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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4892-3:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main technical changes are:

- a) [Table 4](#) explains cycles, lamp types and irradiance with greater clarity;
- b) the term “daylight” has been replaced throughout by “global solar radiation”;
- c) in [Table 4](#), combination lamp option has been transferred to [Annex A](#).

ISO 4892 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources*:

- *Part 1: General guidance*
- *Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*
- *Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps*
- *Part 4: Open-flame carbon-arc lamps*

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Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources —

Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4892 specifies methods for exposing specimens to fluorescent UV radiation, heat and water in apparatus designed to simulate the weathering effects that occur when materials are exposed in actual end-use environments to global solar radiation, or to solar radiation through window glass.

The specimens are exposed to fluorescent UV lamps under controlled environmental conditions (temperature, humidity and/or water). Different types of fluorescent UV lamp can be used to meet all the requirements for testing different materials.

Specimen preparation and evaluation of the results are covered in other International Standards for specific materials.

General guidance is given in ISO 4892-1.

NOTE Fluorescent UV lamp exposures for paints, varnishes and other coatings are described in ISO 11507.^[4]

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4582, *Plastics — Determination of changes in colour and variations in properties after exposure to daylight under glass, natural weathering or laboratory light sources*

ISO 4892-1, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 1: General guidance*

3 Principle

3.1 Fluorescent UV lamps, when following the manufacturer's recommendations for lamp maintenance and/or rotation, may be used to simulate the spectral irradiance of global solar radiation in the short wavelength ultraviolet (UV) region of the spectrum.

3.2 Specimens are exposed to various levels of UV radiation, heat and moisture (see [3.4](#)) under controlled environmental conditions.

3.3 The exposure conditions may be varied by selection of:

- a) type of fluorescent UV lamp;
- b) irradiance level;
- c) temperature during the UV exposure;
- d) type of wetting (see [3.4](#));
- e) wetting temperature and cycle;
- f) timing of the UV/dark cycle.