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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 6942:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- normative references have been updated (see [Clause 2](#));
- the specified relative humidity range for the conditioning atmosphere has been changed (see [7.1](#));
- an example product for the optically black paint has been provided (see [5.4](#));
- the annex on ILT has been revised ([Annex A](#)).

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Introduction

Protective clothing against radiant heat is worn at different occasions and accordingly the radiation intensity (characterised by the heat flux density) acting on the clothing material extends over a wide range. This document describes two test methods which can be applied to all sorts of materials, but, according to the intended use of the material, the heat flux density has to be chosen properly and the results have to be interpreted correctly,

Industrial workers or fire fighters may be exposed to a relatively low radiation intensity over a long period of time. On the other hand, industrial workers or fire fighters may be exposed to medium radiation intensities for relatively short periods of time or to high radiation intensities for very short periods of time. In the latter case, the clothing material may be changed or even destroyed.

The materials for protective clothing are usually tested at medium and high heat flux densities. The response of materials to method A and the times t_{12} and t_{24} and transmission factor measured with method B characterise the material. For information on the precision of method B, see [Annex A](#).

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1 Scope

This document specifies two complementary methods (method A and method B) for determining the behaviour of materials for heat protective clothing subjected to heat radiation.

These tests are carried out on representative single or multi-layer textiles or other materials intended for clothing for protection against heat. They are also applicable to assemblies, which correspond to the overall build up of a heat protective clothing assembly with or without underclothing,

Method A serves for visual assessment of any changes in the material after the action of heat radiation. With method B the protective effect of the materials is determined. The materials may be tested either by both methods or only by one of them.

The tests according to these two methods serve to classify materials; however, to be able to make a statement or prediction as to the suitability of a material for protective clothing additional criteria must be taken into account.

Since the tests are carried out at room temperature the results do not necessarily correspond to the behaviour of the materials at higher ambient temperatures and therefore are only to a limited extent suitable for predicting the performance of the protective clothing made from the materials under test.

2 Normative reference

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/TR 11610, *Protective clothing — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 11610 and the following apply.

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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

Heat transfer levels

3.1.1

time t_{12}

time in seconds expressed to one decimal place, to achieve a calorimeter temperature rise of $(12 \pm 0,1) ^\circ\text{C}$ when tested according to method B