

Specification for

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Foreword

This revision of BS 4448 has been prepared under the direction of the Paper and Printing Standards Committee. It specifies requirements for the materials, sizes and rulings of school exercise books and papers. It supersedes the first revision, BS 4448:1975, which is now withdrawn.

When BS 4448 was first published in 1969, it specified requirements for the quality of papers, the quality of covers, the number of pages and a range of basic sizes. Various changes were made in the first revision, notably the introduction of a series of alphanumeric references to identify the sizes.

This revision has been prepared to take account of changes in technology and the current needs of schools. The basic range of sizes, apart from the shorter dimension of EB/6, is unchanged. Sizes and other requirements for drawing books for infants and juniors, requirements for books with infant rulings and reference numbers for ruling have been added. In the interests of reducing production costs, Appendix A recommends a limited range of seven colours for covers, which should be adequate for most requirements.

It is hoped that this revision of BS 4448 will meet the current needs of schools and, if generally used in preparing purchasing requirements, will lead to a more efficient supply because of the concentration on standard products.

The requirement for the resistance of writing surfaces to ink penetration and feathering, which was given in the second edition of BS 4448, has been removed from the specification because it depends on subjective interpretation, and it has been replaced by a water absorption test known as the “Cobb” method.

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