

# Visual testing (VT) — Levels 1, 2 and 3

The visual testing training shall be in accordance with Tables 15 and 16 (ISO/TS 25107:2019(E))

Table 15 — General content

Content	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Introduction to terminology and history of visual testing (VT)	3	4	8
Physical principles and associated knowledge	3	12	10
Product knowledge and capabilities of the method and its derived techniques	18	13	8
Equipment	12	8	8
Information prior to testing	3	8	21
Testing	12	12	5
Evaluation and reporting	37	19	10
Assessment	3	4	2
Quality aspects	6	12	22
Developments	3	8	6

Table 16 — Visual testing (VT) — Levels 1, 2 and 3

Content		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Physical principles and associated knowledge	History	X	X	X	
	Purpose of NDT	What is testing?	X	X	X
		What is the purpose of NDT?	X	X	X
		A	X	X	X
		P	X	X	X
		I	X	X	X
		V	X	X	X
	Purpose of visual testing (VT)	M	X	X	X
		I	X	X	X
		A	X	X	X
		P	X	X	
	Terminology	T	X	X	
		U	X	X	
Physical principles and associated knowledge	Fundamentals	C	X	X	
		t	X	X	
		C	X	X	X
	understanding of the physical principles and physics of light	X	X	X	
	Optical performance	X	X		

		— Polarization of light	X	X	
		— Stroboscopic principles	X	X	
		— Dispersion	X	X	
		— Refraction and refractive index	X	X	
		— Reflection	X	X	
		— Interference	X	X	
		— Diffraction	X	X	X
		— Wave motion (Caterpillar)	X	X	X
	Vision	— The eye	X	X	
		— Defects of vision	X	X	
		— Correction of defects	X	X	
		— The camera	X	X	
		— The microscope	X	X	
		— The telescope	X	X	
		— The spectrometer	X	X	X
		— The spectrophotometer	X	X	X
	Lighting	— The eye	X	X	
		— Reflection	X	X	
		— Absorption	X	X	
		— Polarization	X	X	
		— Diffraction	X	X	
		— The eye	X	X	X
		— The camera	X	X	X
		— The microscope	X	X	X
		— The telescope	X	X	
		— The spectrometer	X	X	
		— The spectrophotometer	X	X	
		— The camera	X	X	
		— The microscope	X	X	
		— The telescope	X	X	
		— The spectrometer	X	X	
		— The spectrophotometer	X	X	
	Optical principles	— Optical principles		X	
		— Operation of magnifying glass		X	
		— Image construction		X	
		— Virtual images		X	
		— Chromatic aberration		X	
		— Geometric distortion		X	
		— Magnification principles		X	

	Camera and photo sensor operation and principles	Optical filters			X
		Construction of digital images and problems			X
		Image processing			X
		Image analysis			X
		Image compression and transmission			X
		Image enhancement			X
		Registration			X
		Video			X
		Color			X
		Lenses			X
	Principles of operation of fibre bundles and lenses	Colour			X
		Image			X
	Photogrammetry				X
	Visual perception	Visual		X	
		Visual		X	
		Visual		X	
		Visual search etc.,		X	
	Material attributes affecting the test	Colour	X	X	
		Size	X	X	
		Shape	X	X	
		Contrast	X	X	
		Surface	X	X	
		Texture	X	X	
		Temperature	X	X	
		Time	X	X	
		Transmittance	X	X	
		Stability	X	X	
	Environmental and physiological factors	Ambient		X	
		Climate		X	
		Psychological		X	
		Dust		X	
		Age		X	
		Fatigue		X	
Health			X		
Habit			X		
Motivation			X		
Personality			X		
Sight			X		
Temperature			X		
Cleanliness		X			
Direct and remote methods		X	X		
		X	X		
Vision	Requirements	X	X		
	Employer's responsibility		X		

12.3 Product knowledge and related capability of the method and derived techniques	Outline of basic flaws detected with visual testing as necessary to work in a specific sector	X		
	Evaluation of surfaces			X
	Test objects and flaws		X	X
	Basic production and de		X	X
	T		X	X
	P		X	X
	B		X	X
	pl		X	X
	V		X	X
	C		X	X
	n		X	X
			X	X
			X	X
	R			X
	D	try		X
	M		X	X
			X	X
			X	X
	re		X	X
			X	X
	In		X	X
			X	X
			X	X
			X	X
			X	X
			X	X
			X	X
			X	X
			X	X
Capability and limitations of visual testing	C	X		
	D		X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
Associated techniques	Gauging		X	
	Comparators		X	
	Measurement		X	
	Thermographic imaging		X	
	Replication		X	

Equipment	Introduction and applications	Mirrors	X	X	X
		Magnifiers	X	X	X
		Borescopes	X	X	X
		Fibrescopes	X	X	X
	Photographic and video	Imaging cameras	X	X	
		Videotape	X	X	
		Light microscopes	X	X	
		Compound microscopes	X	X	
		Telescopes	X	X	
		Spectrometers	X	X	
		Spectrophotometers			X
		Autofluorescence		X	X
		Colorimetry		X	X
		Densitometry	X	X	
		Reflection	X	X	X
		Colorimetry		X	X
		Electromagnetic			X
		Electromagnetic field			X
		Densitometry			X
		—			X
	—	on		X	
	Image recording, transfer and storage equipment	Electromagnetic		X	
		Electromagnetic		X	
Videotape		X	X		
Photocopiers				X	
Sizing of indications	Imaging		X		
	Sizing		X		
	Sizing (indication)	X	X		
12.5 Information prior to test	Information about the test object	Identification		X	X
		—		X	X
		—		X	X
		—		X	X
		—		X	X
	Test conditions and application of standard	Application		X	X
		Infrastructure		X	X
		Particular test conditions		X	X
		Application standard		X	X
		Stage of manufacture or service life when testing is to be carried out		X	X

		Standard and codes assigned to the test object		X	X
		Requirements of test personnel		X	X
		Acceptance criteria		X	X
	Technique and sequence of performing test	S		X	
		S		X	
		T and		X	
		P		X	
		V		X	
		D		X	
		R		X	
	Instructions	P			X
		P		X	
P		X			
D			X	X	
P				X	
12.6 Testing	Test set-up	D	X	X	
		R	X	X	
		A		X	
		V		X	X
		V		X	X
12.7 Evaluation and reporting	Reporting results	R	X	X	
		A	X	X	
		R	X	X	
		C	X	X	
		-	X	X	
		-	X	X	
		-	X	X	
	Control and monitoring of test results	I		X	X
		E		X	X
		-		X	X
		-		X	X
		R		X	X
	Developing report forms	C		X	X
		O			X
		S			X
D				X	
I				X	
	Acting as a reference point for				X

		level 2 advice for interpretation and evaluation			
12.8 Assessment	Classification and assessment of observations	Acceptance criteria		X	X
		— Codes		X	X
		— Standards		X	X
		— Written instructions		X	X
		—		X	X
		—			X
		B		X	X
		B		X	
		A		X	
		R		X	
		R		X	
		A			X
		T			X
		F			X
12.9 Quality aspects	Personnel qualification	IS	X	X	X
		OC			X
	Documentation	F			X
		Q			X
		A			X
		D		X	
		V	X		
		T		X	X
		R		X	X
	Knowledge of applicable NDT application and product standards	C		X	X
		U		X	X
		N			X
		J			X
		E	X	X	X
12.10 Developments	Importance of investigating current and developing				X

	technology and method of application				
	Summary of latest developments				X