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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3059:2001) which has been technically revised.

Changes from the second edition include:

- updating of the normative references;
- addition of a terms and definitions clause;
- review of requirements for colour contrast and fluorescent techniques;
- reduction of verification period of irradiation and illuminance meters to 12 months;
- an editorial review of the text.

## **Introduction**

Both penetrant and magnetic particle testing require controlled conditions for viewing indications, e.g.:

- adequate white light to achieve reliable testing with colour contrast techniques;
- adequate UV-A irradiance with minimal light for fluorescent systems.

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