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**ASTM 60° GLOSS**

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## INTRODUCTION

This Collaborative Reference Program is sponsored jointly by the Manufacturers Council on Color and Appearance and the National Bureau of Standards. Four times per year, gloss chip samples are distributed to each participating laboratory. After the data has been returned to and analyzed by NBS, two reports are sent to each participant. The first, the "preliminary" report, is an individualized report comparing a laboratory's results with the mean of all the results received by the data due date. The second, the "final" report, is a longer report (as illustrated by this report) showing the data from all participants.

A key to the tables and graphs is given on the following pages. Please make special note of the explanation of the "best values" given on page 2 of this report.

If there are any questions on the notes, the analyses, or the reports in general, contact Jeffrey Horlick or Jeffrey Stevenson or Edwin B. Randall on (301) 921-2946.

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## KEY TO TABLES AND GRAPHS

- MEAN - The average of individual TEST DETERMINATIONS. The number of TEST DETERMINATIONS in the mean is given in the upper right corner of the first table (TEST D.) and again at the bottom of this table.
- GRAND MEAN -  
(GR. MEAN) The average of the individual laboratory MEANS, excluding laboratories flagged (see column F) with an X or # .
- DEV - The DEVIATION of difference of the laboratory MEAN from the GRAND MEAN.
- N. DEV - The Normal DEVIATE or ratio of the DEV to the SD OF MEANS; an indication of the degree of divergence of the laboratory MEAN from the GRAND MEAN.
- INST CODE - Code for instrument type or variation in condition, see second table.
- F - Flag, with following meaning:
- # - Excluded because data were not understood or because analysis indicates extreme performance values or non-compliance with required test procedures.
  - X - Excluded because plotted point would fall outside of the 99% error ellipse, (see below for explanation of Graph).
  - \* - Included in grand means but plotted point would fall outside of the 95% error ellipse.
  - 0 - Included in grand mean and inside 95% error ellipse.
- Graph - For each laboratory the MEAN for the second sample is plotted against the MEAN for the first sample, with each point representing a laboratory. The horizontal and vertical lines are the GRAND MEANS. The dashed line is drawn at 45°. The solid sloping line, which may or may not lie close to the 45° line, is along the major axis of the error ellipse. The ellipse is drawn so that, on the average, it will include 95% of the points representing the laboratories.
- The rectangular area represents the  $\pm 5$  percent of magnitude of reading which is the ASTM precision statement for reproducibility for 60° gloss.

Plotted symbols are as explained above (under F). A participant whose plotted point falls outside of the ellipse or the rectangular area should carefully re-examine the testing procedure he is following.

Note: Graphs are plotted with an ellipse when there are 20 or more instruments in the analysis. When there are 10 through 19 instruments in the analysis, the graph will be plotted but ellipses will be omitted. When there are fewer than 10 instruments retained in the analysis, the graph will not be plotted.

