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- terms and definitions: “pedal reflector” was added;
- change all angle units to degrees;
- addition of [7.1.2.4](#) b);
- improvement of [8.2.4](#);
- addition of [Annex A](#).

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Cycles — Lighting and retro-reflective devices —

Part 2: Retro-reflective devices

1 Scope

This document is applicable to retro-reflective devices used on cycles intended to be used on public roads and, especially, bicycles complying with ISO 4210^[1] and ISO 8098^[2].

This part of ISO 6742 specifies photometric and physical requirements of retro-reflective devices.

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 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

CIE 15, *Colorimetry: official recommendations of the International Commission on Illumination*

CIE 1931, *XYZ colour space of the International Commission on Illumination*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

retro-reflective device reflector

assembly ready for use and comprising one or more retro-reflecting optical units

3.2

wide angle reflector

device providing retro-reflection through horizontal entrance angles of not less than 50° on either side of the reference axis

3.3

conventional reflector

device providing retro-reflection through entrance angles of not less than 20° on either side of the reference axis

3.4

high values reflector

red *retro-reflective device* (3.1) with high values of reflection e.g. dedicated to be mounted on luggage carrier

3.5

retro-reflective spoke

spoke with retro-reflective surface

3.6

retro-reflective spoke case

device, e.g. cylinder, with retro-reflective surface with or without a gap, providing a secured mounting on a spoke

3.7

retro-reflective tyre

tyre ready for use and comprising retro-reflecting annuli moulded on to each sidewall of the tyre

3.8

pedal reflector

reflector located on the pedal

4 General

4.1 Symbols and units used

Symbols are shown in [Figure 1](#). Their meaning and units used are given in [Table 1](#).

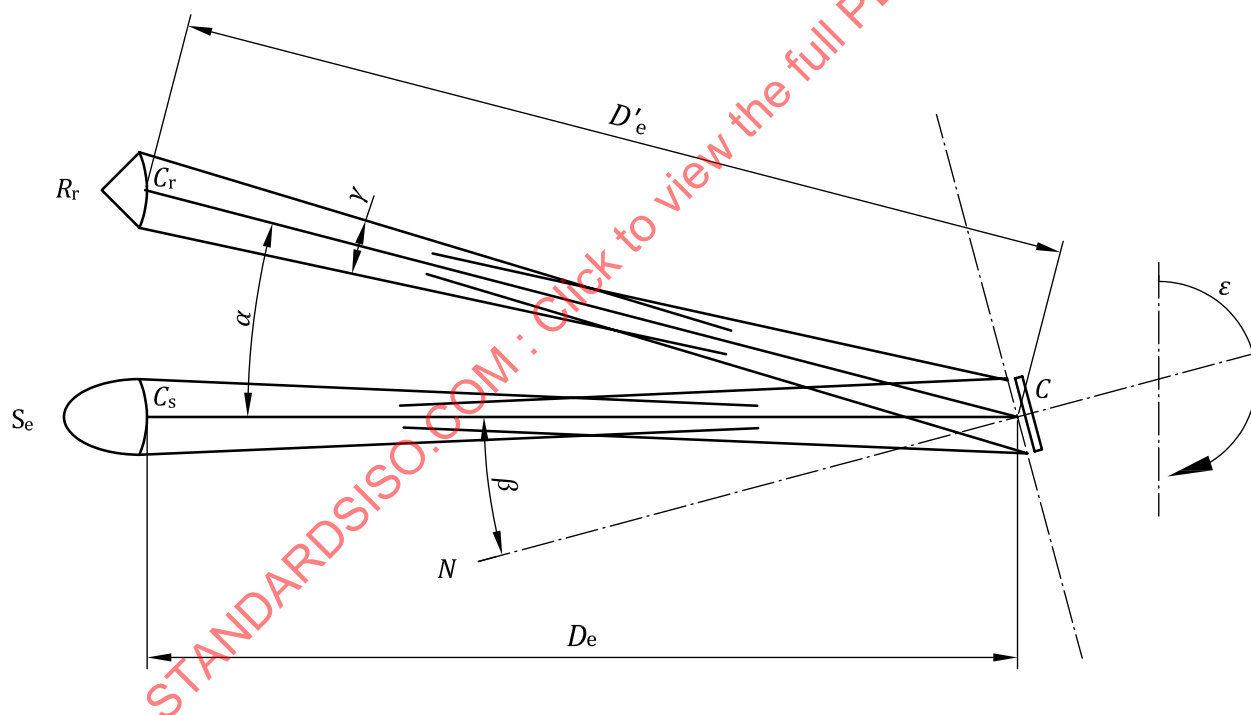


Figure 1 — Symbols

NOTE The following symbols are in accordance with UN/ECE Regulation No.150^[3] concerning retro-reflective devices.

