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**Ophthalmic instruments — Indirect  
ophthalmoscopes**

*Instruments ophtalmiques — Ophtalmoscopes indirects*



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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 10943:2006), which has undergone a minor revision to include:

- updated normative references;
- additional information concerning the necessary use of a condensing lens when testing for compliance with light hazard requirements [second paragraph of 4.4 and list item e) of Clause 6].



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## 1 Scope

This International Standard, together with ISO 15004-1 and ISO 15004-2, specifies minimum requirements and test methods for hand-held, spectacle-type, and head-worn indirect ophthalmoscopes for observing indirect images of the eye fundus.

This International Standard takes precedence over ISO 15004-1 and ISO 15004-2, if differences exist.

This International Standard is not applicable to condensing lenses used for indirect ophthalmoscopy or to accessories.

This International Standard is not applicable to table-mounted instruments such as Gullstrand ophthalmoscopes and their derivatives, nor to ophthalmoscopes primarily intended for image capture and/or processing such as those based on scanning laser techniques.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 15004-1, *Ophthalmic instruments — Fundamental requirements and test methods — Part 1: General requirements applicable to all ophthalmic instruments*

ISO 15004-2:2007, *Ophthalmic instruments — Fundamental requirements and test methods — Part 2: Light hazard protection*

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **ophthalmoscope**

optical instrument used to examine the external and internal parts of the eye, particularly the media and the fundus

### 3.2

#### **indirect ophthalmoscope**

optical instrument, which provides an illumination system and which is used with a condensing lens (hand-held or integral) to direct appropriately focused light into an eye in order to produce a real intermediate image that is viewed by an observer

NOTE Indirect ophthalmoscopes may be monocular or binocular.

**3.3  
condensing lens**

plus-power lens system used to focus the illuminating beam into an eye and to form a real inverted image of the retina thus illuminated

**4 Requirements**

**4.1 General**

The indirect ophthalmoscope shall conform to the requirements specified in ISO 15004-1.

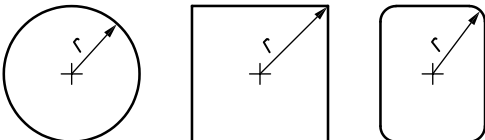
The indirect ophthalmoscope shall conform to the specific requirements described in 4.2 to 4.4.

These requirements shall be verified as described in Clause 5.

**4.2 Optical and dimensional requirements**

The requirements specified in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 shall apply.

**Table 1 — Optical and dimensional requirements for indirect ophthalmoscopes used with a hand-held condensing system**

Criterion	Requirement
Interpupillary distance range	55 mm to 72 mm
Diameter $2r$ of the field of view <sup>ab</sup>	$\geq 100$ mm
Diameter of largest illuminated spot <sup>a</sup>	$\geq 45$ mm
Range of adjustment of headband circumference, if applicable	520 mm to 640 mm
<p><sup>a</sup> At 500 mm distance from the light exit.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> Definition of <math>r</math> for different fields of view:</p> 	

**Table 2 — Optical requirements for indirect ophthalmoscopes with integral condensing systems**

Criterion	Requirement
Distance of focal point from end of instrument	15 mm to 20 mm
Diameter of beam at 500 mm from focal point	125 mm to 225 mm
Diameter of field of view at 500 mm from focal point	150 mm to 250 mm

**Table 3 — Requirements for optical accuracy for binocular indirect ophthalmoscopes**

Criterion			Tolerance
Difference in axes' orientation between left and right optical systems	vertical	interpupillary distance between 60 mm and 66 mm	≤10'
		interpupillary distance between 55 mm and 60 mm and between 66 mm and 72 mm	≤15'
	horizontal	divergence in parallel systems	≤10'
		convergence in parallel systems; in convergent systems, deviation from the indicated angle	≤45'
Difference in magnification between left and right systems, where provided			≤5 %
Specified power of eyepieces or lenses where provided			±0,12 D

### 4.3 Construction and function

**4.3.1** The minimum adjustable range of the light output of the indirect ophthalmoscope shall be from maximum to 10 % of the maximum.

**4.3.2** No reflections or scattered light shall be visible as determined by observation.

**4.3.3** The illumination system shall be capable of alignment with the viewing system to within 1° vertically.

**4.3.4** For binocular systems, no difference in brightness or colour between the left and right optical system shall be visible.

**4.3.5** The defocused illumination beam shall be homogeneous and achromatic as determined by visual inspection.

### 4.4 Optical radiation hazard with indirect ophthalmoscopes

This clause replaces 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 of IEC 60601-1:2005.

Indirect ophthalmoscopes without an integral condensing system shall be evaluated and tested with a condensing lens of a design specified by the manufacturer of the indirect ophthalmoscope to be used with the instrument. This lens shall be positioned from the reflecting surface of the indirect ophthalmoscope at the position correct for it (in accordance with manufacturer's instructions) to be placed when used to examine the human eye.

Light hazard protection requirements and test methods are given in ISO 15004-2. The applicable clauses of ISO 15004-2:2007 for indirect ophthalmoscopes are as follows:

- a) classification in accordance with ISO 15004-2:2007, Clause 4;
- b) for Group 1 indirect ophthalmoscopes:
  - 1) 5.1, 5.2, 5.4.1, 6.1, 6.2 and 6.4;
  - 2) if status is determined to be Group 1, there are no further requirements;
  - 3) if status is determined not to be Group 1, the additional requirements given in c) are applicable;
- c) for Group 2 indirect ophthalmoscopes:
  - 1) 5.5.1, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and Clause 7, and
  - 2) for instruments with variable light intensity, 5.3.

## 5 Test methods: Optical, mechanical and functional requirements

5.1 All tests described in this International Standard are type tests.

5.2 The requirements specified in 4.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.3 and 4.3.4 shall be verified by use of measuring devices with accuracy better than 10 % of the smallest value to be determined.

Measurements shall be carried out according to general rules of statistical evaluation.

5.3 The requirements described in 4.3.2 and 4.3.5 shall be checked by observation.

## 6 Accompanying documents

The indirect ophthalmoscope shall be accompanied by documents containing instructions for use. In particular this information shall contain:

- a) name and address of the manufacturer;
- b) if appropriate, a statement that the indirect ophthalmoscope in its original packaging conforms to the transport conditions as specified in ISO 15004-1;
- c) any additional documents as specified in 7.9 of IEC 60601-1:2005;
- d) a reference to this International Standard (ISO 10943:2011), if the manufacturer or supplier claims compliance with it;
- e) the diameter and power of the condensing lens used for assessing optical radiation hazard.

## 7 Marking

The indirect ophthalmoscope shall be permanently marked with at least the following information:

- a) name of manufacturer or supplier;
- b) name and model of indirect ophthalmoscope;
- c) marking as required by IEC 60601-1.





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