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Foreword (This foreword is not part of American National Standard ANSI Z80.5-2010.)

The Z80 Standards Committee for Ophthalmic Lenses was organized in 1956, and the committee's initial standard was issued in 1964. At the beginning of 1970, the Z80 Standards Committee was reorganized, with the Optical Society of America servicing as secretariat. In 1972, the committee was authorized to broaden its scope from "prescription glass ophthalmic lenses" to prescription ophthalmic lenses." Subsequently, the scope of the committee was further broadened to "ophthalmic standards."

In 1970, the Z80 Committee Ophthalmic Lenses, appointed a Subcommittee on Ophthalmic Frames to draft standard requirements for dress ophthalmic frames.

The 2010 revision calls out additional frame material characteristics associated with biocompatibility and relegates the biocompatibility of those requirements to state and federal standards or guidelines. The 2004 revision provided tighter tolerances for eye size and shape and also updated the references to ISO standards to the newest versions. The 1997 revision incorporated the boxing system of frame measurements, which has been in use in the United States since 1962, as well as the Optical Industry Associations-(OMA) standard requirements for marking and stamping gold and gold-filled frames. It also dealt with flammability and impact resistance of frames.

In 1982, the Optical Laboratories Association assumed the responsibilities of the Secretariat; and in 1985, the Z80 Committee became an Accredited Standards Committee (ASC). In 2009, The Vision Council became the Secretariat of ASC Z80. The Scope of the Z80 Committee is for the establishment of standards that shall apply to ophthalmic lenses and to equipment, instruments and to processes used in the final fabrication level which affect their performance; to ophthalmic frames, sunglasses and fashion eyewear; to contact devices in addition to contact lenses; and to optical instrumentation used in ophthalmic procedures and vision evaluation.

Suggestions for improvement of this standard will be welcome. They should be sent to: The Vision Council, 1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22033

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1 Scope and Purpose

1.1 Scope

This standard shall apply to the manufacture of all frames intended for street wear as ophthalmic eyewear with prescription lenses, excluding specialty and novelty products such as lorgnettes and monacles. Specifically excluded are products designed to be occupational eyewear as defined in *American National Standard for Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protection Devices*, ANSI/ISEA Z87.1-2010, frames for nonprescription sunglasses, and fashion eyewear as defined in *American National Standard for Ophthalmics – Nonprescription Sunglass and Fashion Eyewear Requirements*, ANSI Z80.3-2009, and sport frames as defined in *Specification for Eye Protectors for Selected Sports*, ANSI/ASTM F803-03.

1.2 Purpose

Standards of quality and uniformity are established for all ophthalmic frames, except as noted above. Nothing in this standard restricts the introduction of changes arising from future improvements in materials or technology which meet or exceed the requirements of this standard.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, though referenced in this text, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this American National Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

ANSI Z80.1-2010, *Ophthalmics – Prescription spectacle lenses*¹

ANSI/ASME B1.1-2003, *Unified inch screw threads (UN and UNR thread form)*¹

ANSI/ISEA Z87.1-2010, *Occupational and educational personal eye and face protection devices*¹

ASTM B863-09, *Standard specification for titanium and titanium alloy wire*²

ASTM D635-06, *Test method for rate of burning and/or extent and time of burning of self-supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position*²

ISO 8624-2002, *Ophthalmic optics – Spectacle frames – Measuring system and terminology*¹

Bureau of Customs Ruling, *Marking of Imported Eyeglass and Sunglass Frames*, 19 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 134

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² Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, www.astm.org.