Table 1 — Meaning and units of symbols used

Symbol	Meaning	Unit
C	Reference centre	—
NC	Reference axis	—
R _r	Receiver, observer or measuring device	—
C _r	Centre of receiver	—
S _e	Source of illumination	—
C _s	Centre of source of illumination	—
D _e ^a	Distance from centre C _s to centre C	m
D' _e ^a	Distance from centre C _r to centre C	m
D	Mean diameter of retro-reflective annulus on retro-reflective tyres	mm
α	Observation angle	degree (°)
β	Entrance angle. With respect to line C _s C which always considered to be horizontal, this angle is prefixed with signs – (left), + (right), + (up) or – (down), according to the position of the source S _e in relation to the axis NC, as seen when looking towards the retro-reflective device. For any direction defined by two angles, vertical and horizontal, the vertical angle is always given first.	degree (°)
γ	Angular subtense of measuring device R _r , as seen from point C	degree (°)
δ	Angular subtense of the source S _e , as seen from point C	degree (°)
ε	Rotation angle. This angle is positive when the rotation is clockwise as seen when looking towards the illuminated surface. If reflecting device is marked “TOP”, the position thus indicated is taken as origin.	degree (°)

^a D_e and D'_e are generally very nearly the same and under normal conditions of observation it may be assumed that D_e = D'_e. Furthermore, the effective distances may be used when a collimated system is used in order to obtain an artificially increased measuring distance.

4.2 Chronological order of tests

The applicant shall submit for approval samples which shall be tested in the chronological order indicated in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Chronological order of tests

Number of paragraph	Tests for retro-reflective devices	Sample					
		a	b	c	d	e	f
7.1.2.2	Temperature resistance test	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clause 6	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clause 5	Photometry only at V = H = 0°	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clause 5	Photometry at all test points	X	X				
7.1.2.4	Moisture resistance test			X	X		
7.1.2.5	Resistance to fuels			X	X		
7.1.2.6	Resistance to lubricating oils			X	X		
Clause 6	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt			X	X		
Clause 5	Photometry only at V = H = 0°			X	X		
7.1.2.3	Impact test (only for wide angle reflector and conventional reflector of Group B)					X	X
Clause 6	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt					X	X

Table 2 (continued)

Number of paragraph	Tests for retro-reflective devices	Sample					
		a	b	c	d	e	f
Clause 5	Photometry only at $V = H = 0^\circ$					X	X

5 Photometrical requirements

5.1 General

In order to follow different requirements in different countries, the photometrical requirements are divided into 2 groups: Group A and Group B, see [Table 3](#).

Table 3 — Tables link with groups

Classification	Type	Colour	Group A	Group B
Front	Conventional reflector	White	Table 4	Table 5
	Wide angle reflector		Table 6	Table 7
Rear	Conventional reflector	Red	Table 4	Table 5
	Wide angle reflector		Table 6	Table 7
	High value reflector		Table 10	
Side	Conventional reflector	White or yellow	Table 4	Table 5
	Wide angle reflector		Table 6	Table 7
	Retro-reflective tyre		Table 11	Table 12
	Retro-reflective spoke	White	Table 13	
	Retro-reflective spoke case	White	Table 14	
Pedal	Pedal reflector	Yellow	Table 8	Table 9
NOTE Groups A or B are chosen according to national regulations.				

5.2 Reflectors

When tested by the method given in [Clause 8](#), the coefficients of luminous intensity, C_{IL} , values for reflectors shall not be less than those specified in [Tables 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9](#) or [10](#).

[Tables 4](#) to [7](#) applies to front, side and rear reflectors.

[Tables 8](#) and [9](#) applies to pedal reflectors.

[Table 10](#) applies to high values reflectors. High values reflectors are only applicable in Group A.

