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What Are Optical Standards & Why Are They Important?

- Optical industry standards set regulations for the industry that ensure consumer acceptance and confidence, increase efficiency, reduce costs and ensure an open market.
- Industry standards impact 98% of global trade.
- Quality and consistency of products is crucial for the safety and well-being of customers.
- Dictating safe materials and ensuring the effectiveness of products like lenses and frames protects customers' eyes.



What Are Optical Standards & Why Are They Important?

- Standards are crucial in ensuring that different components of eyewear (like frames and lenses) are **compatible** with each other.
- Meeting industry standards helps consumers **trust** that the eyecare and eyewear they purchase will perform as expected.
- Ensuring that eyecare and eyewear comply with local and international regulations is essential for national and global brands.



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- Example:
 - Sunglasses
 - Jungiasses

 Industry standards that set a
 benchmark for UV protection in
 sunglasses protect consumers and
 guarantee that their eyes are
 adequately shielded from harmful UV
 radiation. This not only helps build
 consumer confidence in the products
 they purchase, but also protects their
 eye health and safety.



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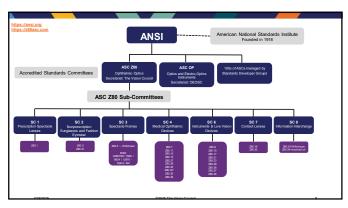
- Example:
 - Compatibility for Frames and Lenses
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 For manufacturers, product standards for various components of eyewear helps ensure compatibility and seamless integration. This is vital for the proper functioning of eyeglasses, enhancing the user experience, and maintaining the quality and safety of the eyewear.

Who is ANSI and what is ASC Z80?

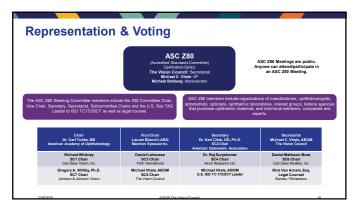
- Standards organizations do not create standards themselves, but rather provide a framework for fair standard development and ensure equity across contributors to standards.
- ANSI
- Standards organizations bring industry experts together and act as a neutral venue for Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) to collaborate.
- Accredited Standards Committee for Ophthalmic Optics
- SDOs exist across all industries, including the optical industries; these organizations manage standards for many industries.
- The Vision Council is the accredited SDO for Ophthalmic Optics.

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	Members	
Advanced Medical Technology Association (P)	American Academy of Ophthalmology (U)	American Academy of Optometry (U)
American Glaucoma Society (U)	American Optometric Association (U)	American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
Contact Lens Institute (P)	Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (P)	Cornea Society (U)
Department of Veterans Affairs (G)	Food & Drug Administration CDRH/Division (G)	Johnson & Johnson Vision (I)
Medical Device Manufacturers Association (P)	National Association of Retail Optical Companies (U)	Optical Laboratory Association (L)
Opticians Association of America (U)	Ralph Stone (I)	Sunglass Association of America (P)
The Vision Council (P)	US Sub-Leader to ISO TC 172/SC7 (I)	
(P) Nationwide organizations of manufacturers (L) Nationwide organizations of ophthalmic labor (G) Federal agencies that are purchasers of oph The ASC Z80 printable directory of voting members.	ratories = 1 (GI) Nationwide scientific, pu thalmic materials = 2 (I) Individual members, comp eers can be viewed here.	nd users of products covered by ASC Z80 standards = blic, and general interest groups = 0

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TVC's Role in ANSI	
ANSI's subcommittee for the ophthalmic industry is:	Accredited Standards Committee for Ophthalmic Optics
 Z80 Accredited Standards Committee for Ophthalmic Optics. 	Standards for Prescription Lenses
The Vision Council is the Secretariat of	Standards for Ophthalmic Frames
the ASC Z80 Ophthalmic Optics, which oversees 25 U.S. ophthalmic	Standards for Sunglasses and Readers
standards.	Standards for Contact Lenses
 TVC Members and Non-Members are eligible to participate in the 	Standards for Ophthalmic Equipment and Medical Devices
standards revision process. Our members consistently rank the standards work we do in the top two areas of importance.	
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TVC's Role in ANSI

- ASC Z80 members include manufacturers, ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, ophthalmic labs, and federal agencies.
- As the US TAG Leader to ISO TC172/SC7 Ophthalmic Optics, TVC Vice President Michael Vitale facilitates and maintains open communication between the US standards setting process and the International Standards setting process.
- Michael Vitale ensures that technical experts from the US are either leading or actively participating in all SC7 standards development and that the US position on those standards are communicated effectively.

