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Foreword

This European Standard (EN 14501:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 33 “Doors, windows, shutters, building hardware and curtain walling”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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Introduction

This European Standard is a part of a series of standards dealing with blinds and shutters for buildings as defined in EN 12216.

The methods of characterisation are related to performance requirements required as a complement to intrinsic performances (specific requirements) that internal blinds, external blinds or shutters shall fulfil as specified in EN 13120, EN 13561 and EN 13659.

The present European Standard is mainly based on the European work performed in TC 89 relating to solar and light transmittance of solar protection devices combined with glazing and the Technical Report CIE 130.

1 Scope

This European Standard applies to the whole range of shutters, awnings and blinds defined in EN 12216, described as solar protection devices in this European Standard.

It states the properties that shall be taken into account when comparing products.

It also specifies the corresponding parameters and classifications to quantify the following properties:

- for the thermal comfort:
 - the solar factor (total solar energy transmittance);
 - the secondary heat transfer factor;
 - the direct solar transmittance;
- for the visual comfort:
 - the opacity control;
 - the night privacy;
 - the visual contact with the outside;
 - the glare control;
 - the daylight utilisation;
 - the rendering of colours.

NOTE For other purposes, more detailed methods using different parameters can be used.

Some of the characteristics (e.g. g_{tot}) are not applicable when products are not parallel to the glazing (e.g. folding-arm awnings).

This European Standard is not applicable to the products using fluorescent materials.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this European Standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 410, *Glass in building — Determination of luminous and solar characteristics of glazing*

EN 12216:2002, *Shutters, external blinds, internal blinds — Terminology, glossary and definitions*

EN 13363-1, *Solar protection devices combined with glazing — Calculation of solar and light transmittance — Part 1: Simplified method*

EN 13363-2:2005, *Solar protection devices combined with glazing — Calculation of total solar energy transmittance and light transmittance — Part 2: Detailed calculation method*

prEN 14500¹, *Blinds and shutters — Thermal and visual comfort — Test methods*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 12216:2002 and the following apply.

3.1

transmittance τ

ratio of the transmitted flux to the incident flux (see Figure 1)

NOTE A more detailed definition is given in prEN 14500.

3.2

reflectance ρ

ratio of the reflected flux to the incident flux (see Figure 1)

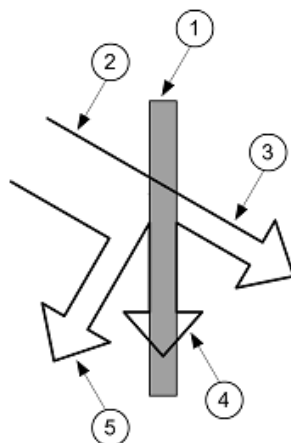
NOTE A more detailed definition is given in prEN 14500.

3.3

absorptance α

ratio of the absorbed flux to the incident flux (see Figure 1)

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Key

- 1 Solar protection device
- 2 Incident radiation E
- 3 Transmitted radiation $\tau \times E$
- 4 Absorbed radiation $\alpha \times E$
- 5 Reflected radiation $\rho \times E$

Figure 1 — Representation of the optical factors

3.4

openness coefficient

ratio between the area of the openings and the total area of the fabric

NOTE 1 For identical fabrics that differ only by the colour, the openness coefficient is considered as independent of the colour. The value of the openness coefficient should be measured for the darkest colour.

NOTE 2 The openness coefficient is determined according to prEN 14500.

3.5

solar factor g (total solar energy transmittance)

ratio between the total solar energy transmitted into a room through a window and the incident solar energy on the window

g is the solar factor of the glazing alone

g_{tot} is the solar factor of the combination of glazing and solar protection device

3.6

shading factor F_c

ratio of the solar factor of the combined glazing and solar protection device g_{tot} to that of the glazing alone g

$$F_c = \frac{g_{\text{tot}}}{g}$$

NOTE In some countries, F_c is known as z

3.7

secondary internal heat transfer factor $q_{i, \text{tot}}$

the part of the total absorbed radiation which is flowing inwards through the glazing and the shading device combined

3.8

colour rendering index R_a

index designed to express synthetically a quantitative evaluation of the differences in colour between eight test colours lit directly by the standard illuminant D_{65} and by the same illuminant transmitted through the solar protection device

3.9

operative temperature θ_{op}

uniform temperature of a room in which an occupant would exchange the same amount of heat by radiation plus convection as in the actual non-uniform environment

NOTE For more information on the calculation of θ_{op} , it is recommended to refer to EN ISO 13791 or EN ISO 13792.

4 Notations used

4.1 General

For the purpose of this European Standard, the optical factors τ (transmittance), ρ (reflectance) and α (absorptance) are labelled with subscripts which indicate:

- visual or solar properties;
- the geometry of the incident and the transmitted or reflected radiation.

4.2 Visual or solar properties

According to the respective spectrum the following subscripts are used:

- « e » solar (energetic) characteristics, given for the total solar spectrum, (wavelengths λ from 300 nm to 2500 nm), according to EN 410;
- « v » visual characteristics, given for the standard illuminant D_{65} weighted with the sensitivity of the human eye (wavelengths λ from 380 nm to 780 nm), according to EN 410.

4.3 Geometry of the radiation

The following subscripts are used to indicate the geometry of the incident radiation and the geometry of the transmitted or reflected radiation (see Figure 2). For a more detailed definition see prEN 14500.

- « dir » for directional (fixed, but arbitrary direction θ);
- « n » for normal, or near normal in case of reflected radiation, the angle of incidence is $\theta = 0^\circ$, or $\theta \leq 8^\circ$ respectively;
- « h » for hemispherical (collected in the half space behind the sample plane);
- « dif » for diffuse.