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**Road vehicles — Safety glazing  
materials — Method for the  
determination of solar transmittance**

*Véhicules routiers — Vitrages de sécurité — Méthode de  
détermination du facteur de transmission du rayonnement solaire*



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## Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- deletion of definitions of convention “A” and convention “B”;
- deletion of all texts and tables corresponding to air mass 1,0 global;
- revision of 3.1;
- addition of some symbol definitions for variables and parameters;
- addition of calculation methods for luminous transmittance [ $T_L$ ], solar direct reflectance [ $R_e$ ], solar direct absorbance [ $a_e$ ] and colorimetry;
- revision of calculation method for solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(380)}$ ] to calculate with air mass 1,5 global;
- addition of a new [Table 1](#) for calculation of luminous transmittance [ $T_L$ ], a new [Table 2](#) for calculation of solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(380)}$ ], and a new [Table 5](#) for calculation of colorimetry;
- revision of [Table 3](#) (former [Table 1](#)) for calculation of solar UV transmittance [ $T_{UV(400)}$ ], [Table 4](#) (former [Table 2](#)) for calculation of solar direct transmittance [ $T_e$ ], solar direct reflectance [ $R_e$ ], and [Table A.1](#) for explanation of the derivation process;
- revision of [Annex A](#) to list the source of values in the new solar weight tables and give out the derivation process of [Table 3](#) as an example;

- deletion of Figure A.1 and Figure A.2;
- moving of texts of Annex B to [5.3.7](#) and revision of text structure;
- revision of Bibliography;
- editorial update.

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## Introduction

A review of existing standards and industry specifications and procedures reveals a lack of agreement with respect to the basis for defining and measuring the ultraviolet (UV), visible (VIS), infrared (IR) transmittance and colorimetry ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$ ) properties of glazing materials. To avoid the continued preparation and promulgation of conflicting standards by individual entities, there is an interest in the automotive and glazing industries to harmonize on a worldwide basis the test procedures and protocols used to assess the solar transmittance properties of glazing materials.

# Road vehicles — Safety glazing materials — Method for the determination of solar transmittance

## 1 Scope

This document specifies test methods to determine the luminous, the direct and total solar transmittance, and the colorimetry of safety glazing materials for road vehicles.

This document applies to monolithic or laminated, clear or tinted samples of safety glazing materials. Essentially flat sections of glazing parts can be used in this test, as well as flat samples of the same materials.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/CIE 11664-4:2019, *Colorimetry — Part 4: CIE 1976  $L^*a^*b^*$  colour space*

## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

#### 3.1.1

##### air mass

ratio of the mass of atmosphere in the actual observer-sun path to the mass that would exist if the observer were at sea level, at standard barometric pressure, and the sun were directly overhead

### 3.2 Symbols

$T_L$	luminous transmittance for CIE standard illuminant A with 2 degree view through a glazing
$T_\lambda$	transmittance through a glazing at wavelength $\lambda$ within a specified $\Delta\lambda$
$W_\lambda$	normalized luminous transmittance weighting coefficient
$T_{UV(380)}$	ultraviolet (UV) direct solar energy transmitted through the glazing at a specified upper limit value (380 nm)
$E'_{\lambda(n)}$	normalized relative spectral distribution of global solar radiation
$T_{UV(400)}$	ultraviolet (UV) direct solar energy transmitted through the glazing at a specified upper limit value (400 nm)