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Introduction

Photocatalysis is a very efficient advanced oxidation technique which enables the production of hydroxyl radicals (**∙**OH) or perhydroxyl radicals (**∙**OOH), capable of partly or completely mineralising/oxidising the majority of organic compounds. Its principle is based on the simultaneous actions of photons and of a catalytic layer which allows degradation of molecules. The most commonly used photocatalyst is titanium dioxide (TiO2), the latter being thermodynamically stable, non-toxic and economical. It can be used in powder form or deposited on a substrate (glass fibre, fabrics, plates/sheets, etc.). The objective is to introduce performance standards for photo-induced effects (including photocatalysis). These standards will mainly concern test and analysis methods.

1 Scope

This Technical Specification prescribes the conditions for irradiating photocatalytic surfaces in order to perform photocatalytic efficiency tests. In addition, the measurement and documentation of these irradiation conditions with respect to the spectral distribution, irradiance and homogeneity are given.

2 Symbols and abbreviations

In Annex A, further examples concerning literature, terms and definitions, quantities and figures are listed for information.

3 Specification of spectral areas and irradiance values

As shown in Table 1, different spectral areas in combination with the specified irradiance should be used for irradiation during photocatalytical analysis. The test procedures themselves are described in their according standards, e.g. ISO [22197-1](http://dx.doi.org/10.3403/30156521U) [6] for the abatement of nitrogen monoxide.

NOTE 1 For more information about the definition of UV- and VIS-range see reference [7].

NOTE 2 The above mentioned irradiance values are named as guidelines for the level of irradiance. As well as the unification to use the same photon flux is a suggestion in order to have a valid basis on the same concentration of photogenerated active species with respect to the typical heterogeneous catalytic reactions standing behind photocatalytic reactions. If special photocatalytic measurements need to use different parameters, it is important that these deviations be named and refer to this Technical Specification. The basis of 10 W/m² UVA-radiation is a compromise of outside day and night irradiance during the whole year in Central Europe and therefore also a compromise between Northern Europe, e.g. Scandinavia, which usually has less irradiance, and Southern Europe, e.g. Mediterranean Area, which usually has more irradiance. This is the same assumption as to have a compromise between indoor (most of the time lower) and outdoor (most of the time higher) irradiation conditions.

^a A min. 75 % of the irradiance has to be within FWHM and a min. 93 % of the irradiance has to be within Cut-on- and Cut-off-Limit. The used irradiance values should represent the same flux of photons within the described part of the spectra.

Presently only *PC-U*, *PC-V*, *PC-B*, *PC-C* and *PC-G* are important for photocatalytic applications. *PC-A* and *PC-R* are only important for future innovations in photocatalytic materials, which use these defined wavelengths for photo-oxidation processes. Examples of available and suitable filters and LEDs which fulfil these conditions are shown in A.3 and A.4.

4 Lamp types and filters

4.1 Examples of different lamp types

4.1.1 Xenon lamps

In a pure xenon lamp, the light generation volume is cone-shaped, and the luminous intensity falls off exponentially moving from cathode to anode. Electrons passing through the plasma cloud strike the anode, causing it to heat. Pure xenon short-arc lamps have a "near daylight" spectrum, that is, the light output of the lamp is relatively flat over the entire colour spectrum. All xenon short-arc lamps generate significant amounts of ultraviolet radiation while in operation. Xenon has strong spectral lines in the UV bands, and these readily pass through the fused quartz lamp envelope. Unlike the borosilicate glass used in standard lamps, fused quartz does not [attenuate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attenuation) UV radiation. The UV radiation released by a short-arc lamp can cause a secondary problem of [ozone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ozone) generation. Equipment that uses short-arc lamps as the light source shall contain UV radiation and prevent ozone build-up. Many lamps have a low-UV blocking coating on the envelope and are sold as "Ozone Free" lamps. Some lamps have envelopes made out of ultra-pure synthetic, which roughly doubles the cost, but which allows them to emit useful light into the so-called [vacuum UV region.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vacuum_UV#Subtypes) These lamps are normally operated in a pure nitrogen atmosphere.

NOTE Xe-Arc-bow lamps show the disadvantage when broader areas than $100*100$ mm² have to be irradiated homogeneously.

