
**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 printheads) 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 cannot 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 signalled 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 printheads) for colour photo printing with colour inkjet printers and multifunction devices that contain inkjet printer components. In the case where a cartridge set can be used in multiple printer models, only one yield test needs to be performed as long as the difference between printer models does not impact yield.

NOTE A cartridge supplier may choose to use more than one market identifier for a single physical cartridge. In this case only one yield test is required as long as there are no differences in the cartridges other than market identifiers.

This International Standard prescribes the following:

- the test method that manufacturers, test laboratories, 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 4×6, 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 documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. 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*