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methods for telescopic systems —**

Part 6:

**Test methods for veiling glare index**

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## Foreword

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ISO 14490 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Optics and optical instruments — Test methods for telescopic systems*:

- *Part 1: Test methods for basic characteristics*
- *Part 2: Test methods for binocular systems*
- *Part 3: Test methods for telescopic sights*
- *Part 4: Test methods for astronomical telescopes*
- *Part 5: Test methods for transmittance*
- *Part 6: Test methods for veiling glare index*
- *Part 7: Test methods for limit of resolution*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 8: Test methods for night-vision devices*

# Optics and optical instruments — Test methods for telescopic systems —

## Part 6: Test methods for veiling glare index

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 14490 specifies the test methods for the determination of the veiling glare index of telescopic systems and observational telescopic instruments.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 9358:1994, *Optics and optical instruments — Veiling glare of image forming systems — Definitions and methods of measurement*

ISO 14132-1:2002, *Optics and optical instruments — Vocabulary for telescopic systems — Part 1: General terms and alphabetical indexes of terms in ISO 14132*

ISO 14490-1:2005, *Optics and optical instruments — Test methods for telescopic systems — Part 1: Test methods for basic characteristics*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14132-1 apply.

### 4 General considerations

The veiling glare test methods are generally described in ISO 9358:1994. ISO 9358:1994 deals with arbitrary optical instruments and contains two basic approaches to measuring the veiling glare, namely integral (or black patch) method and analytical (or glare spread function) method.

For terrestrial telescopes with which this part of ISO 14490 deals, the black patch method is more adequate while the glare spread function may prove to be better for astronomical telescopes. For the moment, consideration in this part of ISO 14490 is given only to the black patch method. If need of measuring the glare spread function arises, the reference shall be made directly to appropriate clauses of ISO 9358:1994.

From the classification given in Clause 3 of ISO 9358:1994, the case where both the object and the image are at infinity will usually apply to telescopic systems. Clauses 6 and 7 give detailed and more specific description of the general test method given in 4.1 of ISO 9358:1994 and of test conditions given in 5.1 of ISO 9358:1994.