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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- updates in [Clause 5](#), in particular [5.7](#). "Veiling glare stop" was deleted, clarification of requirements on "Integration sphere", addition of [5.9](#);
- updates in [Clause 9](#), in particular [9.1](#) and [9.2](#). The function $V(\lambda)$ for the 2° observer was replaced by the function $V_{10}(\lambda)$ for the 10° observer to be consistent with [9.2](#), where the function $V'(\lambda)$ for the 10° observer [now called $V'_{10}(\lambda)$] was already used;
- clarification of requirements in [Clause 10](#);
- addition of [B.4](#);

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1 Scope

This document specifies the test methods for the determination of the transmittance of telescopic systems and telescopic observational instruments.

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/CIE 11664-1:2019, *Colorimetry — Part 1: CIE standard colorimetric observers*

ISO 11664-2, *Colorimetry — Part 2: CIE standard illuminants*

ISO 14132-1, *Optics and photonics — Vocabulary for telescopic systems — Part 1: General terms and alphabetical indexes of terms in ISO 14132*

ISO 14490-1:2005, *Optics and optical instruments — Test methods for telescopic systems — Part 1: Test methods for basic characteristics*

CIE 18.2:1983, *Basis of Physical Photometry*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14132-1 apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

To determine the spectral transmittance, $\tau(\lambda)$, the flux of radiation in a limited bundle of rays will be measured before entering $\Phi_0(\lambda)$ and after passing $\Phi_p(\lambda)$ through the optical system.

The spectral transmittance is given by [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$\tau(\lambda) = \frac{\Phi_p(\lambda)}{\Phi_0(\lambda)} \quad (1)$$

During the spectral measurement, the emergent light of the radiation source will be limited to a narrow wavelength band by means of a monochromator or a set of filters.