Table 4 — C_{IL} for conventional reflectors (Group A) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β			
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	±5° ±20°
White	0,33°		1 200	800	400
	1,50°		20	11,2	10
Yellow	0,33°		750	500	250
	1,50°		12,5	7	6,25
Red	0,33°		300	200	100
	1,50°		5	2,8	2,5

Table 5 — C_{IL} for conventional reflectors (Group B) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β			
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	0° ±20°
White	0,20°		2 500	1 650	850
	1,50°		26	18	11
Yellow	0,20°		1 560	1 030	530
	1,50°		16	11	7
Red	0,20°		625	410	210
	1,50°		7	5	3

Table 6 — C_{IL} for wide angle reflectors (Group A) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β						
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	0° ±20°	0° ±30°	0° ±40°	0° ±50°
White	0,33°		1 800	1 200	610	540	470	400
	1,50°		34	24	15	15	15	15
Yellow	0,33°		1 125	750	380	335	290	250
	1,50°		21	15	10	10	10	10
Red	0,33°		450	300	150	135	115	100
	1,50°		9	6	4	4	4	4

Table 7 — C_{IL} for wide angle reflectors (Group B) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β						
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	0° ±20°	0° ±30°	0° ±40°	0° ±50°
White	0,20°		2 500	1 650	850	750	650	550
	1,50°		26	18	11	11	11	11
Yellow	0,20°		1 560	1 030	530	465	405	340
	1,50°		16	11	7	7	7	7
Red	0,20°		625	410	210	185	160	135
	1,50°		7	5	3	3	3	3

Table 8 — C_{IL} for pedal reflectors (Group A) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β			
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	±5° ±20°
Yellow	0,33°		300	200	100
	1,50°		12	9	6

Table 9 — C_{IL} for pedal reflectors (Group B) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β			
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	0° ±20°
Yellow	0,20°		450	350	175
	1,50°		16,5	11,5	7,5

Table 10 — C_{IL} for high values reflectors (Group A) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β			
		vertical V horizontal H	0° 0°	±10° 0°	±5° ±20°
Red	0,33°		1 000	700	400
	1,50°		30	20	10

5.3 Retro-reflective tyres

When tested by the method given in [Clause 8](#), the C_{IL} values for a retro-reflective tyre shall not be less than those specified in [Table 11](#) and [Table 12](#). In case where D is less than 420 mm the minimum photometric value for each observation and entrance angle shall be equal to the value for $D = 420$ mm.

Table 11 — C_{IL} for retro-reflective tyres (Group A) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β				
		horizontal H	5°	20°	40°	50°
Either White or White/Yellow	0,33°		1,60 <i>D</i>	1,40 <i>D</i>	0,47 <i>D</i>	0,15 <i>D</i>
	1,50°		0,11 <i>D</i>	0,10 <i>D</i>	0,065 <i>D</i>	0,020 <i>D</i>

Table 12 — C_{IL} for retro-reflective tyres (Group B) C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β				
		horizontal H	−4°	20°	40°	50°
Either White or White/Yellow	0,20°		1,21 <i>D</i>	1,06 <i>D</i>	0,70 <i>D</i>	0,21 <i>D</i>
	1,50°		0,121 <i>D</i>	0,106 <i>D</i>	0,070 <i>D</i>	0,021 <i>D</i>

5.4 Retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases

Retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases are only applicable in Group A.

When tested by the method given in [Clause 8](#), the C_{IL} values for retro-reflective spokes shall not be less than those specified in [Table 13](#).

Table 13 — C_{IL} for retro-reflective spokes C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β						
		vertical V	0°	0°	0°	0°	0°	0°
		horizontal H	±5°	±10°	±20°	±30°	±40°	±50°
White	0,33°		1 500	1 400	1 300	1 200	1 000	800
	1,50°		90	80	70	70	60	60

When tested by the method given in [Clause 8](#), the C_{IL} values for retro-reflective spoke cases shall not be less than those specified in [Table 14](#).

Table 14 — C_{IL} for retro-reflective spoke cases C_{IL} in mcd/lx

Colour	Observation angle, α	Entrance angle, β						
		vertical V	0°	0°	0°	0°	0°	0°
		horizontal H	±5°	±10°	±20°	±30°	±40°	±50°
White	0,33°		600	450	400	250	220	90
	1,50°		70	60	50	50	40	12

The colour of the retro-reflecting light shall be determined according to [Clause 9](#) and shall be within the colour range white of this document.

Retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases which have been coloured with a coat of paint shall be inadmissible.

6 Colorimetric requirements

When determined by the method given in [Clause 9](#), the colour of the reflected light shall be located within the appropriate area defined by CIE chromaticity coordinates specified in [Table 15](#).

NOTE For ease of reference these areas are shown graphically in [Figure 2](#).

