

1.3 *Test Method*—The light through a small slit is projected on the specimen surface and its reflected image intensity is measured through a sliding combed shutter to provide a value of image clarity.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>

[D523 Test Method for Specular Gloss](#)

[D823 Practices for Producing Films of Uniform Thickness of Paint, Varnish, and Related Products on Test Panels](#)

[D2457 Test Method for Specular Gloss of Plastic Films and Solid Plastics](#)

<sup>1</sup> This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee E12 on Color and Appearance and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee E12.03 on Geometry.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[D3964 Practice for Selection of Coating Specimens for Appearance Measurements](#)

[D4039 Test Method for Reflection Haze of High-Gloss Surfaces](#)

[E284 Terminology of Appearance](#)

[E430 Test Methods for Measurement of Gloss of High-Gloss Surfaces by Abridged Goniophotometry](#)

[E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method](#)

2.2 *ISO Standards*:<sup>3</sup>

[ISO 10216 Anodizing of aluminum and its alloys—Instrumental determination of image clarity of anodic oxidation coatings—Instrumental method](#)

[ISO 17221 Plastics—Determination of image clarity \(degree of sharpness of reflected or transmitted image\)](#)

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terms and definitions in Terminology E284 are applicable to these methods.

3.1.1 *distinctness-of-image (DOI) gloss, n*—aspect of gloss characterized by the sharpness of images of objects produced by reflection at a surface. E284

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—This quality is sometimes called image clarity.

3.1.2 *gloss reflectance factor, R<sub>s, n</sub>*—ratio of the specularly reflected part of the (whole) flux reflected from the specimen to the flux reflected from a specified gloss standard under the same geometric and spectral conditions of measurements. E284

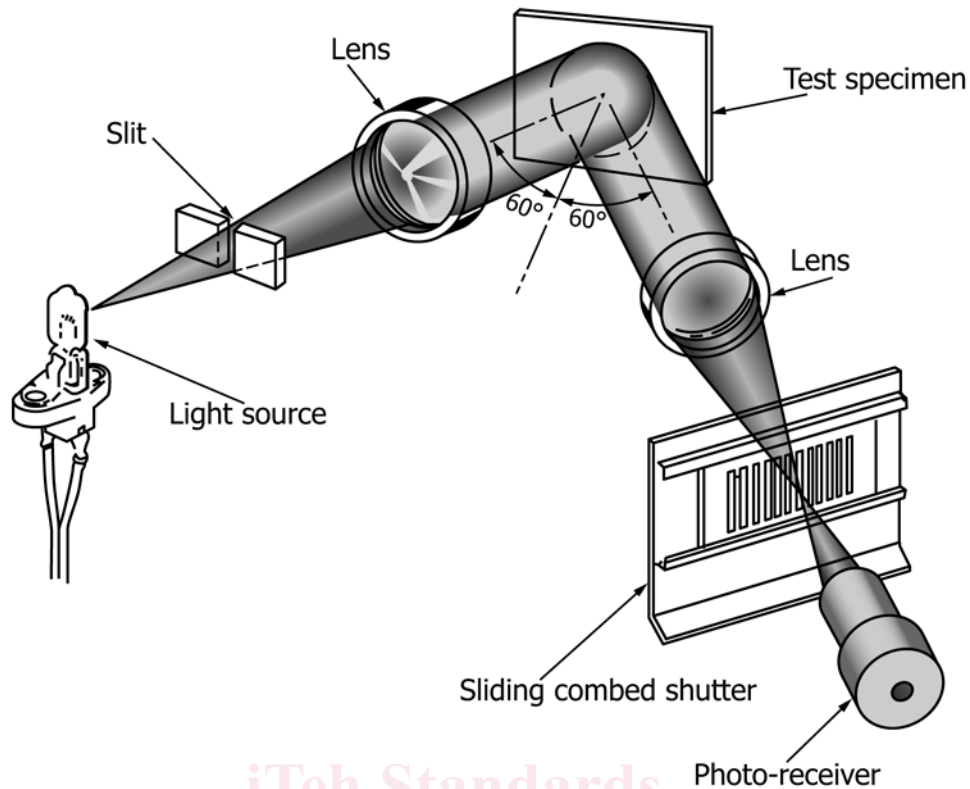
3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—The gloss standard may be a black glass or mirror and may be assigned one of a variety of scale values as specified.

