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Introduction

Specular reflectance and specular gloss are not unique physical properties of a surface. They vary with the angle of measurement, and with the aperture dimensions that define the incident and the reflected beams, such that measurements of these properties are not independent of the apparatus being used.

The specular reflectance of most surfaces increases with the angle of measurement and accounts for the use of reflectometers with various angles as, for example, for painted surfaces. The specular reflectance characteristics of anodized aluminium, however, do not always behave in the normal manner and, because of its property of double reflection, reflected light comes partly from the film surface and partly from the underlying metal. It is advisable to measure the specular reflectance characteristics at 20°, 45°, 60° and 85° to obtain a complete understanding of the specular reflectance properties of the anodized surface, and careful thought should be given to which method or methods are most relevant in any particular situation. The specular reflectance of bright-anodized aluminium with a mirror finish is best measured using 45° or 20° geometry.