Table 15 — x-y chromaticity coordinates of the intersection points of colour boundary lines

Colour		Coordinates					
		x	y	x	y	x	y
Red	x	0,665	0,335	0,645	0,259	0,721	0,265
	y	0,335	0,335	0,335	0,265	0,735	0,265
Yellow	x	0,547	0,452	0,536	0,387	0,613	0,387
	y	0,452	0,452	0,444	0,387	0,593	0,387
White	x	0,300	0,342	0,440	0,440	0,500	0,440
	y	0,342	0,342	0,432	0,382	0,500	0,382
White/Yellow ^a	x	0,380	0,408	0,509	0,382	0,618	0,382
	y	0,408	0,408	0,490	0,382	0,618	0,337

^a For retro-reflective tyres only

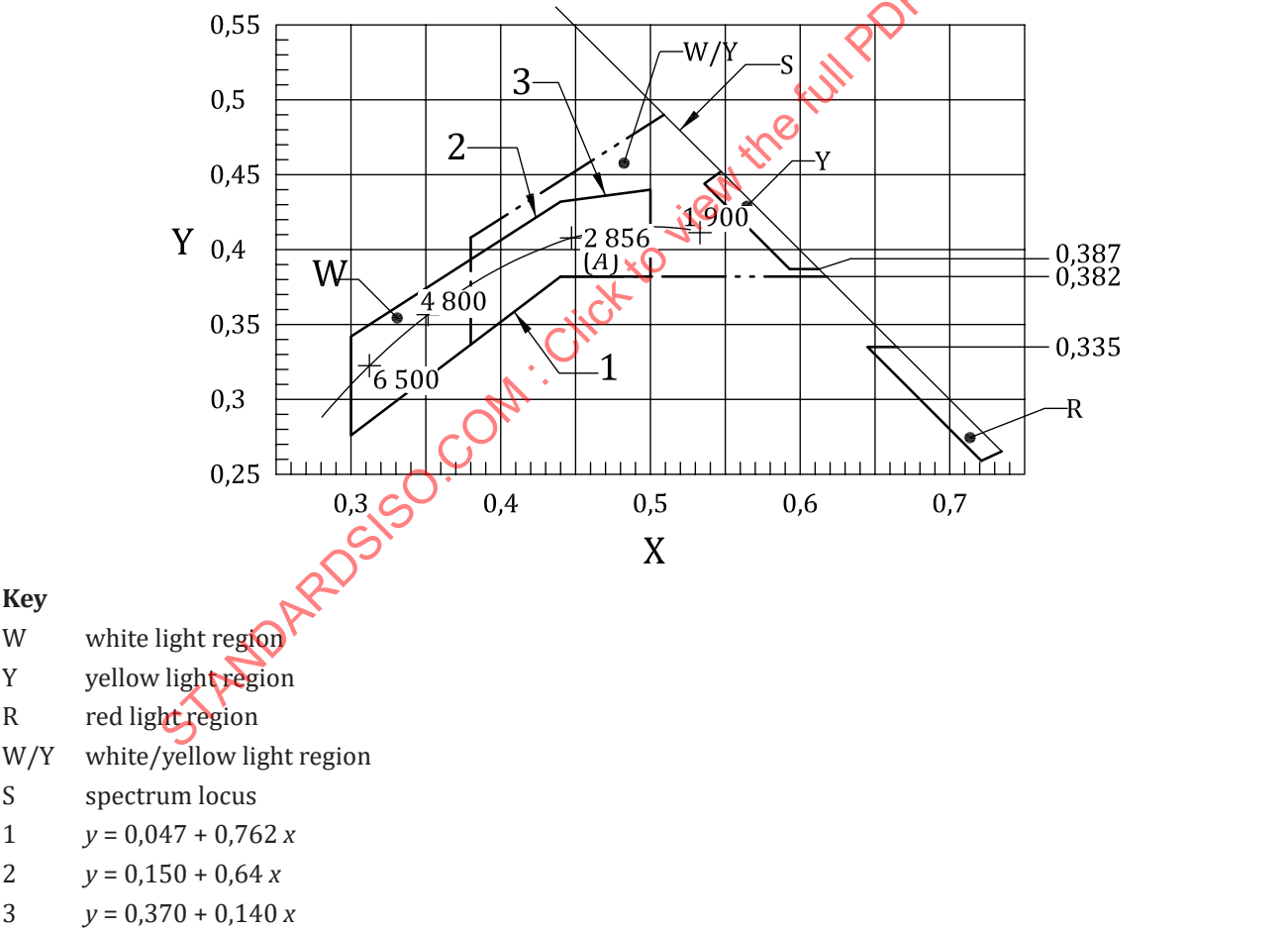


Figure 2 — Boundaries of colour areas for reflective devices

7 Physical requirements

7.1 Reflectors

7.1.1 Construction

The reflector and/or mount shall incorporate a distinct preferred assembly method to ensure that the reflector can be mounted in its designed orientation with regard to the cycle.