3.1.3 *specular angle, n*—angle of reflection equal and opposite to the angle of incidence. E284

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 An important aspect of the appearance of glossy coating surfaces is the distinctness (clarity) of images reflected by

<sup>3</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, http://www.ansi.org.



DIMENSIONS HA-ICM

- A—Slit—0.1 mm
- B—Light Angle—22°
- C—Slit/Lens Dist.—50 mm
- D—Lens—f 50 mm
- E—Lens/Test Spec. Dist.—50 mm
- F—Test Spec./Lens Dist.—50 mm
- G—Lens—f 50 mm
- H—Lens/Com. Shut. Dist.—50 mm
- I—Light Angle—22°
- J—Shut./Slit Length—10 mm
- K—Shut./Slit Width—0.5 mm
- L—Shut./Slit Space—0.5 mm

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**FIG. 1 Diagrammatic Representation of Image Clarity Measurement**

them. The values obtained in this measuring procedure correlate well with visual ratings for DOI (image clarity).

4.2 Although Test Methods **D523** and **D4039** are useful in characterizing some aspects of glossy appearance, they do not provide satisfactory ratings for DOI (image clarity).

4.3 The measurement conditions given conform to the conditions specified in Test Methods **E430**.

4.4 The measurement conditions given in this test method conform to the conditions specified in ISO 10216.

4.5 The scale values obtained with the measuring procedures of this test method range from 0 to 100 with a value of 100 representing perfect DOI (image clarity).

4.6 The DOI (image clarity) scale value does not, of itself, indicate any specific cause for reduction in reflected image sharpness. Surface irregularities such as haze, orange peel, and wrinkle, when present, may be cited as causes for reduction of image sharpness.

**5. Apparatus**

5.1 *Image Clarity Meter*, <sup>4</sup>consisting of a light source, a sliding combed shutter, a photo-receiver, and a device for analyzing image intensities (see Fig. 1).

5.2 *Principle*—The light through a small slit is projected on the specimen surface and its reflected image intensity through a sliding combed shutter is measured.

5.3 *Geometric Conditions*—The axis of the incident beam shall be 60° from the perpendicular to the specimen surface and the photo-receiver shall be at the mirror reflection of the axis of the incident beam. The source slit is 0.1 ± 0.02 mm in width

<sup>4</sup> The sole source of supply of the meter Model HA-ICM, Image Clarity, known to the committee at this time is Suga Test Instruments Co., Ltd., 4-14, Shinjuku 5-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 160 Japan. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,<sup>1</sup> which you may attend.

and the photo-receiver shall receive a reflected image through a combed shutter of 18 slits of 7.5 mm in width.

NOTE 1—A more complete description of the spectral response function of this instrument is in ISO 17221.

## 6. Preparation and Selection of Test Specimens

6.1 This test method does not cover techniques for the preparation of test specimens. Whenever preparation of test specimens is required, use one of the procedures given in Practices D823. Selection of specimens for measurement should be done in accordance with Practice D3964.

