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Part 1: Kubelka-Munk method for white and
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6504-1:1983), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a) the normative references in [Clause 2](#) have been updated;
- b) [Clause 3](#) for terms and definitions has been added;
- c) [Clause 7](#) for limitations has been added;
- d) the term "contrast ratio" has been changed to "hiding power" throughout the text;
- e) it has been clarified that the reflectance R_g needs to be measured and that the graphs in [Annex A](#) and values in [Table B.1](#) are only examples for $R_g = 0,80$.

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Introduction

ISO 6504-3[1] specifies a method for determining the hiding power of paints at a fixed spreading rate, by applying paint films to black and white charts and to polyester film respectively. It depends on the observation that there is a linear relationship between hiding power and reciprocal film thickness, at least over a limited range of film thickness.

Hiding power of paints is generally defined as the spreading rate required to give a hiding power of 98 %. To determine this by the method specified in ISO 6504-3[1] would be time-consuming and require considerable extrapolation which often exceeds the limit of linearity of the relationship between hiding power and spreading rate. Therefore, this method for the determination of hiding power, involving the Kubelka-Munk (K-M) equations which relate scattering and absorption coefficients to optical properties, has also been standardized.

Paints and varnishes — Determination of hiding power —

Part 1:

Kubelka-Munk method for white and light-coloured paints

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the hiding power (spreading rate necessary to give a hiding power of 98 %) of white or light-coloured paints. It is applicable to paint films having the tristimulus value of $Y \geq 70$ and hiding power > 80 %. It is not applicable to fluorescent or metallic paints.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of film thickness*

ISO 2811-1, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of density — Part 1: Pycnometer method*

ISO 3251, *Paints, varnishes and plastics — Determination of non-volatile-matter content*

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

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light-coloured paint

coating with tristimulus values Y and Y_{10} greater than 25, measured with a spectrophotometer on a black and white substrate

4 Principle

The method is based on the Kubelka and Munk equations relating the scattering and absorption coefficients of pigmented films to their colour and opacity.

For the determination of hiding power, both the reflectance (R_B) of a paint film of thickness t on a black background and the reflectivity (R_∞) are required for introduction into the Kubelka-Munk equations (Clause 5).