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## Part 3: Intensified weathering using concentrated solar radiation

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for exposing plastics to concentrated solar radiation using reflecting concentrators to accelerate the weathering processes. The purpose is to assess property changes produced after specified stages of such exposures. The reflecting concentrators used in these exposures are sometimes referred to as “Fresnel reflectors” because in cross-section the array of mirrors used to concentrate the solar radiation resembles the cross-section of a Fresnel lens.

General guidance concerning the scope of the ISO 877 series is given in ISO 877-1.

NOTE Additional information about solar concentrating exposures, including a partial list of standards in which they are specified, is given in the Bibliography.

### 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 877-1, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to solar radiation — Part 1: General guidance*

ISO 877-2, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to solar radiation — Part 2: Direct weathering and exposure behind window glass*

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

ASTM G90, *Standard Practice for Performing Accelerated Outdoor Weathering of Nonmetallic Materials Using Concentrated Natural Sunlight*

ASTM G179, *Standard Specification for Metal Black Panel and White Panel Temperature Devices for Natural Weathering Tests*

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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### 4 Principle

This document describes a method for performing accelerated weathering on plastics using intensified solar radiation. General guidance is given in ISO 877-1.