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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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  - C = Circular.
- FS = Federal Specification.
- CS = Commercial Standard.
- LC. = Letter Circular.....

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#### COLORIMETRY

Title

Series Price

Standardization of the luminous transmission scale used in the specification of railroad signal glasses. Kasson S. Gibson and Geraldine Walker Haupt. J. Research NBS 22, 627 (1939). Also published in J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 188 (1939).

RP1209 5c

New signal glass specifications were formulated by the Signal Section of the Association of American Railroads in 1935 and 1938. The present paper gives the spectral transmissions of the basic standards -- red. yellow, green, blue, purple, and lunar white glasses -- on which the AAR scale of luminous transmission is based, and defines that scale in fundamental, absolute units. Comparison is made with the scales defined in the 1908 and 1918 signal glass specifications.

Method of designating colors. Deane B. Judd and Kenneth L. Kelly. J. Research NBS 23, 355 (1939)

RP1239 10c

The method is to designate color by combinations of two or three simple English words, such as moderate brown or vivid purplish blue. The definitions of these designations are given in terms of the Munsell color standards by means of a series of 34 "name charts". The designations are to be used to describe the colors of drugs and chemicals in the revisions of the National Formulary and the U.S. Pharmacopoeia now in preparation (1940), and have been recommended for this purpose by the Inter-Society Color Council.

Hue, saturation, and lightness of surface colors with chromatic illumination. Deane B. Judd. RP1285 10c J. Research NBS 24, 293 (1940).

It has been found possible to predict with fair reliability the color of a surface viewed against a gray background from its tristimulus specifications under the illuminant used combined with the luminous apparent reflectance of the background. Formulas are presented and checked against experimental data.

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<u>Title</u> <u>Series</u> <u>Price</u>

A multipurpose photoelectric reflectometer. Richard S. Hunter. J. Research NBS 25, 581 (1940) RP1345 Also published in J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 536 (1940).

This is a null-type instrument designed to measure (45°, 0°) apparent reflectance, specular gloss, and approximate trichromatic coefficients. The selection of photocells, the choice of design, the calibration, the elimination of errors, and many of the applications of the instrument are described.

- Photoelactric colorimeters. NBS Letter Circular (March, 1939). (Supersedes LC-473)......LC545 Free
- Preparation and colorimetric properties of a magnesiumoxide reflectance standard. NBS Letter Circular (March, 1939). (Supersedes LC-395)...... LC547 Free
- Standardization of railway signal glasses -- Reports on measurements and investigations undertaken by the Colorimetry Section of the National Bureau of Standards at the request of the Signal Section, Association of American Railroads. H. S. Gibson, Geraldine Walker Haupt, and H. J. Keegan. Signal Section Proceedings, A.A.R. 36, 136, 147 (1939). (Obtainable from the Secretary, Signal Section, A.A.R., 30 Vesey Street, New York, N. Y.)

Report No. 6. Examination of 65 duplicate limit glasses. Report No. 7. Colorimetric data leading to Specification 59-38 for kerosene hand lantern globes; comparisons of Specifications 59-38, 69-38, and 69-35; certification of duplicate lantern glasses. (For reports Nos. 1 to 5, see LC-398).

Development of a method of classifying paints according to gloss. Richard S. Hunter and Deane B. Judd. ASTM Bulletin (260 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.) No. 97, 11 (1939). Also published in Paint and Varnish Production Manager, (Mills Building, Washington, D. C.), 19, 152 (1939).

The specular gloss of specimen panels of high-gloss, eggshell and flat paints were measured under several different angular conditions to find which gave the best separation of the paints according to gloss designation. The optimum angular conditions thus determined, namely, 60° with 5- by 12-degree angular spread, are recommended for adoption by the ASTM as standard for designating the gloss of paint finishes.

Specification of uniform color tolerances for textiles. Desne B. Judd, Textile Research (65 Franklin St., Boston, Mass.) 9, 253 and 292 (1939).