Best values -

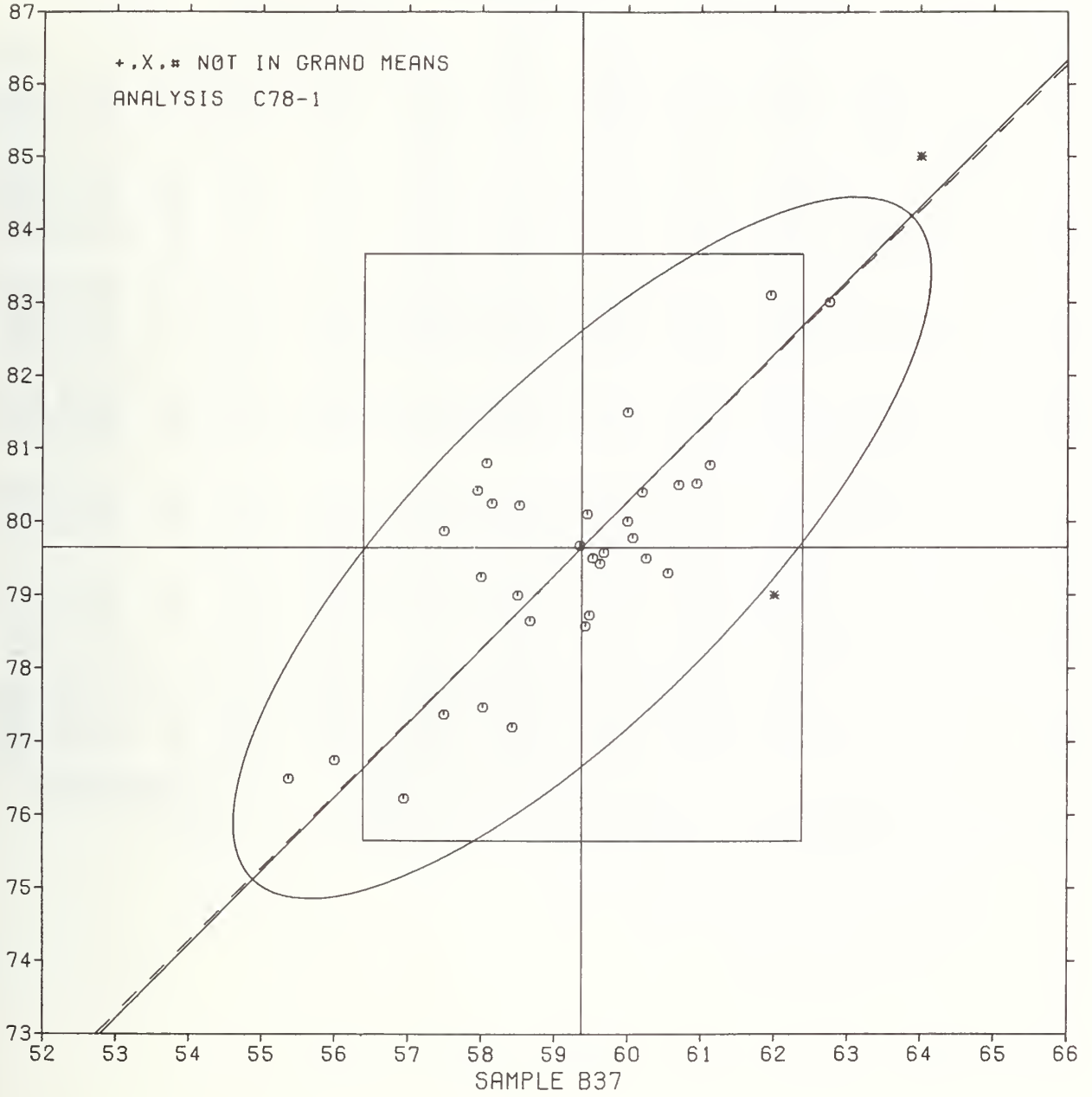
Given at the end of Table 1 for 60° gloss. These values are based on the results obtained by the National Bureau of Standards and the National Research Council of Canada. All participants using equipment that is standard for the analysis should be able to achieve results within the plus-minus (+) limits, which are shown along with the best values.



