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What's new?

- 1. ISO 3664:2009 \rightarrow Color viewing conditions
- 2. ISO 5-3:2009 \rightarrow Density measurement
- 3. ISO 13655:2009 → Spectral measurement
- 4. ISO 12647-2:2013 → Process control in Offset printing



Color viewing conditions

• Previous version: ISO 3664:2000

- → Mainly UV-free illuminant
- \rightarrow No stimulation of OBA in the printing paper
- → Prinect CP2000 Center, Prinect Press Center until mid of 2010

Actual version: ISO 3664:2009

- \rightarrow Illuminat with defined UV part
- → Printing paper with OBA appears bluish or rather more neutral, proof without OBA more yelloish Aufheller gelblicher
- → Prinect Press Center since mid of 2010





Viewing light





Viewing light

- Problem: Proof on OBA-free paper does not match the print
- What should be modified? Proof standard ISO 12647-7 should clearly permit proofs on paper with OBA.
- Heidelberg approach:
 - Either using proofing paper with identical L*a*b*-values or rather similar amount of OBA like the printing paper
 → Conforming to standard
 - or downgrade to old illumination. A corresponding retrofit kit is available as spare part from Heidelberg.

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Density measurement

Description of the new density filters

- ISO 5-3 status E
- ISO 5-3 status I
- ISO 5-3 status T



Description of the old density filters

- DIN 16536
- DIN 16536 NB
- ANSI Status T

Heidelberg recommends:

→ Status E for all ISO-compliant measurements

 \rightarrow Status I for special applications

→ Status T for measurements in accordance to US-standards



Spectral measurement

- Previous version: ISO 13655:1996
 - Illuminant A with adaptation to D50, UV not defined, non-polarized

- Actual version: ISO 13655:2009
 - M0 = Illuminant A
 - M1 = D50 with a defined part of UV-light
 - M2 = UV-free illuminant
 - M3 = M2 + polarization filter





M1 or "New D50"

Since years D50 (color temperature 5.000 K) is the direction for a normative measurement according to ISO 12647-2

Before:

- Tungsten lamps don't have D50, UV was not defined
- D50 was artificially created by calibrations, a "real" D50 did not exist
- Optical brightening agents were captured differently

Today:

- M1 defines a UV-part in the light source to stimulate the OBA
- M1 is the preferred illuminant for the measurement of papers, <u>dry</u> inks and proofs according to ISO 12647-2:2013



Process control in sheetfed Offset printing

What are the essential differences?

- 1. L*a*b*-values for paper and refrence coloring were adapted
- 2. Tone value increase (TVI) are identical now for C, M, Y and B, FM-screen with $20 30 \ \mu m$ defined
- 3. Illuminant M1, means all measurements on proofs and dry print sheets are executed non-polarized in consideration of the OBA
- **4. No** M1 for the print production, only M2 or M3. For the measurement of dot gain in wet sheets, preferably M3
- 5. ΔE 2000 informative implemented, ΔE_{ab} still normative!



Why?

Reasons for the revision of the ISO 12647-2:2013:

- 1. Papers and reference values did no longer correspond to practical application
- 2. Tone value increase was based on plate making from film (positiv / negativ)
- 3. No clear table for TVI
- 4. Standard printing conditions not exactly defined
- 5. No printing condition defined for FM-screening



Comparison PC1 Premium coated and FOGRA39

- Values of the paper color stronger consideration of OBA
- Primary- and secundary solid color values confirmed by print tests
- Color values for black backing– consistent by proven conversion according to ISO 13655







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L*a*b*-solid coloring (dry)

D50, 2°, 0°/45° or 45°/0°, M1 recommended

Substrate	1 – Premium coated white backing black backing		5 – wood-free uncoated white backing black backing	
Black (K)	16/0/0	16/0/0	31 / 1 / 1	32 / 1 / 1
Cyan (C)	56 /-36 /-51	55 /-35 /-51	60 /-25 /-44	58 /-24 /-44
Magenta (M)	48 / 75 / -4	47 / 73 / -4	55 / 60 / -2	53 / 58 / -3
Yellow (Y)	89 / -4 / 93	87 / -4 / 91	89 / -3 / 76	86 / -3 / 73
Red (M+Y)	48 / 68 / 47	46 / 67 / 45	53 / 56 / 27	51 / 55 / 25
Green (C+Y)	50 /-65 / 26	49 /-63 / 25	53 /-43 / 14	52 /-41 / 13
Blue (C+M)	25 / 20 /-46	24 / 20 /-45	39 / 9 / -30	37 / 9 / -30
Gray (C+M+Y)	23/0/-1	23/0/-1	35/0/-3	34/0/-3

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Tone Value Increase (TVI)

PC1 Premium coated (new) in comparison to FOGRA39 (old) PC5 Wood-free uncoated (new) in comparison to FOGRA47 (old)





ISO 12647-2:2013, PSO 2012, Fogra 51 & 52

Actually unfortunately confusing:

- A new ISO-standard always overrides the old one
 → only valid standard: ISO 12647-2:2013!
- PSO is a comprehensive instruction for that
- PSO-figures have to be adpted to the new standard
- Characterization data Fogra 51 and Fogra 52 do NOT comply with the values given in ISO 12647-2:2013
- Illuminant M1 only defined as "should"



M2 and M3 are the better choice at the press!

\rightarrow Using M2 references for the print production

• HD Systems measure and control according to spectral curves, not according to density values!



- OBA in substrates and UV in lamps can extremely differ

 → Lamps: UV-part depending on the manufacturer 55% to 145%
 → Fogra tests: OBA in substrates differ up to DE 4-5, plus inluence of other colorants!
 → M2 / M3 ignores OBA and UV radiation (higher stability when printing)
- Color measurment systems are designed for the ink contrrol of the printing press!
 - \rightarrow Multitude of inks and applications (conventional, UV, Low Migration, varnich, ...)
 - \rightarrow Much more than only process colors CMYK !
 - → Reching the OK-sheet quicker based on process orientated reference values
 - \rightarrow stable print production (less deviation, in between tolerances)



ISO 12647-2:2013 – Now!

Heidelberg recommendation:

- Proof and color separation with Heidelberg Profiles HD_coated_2014, HD_uncoated_2014 (exactly spot on ISO), PSO_coated_eci, etc.
- 2. Claibration of plates using the new TVI (BCMY with 16% at 50%)
- 3. Measuring of dry sheets and proof with illuminant M1 \rightarrow Purchase of a new handheld spectrophotometer
- 4. Measuring and control at the press with existing Heidelberg color measurement systems
- 5. Continue using old separation data
- 6. Using new data (PDF) with the new standard
- 7. Using Device Link profiles to convert periodicals
- 8. Using paper with a low amount of OBA for the certification process

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Thank you for your attention!

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