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TVC's Role in ASTM

- The American Standard Testing Methods (ASTM) organization holds the F08.57 Eye Safety for Sports subcommittee.
- TVC Vice President Michael Vitale is the Vice Chair of the F08.57 subcommittee and ensures that eyewear for sports related activities have the technical expertise from the ophthalmic community and manufacturers.



12,500+

30,000+

Global ASTM Standards Volunteer Member

140+

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Participating Countries Years of Operation

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TVC's Role in ISEA

- The International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) upholds many standards applicable to occupational health and safety, including the Z87 committee for occupational and
- educational eye protection devices.
 TVC Vice President Michael Vitale serves as the chair of the Z87 committee.
 - ISEA/Z87 has 2 standards under its umbrella
 Z87.1 Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protection Devices
 - Face Protection Devices

 287.62 _Educational Eye and Face Protection Devices for Preventing Exposures Caused by Sprays or Spurts of Blood or Body Fluids





ASC Z80.18-2016 (R2021)

- ANSI ASC Z80.18-2016 (R2021) Contact Lens Care Products
 Vocabulary, Performance Specifications, and Test
 Methodology
- Scope
- This American National Standard applies to contact lens care products (CLCP) which are marketed for use with hard (PMMA), rigid gas permeable (RCP), enhanced oxygen permeable materials, and off hydrophilic contact lenses. These products are intended for use in the care of contact lenses: e.g., rinsing, storing, disinfection, conditioning, neutralization, deciming, hydration, and/or for alleviating discomfort of lens wear and improving lens tolerance by physical means.
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 This standard provides test methodology to be used in developing performance specifications of CLCP by function and where appropriate provides acceptable performance specifications for specific products. In the addresses general requirements for CLCP based group physical state of the marketed product (solutions, granules, and tablets), the packaging configuration (including convenientual plastic container, aerosol container, form-fill-seal, or blister pack), and mode of use (unit dose or multi-dose).
- The Vision Council recommends all parties that have an interest in the field of contact lenses purchase a copy of Z80.18 from the ANSI webstore. https://webstore.ansi.org

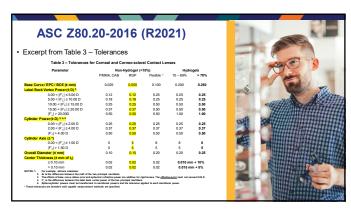


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ASC Z80.20-2016 (R2021)

- ANSI ASC Z80.20-2016 (R2021) Contact Lenses Standard Terminology, Tolerances Measurements and Physicochemical Properties
- Scope
 - This American National Standard applies to contact lenses worn over the front surface of the eye in contact with the preocular tear film. The standard covers rigid intracorneal and haptic (scleral) contact lenses, as well as soft paralimbal contact lenses.
- Table 1 provides a high-level list of materials used for both rigid and soft contact lenses
- The Vision Council recommends all parties that have an interest in the field of contact lenses purchase a copy of Z80.20 from the ANSI webstore. https://webstore.ansi.org







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ASC Z80.1-2025

- ANSI Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) ASC Z80.1-2025, Prescription Ophthalmic Lenses Recommendations
 - This standard applies to all prescription dress ophthalmic spectacle lenses in edged or assembled form. It is a guideline for entities that fabricate, assemble or process dress eyewear or lens components
 - Relevant optical and physical specifications and tolerances of this standard also apply to uncut lenses
- The Vision Council recommends that all parties that have an interest in the field of prescription ophthalmic optics purchase a copy of Z80.1 from the ANSI webstore by searching at these the parties.





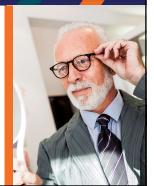
Who uses Z80.1?

- Labs
 - · Determine if lenses are within tolerance
- ECPs
- Equipment manufacturers
- Inspection equipment, production equipment
- Lens manufacturers
- Ensure lens compliance for power/marking/etc. Contract Managers
- - Insurance companies, large buyers, etc. typically specify ANSI Z80.1 compliance as the acceptance standard
- International standards committees
 - · Ensure that international and national standards don't conflict

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What is the cost?

- ANSI Revises or Reaffirms its standards every five years.
 - This is a mandatory requirement
 - Next revision should be 2030
- Current cost for ANSI Z80.1 is \$75.00...
 - That's only \$15.00 per year or \$1.25 per month



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Section 5.1.1.1

- Single Vision and Multifocal Lenses, and Power Variation Lenses with a Single Reference Point
- Made a distinction for lenses which have 1 vs. 2 verification points.
- Non-traditional Single Vision lenses are being sold as such, resulting in market confusion. This distinction permits categorizing and tolerancing lenses. The Power Variation lens category includes Progressives but also designs which are treated as single vision if they have one verification point, regardless of design.

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Section 5.1.4

- Section 5.1.4 (Table 5)
- Provided a practical prism tolerance to be applied to low power, high prism prescriptions. This table is new to this revision.