A formula for amount of color difference is derived from information in the literature of vision combined with the assumption that color-space is subject to Euclidean geometry. A subtractive colorimeter for measurement of small chromaticity differences is described together with its calibration. Data obtained with the colorimeter and reduced by the formula are compared with estimates of the amounts of the corresponding differences by direct visual comparison.

The physics of color tolerance. Deane B. Judd, Am. Dyestuff Reporter (Am. Assoc. of Textile Chem. and Colorists, 440 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.) 28, 441 (1939).

The use and limitations of the spectrophotometer in the administration of color tolerances are described in a dialogue between Mr. Dyer, who depends on color matching by eye, and Mr. Meter, an expert in spectrophotometry.

Specification of color tolerances at the Netional Bureau of Standards.

Deane B. Judd. Am. J. of Psychology (Morrill Hall, Cornell
Univ., Ithaca, N. Y.) 52, 418 (1939).

Three methods are used. If perceptibility of the color difference is not important, the tolerance is specified by delineation of the permissible area on the (x, y) diagram of the standard 1931 ICI coordinate system. If simplicity and rapidity are primarily important, specification is by standard and tolerance sample. The third method is by NBS unit of color difference, and formulas defining this unit are given.

- Report on the measurement and specification of the color designated as National School Bus Chrome. K. S. Gibson and E. F. Hickson. (1939). (Obtainable from Professor Frenk W. Cvr, chairman, National Conference or School Bus Standards, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.)
- \*A.A.R. Signal Section Specification 59-39. Kerosene hand lantern globes. Manual of the Signal Section, Association of American Railroads, Part 66 (1939). (Obtainable from the Secretary, A.A.R. Signal Section, 30 Vesey, Street, New York, N. Y.).
- \*A.A.R. Signal Section Specification 69-39. Signal glasses (exclusive of kerosene hand lantern globes). Manual of the Signal Section, Association of American Railroads, Part 136 (1939). (Obtainable from the Secretary, A.A.R., Signal Section, 30 Vesey Street, New York, N. Y.)
- Systematic color designations for paper. Deane B. Judd. Paper Trade J., Tech. Sec., 111, 201 (1940).

Possible uses of systematic color designations such as described in RP1239 are discussed, and the studies required before adoption of such designations are suggested.

- The Munsell Color System, Foreword. Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 574 (1940).
  - This foreword introduces a series of five papers on the Munsell color system, of which the following paper is one.
- \*An Analysis of the Munsell Color System based on measurements made in 1919 and 1926. Hasson S. Gibson and Dorothy Nickerson (Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture).
  J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 591 (1940).

A psychophysical system is developed based on the disk-mixture relations given in the Atlas of the Munsell Color System. The 1919 and 1926 data are examined for conformity both to this system and to a system of perceptually equal spacings.

Color systems and their inter-relation. Deane B. Judd. Preprint for Illuminating Engineering Society Convention, September 1940. (To be published in Illuminating Engineer (51 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.), March 1941).

Colors may be specified either by means of combinations of lights or by material standards. Combinations of lights include tristimulus systems and polar-coordinate systems. The tristimulus systems summarized include the standard 1931 ICI system, the 1922 OSA "excitations", the uniform-chromaticity-scale systems of Judd, Breckinridge-Schaub, and MacAdam, and the systems suggested by the color theories of Young-Helmholtz, Ladd-Franklin, Hering, and Wright. The polar-coordinate systems described are the dominant-wave length-purity system and several variations of it. Summaries are also given of material color standards based on transparent media (Lovibond glasses, Arny solutions) and on pigmented surfaces (Munsell, Ostwald),

Papers and reports on the application of the ISCC-NBS system of color names (See RP 1239, above) to drugs and chemicals.

(Obtainable from the American Pharmaceutical Association, 2215 Constitution Ave., Washington, D. J.)

Progress report on color names for the U.S.P. and N.F. N.F. Bulletir p. 2563 (March 22, 1937) (Omitted from LC-398).

