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Introduction

Recently, due to the improvement of display technologies, users can easily experience stereoscopic displays using glasses, such as TVs with large screen, personal computers, etc. The displays are used not only in the field of leisure, but also in business, education and medical applications.

This document presents the requirements for visual display units (VDUs) with stereoscopic displays using glasses.

ISO 9241-303 covers the display hardware aspect and gives basic requirements for head-mounted displays (HMDs). ISO/TR 9241-331 presents the optical characteristics of autostereoscopic displays. These other documents are closely related to stereoscopic displays using glasses, but are not directly applicable to them, because the need for special glasses or its absence is an important factor in ergonomics. The visual factors of HMDs are also ergonomically different from those of other displays.

This document is not included in the current ISO 9241-300 subseries for 2D displays because stereoscopic displays have unique features. The development of a separate document to cover stereoscopic displays offers better understanding of its unique features. For an overview of the entire ISO 9241 series, see [Annex A](#).

Moreover, IWA 3:2005^[19] was published (since withdrawn) to discuss the image contents aspect. This ISO International Workshop Agreement described image safety issues and means of reducing the incidence of undesirable biomedical effects caused by visual image sequences. Visual fatigue caused by stereoscopic images (VFSI) is one of these undesirable effects.

With this document and the related International Standards, the purpose is to develop guidelines for image content where activities are closely related to the use of stereoscopic displays with glasses.

To ensure effective and comfortable viewing, and to reduce VFSI, the standards will need to address both display hardware and the displayed contents. However, as the first step, this document focuses on the display hardware aspect in order to simplify the discussions.

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1 Scope

This document specifies ergonomic requirements for stereoscopic displays using glasses designed to produce or facilitate binocular parallax. These requirements are stated as performance specifications, aimed at ensuring effective and comfortable viewing conditions for users, and at reducing visual fatigue caused by stereoscopic images on stereoscopic display using glasses. Test methods and metrology, yielding conformance measurements and criteria, are provided for design evaluation. See [Annex B](#) for measurement procedures.

This document is applicable to temporally or spatially interlaced types of display. These are implemented by flat-panel displays, projection displays, etc.

Stereoscopic displays using glasses can be applied to many contexts of use. However, this document focuses on business and home leisure applications (i.e. observing moving images, games, etc.). Only dark environments are specified in this document.

For technical explanation of display technologies, see [Annex C](#).

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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1 General terms

3.1.1

stereoscopic display

3D display where depth perception is induced by *binocular parallax* ([3.2.1](#))

[SOURCE: ISO/TR 9241-331:2012, 2.1]

3.1.2

temporally interlaced type

temporally multiplexed type

temporally multiplexed display

temporally multiplexed stereoscopic display

stereoscopic display ([3.1.1](#)) that shows each of stereoscopic images sequentially