
**Optics and photonics — Vocabulary
for telescopic systems —**

**Part 2:
Terms for binoculars, monoculars and
spotting scopes**

*Optique et photonique — Vocabulaire relatif aux systèmes
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Partie 2: Termes pour jumelles, monoculaires et lunettes

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Telescopic systems*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14132-2:2002), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) the term “telescopic system” has been introduced replacing the term “telescope” where appropriate;
- b) clearer distinction between “*b* — distance between centres of eyepieces”, “*b'* — interpupillary distance” and “*B* — distance between centres of objectives”, see [3.1.11](#) and [3.1.14](#);
- c) the previous term “wide-angle binocular” is now defined in ISO 14132-1 as “wide angle telescopic system”;
- d) a new term was added: “false pupils” ([3.5](#)).

ISO 14132 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Optics and photonics — Vocabulary for telescopic systems*:

- *Part 1: General terms and alphabetical indexes of terms in ISO 14132*
- *Part 2: Terms for binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes*
- *Part 3: Terms for telescopic sights*
- *Part 4: Terms for astronomical telescopes*
- *Part 5: Terms for night vision devices*

Optics and photonics — Vocabulary for telescopic systems —

Part 2:

Terms for binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes

1 Scope

This part of ISO 14132 gives terms, definitions and letter symbols used in relation with binoculars, monoculars, and spotting scopes.

The alphabetical index of terms that are common for all published parts of ISO 14132 are published in ISO 14132-1.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

binoculars

telescopic observational instrument that contains two telescopic systems and is designed as two interlinked monocular telescopic systems having parallel optical axes

3.1.1

prism binoculars

binoculars with prism erecting systems

3.1.2

lens binoculars

binoculars with lens erecting systems

Note 1 to entry: Galilean binoculars are types of all-lens binoculars (no prisms).

3.1.3

variable power binoculars

binoculars that provide a means of changing magnification

Note 1 to entry: Variable power binoculars may be either zoom binoculars or binoculars with discrete change of magnification.

3.1.4

zoom binoculars

binoculars that provide a mechanism for a continuous change of magnification

3.1.5

binoculars with centre focusing

binoculars in which focusing is accomplished by the simultaneous movement of optical components within both telescopic systems