4.1.2 Halogen lamps

A halogen lamp, also known as a tungsten halogen lamp, is an [incandescent lamp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incandescent_light_bulb) with a [tungsten](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tungsten) filament contained within an inert gas and a small amount of a [halogen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halogen) such as [iodine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iodine) or [bromine.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bromine) The combination of the halogen gas and the [tungsten](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tungsten) filament produces a chemical reaction known as a halogen cycle which increases the lifetime of the filament and prevents darkening of the bulb by redepositing tungsten from the inside of the bulb back onto the filament. Because of this, a halogen lamp can be operated at a higher temperature than a standard gas-filled lamp of similar power and operating life. The higher operating temperature results in light of a higher [colour temperature](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color_temperature) (blue shift). Because of their smaller size, halogen lamps can be used advantageously with optical systems that are more efficient in how they cast emitted light. Like all [incandescent light bulbs,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incandescent_light_bulb) a halogen lamp produces a continuous spectrum of light, from near ultraviolet to deep into the infrared.

4.1.3 Fluorescence lamps

A fluorescent lamp or fluorescent tube is a [gas-discharge lamp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gas-discharge_lamp) that uses [electricity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electricity) to [excite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Excited_state) [mercury](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercury_(element)) [vapour.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vapor) The excited mercury atoms produce short-wave [ultraviolet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultraviolet) radiation that then causes a [phosphor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phosphor) to [fluorescen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fluorescence)ce, producing visible light. A fluorescent lamp converts electrical power into useful light more efficiently than an [incandescent lamp.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incandescent_light_bulb) Lower energy cost typically offsets the higher initial cost of the lamp. The lamp fixture is more costly because it requires a [ballast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electrical_ballast) to regulate the [current](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_current) through the lamp. While larger fluorescent lamps have been mostly used in commercial or institutional buildings, the [compact](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compact_fluorescent_lamp) [fluorescent lamp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compact_fluorescent_lamp) is now available in the same popular sizes as incandescent and is used as an energy-saving alternative in homes.

NOTE 1 The United States Environmental Protection Agency classifies fluorescent lamps as hazardous waste, and recommends that they be segregated from general waste for recycling or safe disposal.

Fluorescence lamps have very different spectral distributions, but typically a combination of three or five different phosphors lead to a three- or five-band fluorescent lamp. Each phosphor used gives characteristic emission spectra. Comparable peak wavelengths of the phosphors might also shift during the period of use due to ageing effects (red shift). Some examples for different emission spectra of fluorescence tubes are given in A.6.

NOTE 2 Due to the different emission bands of various fluorescence tubes, a comparison of photocatalytic activities will be very difficult.

4.1.4 Mercury vapour lamps

A mercury vapour lamp is a [gas discharge lamp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gas_discharge_lamp) that uses [mercury](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercury_(element)) in an excited state to produce [light.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Light) The arc discharge is generally confined to a small [fused quartz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fused_quartz) [arc tube](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arc_tube) mounted within a larger [borosilicate glass](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borosilicate_glass) bulb. The outer bulb may be clear or coated with a [phosphor;](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phosphor) in either case, the outer bulb provides [thermal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermal_insulation) [insulation,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermal_insulation) protection from [ultraviolet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultraviolet) radiation, and a convenient mounting for the fused quartz arc tube. Mercury vapour lamps (and their relatives) are often used because they are relatively [efficient.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lighting_efficiency) [Phosphor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phosphor) coated bulbs offer better [colour rendition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color_rendering_index) than either high- or low-pressure [sodium vapour lamps.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sodium_vapor_lamp) Mercury vapour lamps also offer a very long lifetime, as well as intense lighting for several special purpose applications.

NOTE Hg-low-pressure lamps are only usable for PC-UC.

4.1.5 Light emitting diodes (LED)

A light-emitting diode is a semiconductor light source. LEDs are used as indicator lamps in many devices and are increasingly used for other lighting. When a light-emitting diode is switched on, electrons are able to recombine with electron holes within the device, releasing energy in the form of photons. This effect is called electroluminescence and the colour of the light (corresponding to the energy of the photon) is determined by the energy gap of the semiconductor. A LED is often small in area (less than 1 mm²), and integrated optical components may be used to shape its radiation pattern. LEDs present many advantages over incandescent light sources including lower energy consumption, longer lifetime, improved robustness, smaller size, faster switching, and greater durability and reliability. LEDs powerful enough for room lighting are relatively expensive and require more precise current and heat management than compact fluorescent lamp sources of comparable output.

NOTE Light emitting diodes are available in all spectral ranges defined in Clause 3.

