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— *Part 1: Performance of handheld laser distance meters*

Introduction

Starting in 1993 several companies developed handheld laser distance meters and introduced them into the market. With a growing number of different manufacturers, it became obvious that a standard was needed to establish requirements for device specifications and to describe how to check compliance with the specified performance of accuracy and range.

In comparison with ISO 17123, which specifies methods of checking compliance with the specifications by the user of the instrument without any additional measurement equipment, ISO 16331 specifies the procedures to be applied for checking compliance with the specifications by using additional laboratory equipment which the typical user does not have access to.