Nominal Value of Prescribed Prismatic Power	≤6∆	>6Δ
Tolerance on Prescribed Prismatic Power	± 0.33 ∆	± 0.5 Δ



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Section 5.1.7

- 5.1.7 Localized errors
- Revised the description of Localized errors to exclude design variations and are meant to apply to processing/fabrication errors.
 - Power fluctuations and aberrations due to lens design are permissible. Power errors or aberrations due to processing that are detected by visual inspection and caused by waves, warping, or internal defects are permissible if examination with a focimeter shows no measurable or gross distortion or blur of the focimeter target element.

Section 7.2.2

Claims for Transmittance
 Attenuation for Wavelengths Longer than 380nm

 Revised Transmittance attenuation tolerance for wavelength claim at <380nm to reflect measurement capabilities. The 2020 Standard tolerance was replaced to mirror ISO 8080 (as yet unpublished); studies deemed this change to be more practical. Section 8.14 (Measurement of Spectral Transmittance) was also added to improve consistency and accuracy of claim.



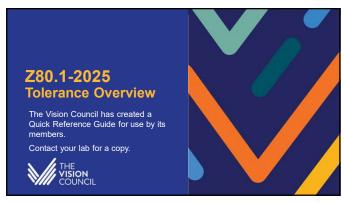
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Annex D

- Annex D Optical and Mechanical Tolerances Summary
 - This table is replicated by The Vision Council and published to members without charge. Given many users only see this, verbidge at the beginning was added to help direct and suggest purchase. of the full standard



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Verification Power

Verification Power (a.k.a. "As-worn", Compensated or Corrected Dioptric Power)

- Power that is manufactured, different from the ordered dioptric power, when the
 manufacturer has adjusted the ordered power to correct the lens for a change in vertex
 distance or the specified position of wear. This can include a change to the cylinder axis,
 and possibly also changes to the prismatic effect.
- The lab will typically supply the compensated powers (also known as "Verification Power") on the paperwork that accompanies the job.
- Some examples of common lab management systems and how they show compensation or verification powers.

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Verification power - DVI DVI shows the verification power next to the ordered power on the workticket. SPHERE CYL AXIS DIST NEAR PRISM (NO) PRISM (NO) PRISM (NO) R -2.50 -2.34 -0.25 -0.35 100 92 30.5 28.0 0.06 @ 106 L -3.25 -3.22 -1.00 -0.85 180 127 33.5 31.0 0.06 @ 106

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Left	3.50	-1.75	58	0.00	0.00	34.40	34.40	2.50
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	4.48	-1.10	149	Dp	3.47	-1.69	57	
	4.60	-1.08	149	Fp	3.58	-1.71	57	
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Refractive Power (Single Vision, Multifocals, and Power Variation Lenses with a single reference point)

Note: Convert to minus cylinder form before applying tolerances

Tolerance on Distance Refractive Power (Single Vision, Multifocal and Power Variation Lenses with a single reference point)

Sphere Meridian power	Tolerance on Sphere Meridian Power	Cylinder ≥ 0.00 D ≤ - 2.00 D	Cylinder > - 2.00 D ≤ - 4.50 D	Cylinder > - 4.50 D
From - 6.50 D to + 6.50 D	± 0.13 D	± 0.13 D	± 0.15 D	± 4%
Stronger than ± 6.50 D	± 2%	± 0.13 D	± 0.15 D	± 4%

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Z80.1-2025 - Tolerances

Refractive Power (Power Variation Lenses with more than one reference point)

2. Tolerance on Distance Refractive Power (Power Variation Lenses "Progressive Addition Lenses" with more than one reference point)

Sphere Meridian power	Tolerance on Sphere Meridian Power	Cylinder ≥ 0.00 D ≤ - 2.00 D	Cylinder > - 2.00 D ≤ - 3.50 D	Cylinder > - 3.50 D
From -8.00 D to + 8.00 D	± 0.16 D	± 0.16 D	± 0.18 D	± 5%
Stronger than ± 8.00 D	± 2%	± 0.16 D	± 0.18 D	± 5%

Z80.1-2025 - Tolerances

3. Tolerance on Direction of Cylinder Axis

Nominal Value of Cylinder Power	< -0.12 D		> - 0.25 D ≤ - 0.50 D			
Tolerance on Axis	Not defined	± 14°	± 7°	± 5°	± 3°	± 2°

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A Note About Cylinder Axis Tolerance

- In 2005, ANSI Z80.1 relaxed the cylinder axis tolerance from +-7 to +-14 degrees on 0.25 cyl, and from +-5 degrees to +-7 degrees on 0.50 cyl
- Studies by Fry (1979) and Meister (2004) showed that these tolerances would be consistent with the goal of inducing less than 0.13D of effective cylinder power error
- The study conducted in 2004 confirmed that there would be an 18% reduction in cylinder axis spoilage by aligning the tolerances based on the visual significance of the actual cylinder power on the wearer

