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## European foreword

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## Introduction

It is a requirement within the aerospace industry that all wires and cables within an aircraft electrical system are identified with a circuit identification code at regular intervals down the length of the wire. Various marking methods are used for marking these identification codes on to the surface of electrical wires or cables including ink-based and laser-based processes. The legibility of the markings is dependent upon the process used and the insulation medium. Minimum standards of contrast are required to facilitate reading back of the identity codes.

**NOTE** It has been reported that there are instances where the contrast of marks on tape wrap wires is non-uniform and can cause problems in the contrast measurement process which might lead to a non-conformance. Care needs to be taken in such cases to establish a good average value of the contrast. This issue will be assessed in the next revision of the document.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the process to be applied for measuring the contrast of wire and cable identification markings against the background of the unmarked wire insulation. It has been developed primarily to define a reproducible process of contrast value determination for use both to determine the intrinsic laser markability of wires at the time of manufacture or later, and to enable electrical wiring systems manufacturers to ensure that the whole process of wire marking is carried out to the required standard.

## 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.

EN 3475-706, *Aerospace series - Cables, electrical, aircraft use - Test methods - Part 706: Laser markability*

EN 4650, *Aerospace series — Wire and cable marking process, UV Laser*

CIE 15, *Colorimetry*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **contrast**

ratio of the difference in luminance between the marked and unmarked areas of the insulation divided by the luminance of the unmarked insulation

### 3.2

#### **luminance**

quantitative measurement of the visible light reflected from a surface, in this case the wire or cable insulation

### 3.3

#### **laser**

acronym for Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation

Note 1 to entry: Lasers are a source of intense monochromatic light in the ultraviolet, visible or infrared region of the spectrum.

### 3.4

#### **ultraviolet**

#### **UV**

electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range from approximately 200 nm to 400 nm