4.1.6 Sunlight

Sunlight, in the broad sense, is the total [frequency spectrum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frequency_spectrum) of [electromagnetic radiation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electromagnetic_radiation) emitted from [sun.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun) On [earth,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth) sunlight is [filtered](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter_(optics)) through the [earth's atmosphere,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth%27s_atmosphere) and solar radiation is obvious as [daylight](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight) when the sun is above the [horizon.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horizon) When the direct solar radiation is not blocked by clouds, it is experienced as sunshine, a combination of bright light and [radiant heat.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiant_heat) When it is blocked by the clouds or reflects off other objects, it is experienced as diffused light. The [World Meteorological Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Meteorological_Organization) uses the term "sunshine duration" to mean the cumulative time during which an area receives direct [irradiance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irradiance) from the sun of at least 120 W/m². Sunlight may be recorded using a [sunshine recorder,](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunshine_recorder) [pyranometer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyranometer) or [pyrheliometer.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyrheliometer) Bright sunlight provides irradiance of approximately 700 W/m² to 900 W/m² at the earth's surface. Sunlight is a key factor in photosynthesis, a process vital for [life](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life) on earth.

NOTE Sunlight is not applicable for testing due to fluctuations in intensity, weathering and changes of angle of incidence.

4.2 Controlling of the ageing behaviour of the used lamp

Lamps have to be checked every 500 h of operation regarding the spectral distribution and the output power (see also irradiance level in Table 1). If there is a shift, e.g. for fluorescence tubes, of more than 10 nm, lamps have to be replaced by new ones. If there is a loss in output power, lamps also have to be replaced by new ones or if it is possible the output power has to be adjusted by changing the distance between the lamp and the sample.

4.3 Filters

4.3.1 Cut-on/Cut-off-filters for irradiation of large areas

A long-pass-filter (cut-on-filter) is a coloured glass or a plastic foil filter that attenuates shorter wavelengths and transmits (passes) longer wavelengths over the active range of the target spectrum (ultraviolet, visible, or infrared). In contrast, a short-pass-filter (cut-off-filter) blocks longer wavelengths and transmits shorter wavelengths. Long-pass-filters and short-pass-filters, which can have a very sharp slope (referred to as edge filters), are described by the cut-on respectively cut-off wavelength at 50 % of peak transmission.

4.3.2 Band-pass-filters for irradiation of small areas

A band-pass-filter is mainly an interference filter which works to mask out frequencies that are too low or too high, giving easy passage only to frequencies within a certain range. The largest available commercial dimensions for band-pass-filters are limited to (50 \times 50) mm². Dimensions for customers' specifications are very expensive in manufacturing. Therefore, a combination of a long-pass- and a short-pass-filter could simulate a band-pass-filter with respect to the possibility of irradiating larger areas.

4.3.3 Interference filters

Interference is a characteristic of the wave nature of electromagnetic radiation. Two or more coherent wave trains of the same wavelength and polarisation state that are superimposed enhance or compensate each other, depending on the phase relationship and amplitudes of the electric field strength. These filters utilize the interference effect to transmit or reflect certain spectral ranges of the electromagnetic radiation. Hereto numerous thin layers with differing refractive indices are applied to a substrate. The optical thicknesses of these layers are usually a quarter of a given design wavelength or multiples thereof. When electromagnetic radiation encounters such a multilayer system, the incident beam is split at every interface between two layers of differing refractive indices into a transmitted and a reflected beam. This process is repeated at every successive interface, resulting in the formation of numerous superimposing secondary beams that give rise to interference, either in a constructive or a destructive manner. A wide variety of spectral characteristics with high transmission or high reflection ratings can be produced by varying the nature, number, thicknesses and order of the layers. The coatings of the interference filters are manufactured by the process of vapour deposition under high vacuum. In the case of so-called "soft" coatings, additional measures are normally taken to protect the filters from damage e.g. by handling or from moisture. This is usually achieved by supplementary cementing with suitable glass. The upper temperature limit for these filters is essentially determined by the nature of the optical cement used. Within certain areas of the UV spectrum, it is not possible to use optical cements due to the inherent absorption involved. In such cases, the coated substrates are fitted into appropriate mounts and protected by suitable glasses. In the case of so-called "hard" coatings, the layers of which normally consist of very stable metal oxides, there is generally no need for additional protection. Depending on the substrate selected, interference filters with hard coatings can be operated at temperatures up to approximately 350 °C.

