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Introduction

This document outlines the test method to evaluate properties of electro-switchable glazing during the switching period and under stable states of luminous transmittance.

There are various principles of electro-switchable glazing that can be used to produce safety glazing for road vehicles. See [Annex A](#) for a description of these principles. The luminous transmittance states that the electro-switchable glazing can be switched to and the time it takes to switch between these states are major concerns for consumers and the market. The lifetime of these different electro-switchable glazing is influenced by humidity, temperature and radiation. The various principles differ in terms of performance, but they can be improved applying appropriate voltage or current or applying more complex circuits.

Road vehicles — Safety glazing materials — Test methods for electro-switchable glazing

1 Scope

This document provides the test methods for regular luminous transmittance, switching time, haze, insulation resistance, humidity resistance, low temperature resistance, colour uniformity, switching cycles and radiation durability for electro-switchable glazing used on road vehicles.

This document applies to switchable glazing in response to applied voltage or current.

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 3538:1997, *Road vehicles — Safety glazing materials — Test methods for optical properties*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 6469-3:2021, *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Safety specifications — Part 3: Electrical safety*

ISO/CIE 11664-6, *Colorimetry — Part 6: CIEDE2000 colour-difference formula*

ISO 13837:2021, *Road vehicles — Safety glazing materials — Method for the determination of solar transmittance*

ISO 14782:2021, *Plastics — Determination of haze for transparent materials*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

3.1

electro-switchable glazing

glazing comprised of one or more panes of material whose transmittance properties can be altered in response to an applied voltage or current

3.2

highest transmittance state

stable state as glazing switched to highest *regular luminous transmittance* (3.4) under specific conditions

Note 1 to entry: This is also referred to as the clear state or bleached state.