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## **Photography — Paper dimensions — Rolls for photocomposition**

*Photographie — Dimensions des papiers — Rouleaux pour appareils de  
photocomposition*



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## Introduction

The rapid growth of phototypesetting and photolettering technology and the absence of definitive national standards has resulted in a proliferation of equipment and photographic product sizes.

To minimize this proliferation and to encourage a reduction in the total number of paper sizes currently in use, this International Standard lists preferred and recognized sizes of paper. It is hoped that, with the co-operation of photographic and equipment manufacturers, the recognized sizes can be withdrawn and only the preferred sizes be used. However, because this is a dynamic and growing industry, guidelines have been established for calculating the dimensions of new paper sizes which may be required as a result of future innovations.

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# Photography — Paper dimensions — Rolls for photocomposition

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the nominal and slitting widths with their tolerances, of photographic papers in rolls, intended to be used on phototypesetting and photolettering devices.

It also specifies preferred core dimensions, winding orientation and package marking.

Paper lengths are not specified but annex A gives a series of nominal paper lengths as a guide for equipment manufacturers.

This International Standard applies to unperforated paper. However, since some older equipment still requires perforated material, perforating specifications appear in annex B. Equipment manufacturers are strongly encouraged to design future equipment to accept only unperforated rolls.

The corresponding standard for films is ISO 3772.

In this International Standard, metric units are prime.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 3772:1976)

2) All measuring instrument calibrations should be referred to a temperature of 20 °C (as specified in ISO 1) and a relative humidity of 50 %.

ISO 1:1975, *Standard reference temperature for industrial length measurements.*

ISO 554:1976, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications.*

ISO 3772:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Photography — Film dimensions — Rolls for photocomposition.*

ISO 6221:1980, *Photography — Photographic films and papers — Determination of the dimensional change characteristics.*

## 3 Conditions for measurement of dimensions

The dimensions and tolerances specified in this International Standard apply at the time of manufacture, measured under atmospheric conditions of  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity, as specified in ISO 554<sup>2)</sup>, (see annex C).

## 4 Width of rolls

### 4.1 Preferred widths

Slitting widths for preferred widths, and their tolerances, shall conform to the values given in table 1.

### 4.2 Recognized widths

Slitting widths for temporarily recognized widths, and their tolerances, shall conform to the values given in table 2.

Phototypesetting and photolettering equipment manufacturers are, however, strongly encouraged to