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Part 2:

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the Kubelka-Munk equation, tinting
strength, depth of shade and hiding
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- the terms and definitions in [Clause 3](#) have been aligned with ISO 18451-1;
- the document has been editorially revised and the bibliography has been updated.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the Saunderson correction for different measurement geometries and the solutions of the Kubelka-Munk equation for hiding and transparent layers. It also specifies methods for the calculations of the tinting strength including the residual colour difference based on different criteria such as the depth of shade. Finally, methods for determining the hiding power are provided.

The procedures for preparing the samples for these measurements are not part of this document. They are agreed between the contracting parties or are described in other national or international standards.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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

tinting strength colour strength

measure of the ability of a colourant to colour other materials because of its absorptive power

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.122]

3.2

relative tinting strength relative colour strength

percentage ratio of the *tinting strength* (3.1) of the colourant under test related to the tinting strength of a reference colourant

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.105]

3.3

tinting strength criterion

parameter that describes the colouring effect of a colourant, based on its absorption

Note 1 to entry: The tinting strength criteria used in this document are the following:

- value of the Kubelka-Munk function at the absorption maximum;
- weighted sum of the Kubelka-Munk function values;
- tristimulus value Y ;
- the smallest of the tristimulus values X, Y, Z ;
- shade depth parameter B .

Note 2 to entry: Examples of other tinting strength parameters not used in this document are the following:

- unweighted sum of the Kubelka-Munk function values;
- chromaticity given by the three colour coordinates (L^*, a^*, b^*);
- reflectance factor at the absorption maximum.

3.4

residual colour difference

colour difference that remains between the white reductions of the reference and test samples when the *tinting strength criterion* (3.3) values are the same or have been equalized

EXAMPLE Residual colour difference is given by ΔE^* .

3.5

depth of shade

shade depth

colour depth

measure for the intensity of a colour perception that increases with increasing chroma and decreases with increasing lightness

Note 1 to entry: Colourations having the same depth of shade appear to be prepared using the same concentrations of colourants having the same *tinting strength* (3.1).

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.26, modified — admitted terms “shade depth” and “colour depth” have been added.]

3.6

standard depth of shade

standard shade depth

standard colour depth

SD

depth of shade (3.5) level laid down by convention

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.113, modified — admitted terms “standard shade depth” and “standard colour depth” have been added.]

3.7

hiding power

ability of coating to obliterate the colour or colour differences of the substrate

Note 1 to entry: The use of the German expressions “Deckkraft” und “Deckfähigkeit” should be avoided.

Note 2 to entry: The term “coverage” is ambiguous because it is used in some instances to refer to hiding power and in others to mean spreading rate. The more precise terms hiding power and spreading rate should always be used.

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.47]

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

a	constant
a^*	CIELAB colour coordinate
$a(\varphi)$	factor
$a(\lambda)$	auxiliary variable
b^*	CIELAB colour coordinate
$b(\lambda)$	auxiliary variable
B	shade depth parameter
C_{rel}	relative tinting strength
D_{m}	hiding power value indicating the area of the contrast substrate concerned, in m^2 , which can be coated with 1 kg
D_{v}	hiding power value indicating the area of the contrast substrate concerned, in m^2 , which can be coated with 1 l
$F(\lambda)$	Kubelka-Munk function
$F'(\lambda)$	modified Kubelka-Munk function
$g(\lambda)$	weighting function (defined as the sum of the colour matching functions $\bar{x}(\lambda)$, $\bar{y}(\lambda)$, and $\bar{z}(\lambda)$ for a 10° standard observer)
h	thickness
K	coefficient
$K(\lambda)$	absorption coefficient
$(K/S)_{\text{r}}$	Kubelka-Munk value of reference sample
$(K/S)_{\text{t}}$	Kubelka-Munk value of test sample
L^*	CIELAB lightness
m_{r}	mass fraction of coloured pigment reference sample
m_{t}	mass fraction of coloured pigment test sample
n	refractive index
r_0	reflection coefficient at the surface for directional light incident perpendicular from outside
$\overline{r_0}$	reflection coefficient at the surface for directional light incident parallel under 45° from outside
r_2	reflection coefficient for light incident diffusely from the inside of the specimen
$R(\lambda)$	reflectance spectrum
$R(\lambda)_{\infty}$	reflectance of infinitely thick layer
$R(\lambda)^*$	Saunderson-corrected reflectance spectrum

$R(\lambda)_{\text{ob}}^*$	Saunderson-corrected reflectance of the black substrate
$R(\lambda)_{\text{ow}}^*$	Saunderson-corrected reflectance of the white substrate
$R(\lambda)_{\text{b}}^*$	Saunderson-corrected reflectance of the sample on black substrate
$R(\lambda)_{\text{w}}^*$	Saunderson-corrected reflectance of the sample on white substrate
$R'(\lambda)$	modified reflectance spectrum including surface effects
s	saturation
$S(\lambda)$	scattering coefficient
SD	standard depth of shade
T	weighted sum
x, y	chromaticity coordinates
X, Y, Z	tristimulus values
ΔE^*	residual colour difference
ΔE_{ab}^*	CIELAB colour difference
φ	hue angle
φ_{o}	closest angle in the table below the hue angle
r	as a subscript, r refers to the reference sample
t	as a subscript, t refers to the test sample

5 Saunderson correction

5.1 General

For colorimetric calculation it is necessary to account for surface phenomena to obtain viable results. The formulae are known as Saunderson correction, and their derivation can be found in References [1] and [2]. The necessary coefficients are solutions of the Fresnel formulae[3] depending on the index of refraction for the given binder.

The formulae are derived assuming an ideal surface, a perfectly hiding layer and a perfectly diffuse scattering of light inside the interior of the specimen. Any deviation from these assumptions shall lead to consideration of the usefulness of the following calculations.

The formulae given here are for two of the most widespread geometries: diffuse incidence, 0° observation (d:0°) [Formula (1), Formula (2) and Formula (3)] and 45° incidence, 0° observation (45°:0°) [Formula (4) and Formula (5)]. In nearly every colorimeter used, the measurement angle is not 0° but 8°. This deviation is not considered problematic.

The constants necessary for the calculation are the following:

r_0	reflection coefficient at the surface for directional light incident perpendicular from outside. For $n = 1,5$ $r_0 = 0,040$.
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