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**Road vehicles — Ergonomic aspects  
of transport information and control  
systems — Specifications and test  
procedures for in-vehicle visual  
presentation**

*Véhicules routiers — Aspects ergonomiques des systèmes de  
commande et d'information des transports — Spécifications et modes  
opératoires pour la présentation visuelle à bord du véhicule*





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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 39, *Ergonomics*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 15008:2009), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- Introduction was modified;
- Scope was modified (heavy vehicles partly excluded);
- test conditions for direct sunlight have been changed;
- character height was modified;
- character proportion was modified;
- character weight criterion was modified;
- intercharacter spacing was modified;
- word spacing was modified;
- a new subclause on text case was added;
- the subclause on character outlines was modified;
- a new subclause on character shadows was added;
- the subclause on Non-Roman text was modified and renamed Non-Latin.

## Introduction

Driving is a complex task requiring continuous allocation of attentional resources to both driving and non-driving tasks. Because of this, driving is an interactive balance between cognitive, physical, somatosensory, visual and psychomotor skills.

Driver and vehicle form an integrated system that includes the environment, vehicle controls, and displays collectively defined as the transport information and control systems (TICS). Since driving is an interactive systems activity, vehicle characteristics in combination with human capabilities constitute important factors in the performance of this TIC system.

In order to achieve optimal driver performance, the purpose of TICS is to support drivers in their primary task such that performance, comfort and safety are increased and overall driver workload is not negatively influenced by the use of TICS. One set of factors influencing this process involves the characteristics of visual displays. Specifically, those aspects of displays designed to accommodate human capabilities, the range of illumination conditions and location of the display with respect to the driver. This is especially important since visual specifications must include a wide range of environmental conditions and constitute only one necessary condition for adequate performance, comfort and workload. The purpose of this document is to standardize visual presentation.



# Road vehicles — Ergonomic aspects of transport information and control systems — Specifications and test procedures for in-vehicle visual presentation

## 1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements for the image quality and legibility of displays containing dynamic (changeable) visual information presented to the driver of a passenger car by on-board transport information and control systems (TICS) used while the vehicle is in motion. Heavy vehicles are excluded for the requirements of contrast and font size since these chapters reference ISO 4513 which is only applicable for passenger vehicles. These requirements are intended to be independent of display technologies. Reference to test methods and measurements for assessing compliance with them have been included where necessary.

This document is applicable mainly to perceptual, and some basic cognitive, components of the visual information, including character legibility and colour recognition. It is not applicable to other factors affecting performance and comfort, such as coding, format and dialogue characteristics, or to displays using:

- characters presented as a part of a symbol or pictorial information (e.g. CD symbol);
- superimposed information on the external field (e.g. head-up displays);
- pictorial images (e.g. rear view camera);
- maps and topographic representations (e.g. those for setting navigation systems); or
- quasi-static information (e.g. AM/PM, km/miles, kPa/PSI, On/Off information).

## 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 4513, *Road vehicles — Visibility — Method for establishment of eyellipses for driver's eye location*

CIE 85:1989, *Solar spectral irradiance*

SAE J1757/1:2015, *Standard Metrology for Vehicular Displays*

CIE S 017/E:2011 ILV, *International lighting vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in CIE S 017/E:2011 ILV and the following apply.

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

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