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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 130, *Graphic technology*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2834-1:2006), which has been technically revised.

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

- The document has been rewritten to a general procedure for prints on many substrates for the use by several standards which require a well-defined print.
- The instruments and materials required for tests are specified, only electrically driven instruments are now included.
- A detailed procedure for conditioning and test execution is provided.
- Annexes are added regarding reference materials, preparation of rubber rollers and maintenance of elastomer rollers.

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## Introduction

This document exclusively describes the laboratory test print preparation for paste inks. The methods described in this document can be used in several other International Standards, such as ISO 2846-1, ISO 2846-2 and ISO 2836, and will be the basis for several printability standards to be developed by ISO/TC 6/SC 2 with TC 130. This document provides the tools to make uniform prints with a well-defined ink film thickness which can be used for analysis of the printed surface properties, fastnesses and which can be used for subsequent tests on the substrate or the printed image.

This document describes the procedure to be adopted when using IGT-type and prüfbau-type printability testers to prepare prints on papers, boards, metals, foils and other suitable substrates, for the main targets: reference optical density and reference ink film in  $\text{g/m}^2$  on the substrate. Other inks, such as liquid inks for gravure or flexographical printing specified in ISO 2834-2 and screen print ink specified in ISO 2834-3, are developed with a similar structure to this document.

In this method, a procedure has been added to perform a periodic test with reference material to check deterioration of the used materials like rubbers and inks.