# ASTM 60-DEGREE GLOSS

SAMPLE B37 = 59.4 GLOSS UNITS    SAMPLE B38 = 79.6 GLOSS UNITS

SAMPLE B38



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ANALYSIS C78-1 TABLE 1  
60-DEGREE GLOSS  
ASTM METHOD D523

LAB CODE	SAMPLE B37 MEAN	GLOSS SPECIMENS				K.SDR	SAMPLE B38 MEAN	GLOSS SPECIMENS				TEST D. 4		
		DEV	N.DEV	SDR	R.SDR			DEV	N.DEV	SDR	R.SDR	VAR	P	LAB
C200	60.70	1.33	.73	.35	.46	80.50	.85	.46	.00	.00	78S	Ø	C200	
C251	58.00	-1.37	-.75	.71	.93	79.25	-.40	-.22	.96	2.12	78H	Ø	C251	
C253	59.47	.10	.06	.22	.29	78.72	-.92	-.50	.51	1.14	78H	Ø	C253	
C256	59.67	.30	.16	.25	.33	79.57	-.07	-.04	.26	.58	78E	Ø	C256	
C281	58.15	-1.22	-.67	.30	.40	80.25	.60	.33	.47	1.03	78D	Ø	C281	
C410A	58.50	-.87	-.48	.58	.76	79.00	-.65	-.35	.00	.00	78H	Ø	C410A	
C410B	62.00	2.63	1.44	.00	.00	79.00	-.65	-.35	.00	.00	78H	*	C410B	
C410C	68.00	8.63	4.72	1.15	1.53	91.00	11.35	6.17	.00	.00	78H	X	C410C	
C410D	64.00	4.63	2.53	.00	.00	85.00	5.35	2.91	.00	.00	78H	*	C410D	
C417	59.42	.05	.03	.82	1.08	78.57	-1.07	-.58	.56	1.25	78F	Ø	C417	
C418	57.50	-1.87	-1.03	1.47	1.94	77.37	-2.27	-1.23	1.70	3.77	78C	Ø	C418	
C420	60.07	.70	.38	.84	1.11	79.77	.13	.07	.72	1.59	78F	Ø	C420	
C422	56.94	-2.43	-1.33	1.26	1.66	76.23	-3.42	-1.86	.29	.64	78S	Ø	C422	
C426	58.02	-1.35	-.74	.26	.35	77.47	-2.17	-1.18	.21	.46	78E	Ø	C426	
C437	59.52	.15	.08	.57	.75	79.50	-.15	-.08	.12	.26	78D	Ø	C437	
C440	61.12	1.75	.96	.32	.42	80.77	1.13	.61	.29	.64	78F	Ø	C440	
C443	56.00	-3.37	-1.85	1.83	2.41	76.75	-2.90	-1.57	.96	2.12	78C	Ø	C443	
C444	58.42	-.95	-.52	.39	.51	77.20	-2.45	-1.33	.64	1.41	78H	Ø	C444	
C445	59.35	-.02	-.01	.24	.31	79.67	.03	.02	.15	.33	78F	Ø	C445	
C446	57.95	-1.42	-.78	.52	.69	80.42	.78	.42	.15	.33	78S	Ø	C446	
C454	60.94	1.57	.86	.20	.27	80.52	.88	.48	.48	1.07	78E	Ø	C454	
C455	58.07	-1.30	-.71	2.16	2.85	80.80	1.15	.63	.32	.70	78F	Ø	C455	
C462	60.20	.83	.45	.98	1.30	80.40	.75	.41	.12	.26	78F	Ø	C462	
C475	60.00	.63	.34	.82	1.08	81.50	1.85	1.01	.58	1.28	78B	Ø	C475	
C477	61.95	2.58	1.41	.24	.31	83.10	3.45	1.88	.14	.31	78F	Ø	C477	
C479	55.37	-4.00	-2.19	1.03	1.36	76.50	-3.15	-1.71	.41	.91	78B	Ø	C479	
C494	62.75	3.38	1.85	.50	.66	83.00	3.35	1.82	.00	.00	78C	Ø	C494	
C504	57.50	-1.87	-1.03	.41	.54	79.87	.23	.12	.25	.55	78S	Ø	C504	
C506	58.52	-.85	-.46	1.42	1.87	80.22	.58	.31	.26	.58	78E	Ø	C506	
C510	60.00	.63	.34	1.15	1.53	80.00	.35	.19	.82	1.81	78K	Ø	C510	
C517	60.55	1.18	.64	.61	.81	79.30	-.35	-.19	.73	1.63	78F	Ø	C517	
C538	60.25	.88	.48	2.22	2.93	79.50	-.15	-.08	1.29	2.86	78H	Ø	C538	
C543	59.62	.25	.14	.19	.25	79.42	-.22	-.12	.26	.58	78I	Ø	C543	
C576	59.45	.08	.04	.65	.85	80.10	.45	.25	.56	1.24	78F	Ø	C576	
C612	58.67	-.70	-.38	.74	.98	78.65	-1.00	-.54	.24	.53	78D	Ø	C612	

