
**Camera shutters — Timing — General
definition and mechanical shutter
measurements**

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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 516:1999) which has been technically revised. The following changes have been made:

- The title and scope have been updated to reflect that the document is applicable to mechanical shutters.

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Introduction

A superseded edition of this document was developed in the mechanical-shutters-only era. The scope of this edition has been changed as many digital still cameras with non-mechanical shutters are now introduced to the market.

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1 Scope

This document provides a uniform basis for determining the exposure times for all types of shutters used in still cameras and contains suitable definitions of the terms used.

It specifies the exposure-time markings for all types of shutters and their tolerances.

The characteristics of all types of mechanical shutters, which are mounted in still cameras and affect the control of exposure, motion-stopping ability and synchronization with a photoflash light source are also defined.

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 mechanical 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. These test methods require access to the focal plane of the camera and can therefore not be applied to assembled digital still cameras.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

front shutter

any shutter in the vicinity of the lens

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

Note 2 to entry: The common characteristic for the front shutter is that the entire picture area is exposed almost simultaneously.

Note 3 to entry: 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 to entry: The focal-plane shutter can consist of fixed or variable slit curtains, rotating discs, sliding blades, etc.