
**Information technology — Office
equipment — Method for the
determination of ink cartridge photo yield
for colour printing with inkjet printers and
multi-function devices that contain inkjet
printer components**

*Technologies de l'information — Équipement de bureau — Méthode
d'essai de la détermination du rendement des cartouches d'encre pour
l'impression de photographies en couleurs avec des imprimantes à jet
d'encre et des dispositifs multi-fonctions contenant des composants
d'imprimantes à jet d'encre*

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Foreword

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Introduction

The scope of this International Standard is limited to evaluation of ink cartridge photo yield of ink-containing cartridges (i.e. integrated ink cartridges and ink cartridges without integrated print heads) for colour photo printing with colour inkjet printers. This International Standard can be applied to colour inkjet printers having an interface to a computer as well as colour inkjet printers that can not be connected to a computer. This International Standard can also be applied to the inkjet printer component of any multifunctional device that has a digital input printing path, including multi-function devices that contain inkjet printer components. Both liquid and solid ink products can be tested using this International Standard.

The cartridge photo yields of primary cartridges are determined by an end of life judgment, or signaled with either of two phenomena: fade, caused by depletion of ink in the cartridge, or automatic printing stop, caused by an Ink Out detection function. The cartridge photo yields of supplemental cartridges are estimated. It is envisioned that one of the uses of this International Standard will be for the calculation of cost per page (CPP). While this International Standard measures a portion of this cost, it is not used as the sole component of CPP calculation. Additional factors need to be considered for accurate CPP calculations.

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1 Scope

The purpose of this International Standard is to provide a method to determine the ink cartridge photo yield of ink-containing cartridges (i.e. integrated ink cartridges and ink cartridges without integrated print heads) for colour photo printing with colour inkjet printers and multi-function devices that contain inkjet printer components. Ink cartridge yields determined on one printer model, paper and cartridge configuration are not applicable to another printer model or cartridge configuration even if the ink jet cartridges used in testing are the same.

This International Standard prescribes the following:

- the test method that manufacturers, test labs, etc. use to determine ink cartridge photo yield;
- the method for determination of declared photo yield values from the test results; and
- the appropriate method of describing the photo yield of cartridges in documentation supplied to the consumer by the manufacturer.

This International Standard is only intended for the determination of ink cartridge photo yield. No other claims can be made from this testing regarding quality, reliability, etc.

This International Standard can be used to determine the yield of any cartridge that is used during the printing of the photo test file defined in ISO/IEC 29103.

This International Standard is not for use with printers whose minimum printable size is equal to or greater than A3. This International Standard is not intended to measure the yield of photo printing on paper size larger than 4x6, L or A6. In addition, this International Standard is not for use with industrial printers or point of sale printers. It only applies to desktop printing systems.

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/IEC 29103, *Information technology — Office equipment — Colour photo test pages for measurement of ink cartridge yield for colour photo printing*

ISO/IEC 24711, *Method for the determination of ink cartridge yield for colour inkjet printers and multi-function devices that contain printer components*