5 Diffusers

Commonly used diffuser technologies include prismatic glass integrating bars, ground glass, opal glass, holographic diffusers and diffractive diffusers. Prismatic glass integrating bars, though sometimes used in high end systems, are limited in capability, are expensive, and occupy a great deal of precious space. Ground and opal glass scatter light equally in all directions but offer limited light-control capabilities. In addition, efficiency is often very poor with these simple diffusers. A holographic diffuser is a step ahead of these diffusers and enables the production of simple light distribution patterns. Holographic diffusers, however, have limited control over the light distribution pattern. In general, only round or elliptical patterns can be produced and only with non-uniform intensity variation, typically of a Gaussian nature. In terms of general beam shaping capability, diffractive elements can shape an input beam arbitrarily. These are mostly limited to monochromatic applications with coherent light sources. Diffractive elements are also limited to narrow diffusion angles due to fabrication limitations, can be strongly sensitive to input beam variations, and present the well-known problem of zero order, a bright spot co-linear with the incident beam. In many applications, the zero order is unacceptable and the requirement of single wavelength operation is very restricting. Diffusers are found in many applications where a bright light source is used to create uniform irradiation over a broad area. Applications include outdoor lighting, rear projection televisions, and consumer electronic displays. Traditional ground or opal glass diffusers are inefficient and have limited capabilities when it comes to controlling the shape of the irradiated area. More modern holographic diffusers can typically be made so that round or elliptical areas are irradiated but the intensity of the radiation is usually only Gaussian within a small angular width. In addition, holographic diffusers are often limited to monochromatic applications using coherent light.

6 Measuring systems

6.1 General

The used physical measuring systems have to be calibrated in the same range of later use, where the irradiation sources are available. All incident radiation shall not be cosine function corrected with respect to the incident angle.

NOTE In case of using handheld devices (handheld meter), operate them on a power plug or with fully loaded batteries as not fully or differently charged batteries might have severe influence on the entire data acquisition properties of the device.

6.2 Thermopile-Sensors

A heat flux sensor is a transducer that generates an electrical signal proportional to the total [heat rate](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Heat_rate&action=edit&redlink=1) applied to the surface of the sensor. The measured heat rate is divided by the surface area of the sensor to determine the heat [flux.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flux) The heat [flux](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flux) can have different origins; in principle, convective, radiative as well as conductive heat can be measured. Heat flux sensors are known under different names, such as heat flux transducers, heat flux gauges, heat flux plates. Some instruments actually are single-purpose heat flux sensors like [pyranometers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyranometers) for solar radiation measurement. Other heat flux sensors include [Gardon gauges](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardon_gauge) (also known as a circular-foil gauge), thin-film thermopiles, and Schmidt-Boelter gauges. In SI units, the [heat rate](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Heat_rate&action=edit&redlink=1) is measured in W, and the heat flux is computed in W/m².

Thermopile sensors should not be used without an additional aperture in order to avoid unwanted surface heating of the housing of the item; this aperture should at least be smaller than the original aperture to prevent the sensor from scattered light due to the use of divergent light sources or reflections in the test chamber.

6.3 Calibrated Si-Photodiodes

Photodiodes are semiconductor radiation sensors that generate a current or voltage when the P-N-junction in the semiconductor is irradiated by light. The term photodiode can be broadly defined to include even solar batteries, but it usually refers to sensors used to detect the irradiance. Photodiodes can be classified by function and construction:

- a) PN photodiode,
- b) PIN photodiode,
- c) Schottky-type photodiode,
- d) APD (Avalanche photodiode).

All of these types provide the following features and are widely used for the detection of the intensity of radiation:

- 1) excellent linearity with respect to incident radiation;
- 2) low noise;
- 3) wide spectral response;
- 4) mechanically rugged;
- 5) compact and lightweight;
- 6) long life.

For normal photodiodes, the cut-off wavelength is 320 nm, whereas for UV-enhanced photodiodes it is 190 nm. The cut-off wavelength is determined by the intrinsic material properties of the photodiode, but it is also affected by the spectral transmittance of the window material (borosilicate glass, plastic resin or quartz glass) and diffusor type.

6.4 Quantum counter based on fluorescence

A quantum counter is an emitting medium with a quantum yield independent of the excitation energy over a defined spectral range (e.g. concentrated rhodamine 6G solutions between 300 nm and 600 nm). It is also used for devices producing an electrical signal proportional to the photon flux absorbed in a medium.

