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Requirements and test methods**



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MS-024, Spectacles, to supersede AS 2228.2—1992, *Spectacles—Spectacle frames*. This Standard replaces relevant text in AS 2228.2—1992, which is intended to be withdrawn by September 2013.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO 12870:2012, *Ophthalmic optics—Spectacle frames—Requirements and test methods*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for spectacle frames.

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The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which it applies. An ‘informative’ annex is only for information and guidance.

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AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

Ophthalmic optics—Spectacle frames—Requirements and test methods**1 Scope**

This International Standard specifies fundamental requirements for unglazed spectacle frames designed for use with all prescription lenses. It is applicable to frames at the point of sale by the manufacturer or supplier to the retailer.

This International Standard is applicable to all spectacle frame types, including rimless mounts, semi-rimless mounts and folding spectacle frames. It is also applicable to spectacle frames made from natural organic materials.

NOTE See Annex A for recommendations on the design of spectacle frames.

This International Standard is not applicable to complete custom-made spectacle frames or to products designed specifically to provide personal eye protection.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-B02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 3160-1, *Watch cases and accessories — Gold alloy coverings — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 7998, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Lists of equivalent terms and vocabulary*

ISO 8596, *Ophthalmic optics — Visual acuity testing — Standard optotype and its presentation*

ISO 8624:2011, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Measuring system and terminology*

ISO 11380, *Optics and optical instruments — Ophthalmic optics — Formers*

ISO 11381, *Optics and optical instruments — Ophthalmic optics — Screw threads*

ISO/TS 24348, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Method for the simulation of wear and detection of nickel release from coated metal and combination spectacle frames*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7998 and ISO 8624 and the following apply.

3.1**spectacle frame model**

spectacle frame produced to a common design, using the same materials (but not necessarily the same pigmentation) and surface treatment