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Photocatalyse - Détermination des conditions d'irradiation pour tester les propriétés photocatalytiques de matériaux semi-conducteurs Photokatalyse - Bestrahlungsbedingungen zum Prüfen photokatalytischer Eigenschaften von halbleitenden Werkstoffen und die Messung dieser Bedingungen

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## **Foreword**

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# Introduction

Photocatalysis is a very efficient advanced oxidation technique which enables the production of hydroxyl radicals (·OH) or perhydroxyl radicals (·OOH), capable of partly or completely mineralising/oxidising the majority of organic compounds. Its principle is based on the simultaneous actions of photons and of a catalytic layer which allows degradation of molecules. The most commonly used photocatalyst is titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>), the latter being thermodynamically stable, non-toxic and economical. It can be used in powder form or deposited on a substrate (glass fibre, fabrics, plates/sheets, etc.). The objective is to introduce performance standards for photo-induced effects (including photocatalysis). These standards will mainly concern test and analysis methods.

## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification prescribes the conditions for irradiating photocatalytic surfaces in order to perform photocatalytic efficiency tests. In addition, the measurement and documentation of these irradiation conditions with respect to the spectral distribution, irradiance and homogeneity are given.

## 2 Symbols and abbreviations

APD avalanche photodiode

 $A(\lambda)$  decadic absorbance

CA chemical actinometry

E irradiance

FWHM full width at half maximum

 $h_{d}$  height difference

 $h_{\text{max}}$  maximum height difference

 $h_{\rm s}$  measurement plane

LED light emitting diode

PC-A photocatalytic amber

PC-B photocatalytic blue

PC-C photocatalytic cyan

PC-G photocatalytic green

PC-R photocatalytic red

*PC-U* photocatalytic ultraviolet

PC-UC photocatalytic ultraviolet C

PC-V photocatalytic violet

 $QP_{abs}(\lambda)$  total amount of absorbed photons

 $q_{n}^{\circ}(\lambda)$  incident photon flux

λ wavelength

 $\varphi(\lambda)$  quantum yield

In Annex A, further examples concerning literature, terms and definitions, quantities and figures are listed for information.

## 3 Specification of spectral areas and irradiance values

As shown in Table 1, different spectral areas in combination with the specified irradiance should be used for irradiation during photocatalytical analysis. The test procedures themselves are described in their according standards, e.g. ISO 22197-1 [6] for the abatement of nitrogen monoxide.



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