GR. MEAN = 59.37 GLOSS UNITS                          GRAND MEAN = 79.65 GLOSS UNITS                          TEST DETERMINATIONS = 4  
SD MEANS = 1.83 GLOSS UNITS                          SD OF MEANS = 1.84 GLOSS UNITS                          34 LABS IN GRAND MEANS  
   AVERAGE SDR = .76 GLOSS UNITS                          AVERAGE SDR = .45 GLOSS UNITS  
TOTAL NUMBER OF LABORATORIES REPORTING = 35

Best Values: B37 59.3 ± 3.0 gloss units  
                  B38 80.5 ± 3.0 gloss units

MCCA COLLABORATIVE REFERENCE PROGRAM  
 ANALYSIS C78-1 TABLE 2  
 60-DEGREE GLÖSS  
 ASTM METHOD D523

LAB CODE	P	MEANS		COORDINATES		AVG		PROPERTY---TEST	INSTRUMENT---CONDITIONS
		B37	B38	MAJOR	MINOR	R.SDR	VAR		
C479	Ø	55.37	76.50	-5.05	.63	1.13	78B	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER MULTIANGLE GLÖSSMETER
C443	Ø	56.00	76.75	-4.43	.36	2.27	78C	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PORTABLE GLÖSSMETER
C422	Ø	56.94	76.23	-4.14	-.68	1.15	78S	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C504	Ø	57.50	79.87	-1.16	1.49	.55	78S	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C418	Ø	57.50	77.37	-2.93	-.27	2.86	78C	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PORTABLE GLÖSSMETER
C446	Ø	57.95	80.42	-.45	1.56	.51	78S	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C251	Ø	58.00	79.25	-1.25	.70	1.53	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C426	Ø	58.02	77.47	-2.49	-.57	.40	78E	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLÖSSMETER
C455	Ø	58.07	80.80	-.09	1.74	1.77	78P	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C281	Ø	58.15	80.25	-.43	1.29	.71	78D	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLÖSSMETER
C444	Ø	58.42	77.20	-2.41	-1.05	.96	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C410A	Ø	58.50	79.00	-1.07	.17	.38	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C506	Ø	58.52	80.22	-.19	1.01	1.23	78E	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLÖSSMETER
C612	Ø	58.67	78.65	-1.20	-.20	.75	78D	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLÖSSMETER
C445	Ø	59.35	79.67	.00	.04	.32	78F	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C417	Ø	59.42	78.57	-.72	-.79	1.16	78P	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C576	Ø	59.45	80.10	.38	.27	1.05	78F	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C253	Ø	59.47	78.72	-.58	-.72	.71	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C437	Ø	59.52	79.50	.00	-.21	.50	78D	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLÖSSMETER
C543	Ø	59.62	79.42	.02	-.33	.42	78I	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, LOCKWOOD-MCLORIE GLÖSSMETER
C256	Ø	59.67	79.57	.16	-.26	.46	78E	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLÖSSMETER
C510	Ø	60.00	80.00	.69	-.20	1.67	78K	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, BYK-MALLINKRÖDT MULTIGLÖSS
C475	Ø	60.00	81.50	1.76	.86	1.18	78B	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER MULTIANGLE GLÖSSMETER
C420	Ø	60.07	79.77	.59	-.41	1.35	78F	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C452	Ø	60.20	80.40	1.12	-.06	.78	78P	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C538	Ø	60.25	79.50	.51	-.72	2.90	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C517	Ø	60.55	79.30	.58	-1.08	1.22	78P	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C200	Ø	60.70	80.50	1.54	-.34	.23	78S	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C454	Ø	60.94	80.52	1.73	-.50	.67	78E	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLÖSSMETER
C440	Ø	61.12	80.77	2.03	-.45	.53	78P	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C477	Ø	61.95	83.10	4.27	.60	.31	78P	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLÖSSMETER
C410B	*	62.00	79.00	1.39	-2.32	.00	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C494	Ø	62.75	83.00	4.76	-.04	.33	78C	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PORTABLE GLÖSSMETER
C410D	*	64.00	85.00	7.06	.48	.00	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
C410C	X	68.00	91.00	14.14	1.86	.76	78H	GLÖSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLÖSSGARD-60
GMEANS:		59.37	79.65			1.00			
		95% ELLIPSE:		6.38	2.22	WITH GAMMA = 45			DEGREES

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