



Standard Practice for Determining Contrast Sensitivity in Radiology¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the design and material selection of a contrast sensitivity measuring gauge used to determine the minimum change in material thickness or density that may be imaged without regard to unsharpness limitations.

1.2 This practice is applicable to transmitted-beam radiographic imaging systems (film, radiology, computed radiography, and digital detector array image detectors) utilizing X-ray and gamma ray radiation sources.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The SI units given in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific safety statements, see NIST/ANSI Handbook 114 Section 8, Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR 1020.40 and 29 CFR 1910.96.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

B139/B139M Specification for Phosphor Bronze Rod, Bar, and Shapes

B150/B150M Specification for Aluminum Bronze Rod, Bar, and Shapes

B161 Specification for Nickel Seamless Pipe and Tube

B164 Specification for Nickel-Copper Alloy Rod, Bar, and Wire

B166 Specification for Nickel-Chromium-Iron Alloys (UNS N06600, N06601, N06603, N06690, N06693, N06025, N06045, and N06696), Nickel-Chromium-Cobalt-Molybdenum Alloy (UNS N06617), and Nickel-Iron-

Chromium-Tungsten Alloy (UNS N06674) Rod, Bar, and Wire

E747 Practice for Design, Manufacture and Material Grouping Classification of Wire Image Quality Indicators (IQI) Used for Radiology

E1025 Practice for Design, Manufacture, and Material Grouping Classification of Hole-Type Image Quality Indicators (IQI) Used for Radiology

E1255 Practice for Radioscopy

E1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations

E1411 Practice for Qualification of Radioscopic Systems

E1734 Practice for Radioscopic Examination of Castings

E1742 Practice for Radiographic Examination

E2002 Practice for Determining Total Image Unsharpness and Basic Spatial Resolution in Radiography and Radioscopy

E2445 Practice for Performance Evaluation and Long-Term Stability of Computed Radiography Systems

2.2 Federal Standards:³

21 CFR 1020.40 Safety Requirements for Cabinet X-ray Systems

29 CFR 1910.96 Ionizing Radiation

2.3 NIST/ANSI Standards:

NIST/ANSI Handbook 114 General Safety Standard for Installations Using Non-Medical X-ray and Sealed Gamma Ray Sources, Energies to 10 MeV⁴

2.4 ISO Standard:⁵

ISO 19232-5 Duplex Wire Image Quality Indicator

2.5 Other Standards:

EN 462 – 5 Duplex Wire Image Quality Indicator (withdrawn, replaced by ISO 19232-5)⁶

EN 13068-1 Radioscopic Testing-Part 1: Qualitative Measurement of Imaging Properties⁶

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee E07 on Nondestructive Testing and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee E07.01 on Radiology (X and Gamma) Method.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

⁴ Available from American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), P.O. Box 28518, 1711 Arlingate Ln., Columbus, OH 43228-0518, <http://www.asnt.org>.

⁵ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.