- \*Color names in the botanical monographs. Color names in the chemical monographs. Color names in the pharmaceutical monographs. E. N. Gathercoal. The Bulletin of the National Formulary Committee (N.F. Bulletin) 7, 269 (1939).
- \*Scientific naming of colors in the U.S.P. and N.F. monographs. A.Ph.A. Laboratory. N.F. Bulletin 8, 17 (1939).
- \*General notice on color terms. E. N. Gathercoal and Kennth L. Kelly. N.F. Bulletin 8, 201 (1940).
- \*The new color names for the N.F. botanical monographs. A.Ph.A. Laboratory. N.F. Bulletin <u>8</u>, 209 (1940).
  - A list is given of the color names for the N.F. VI vegetable drugs recommended for inclusion in the N.F. VII. These include the color names for the crude and powdered drugs, for the microscopic structures, and for the several chemical tests.
- A preliminary report on the suitability of the Hunter multipurpose reflectometer for the color measurement of near whites. Kenneth L. Kelly. N.F. Bulletin 8, 229 (1940).
- Scientific color names in the U.S.P. and N.F. Kenneth L. Kelly.
  U.S.P. Circular 24, p. 55-V (1940).
  - A general discussion of the development and application of the ISCC-NBS system of color names is given. The number and type of color names used in the U.S.P. X and U.S.P. Xl and in the proposed system are analysed and examples given of fields other than pharmacy where this system could be profitabl used.
- Instructions for determining the color names for drugs and chemicals Kenneth L. Kelly: Bulletin of the National Formulary Committee 8. 359 (1940).
  - These instructions contain detailed descriptions of the technique for determining the color names, according to the ISCC-NBS system; for crude and powdered vegetable drugs, powdered chemicals, microscopic structures, liquids, and translucent and fluorescent media.

# Abstracts on Colorimetry

- The Inter-Society Color Council tentative system of color names. Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 142 (1939).
- Definition of artificial daylight. Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 144 (1939).

- Definition and tolerances for artificial daylight for color matching. Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 145 (1939).
- Progress in developing a photoelectric method for measuring color difference. Richard S. Hunter. Bull. Am. Ceramic Soc. <u>18</u>, 121 (1939).
- Hue, saturation and lightness of surface colors with chromatic illumination. Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 260 (1939).
- The physics of color tolerance. Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 261 (1939).
- Specification of color tolerances at the National Bureau of Standard Deane B. Judd. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 264 (1939).
- Sources of error in operation of the multinurpose reflectometer.
  Richard S. Hunter. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 89 (1940).
- Correction of multipurpose reflectometer data. R. S. Hunter. Bull. Am. Ceramic Soc. 19, 132 (1940).
- Further progress in developing a photoelectric method for measuring color difference. Richard S. Hunter. Bull. Am. Ceramic Soc.. 19, 153 (1940).
- Applications and accuracy of three-filter photoelectric colorimetry. Richard S. Hunter. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 272 (1940).

# SPECTROPHOTOLITRY

Spectral luminosity factors. Kasson S. Gibson. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 51 (1940).

Data entering into the adoption of standard luminosity factors by the International Cormission on Illumination in 1924 are reviewed and recent measurements are considered. The validity of the standard ICI luminosity data in the photometry of lights of different colors was reaffirmed by the ICI in 1939.

Introductory dialogue (for a symposium on spectrophotometry in the
 pulp and paper industries). Deane B. Judd and Lester C. Lewis.
 Tech. Assoc. Papers 23, 473, 477, 479, 489, 490, 493, 499,
 and 505 (1940). Also published in Paper Trade J., Tech.
 Sec., 111, 133, 137, 141, 151, 155, 165, 183, and 193 (1940).

The dialogue is between Mr. Papermaker, a practical color man, and Mr. Meter, a specialist in color measurement by instruments. It brings out the color problems of paper-making and shows how instruments may be used either to supplement or to supplant direct visual examination.

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Title

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Survey of spectrophotometers. Kasson S. Gibson. Tech. Assoc. Papers 23, 475 (1940). Also published in Paper Trade J., Tech. Sec., 111, 135 (1940).