6.5 Chemical actinometry

An actinometer is a chemical system or a physical device by which the number of photons in a beam absorbed into the defined space of a chemical reactor can be determined integrally or per time.

A **chemical actinometer (CA)** or dosimeter is a chemical system (fluid, gas, solid, or in a microheterogeneous environment) that undergoes a light-induced reaction (at a certain wavelength, *λ*) for which the quantum yield, *φ* (*λ*), is accurately known. Measuring the reaction rate allows the calculation of the absorbed photon flux.

The incident photon flux q_p ° is calculated from the relation *QP* (abs, λ) = q_p ° (λ) (1–10^{-A (λ), provided that the} decadic absorbance $A(\lambda)$ is constant $\pm 10\%$ during the irradiation time. Should this not be the case, integration of the differential absorbance over time would be necessary. The easiest case is for *QP* (abs, *λ*) = q_p° (*λ*) for total absorption during the whole irradiation period. Determination of conversion to the products affords the total number of photons absorbed by the liquid or gas volume or solid surface, which may have any form or geometry.

The quantum yield of a photochemical reaction is defined as *φ* (*λ*) = the number of events, e.g. molecules changed, formed, or destroyed, divided by the number of absorbed photons of that particular wavelength in the same period of time. Calibration of an actinometer is done by applying a calibration lamp or by absolute measurement of irradiance (using, e.g. a calibrated radiometer, a calorimeter, or a photodiode). Photothermal methods are often used to calibrate actinometers in absolute terms. In a chemical actinometer, photochemical conversion is directly related to the number of photons absorbed because the chemical action of light means reversible or irreversible chemical change, i.e. destruction or build-up of molecules and, consequently, of their properties such as their spectrum.

Chemical actinometry has been employed for about 70 years in photochemistry as a relatively simple and accurate method for radiation measurement. In contrast to the physical detectors, well-established CAs lead to accurate absolute radiation measurements, provided that they are employed according to the recommended procedures. These CAs have been proven reproducible and do not demand any recalibration.

6.6 Spectral radiometers

A diode or CCD-array spectroradiometer has to be used for qualitative characterization of the spectral distribution of the used lamp. For precise, absolute measurements of the irradiance, a double-monochromator spectroradiometer with a photomultiplier detector shall be employed. This radiometer (including all equipment) shall be calibrated with standard lamps of which the absolute irradiance is certified (PTB, NIST, etc.). Calibrations are only useful and reproducible if the measurement of the irradiance for photocatalytic tests is done in the same way as the calibration was done (same temperature, distance from lamp to measurement head and the lamp type, etc.).

7 Homogeneous irradiation of areas

7.1 Homogeneity of intensity

The following criteria of homogeneity of intensity shall be used over the whole sample area and over the whole measuring time. The radiation is considered homogeneous, if the measurement spots (defined in 7.2) show a percentage variation compared to the average value of less than:

a) Samples up to 100 mm × 100 mm

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Inhomogeneity $\leq \pm 5$ %

b) Samples up to 500 mm × 500 mm

Inhomogeneity $\leq \pm 10$ %

c) Samples up to 1 000 mm × 1 000 mm

Inhomogeneity $\leq \pm 15$ %

7.2 Number and local positions of the measurement points

The number and local positions of the measurement points should be in relation towards the specimen.

Figure 1 — Samples up to 30 mm x 30 mm: measure 1 spot in the centre

Figure 2 — Samples from 30 mm x 30 mm up to 100 mm x 100 mm: measure 5 spots

Figure 3 — Samples from 100 mm x 100 mm up to 200 mm x 200 mm: measure 9 spots

Figure 4 — Samples from 200 mm x 200 mm up to 500 mm x 500 mm: measure 16 spots

Figure 5 — Samples from 500 mm x 500 mm up to 1 000 mm x 1 000 mm: measure 25 spots

Each spot has to be measured three times to generate the average value.

7.3 Position of the measurement plane

It is possible to have plain, rough, structured and curved sample surfaces. For plain (see Figure 6) and rough samples (see Figure 7) (height difference $(h_d) \leq 3$ mm) the measurement plane is at the top of the sample surface (h_s) .

For structured samples (see Figure 8) (height difference $(h_d) \ge 3$ mm) the measurement plane is at the halfheight $(0,5\times h_d)$ of the structures.

