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## Foreword

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This third edition of ISO 4630 cancels and replaces ISO 4630-1:2004 and ISO 4630-2:2004, which have been technically revised. The main changes are:

- a) both standards have been combined into one standard;
- b) the spectrophotometric method (formerly described in ISO 4630-2:2004) is the only one standardized now;
- c) the original visual comparison of colours (formerly described in ISO 4630-1:2004) has been deleted, and the description of manufacture of the original Gardner colour standards has been moved to [Annex A](#).

# Clear liquids — Estimation of colour by the Gardner colour scale

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for estimating the colour of optically clear, yellow/brownish coloured liquid products by means of the Gardner colour scale using colour-measuring instruments. The method uses the Gardner colour scale described in [Annex A](#).

It is applicable to drying oils, varnishes and solutions of fatty acids, polymerized fatty acids, resins, tall oil, tall oil fatty acids, rosin and related products. The results might be invalid if other products are tested.

The method described provides a more precise way of measuring Gardner colour than a visual sample comparison using human eyes. It is applicable to products having colours from Gardner 1 to Gardner 18. The Gardner scale is not applicable to products with colours darker than 18. For products with colours lighter than Gardner 1 the method specified in ISO 6271 applies.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents, in whole or in part, are normally referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 5725-2, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

ISO 13632, *Binders for paints and varnishes — Rosin — Sampling and sample preparation for colour measurement*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

CIE Publication No. 15:2004, *Colorimetry*

## 3 Principle

The colour of a liquid sample is measured using an instrument capable of measuring transmitted colour and reporting in Gardner colours or in a colour system that can be converted into Gardner colours.

## 4 Apparatus and materials

**4.1 Colour-measuring instrument**, spectrophotometer capable of measuring transmitted colour ( $0^\circ/180^\circ$  geometry) and reporting the results in the Gardner colour scale. If such an instrument is not available, one may be used which is capable of measuring transmitted colour and reporting in tristimulus values using standard illuminant C and the  $2^\circ$  observer, described in CIE Publication No. 15:2004.

**4.2 Absorption cells**, 10 mm light path length recommended, unless a different path length is specified by the instrument manufacturer or

**4.3 Glass tubes**, 11 mm path length. Glass test tubes designed for a specific instrument may be used.

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