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Foreword

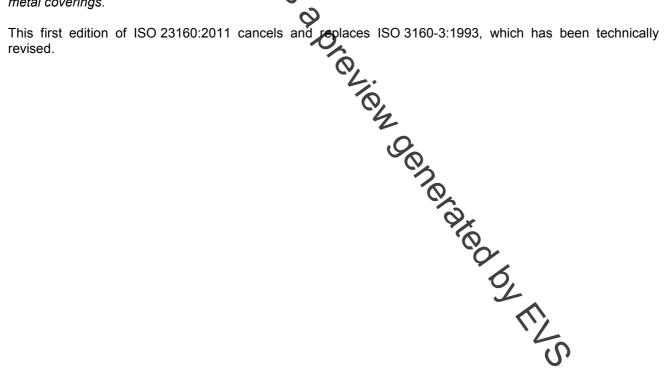
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Introduction

The quality of a watch depends on many factors. Of these, the resistance of a watch to wear, scratches and impacts is an important aspect contributing to consumer satisfaction.

This International Standard describes tests to simulate the deterioration of the aesthetic of watch cases and their accessories is wearing conditions. In addition, it describes tests for evaluating the wear resistance of surfaces. Where possible, a calibration process is described. The intention of this is to measure and adjust the strain of wear. 5

For instance, results the simulate a year's wear can be seen after just a few hours, allowing the resistance of decorative layers or the base material to be examined and compared.

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Watch cases and accessories — Tests of the resistance to wear, scratching and impacts

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies tests for the evaluation of the resistance of watch cases and their wristlets to wear, scratsping and impacts occurring when wearing the watch.

This International Standard is applicable mainly to complete watch cases fitted with wristlets. However, certain tests can be applied to the watch case only, to the complete or partial wristlet, or to specially prepared samples.

NOTE In order to simulate the state of degradation of a worn watch, it is possible to combine all tests described in this International Standard, by agreement between the contracting parties.

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 2819, Metallic coatings on metallic substrates — Exectrodeposited and chemically deposited coatings — Review of methods available for testing adhesion

ISO 8251, Anodizing of aluminium and its alloys — Measurement of abrasion resistance of anodic oxidation coatings

ISO 11640, Leather — Tests for colour fastness — Colour fastness to cycles of to-and-fro rubbing

ISO 27874, Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings for electrical, electronic and engineering purposes — Specification and test methods

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

wear

surface alteration, in particular resulting from friction against clothing

3.2

scratches

surface alterations resulting from general friction against all kinds of objects

3.3

impacts

surface alterations resulting from general shocks against hard and rough surfaces, as well as drops, when wearing the watch