7.1.2 Test methods

7.1.2.1 General

A reflector shall comply with the photometric and colorimetric requirements of [5.1](#) and [Clause 6](#), and there shall be no loosening of the mounting(s) or distortion of the housing that would affect the performance of the reflector, after being subjected to any or all tests specified in [7.1.2.2](#) to [7.1.2.6](#).

7.1.2.2 Temperature resistance test

When tested by the following method, a reflector shall exhibit no softening, cracks, distortion or luster change of the lens or other visible defects that affect the reflecting function:

a) For Group A

Place the reflector in a pre-heated oven for a period of 48 h at a temperature of $(65 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$;

b) For Group B

Place the reflector in a pre-heated oven for a period of 1 h at a temperature of $(50^{+5}_0) ^\circ\text{C}$.

A pedal reflector may be tested integrally with its pedal.

7.1.2.3 Impact test (only for wide angle reflector and conventional reflector of Group B)

When a reflector is tested at room temperature by the following method the lens shall not crack.

Mount the reflector in a manner similar to the way in which it is mounted on the cycle, but with the lens face horizontal and directed upwards.

Drop a 13 mm diameter polished solid steel ball, once, vertically onto the central part of the lens from a height of 0,76 m. The ball may be guided but not restricted in free fall.

7.1.2.4 Moisture resistance test

a) For Group A

Strip all removable parts from the reflective device, whether part of a lamp or not, and immerse for 10 min in water at a temperature of $(50 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$, the highest point of the upper part of the reflective surface being 20 mm below the surface of the water. Repeat this test after turning the reflective device through 180° so that the reflective surface is at the bottom and rear face is covered by about 20 mm of water. Then immediately immerse the optical unit in the same procedure in water with a temperature of $(25 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

b) For Group B

The reflector shall be submerged in tap water in a suitable container. The container shall be pressurized in 17,2 kN/m² (equivalent to 1,7 m) of water for 15 min and then released. Check that there shall be no water penetration of the internal surface (effective reflective surface) of the lens of a reflector.

NOTE For alternative test method for Group B using negative pressure, see [Annex A](#).

7.1.2.5 Resistance to fuels

Soak the outer surface of the reflector on a mixture of 70 % of n-heptane and 30 % of toluene (by volume). After 5 min, clean the surface by wiping with a cloth.

7.1.2.6 Resistance to lubricating oils

Wipe the outer surface of the reflex reflector lightly with cotton soaked in detergent lubricating oil. After 5 min, clean the surface by wiping with a cloth.

7.2 Retro-reflective tyres

7.2.1 Form and location

The retro-reflective strip shall be in form of a continuous circle of retro-reflective material on each sidewall of the tyre.

7.2.2 Test methods

7.2.2.1 General

When subject to the test in [7.2.2.2](#) to [7.2.2.8](#) inclusive the retro-reflective material on the tyre shall comply with the photometric requirements of [5.2](#):

- for $\alpha = 0,33^\circ$ and $\beta = 5^\circ$ for group A, or
- for $\alpha = 0,20^\circ$ and $\beta = -4^\circ$ for group B,

and with the colorimetric requirements of [Clause 6](#) as specified in [Table 15](#).

The table also indicates where a portion of a tyre shall be used instead of a complete tyre. The portion shall be cut from a tyre not previously subjected to physical stress of this document. The requirements of [5.2](#) and [Clause 6](#) do not apply to a portion cut from a tyre.

Table 16 — Applicability of specimens to the photometric and colorimetric requirements

Test in clause	Tyre or portion to be used	Photometric requirements apply	Colourimetric requirements apply
7.2.2.2	Tyre	Yes as in Table 11 and Table 12	Yes
7.2.2.3	Portion	No	No
7.2.2.4	Tyre	Yes as in Table 11 and Table 12	Yes
7.2.2.5	Tyre	Yes as in Table 11 and Table 12	Yes
7.2.2.6	Portion	No	No
7.2.2.7	Portion	No	No
7.2.2.8	Tyre	Yes, see 7.2.2.8	Yes

7.2.2.2 Temperature resistance

When tested by the following method, there shall be no cracking, peeling or blistering of the retro-reflective material that would affect the performance for the intended use.

