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### Foreword

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International Standard ISO 516 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 42, Photography.

This third edition cancels and replace second edition (ISO 516:1986), of which it constitutes a technical revision.

Annex A forms a normative part of this International Standard.

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#### Introduction

This International Standard is intended to provide a uniform basis for determining the timing and marking of exposure times of all types of shutters used in still cameras, and to give suitable definitions of the terms used.

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# Photography — Camera shutters — Timing

#### 1 Scope

This International Standard defines the characteristics of all types of shutters which are mounted in still cameras and affect the control of exposure, motion-stopping ability and synchronization with a photoflash light source.

It also specifies the exposure time markings for the shutters and their tolerances.

The tolerances specified are the target values for the shutter performance that can be expected to give good results. They are not intended for application as a general inspection standard in controlling the performance of shutters, since tolerances may vary with the feature and price class of camera tested.

Test methods are described for routine manufacturing testing and quality control.

#### **2** Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, such publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on the International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 10330:1992, Photography — Synchronizers, ignition circuits and connectors for cameras and photoflash units — Electrical characteristics and test methods.

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard the following terms and definitions apply:

NOTE The meanings of symbols used in this clause are given in clause 4.

### 3.1

front shutter

any shutter in the vicinity of the lens

NOTE 1 The front shutter may be in front of, behind or between the lens elements and may consist of rotating discs, rotating slats, sliding blades, oscillating blades, etc. Programmed shutters are also included.

NOTE 2 The common characteristic for the front shutter is that the entire picture area is exposed almost simultaneously.

NOTE 3 When the shutter and diaphragm are located too far apart, both exposure and shutter speed may vary at different points in the picture area.

#### 3.2

#### focal-plane shutter

any shutter in the vicinity of the focal plane

NOTE 1 The focal-plane shutter may consist of fixed or variable slit curtains, rotating discs, sliding blades, etc.