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Introduction

The method for evaluating light fastness described in this International Standard using blue wool references is in technical conformity with the method given in ISO 2835. However, according to the latter, natural daylight shall be used to obtain a valid assessment of light fastness. This International Standard describes an accelerated test method by specifying the light source and filters for daylight simulation as well as exposure of the test samples to artificial daylight.

In addition, this International Standard is partly in agreement with ISO 105-B02. For more information on apparatus and test methods, ISO 105-B02 is recommended as a reference.

