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## **Foreword**

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EN 12543-1: *Part 1: Scanning method*;

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## **Introduction**

In order to cover the different requirements for focal spot size measurement, five different methods are described in EN 12543-1 to EN 12543-5.

The scanning method (EN 12543-1) is dedicated to those applications where quantitative values for the intensity distribution and spot size are needed, i.e. calibration and image processing purposes.

The radiographic methods (EN 12543-2 and EN 12543-3) describe the traditional techniques and are dedicated for certification purposes and for field applications. A digital detector not only provides focal spot length and width, but also the user with quantitative values for intensity distribution. The digital method may be used as a reference method as in EN 12543-1

Where no pinhole or slit cameras are available in the field, the edge method (EN 12543-4) may be applied. It represents a very simple method for field application.

For micro focus systems, see EN 12543-5.

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