Subject a test sample to the following conditions in sequence:

- a) 12 h consecutively at a temperature of $(65 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$ with a relative humidity of $(10 \pm 5) \%$;
- b) at least 1 h at a temperature of $(23 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$ with a relative humidity of $(50 \pm 5) \%$;
- c) 15 h consecutively at a temperature of $(-20 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

7.2.2.3 Impact resistance

When tested with the following method the retro-reflective material shall show no cracking or separation from the tyre outside a distance of half the width of the material from the point of impact.

Condition the test sample for 1 h at a temperature of $(-20 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$. Immediately after removal from the cold storage, place the sample on a solid support base and subject the retro-reflective area to an impact from a 25 mm diameter solid steel ball dropped from a height of 2 m.

7.2.2.4 Resistance to fuels

Lightly rub the retro-reflective area of the test sample with a cotton cloth soaked in a test fuel composed of 70 % of *n*-heptane and 30 % of toluene (by volume).

After 5 min clean the retro-reflective area by washing a detergent solution and rinsing in clean water.

7.2.2.5 Resistance to lubricating oils

Lightly rub the retro-reflective area of the test sample with a cotton cloth soaked in detergent lubricating oil.

After 5 min wipe the area clean with a mild aliphatic solvent such as heptane and follow by washing with a neutral detergent and rinsing in clean water.

7.2.2.6 Adhesion

The retro-reflective material shall adhere to the tyre in such a way that, when conditioned and tested as described, a greater force than that specified shall be required to remove it from the substrate, or the material shall break when an attempt is made to remove it.

Condition the test sample for 30 min at a temperature of $(50 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$ and then for 30 min at a temperature of $(23 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

With a sharp knife, separate a strip of the retro-reflective material from the tyre.

Apply a tensile force of 1 N/mm of width of the strip in a direction normal to the strip to attempt to separate it from the substrate.

7.2.2.7 Abrasion resistance

The retro-reflective material shall be as resistant to abrasion as is the adjacent tyre material. Retro-reflective material shall be removed from the inflated tyre by abrasion with wet, steel-bristle brush, so that the tyre material is removed with the retro-reflective material.

7.2.2.8 Water test

Immerse the test sample for 1 min in water with a temperature of $(23 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$. Measure the C_{IL} value 30 s after removal:

- for $\alpha = 0,33^\circ$ and $\beta = 5^\circ$ for group A, or
- for $\alpha = 0,20^\circ$ and $\beta = -4^\circ$ for group B.

The C_{IL} value shall not be less than 50 % of the minimum value in [5.2](#).

7.3 Retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases

7.3.1 Construction

The retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases and/or mount shall incorporate a distinct preferred assembly method to ensure that the retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases can be mounted in its designed orientation with regard to the cycle.

7.3.2 Test methods

7.3.2.1 General

A retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases shall comply with the photometric and colorimetric requirements of [5.3](#) and [Clause 6](#), and there shall be no loosening of the mounting(s) or distortion that would affect the performance of the retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases, after being subjected to any or all tests specified in [7.3.2.2](#) to [7.3.2.5](#).

When subject to the test in [7.3.2.2](#) to [7.3.2.5](#) inclusive, retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases shall comply with the photometric requirements of [5.3](#) for $\alpha = 0,33^\circ$ and $\beta = \pm 5^\circ$, and with the colorimetric requirements of [Clause 6](#) as specified in [Table 15](#).

7.3.2.2 Temperature resistance

When tested by the following method, there shall be no cracking, peeling or blistering of the retro-reflective material that would affect the performance for the intended use:

Subject a test sample to the following conditions in sequence:

- a) 12 h consecutively at a temperature of $(65 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$ with a relative humidity of $(10 \pm 5) \%$;
- b) at least 1 h at a temperature of $(23 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$ with a relative humidity of $(50 \pm 5) \%$;
- c) 15 h consecutively at a temperature of $(-20 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

7.3.2.3 Resistance to fuels

Lightly rub the retro-reflective area of the test sample with a cotton cloth soaked in a test fuel composed of 70 % of *n*-heptane and 30 % of toluene (by volume).

After 5 min clean the retro-reflective area by washing a detergent solution and rinsing in clean water.

7.3.2.4 Resistance to lubricating oils

Lightly rub the retro-reflective area of the test sample with a cotton cloth soaked in detergent lubricating oil.

After 5 min wipe the area clean with a mild aliphatic solvent such as heptane and follow by washing with a neutral detergent and rinsing in clean water.