Figure 8 — Structured samples

For curved samples (see Figure 9) a maximum height difference (h_{max}) from the centre (C) to the edge (E) has to be determined, the measurement plane is at the half maximum $(0.5[*]h_{max})$:

Figure 9 — Curved surface

- NOTE With respect to real application surfaces, the following limits of maximum height are recommended:
- samples up to 30 mm × 30 mm a maximum height difference (h_{max}) of 3 mm;
- samples from 30 mm × 30 mm up to 100 mm × 100 mm a maximum height difference (h_{max}) of 5 mm;
- samples from 100 mm × 100 mm up to 200 mm × 200 mm a maximum height difference (h_{max}) of 10 mm;
- samples from 200 mm × 200 mm up to 500 mm × 500 mm a maximum height difference (h_{max}) of 20 mm;
- samples from 500 mm × 500 mm up to 1 000 mm × 1 000 mm a maximum height difference (h_{max}) of 40 mm.

8 Test report

The following information shall be included:

- a) kind of lamp used (catalogue number, manufacture's name, powerage, etc.);
- b) kind of filter and/or reflector and/or diffuser used;
- c) spectrum of the incident radiation;
- d) kind of setup used for the determination of irradiance;
- e) copy of the certificate of calibration of the used sensor;
- f) absolute irradiance (W/m²) and spectral range for the measurement (see Clause 3);
- g) dimensions, roughness or structuring of the sample;
- h) a reference to this CEN/TS;
- i) any unusual features noted during the irradiating of the photocatalytic surface.

Annex A

(informative)

Informative examples and definitions

A.1 Informative Terms and definitions

A.1.1 Standard irradiation conditions

Standard irradiation will be understood as normal, not artificially increased, irradiation conditions for the purpose to establish ambient lighting conditions for photocatalytic applications. These conditions are to be found outdoors (standard sunlight, as well as artificial irradiation for streets, tunnels, places, etc.) or indoors (standard daylight mixture of natural sunlight derived through windows and artificial ambient irradiation). The wavelength for standard irradiation conditions will be limited between 305 nm (lower limit due to irradiation on earth at sea level) and 780 nm (upper limit due to border between visible light and infrared radiation) and therefore will focus on photocatalytic effects and not on photolysis effects or others. The irradiance will be confined at maximum of central European summer sunlight noon conditions (equivalent to 900 W/m² (UV+Vis+IR) or 45 W/m² = 4,5 mW/cm² UV and 450 W/m² = 45 mW/cm² Vis) (see [8] AM1,5 spectrum) and at minimum of standard interior irradiation conditions in living rooms (0,75 W/m² Vis).

A.1.2 Irradiation conditions for specific applications

Irradiation conditions for specific applications will be understood as higher than the equivalent standard irradiation conditions, artificially increased in spectral distribution and/or in irradiance with the purpose to increase the photocatalytic efficiency. These irradiation conditions are to be found, e.g. in tunnels or air treatment systems. The wavelength of irradiation for specific application will be limited between 220 nm (lower limit to avoid the production of ozone) and 780 nm (upper limit due to border between visible light and infrared radiation) and therefore give the ability of synergistic effects of photocatalysis, for example with photolysis. The minimum irradiance by definition will be the equivalent standard irradiance. The maximum irradiance will only be limited by technical availability.

A.2 Examples for available cut-on-filters

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A.3 Examples for available band-pass-filters

Figure A.2 — Examples for Band-pass-filters (see [14])

Examples of available band-pass-filters:

- 376 nm (368 nm to 384 nm),
- 405 nm (397 nm to 413 nm),
- 450 nm (442 nm to 458 nm),
- 505 nm (497 nm to 513 nm),
- 546 nm (538 nm to 544 nm),
- 578 nm (570 nm to 586 nm),
- 630 nm (622 nm to 638 nm).

A.4 Examples for available light emitting diodes (LED)

Examples for available wavelengths for different LEDs from PC-U to PC-R:

- 365 nm **(PC-U)**,
- 405 nm **(PC-V)**,
- 455 nm **(PC-B)**,
- 470 nm, 505 nm **(PC-C)**,
- 528 nm **(PC-G)**,
- 590 nm **(PC-A)**,
- 625 nm **(PC-R)** and 640 nm.

A.5 Example of different angle distribution of various diffusor types

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Figure A.4 — Example for intensity distributions for various diffusers (see [16])

A.6 Examples for spectra of different fluorescence tubes

The top left image shows a spectrum of halogen lamp; all other spectra are from different types of fluorescence tubes.

Figure A.5 — Example for spectra of different light sources (see [17])

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