
**Information technology — Office
equipment — Method for the
determination of toner cartridge
yield for colour printers and multi-
function devices that contain printer
components**

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pour la détermination du rendement de cartouche de toner pour
les imprimantes couleur et pour les dispositifs multifonctionnels qui
contiennent des composants d'imprimantes
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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO/IEC 19798:2007), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

- The definitions for [3.1](#), [3.2](#), [3.3](#) and [3.4](#) have been aligned with ISO/IEC 19752:2016.
- For the sample size in [4.2](#) 'at least' has been inserted.
- [4.8](#) has been added as a subclause containing information previously given in notes to entry in [3.5](#);
- ISO 29142-1 has been added to the Bibliography.

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a process for determining the cartridge page yield for a given colour electrophotographic print system (i.e. all-in-one toner cartridges and toner cartridges without a photoconductor) using a standard office consumer type test suite. This test suite is not focused on printing of photographs, but is intended to be a sampling of typical office consumer pages. In the case where a cartridge set can be used in multiple printer models, only one yield test needs to be performed as long as the difference between printer models does not impact yield.

NOTE A cartridge supplier can choose to use more than one market identifier for a single physical cartridge. In this case, only one yield test is required as long as there are no differences in the cartridges other than market identifiers.

This document prescribes the following:

- the test method that manufacturers, test labs, etc. use to determine cartridge yield;
- the method for determination of declared yield values from the test results;
- the appropriate method of describing the yield of cartridges in the documentation supplied to the consumer by the manufacturer.

The cartridge yield is determined by an end of life judgment, or signalled with either of two phenomena: *fade* caused by depletion of the useable toner in the cartridge or *automatic printing stop* caused by a toner out detection function.

This document will be used for the measurement of one of the contributions to cost per page (CPP). This document does not directly measure CPP, only the yield of the magenta, cyan, yellow and black toner cartridges. In most cases, these are not the only contributors to the CPP. It is beyond the scope of this document to provide a methodology for calculation of CPP.

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1 Scope

The scope of this document is limited to evaluation of toner cartridge page yield for toner-containing cartridges (i.e. all-in-one toner cartridges and toner cartridges without a photoconductor) for colour electrophotographic print systems. This document can also be applied to the printer component of any multifunctional device that has a digital input printing path, including multi-function devices that contain electrophotographic printer components.

This document is only intended for the measurement of toner cartridge page yield when printing on plain paper using cyan, magenta, yellow and black toner cartridges. No other claims can be made from this testing regarding quality, reliability, etc.

This document is not for use with printers whose minimum printable size is equal to or greater than A3 or for photo-only printers.

NOTE 1 Application of this document for yield measurement of toner replenishment systems (i.e. toner cartridge and bottle type systems where the toner reservoir is internal to the printing system and not user-replaceable) requires some procedural modifications specifically noted herein. This document is intended for equipment used in the office space and does not apply to production volume or large format printing machines where the major cost of ownership is not caused by the consumable yield measured in this document.

NOTE 2 An all-in-one toner cartridge is a cartridge that includes at least: a toner containment part, a photoreceptor part and a developer part (see ISO/IEC 29142-1).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 24712, *Colour test pages for measurement of office equipment consumable yield*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 fade

phenomenon whereby a noticeable reduction in density uniformity in the bars around the sides of the diagnostic page occurs

Note 1 to entry: This does not have to be a distinct gap.