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

- merger of ISO 15253 and ISO 15254;
- revision of normative references;
- revision and re-organisation of terms and definitions;
- addition of new requirements for filters and tints, image relocation, and text to speech;
- editorial revision of the document.

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### Introduction

This document represents the merger of two earlier related standards for low vision devices – one for optical devices only (first edition of ISO 15253) and another for electro-optical devices (ISO 15254) – and updating of terms, definitions, and requirements. It also includes new requirements for

- filters and tints, such as for users with extreme light sensitivity or reduced contrast sensitivity, independent of visual acuity or visual field loss,
- image relocation, such as with prisms or mirrors for users with visual field loss or eye- or head-movement restriction, and
- text to speech for electro-optical devices that offer such capability.

The reader is reminded that the requirements within this document apply to the manufacturer of low vision devices. While the requirements can also pertain to how a particular device will function for the low vision user, some factors and variables about the user may not be known to the manufacturer and thus specific requirements cannot be made. For example, the system resolution of an electro-optical device is governed by pixel size and density for both the camera and display, while the spatial resolution for the user depends on the size of the display and the distance at which the user views the display.

# Ophthalmic optics and instruments — Optical and electro-optical devices for enhancing low vision

## 1 Scope

This document is applicable to optical and electro-optical devices specified by the manufacturer for use by visually impaired persons as low vision aids. This document specifies requirements and test methods for optical and electro-optical devices specified by the manufacturer for use by visually impaired persons as low vision devices.

Implantable low vision devices are excluded.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 12312-1, *Eye and face protection — Sunglasses and related eyewear — Part 1: Sunglasses for general use*

ISO 12870, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Requirements and test methods*

ISO 14889, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle lenses — Fundamental requirements for uncut finished lenses*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 15004-1, *Ophthalmic instruments — Fundamental requirements and test methods — Part 1: General requirements applicable to all ophthalmic instruments*

ISO 15004-2, *Ophthalmic instruments — Fundamental requirements and test methods — Part 2: Light hazard protection*

IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

IEC 60601-1-2, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral standard: Electromagnetic disturbances — Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-3, *Medical Electrical Equipment — Part 1-3: General Requirements for Basic Safety And Essential Performance — Collateral Standard: Radiation Protection In Diagnostic X-Ray Equipment*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire Hazard Testing — Part 2-11: Glowing/Hot-Wire Based Test Methods — Glow-Wire Flammability Test Method for End-Products (GWEPT)*

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