7.3.2.5 Resistance to corrosion

After being tested by the method specified in ISO 9227 the retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases shall not exhibit any visible signs of corrosion liable to affect the integrity of the mounting or housing.

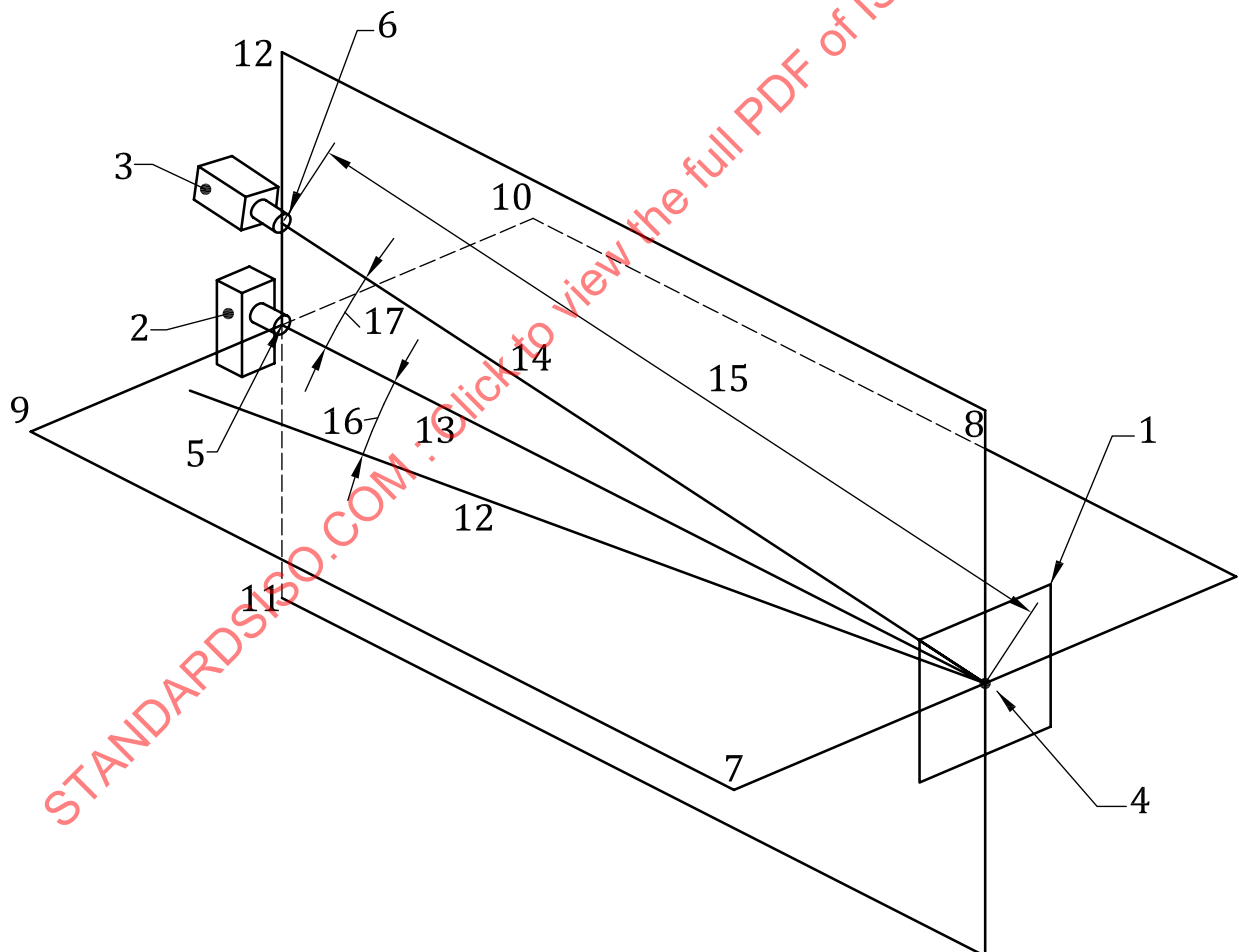
The duration of the test shall be 50 h comprising two periods of exposure of 24 h each, separated by an interval of 2 h during which the sample is allowed to dry.

8 Photometric test

8.1 General

8.1.1 Instrumentation arrangement

For reflectors, for measuring reflective devices the general arrangement of the instrumentation shall be as shown in [Figure 3](#), with the receiver positioned vertically above the light source. However, for measuring the photometric performance of the reflective devices with microspheres the receiver can alternatively be positioned alongside the source in the same horizontal plane.



