
**Paper and board — Measurement of
specular gloss —**

**Part 2:
75° gloss with a parallel beam, DIN
method**

Papiers et cartons — Mesurage du brillant spéculaire —

Partie 2: Brillant à 75° avec un faisceau parallèle, méthode DIN

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Foreword

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ISO 8254 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paper and board — Measurement of specular gloss*:

- *Part 1: 75° gloss with a converging beam, TAPPI method*
- *Part 2: 75° gloss with a parallel beam, DIN method*
- *Part 3: 20° gloss with a converging beam, TAPPI method*

[Annex A](#) forms a normative part of this part of ISO 8254. [Annex B](#) is for information only.

Introduction

Visual gloss is a sensory impression which cannot yet be described completely. Some important physical variables which influence gloss are however known. The sensory perception of gloss under a suitable illumination results from a physical stimulus due to reflection of light from a surface. This reflection is defined by an indicatrix which changes with the angle of incidence. The maximum indicatrix value which is decisive for visual gloss impression is associated with specular reflection, at an angle of reflection which is approximately equal to the angle of incidence. The reflectometer value is determined by averaging the reflection in a defined angular region centred in the specular direction.

NOTE 1 A reflectometer value is a measure of the visual gloss only when the optical conditions of measurement, such as angles and apertures of illumination and observation, are similar to the conditions of viewing.

NOTE 2 Because luminance and structure enter to some extent into the reflectometer value of the test piece, only the comparison of test pieces with nearly the same luminance and structure is meaningful. The influence of luminance on the measurement result decreases rapidly with increasing reflectometer value and increasing angle of reflection.

The proportion of specular reflection in the entire reflection increases with increasing angle of incidence. Very matt surfaces generate a noticeable degree of specular reflection and, therefore, a noticeable gloss effect only above a certain minimum angle of incidence. On the other hand, a large angle of incidence reduces the ability to differentiate between surfaces of high gloss.

NOTE 3 Manufacturers of coated papers usually divide their products into two classes according to their surface gloss: matt coating and gloss coating. However, these classes are only defined approximately. The matt class has reflectometer values, measured according to this part of ISO 8254, from 0 to approximately 20. The glossy class has reflectometer values higher than this value. As there is no precise correlation between reflectometer values measured with different geometries, it is advisable to compare the reflectometer values only within a single class of papers and using the same measuring geometry.

This part of ISO 8254 describes measurement at an angle of incidence of 75° using a parallel beam geometry commonly known as the 75° DIN method. Precision data are not available at the time of publication.

NOTE 4 EN 14086 describes measurement at an angle of 45°.