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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11979-2:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— A new category of simultaneous vision IOLs (SVIOL) is introduced for non-accommodating lenses that provide simultaneous vision at multiple distances. It includes multifocal IOLs (MIOL), extended depth of focus IOLs (EDF), and full visual range IOLs (FVR).

— Dioptric power, imaging quality, and characterization clauses and annexes were modified to include requirements for SVIOLs.

— Respective units of mm^{-1} and $degree^{-1}$ were adopted for linear and angular spatial frequencies per ISO 9334.

— The resolution efficiency and associated annex have been removed from this document due to advancements in optical designs and the availability of modulation transfer function (MTF) imaging quality measurement methods.

— A new Annex C with associated requirements for all IOL categories has been added.

— Clarified description of UV cut-off wavelength.

— New references were added to the Bibliography.

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Introduction

This document initially addressed monofocal IOLs and now includes the optical requirements and test methods for monofocal, toric, simultaneous vision, and accommodating IOLs. This document generally provides specific test methods and requirements connected to the optical function of intraocular lenses. In some cases, test methods do not have specified requirements, including:

— the spectral transmittance test that provides information related to UV transmission and potential exposure situations, e.g. when using laser light sources for diagnosis and treatment;

— optical characterization testing that informs potential optical design risks and guides potential clinical investigation design.

The specified dioptric power and imaging quality limits result from the analysis of extensive interlaboratory testing of the original spherical monofocal IOLs. Based on these studies, the respective dioptric power repeatability and reproducibility were about 0,5 % and 1 %, respectively, of the dioptric power as described in Reference [1]. Additionally, for IOLs in the 10 D to 30 D range, the respective expected imaging quality repeatability and reproducibility were 0,09 and 0,16 modulation transfer function values as described in Reference [2]. For other non-monofocal IOL designs, manufacturers should utilize model-specific repeatability and reproducibility precision limits to establish reliable final release criteria.

During the interlaboratory testing, some problems were encountered with measuring dioptric power, as described in Reference [1]. Specifically, the accuracy in determining dioptric power has an error that is not negligible in relation to the half dioptre steps in which intraocular lenses are commonly labelled. The dioptric power tolerances take this fact into account. Hence the limits set may lead to some overlap into the next labelled power, especially for high dioptre lenses. Reference [1] further discusses this subject.

Historically, imaging quality was tested using either

a) Air Force target-based resolution efficiency, or

b) MTF using a minimal spherical aberration model eye, or

c) a manufacturer-defined spherical aberration model eye using modulation transfer function (MTF) testing.

Since the test method with Air Force target-based resolution efficiency is not optimal for quantifying image contrast, and better methods using MTF measurements have become mainstream in the industry, Air Force target-based resolution efficiency is not included in this revision as a reference method. The model eye with manufacturer-defined spherical aberration includes the option of having a model eye with minimal spherical aberration. Therefore, the original model eye with minimal spherical aberration is removed from this document. For lenses that have already been approved using the measurements in the previous edition, it is not necessary to retest these lens models with the method in this document.

Annex B describes a test method used to establish quality criteria for IOLs. The quality criteria assure consistent IOL optical quality. This document also includes a new normative optical characterization text (see Annex C), that is meant to provide preclinical assessments to inform of risks and benefits associated with the optical design and guide the design of the potential clinical investigation. The additional optical characterization is required only for lens models to be approved after publication of this document.

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Part 2:
Optical properties and test methods

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for certain optical properties of intraocular lenses (IOLs) with monofocal, toric, simultaneous vision, and/or accommodative optics. The generic descriptor 'IOL' used throughout this document also includes phakic intraocular lenses (PIOL).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes the 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 9334, *Optics and photonics — Optical transfer function — Definitions and mathematical relationships*

ISO 9335, *Optics and photonics — Optical transfer function — Principles and procedures of measurement*

ISO 11979-1, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 11979-4, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 4: Labelling and information*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11979-1 and ISO 9334 apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

4 Requirements

4.1 General

The manufacturer shall assure that the entire range of available powers meets the specifications herein. All optical properties apply at in situ conditions, either by being measured at simulated in situ conditions, or being measured at other conditions and then corrected to in situ conditions.

For IOLs where the optic is intended to be deformed during implantation, it shall be demonstrated that dioptric power and imaging quality are retained at in situ or equivalent conditions following surgical manipulation and recovery. See ISO 11979-3[3] for more details.

The test methods described in this document are reference methods. Alternative methods that produce equivalent results to those obtained with the reference methods may be used if the manufacturer can demonstrate that the IOLs meet the minimum dioptric power and imaging quality requirements.

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For rotationally symmetric IOLs the manufacturer shall assure that lenses meet the requirements in all meridians, for example by selecting an arbitrary meridian for measurement.

4.2 Dioptric power

4.2.1 General

The base power of lenses as stated by the manufacturer in the IOL labelling per ISO 11979-4 shall be within the tolerance limits specified in Table 1. Manufacturers shall consider measurement precision when establishing IOL release specifications.

Table 1 — Tolerance limits on spherical dioptric power, *S*

Nominal base power [a] D	Tolerance limits on spherical dioptric power D
$0 \leq \lvert S \rvert \leq 15$	±0,3
$15 < \lvert S \rvert \leq 25$	±0,4
$25 < \lvert S \rvert \leq 30$	±0,5
$30 < \lvert S \rvert$	±1,0

[a] The dioptric power ranges apply to positive and negative dioptric powers.

4.2.2 Dioptric power for toric IOL (TIOL)

When determined by any of the methods in Annex A, the spherical equivalent (SE) power shall be within the tolerance limits for dioptric power specified in Table 1. Additionally, the cylindrical power calculated as the absolute difference between the powers of the meridian of highest dioptric power and the meridian of lowest dioptric power shall be within the cylindrical power tolerance limits specified in Table 2.

Table 2 — Tolerance limits on cylindrical dioptric power, *C*

Nominal cylindrical dioptric power D	Tolerance limits on cylindrical dioptric power D SE < 25 D	Tolerance limits on cylindrical dioptric power D SE ≥ 25 D
$0 < C \leq 2{,}5$	±0,3	±0,4
$2{,}5 < C \leq 4{,}5$	±0,4	±0,4
$4{,}5 < C$	±0,5	±0,5

The TIOL shall have a physical axis indicator such as a mark, engraving, or label that aligns with the meridian of lowest dioptric power and is visible to the surgeon during implantation. The angle difference between the physical axis indicator and the meridian with the lowest dioptric power shall be less than or equal to 5,0°.

4.2.3 Dioptric power for simultaneous vision IOL (SVIOL)

Methods A.3 to A.4 can be applied to SVIOLs for determining the far power and any designed distinct addition power(s). The dioptric power of the far power shall be within the tolerance limits specified in Table 1, and the dioptric power of designed distinct addition power(s) shall be within the tolerances in Table 3. For SVIOLs that do not have designed distinct addition powers, the manufacturer shall develop MTF through-focus response specifications per 4.3.4.

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