Key

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| 1 | retro-reflective device | 10 | left |
| 2 | source | 11 | positive or up |
| 3 | receiver | 12 | negative or down |
| 4 | retro-reflector centre | 13 | incident line |
| 5 | source aperture | 14 | observation line |
| 6 | receiver aperture | 15 | observation distance |

7	entrance plane	16	entrance angle
8	observation plane	17	observation angle
9	right		

Figure 3 — Retro-reflector test instrumentation arrangement

For retro-reflective tyres and retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases, the receiver may be positioned alongside the source in the same horizontal plane.

8.1.2 Source of illumination

The source of illumination shall approximate to Illuminant A as defined by CIE 15, and shall be stable.

For reflectors, the shape and size of the aperture shall be selected in relation to the receiver aperture, the observation distance and the range of the device to be tested. The angular aperture of the source seen from the reference centre of the reflector shall be 0,17° maximum.

For retro-reflective tyres and retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases, the effective lens diameter shall not exceed $D_e/500$, where D_e is the distance from the source to the reflector.

8.1.3 Receiver

The receiver shall have the relative spectral response of CIE 1931.

For reflectors, the angular aperture of the receiver seen from the reference centre of the reflector shall be 0,17° maximum.

For retro-reflective tyres and retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases, the dimensions of the active area of the receiver shall be such that no point on the perimeter of the receiver is more than $D_e/1\ 000$ from its centre, where D_e is the distance from the source to the reflector.

8.1.4 Observation distance

For reflectors, the observation distance shall be 10 m minimum, or the optical equivalent.

For retro-reflective tyres and retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases, the distance between the source and the centre of the wheel, and between the receiver and the centre of the wheel, shall each be not less than 10 m.

8.1.5 Illuminance at the reflector

For reflectors, illuminance at the reflector shall be uniform within 5 % of the mean of the complete area of the reflector.

For retro-reflective tyres, measure the illuminance incident on the retro-reflective strip at uniform intervals of no more than 45° around the wheel with the receiver in the direction of incident radiation. The average of such reading will be the mean illuminance of the sample. If any one of such reading differs by more than 10 % from the mean illuminance, then a more uniform source shall be obtained.

For retro-reflective spokes or spoke cases, a source of light is required which results in an evenly illuminated surface of a sufficient size to capture the entire diameter of the measurement assembly.

8.2 Reflectors

8.2.1 Principle

The coefficient of luminous intensity, C_{IL} , is determined by the measurement of the illuminance at test piece and the luminous intensity in the direction considered by means of appropriately calibrated photometers.

8.2.2 Reflector mount (or support)

The reflector under test shall be mounted on a gonio-meter, or other suitable support, to provide the required entrance angles.

The retro-reflector support shall be such that the horizontal entrance angle are obtained by rotating the reflector around a mobile vertical axis; vertical angles by rotating around a fixed horizontal axis.

The centre of the reflex area shall be located at the centre of rotation, and shall lie on the axis passing through the centre of the light source when $\beta = 0^\circ/0^\circ$.

8.2.3 Test area of reflector

For photometric measurements, the maximum area of the reflector to be exposed and projected on a plane perpendicular to its reference axis shall be 100 cm² contained within a circle of diameter of 200 mm.

8.2.4 Orientation of reflector

Reflectors shall be tested in the orientation in which they are designed to be used.

Reflectors without a fixed orientation shall be tested in the installation condition indicated by the manufacturer (e.g. drawings, instructions, etc.).

Should uncoloured reflections from the front surface interfere with the photometric readings at any test point, the reflector may be rotated around its vertical or horizontal axis through an angle not exceeding 4°.

8.3 Retro-reflective tyres

8.3.1 Principle

The coefficient of luminous intensity, C_{IL} , shall be determined by the measurement of the illuminance at test piece and the luminous intensity in the direction considered by means of appropriately calibrated photometers.

8.3.2 Test method

For testing the retro-reflective material on a tyre, the tyre shall be mounted on a wheel and inflated to the maximum pressure recommended by the manufacturer.

The retro-reflective material on each side of the tyre shall be tested.

Measure the illuminance of the receiver due to retro-reflection for the entrance and observation angles given in [Table 11](#) or [Table 12](#) respectively.

NOTE A positive entrance angle corresponds to the case in which the line of sight to the receiver lies between the line of incidence and the optic axis of the retro-reflective strip, and a negative entrance angle corresponds to the case in which the line of incidence lies between the line of sight of the receiver and the optic axis of the retro-reflective strip.