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optical test methods — Measurement of
relative irradiance in the image field**

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Méthode de mesurage de l'éclairement énergétique relatif dans le champ
image*



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Introduction

In every image projected by an optical or electro-optical system, the irradiance varies from the centre to the edge independently of the object structures. It generally decreases, i.e. even an object surface of uniform radiance will be imaged with an irradiance which decreases from the image centre to the edge. In special cases, it can, however, increase. In optical systems which are rotationally symmetric, the variation will not always be rotationally symmetric, for example if limiting apertures are not rotationally symmetric.

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1 Scope

This International Standard is applicable to optical imaging systems in the optical spectral region from $\lambda = 100 \text{ nm}$ to $\lambda = 1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Theoretical reflections and the comparison with the calculation apply only to optical systems. These need not, however, be rotationally symmetric; anamorphic systems, for example, are included.

Telescopic systems are also included. The title of this International Standard refers to the relative irradiance in the image field, but this standard is also applicable to determination of the relative radiant power.

NOTE — For telescopic systems it will be suitable to state only the radiant power; for most imaging systems, the conversion from radiant power to irradiance will be easy.

As far as measurements are concerned, this International Standard can also be applied to electro-optical systems.

The two methods described differ particularly in the influence of veiling glare.

2 Quantities, symbols and units

Table 1 - Quantities, symbols and units

Quantity	Symbol	Unit
Relative irradiance	E_{rel}	
Function for natural fall-off in brightness	$F_{\text{nat}}(\omega_p)$	
Function for relative pupil surface	$F_p(\omega_p)$	
Function for vignetting	$F_{\text{vig}}(\omega_p)$	
Function for relative transmission	$F_T(\omega_p)$	
Influence function of distortion	$F_{\text{ver}}(\omega_p)$	
Relative distortion	V_r	%
Image coordinates	u'	mm
	v'	mm
Object height (one dimensional)	h	mm
Image height (one dimensional)	h'	mm
Pupil field angle, object-space	ω_p	rad, degree
Pupil field angle, image-space	$\omega'_{p'}$	rad, degree
Azimuth of object to be measured	Φ	rad, degree
Wall thickness of the analysing aperture	t	mm
Diameter of the analysing aperture	d	mm