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Foreword

This Part of BS 3483 has been prepared under the direction of the Pigments, Paints and Varnishes Standards Policy Committee and supersedes BS 3483: General Introduction: 1974, which is withdrawn. Appendix A and Appendix B are identical with ISO 3270:1984 and ISO 3205:1976, respectively, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

This Part of BS 3483 differs from the previous “General Introduction” in that atmospheres for conditioning and testing and preferred test temperatures are included. This Part no longer lists those methods published to date, for which reference should be made to the BSI Catalogue, which is annually updated, *BSI News*, which announces new publications monthly, or the BSI bibliographic database “STANDARDLINE”.

BS 3483 describes test methods used by the pigments industry for determining the quality of its products. It is intended that the appropriate methods be specified in all British Standard specifications for pigments.

In many of the methods, the test procedures are identical with those standardized by Technical Committee 35, Paints and Varnishes of ISO and, where this is so, the methods have been published as dual-numbered standards. Where the methods are generally similar to the ISO methods, an appropriate comment is included in the introductory clause to the method.

It is assumed in the drafting of all Parts of BS 3483 that they will be used and applied by those who are appropriately qualified and experienced. The procedures described are intended to be carried out by suitably trained and/or supervised personnel. The substances and procedures described may be injurious to health if adequate precautions are not taken. Each procedure refers only to its technical suitability and does not absolve the user from statutory obligations relating to health and safety.

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