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Part 2:

**Saunderson correction, solutions of
the Kubelka-Munk equation, tinting
strength, depth of shade and hiding
power**

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*Partie 2: Correction de Saunderson, solutions de l'équation de
Kubelka-Munk, pouvoir colorant, profondeur de teinte et pouvoir
masquant*



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- the terms and definitions in [Clause 3](#) have been aligned with ISO 18451-1;
- the document has been editorially revised and the bibliography has been updated.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the Saunderson correction for different measurement geometries and the solutions of the Kubelka-Munk equation for hiding and transparent layers. It also specifies methods for the calculations of the tinting strength including the residual colour difference based on different criteria such as the depth of shade. Finally, methods for determining the hiding power are provided.

The procedures for preparing the samples for these measurements are not part of this document. They are agreed between the contracting parties or are described in other national or international standards.

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.

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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

tinting strength **colour strength**

measure of the ability of a colourant to colour other materials because of its absorptive power

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.122]

3.2

relative tinting strength **relative colour strength**

percentage ratio of the *tinting strength* (3.1) of the colourant under test related to the tinting strength of a reference colourant

[SOURCE: ISO 18451-1:2019, 3.105]

3.3

tinting strength criterion

parameter that describes the colouring effect of a colourant, based on its absorption

Note 1 to entry: The tinting strength criteria used in this document are the following: