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**Practice for use of a radiochromic film  
dosimetry system**

*Pratique de l'utilisation d'un système dosimétrique à film  
radiochromique*



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## Foreword

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ASTM International is one of the world's largest voluntary standards development organizations with global participation from affected stakeholders. ASTM technical committees follow rigorous due process balloting procedures.

A pilot project between ISO and ASTM International has been formed to develop and maintain a group of ISO/ASTM radiation processing dosimetry standards. Under this pilot project, ASTM Committee E61, Radiation Processing, is responsible for the development and maintenance of these dosimetry standards with unrestricted participation and input from appropriate ISO member bodies.

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This third edition of ISO/ASTM 51275 cancels and replaces ISO/ASTM 51275:2004(E).



## Standard Practice for Use of a Radiochromic Film Dosimetry System<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation ISO/ASTM 51275; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision.

### 1. Scope

1.1 This is a practice for using radiochromic film dosimetry systems to measure absorbed dose in materials irradiated by photons or electrons in terms of absorbed dose to water. Radiochromic film dosimetry systems are generally used as routine dosimetry systems.

1.2 The radiochromic film dosimeter is classified as a Type II dosimeter on the basis of the complex effect of influence quantities. See ASTM Practice E2628.

1.3 This document is one of a set of standards that provides recommendations for properly implementing dosimetry in radiation processing, and describes a means of achieving compliance with the requirements of ASTM E2628 “Practice for Dosimetry in Radiation Processing” for a radiochromic film dosimetry system. It is intended to be read in conjunction with ASTM E2628.

1.4 This practice covers the use of radiochromic film dosimetry systems under the following conditions:

1.4.1 The absorbed dose range is 1 Gy to 150 kGy.

1.4.2 The absorbed dose rate is  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $1 \times 10^{13}$  Gy·s<sup>-1</sup> (1-4).<sup>2</sup>

1.4.3 The photon energy range is 0.1 to 50 MeV.

1.4.4 The electron energy range is 70 keV to 50 MeV.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

### 2. Referenced documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

E170 Terminology Relating to Radiation Measurements and Dosimetry

E275 Practice for Describing and Measuring Performance of Ultraviolet and Visible Spectrophotometers

E2628 Practice for Dosimetry in Radiation Processing

E2701 Guide for Performance Characterization of Dosimeters and Dosimetry Systems for Use in Radiation Processing

#### 2.2 ISO/ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

51261 Practice for Calibration of Routine Dosimetry Systems for Radiation Processing

51707 Guide for Estimating Uncertainties in Dosimetry for Radiation Processing

#### 2.3 International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements (ICRU) Reports:<sup>4</sup>

ICRU Report 85a Fundamental Quantities and Units for Ionizing Radiation

ICRU Report 80 Dosimetry Systems for Use in Radiation Processing

#### 2.4 Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM) Reports:

JCGM 100:2008, GUM 1995, with minor corrections, Evaluation of measurement data – Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement<sup>5</sup>

JCGM 200:2008, VIM, International vocabulary of metrology – Basis and general concepts and associated terms<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *calibration curve*—expression of the relation between indication and corresponding measured quantity value. (VIM)

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—In radiation processing dosimetry standards, the term ‘dosimeter response’ is generally used rather than ‘indication’.

3.1.2 *dosimeter*—device having a reproducible, measurable response to radiation that can be used to measure the absorbed dose in a given system.

3.1.3 *dosimeter batch*—quantity of dosimeters made from a specific mass of material with uniform composition, fabricated in a single production run under controlled, consistent conditions, and having a unique identification code.

3.1.4 *dosimetry response*—reproducible, quantifiable effect produced in the dosimeter by ionizing radiation.

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<sup>2</sup> The boldface numbers in parentheses refer to the bibliography at the end of this standard.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM and ISO/ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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