## 7. Reference Standards

7.1 The following analysis may be used to establish the specular gloss value,  $G_s$ , of the working standard:

$$Q = [(n)^2 - \sin^2(\theta)]^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

$$r_{\parallel} = \left[ \frac{\cos(\theta) - Q}{\cos(\theta) + Q} \right]^2 \quad (2)$$

$$r_{\perp} = \left[ \frac{(n)^2 \cos(\theta) - Q}{(n)^2 \cos(\theta) + Q} \right]^2 \quad (3)$$

$$I = 0.5[r_{\perp} + (r_{\parallel})] \quad (4)$$

$$G_s = \frac{100 I_{WS}}{I_{PS}} \quad (5)$$

where:

- $\theta$  = angle of incidence of the collimated ray with respect to the normal in the rarer optical medium,
- $n$  = ratio of the index of refraction of the denser optical medium divided by the density of the rarer optical medium,
- $Q$  = placeholder for a recurring expression in the equations,
- $r_{\perp}$  = intensity, relative to that of the incident wave, of the specular reflection for the part of the reflected wave polarized perpendicular to the plane of incidence,
- $r_{\parallel}$  = intensity, relative to that of the incident wave, of the specular reflection for the part of the reflected wave polarized parallel to the plane of incidence,
- $I$  = mean intensity of parallel and perpendicular waves,
- $I_{WS}$  = refers to the  $I$  value of the working standard,
- $I_{PS}$  = refers to the  $I$  value of the primary standard, and
- $G_s$  = specular gloss reading of a working standard with respect to the reading of the primary standard at a nominal value of 100 gloss units.

7.1.1 For additional information on Eq 1, see Wyszecki and Stiles.<sup>5</sup>

Note 2—*Index of Refraction Sensitivity*—Each 0.01 increment in the index of refraction of polished black glass produces a change in the measured value of approximately 1.6 scale units for the 60° geometry.

Note 3—To determine the scale value:

7.1.1.1 Calculate the first surface Fresnel reflectance (see Test Method D2457) for  $n_D = 1.567$ . The specular angle is 60°. The calculated value is 10.0056 % or 100.0 units.

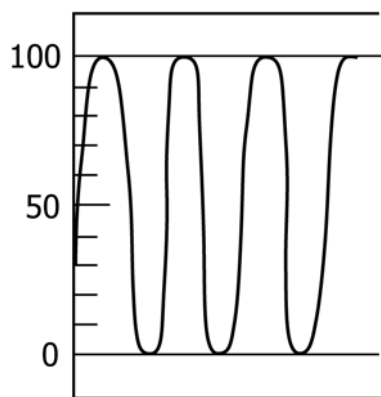


FIG. 2 Wave Form—Standardization

7.1.1.2 Assign this the full scale value of 100.0 units (see Test Method D523).

7.1.1.3 Repeat the calculation for  $n_D = 1.527$ . Using the same specular angle of 60°, the calculated value is 9.3636 % or 93.6 units.

7.1.1.4 The new scale value for the working black, glass standard for 60° is  $100 \times (9.3626/10.0056) = 0.9357$  or 93.6 units.

7.2 *Verification Standards*—De-polished, opaque, black glasses and ceramic tiles having uniform, planar surfaces are suitable for verification standards when calibrated against a primary or working standard on an image clarity meter known to meet the requirements of the test method.

## 8. Procedure

8.1 *Standardization*—Standardize by adjusting the apparatus to read the assigned value of the polished black working standard.

8.2 *Verification*—Read the verification standards whose assigned values lie within the range of the instrument scale. The readings of the verification standards should agree within  $\pm 1$  unit of their assigned values.

8.3 Place the specimen to be read on a flat surface.

8.4 Place the apparatus on the specimen surface and read  $C$ , the value of image clarity. Take readings at three different areas of the specimen surface.

8.5 Take reading of the working standard at the end of series of specimen readings to ensure that the apparatus has remained in calibration throughout the operation.

## 9. Calculation

9.1 Calculate the image clarity value from the maximum and the minimum light intensities, which the photo-receiver measures, using Eq 6 (see Fig. 2 and Fig. 3):

$$C = \frac{M - m}{M + m} \times 100 \quad (6)$$

where:

- $C$  = image clarity value, %,
- $M$  = maximum light intensity, and
- $m$  = minimum light intensity.

<sup>5</sup> Wyszecki, G. and Stiles, W. S., *Color Science: Concepts and Methods, Quantitative Data and Formulae*, Second ed., John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1982, p. 52