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Part 1: 75° gloss with a converging beam, TAPPI method

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8254-1:1999). It has been technically revised, in part to harmonize the wavelength specified in 5.2.1 with that specified in ISO 8254-2:2003 and ISO 8254-3:2004. The reference wavelength defining the high-gloss reference standard has been changed from 589,26 nm (sodium D line) to 587,56 nm (helium d line), but this change has a negligible effect on the measured specular gloss value.

ISO 8254 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paper and board* — *Determination of specular gloss*:

- Part 1: 75° gloss with a converging beam, TAPPI method
- Part 2: 75° gloss with a parallel beam, DIN method
- Part 3: 20° gloss with a converging beam, TAPPI method

## Introduction

This part of ISO 8254 deals with the assessment of the "gloss" of a paper or board surface by determining an optical property called the "specular gloss" which is here defined in terms of a measurement made at 75° using a converging beam geometry, commonly known as the TAPPI method and described in TAPPI 480 om-92<sup>[1]</sup>. Other parts of this International Standard deal with measurements made at 75° using a collimated beam geometry known as the DIN method, and with measurements made at 20°. Gloss results are greatly dependent on the angle of measurement and on the type of incident beam (converging or collimated), so conditions of measurement shall be carefully defined.

The definition of gloss (3.1) relates to a mode of visual perception, whereas the method described uses a physical measurement of mixed regular and diffuse reflection. The exact correlation between the visual perception and the scale established by the physical measurement is not known. However, this physical gloss scale has proved to be useful for a number of technical applications and consequently its standardization is justified.