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## Introduction

The optical transfer function is an important aid to objective evaluation of the image-forming capability of optical, electro-optical and photographic systems.

In order that optical transfer function measurements achieved using different measuring principles or obtained from measuring instruments in different laboratories can be compared, it is necessary to ensure equivalence of measurement parameters such as focus setting and spatial frequency range. For this reason, an agreed terminology has been defined in order for the measurement parameters used in this International Standard to be understood by all users. This International Standard gives guidance for the construction and operation of equipment for optical transfer function measurement.

The specifications in this International Standard form the basic requirements of measurement instrumentation and procedures for guaranteeing a defined accuracy of measurement of the optical transfer function.