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**Part 7:
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Partie 7: Imperfections de surface





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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 10110-7:2008), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- an additional notation has been added which allows the specification of a maximum allowable width for imperfections;
- long imperfection accumulation rules have been corrected to coincide with the Renard series of grades;
- the rules for determining concentrations have been clarified;
- the test method notations and meanings have been clarified;
- an additional notation has been added which allows the use of the popular scratch and dig specification for cosmetic surface imperfections;
- in addition, several changes have been made to bring this document into alignment with the inspection methods for surface imperfections which are described in ISO 14997, and various editorial corrections have been made throughout this document.

A list of all parts in the ISO 10110 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

A localized surface imperfection, such as a dig or a scratch resulting from handling or manufacture, can degrade the perceived quality of an optical component. In some cases, surface imperfections are specified according to their visibility, and in other cases, according to their size.

Visual dark field inspection reveals the location of very small imperfections. The use of a brightness comparison standard, together with tolerance levels agreed upon by the manufacturer and user, permits classification of an imperfection as acceptable or unacceptable. This form of subjective inspection based on visibility or a visual assessment of brightness or apparent size, although economical and fast, lacks precision.

In cases where the size, and not the brightness, is important, surface imperfections are specified according to their affected area (dimensional assessment). In this case, visual assessment using a dimensional comparison standard is still possible, but lacks the precision required for some applications. Measurement is only required as a second stage operation following a visual inspection to determine location and to select a surface imperfection worthy of study. In such cases, a drawing notation indicating this level of inspection is required and can be added to the specification.

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1 Scope

ISO 10110 (all parts) specifies the presentation of design and functional requirements for single optical elements and for optical assemblies in technical drawings used for their manufacture and inspection.

This document specifies the indication of the level of acceptability of surface imperfections within a test region on individual optical elements and optical assemblies. These include localized surface imperfections, edge chips and long scratches.

The acceptance level for imperfections is specified, taking into account functional effects (affecting image formation or durability of the optical element), as well as cosmetic (appearance) effects.

This document applies to transmitting and reflecting surfaces of finished optical elements, whether or not they are coated, and to optical assemblies. It allows permissible imperfections to be specified according to the area affected by imperfections, or alternatively by the visibility of imperfections, on components or in optical assemblies.

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 10110-1, *Optics and photonics — Preparation of drawings for optical elements and systems — Part 1: General*

ISO 14997, *Optics and photonics — Test methods for surface imperfections of optical elements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10110-1 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>

NOTE See also [Figure 1](#) for an illustration of the classification of imperfections.