Photoelectric spectrophotometers for the measurement of spectral reflection are discussed, with consideration of the importance of the geometrical conditions of illuminating and viewing on the values of apparent reflectance obtained.

#### Abstracts on Spectrophotometry

- An improved luminosity filter. Lasson S. Gibson, Ray P. Teele, and Harry J. keegan. J. Optical Soc. Am. 29, 144 (1939).
- Approximate spectral energy distribution of skylight. Kasson S. Gibson. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 88 (1940).
- Introduction. Dialogue between Mr. Papermaker and Mr. Meter. D. B. Judd and L. C. Lewis. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 272 (1940).
- Survey of instruments spectrophotometers. K. S. Gibson. J. Optical Soc. Am. 30, 272 (1940).

# FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS AND COMMERCIAL STANDARDS CONTAINING COLORIMETRIC OR SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC SPECIFICATIONS

*Federal Specification for goggles; protective (glare and welders'). March 28, 1938		
(Ourresed from To-280).		
*Federal Specification for enamel; interior, gloss, light-tints and white, December 1, 1938	TT-E-506a	5c
Ground and polished lenses for sun glasses.  NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	CS78-39	5 c
Blown, drawn and dropped lenses for sun glasses.  NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	CS79-39	5c
Electric direction signal systems other than semaphore type for commercial and other vehicles subject to special motor-vehicle laws (after market). NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	CS80-41	5c
Adverse-weather lamps for vehicles (after market).  NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	CS81-41	5c

Title	Series	Price
Clearance, marker, and identification lamps for vehicles (after market). NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	CS83-41	5c
Electric tail lamps for vehicles (after market).  NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	·CS84-41	5 c
Electric license-plate lamps for vehicles (after market). NBS Johnnercial Standard (1940) -	CS85-41	5 <b>e</b>
Electric stop lamps for vehicles (after market). NBS Cormercial Standard (1940)	CS86-41	5 c
Red electric warning lanterns. NBS Commercial Standard (1940)	CS87-41	5c
APPLICATIONS OF COLOREMETRY AND SPECTROPHO	TOMETRY TO	
Solubility of lead sulfate in solutions of sulfur acid, determined by dithizone with a photror cell. D. Norman Craig and George W. Vinal. J. Research NBS 22, 55 (1939)	ic	5c
Rate of oxidation of steels as determined from interference colors of oxide films. Dunlap J. McAdam, Jr., and Glenn W. Geil. J. Research NBS 23, 63 (1939)	- RP1221	10c
Separation and colorimetric determination of Rhenium and Molybdenum. James I. Hoffman and G.E.F. Lundell. J. Research NBS 23, 497 (1939).	RP1248	5 c
Colorimetric determination of arsenic in ferrous and nonferrous alloys. Clement J. Rodden. J. Research NBS 24, 7 (1940)	RP1267	5 c
MISCELLANEOUS		
Note on the spectral reflectivity of rhodium. W. W. Coblentz and R. Stair. J. Research NBS 22, 93 (1939)	RP1168	5 c

Title	Series	Price.
International temperature scale and some related physical constants. H. T. Wensel. J. Research NBS 22, 375 (1939)	RP1189	5c
Inks. C. E. Waters. Circular NBS (Supersedes C413).	C426	15c
Paper and related subjects: Publications by membe of the staff of the National Bureau of Standa NBS Letter Circular (February, 1939). (Super-	rds.	
sedes LC-447)	LC543	Free
Information on ultraviolet transparency of window materials and fabrics. NBS Letter Circular (March, 1939). (Supersedes LC-511)	LC549	Free
Fluorescence and phosphorescence. NBS Letter		
Circular (April, 1939)	LC-550	Free
Measurement of the reflectance of manila rope fibe NBS Letter Circular (November, 1940) (Supersedes LC-393).		Free
Terminology and standards of illumination. E.C. Crittenden. J. Optical Soc. Am. <u>29</u> , 103 (193	9)	