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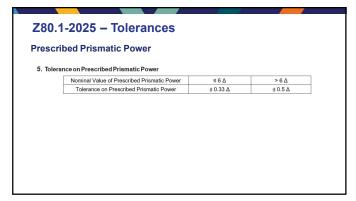
Cylinder Axis Error

Cylinder power	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00
Axis Error @ 0.13D	15.1	7.5	5.0	3.7	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2
ANSI Z80.1 - 1999 Tolerance	7.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
ANSI Z80.1 - 2010 Tolerance	14.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

 As shown above, the tolerances at lower cylinders are in line with the visual goal of creating less than 0.13 diopters of cylinder power error

_	ddition Power for Multifocal and Pov		
	Nominal Value of Addition Power Tolerance on Addition Power	≤ 4.00 D ± 0.12 D	> 4.00 D ± 0.18 D

Z80.1-2020 - Tolerances	
Prism Reference Point Location and Prismatic Power	
5. Tolerance on Prism Reference Point Location and Prismatic Power	
The prismatic power measured at the prism reference point shall not exceed 0.32Δ or the prism reference point shall not be more than 10 mm away from its specified position in any direction.	



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Γ	Single Vision	Vertical	Vertical	Horizontal	Horizontal
	And Multifocal Lenses	0.00 to ≤ ±3.375 D	>±3.375 D	0.00 to ≤ ± 2.75 D	> ± 2.75 D
	Tolerance	≤ 0.33 Δ	≤ 1.0 MM difference in height of PRPs	≤ 0.67 Δ	≤ ± 2.5 MM from specified distance interpupillary distance
r	Progressive	Vertical	Vertical	Horizontal	Horizontal
	Addition Lenses	0.00 to ≤ ±3.375 D	>±3.375 D	0.00 to ≤ ±3.75 D	> ± 3.75 D
	Tolerance	≤ 0.33 Δ	≤1.0 MM difference in height of PRPs	≤ 0.67 Δ	≤ 1.0 MM from specified monocula interpupillary distance

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Base Curve Tolerance

When specified, the base curve shall be supplied within $\pm\,0.75\,\,\text{D}.$

Z80.1-2025 – Tolerances	
Center Thickness Tolerance	
The center thickness shall be measured at the prism reference point of the convex surface. It shall not deviate from the nominal value by more than ± 0.3 mm.	
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Z80.1-2025 – Tolerances	
Segment Size & Tilt Tolerance for Multifocals The segment dimensions (width, depth, and intermediate depth) shall not deviate from the nominal value by more than ±0.5 mm. The difference between the segment dimensions (width, depth, and intermediate depth) in the mounted pair shall not exceed 0.5 mm unless specified. The segment tilt for each lens shall be within ± 2" as measured from the 180".	
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Z80.1-2025 - Tolerances	
Segment Vertical Location, Tilt and Fitting Cross Vertical Location Multifocals: the segment height for each lens shall be within ± 1.0 mm. The difference between the segment height in the mounted pair shall not exceed 1.0 mm. Progressives: the fitting cross height for each lens shall be within ± 1.0 mm. The difference between the fitting cross height in the mounted pair shall not exceed 1.0 mm. The horizontal axis tilt for each lens shall be within ± 2" using the permanent horizontal reference markings.	

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Segment Horizontal Location and Fitting Cross Horizontal Location Multifocal lenses: the distance between geometric centers of the segments in the mounted pair shall be within ± 2.5 mm of the specified near interpupillarly distance. The inset in both lenses shall appear symmetrical and balanced unless monocular insets are specified. Progressive addition insess: the near reference point is set by the lens design. The fitting cross location in progressive lenses shall be within ± 1.0 mm of the specified monocular interpupillary distance for that lens.	· -
Z80.1-2025 – Tolerances	
Localized Errors Localized power errors or aberrations caused by waves, warpage or internal defects, which	
are detected by visual inspection, are permissible if no measurable or gross focimeter target element distortion or blur is found when the localized area is examined with a focimeter. Areas outside a 30-mm diameter from the distance reference point, or within 6 mm from the edge, need not be tested for local power errors or aberrations. Progressive addition lenses are exempt from this requirement.	
Z80.1-2025 - Tolerances	
Prescription Impact-resistant Dress Eyewear Lenses	
All lenses must conform to the impact resistance requirements of Title 21. Code of Federal Regulations, 301.410 (CFR 801.410).	

Z80.1-2020 - Tolerances

Axis of Polarization

If there is a marking on the spectacle lens indicating the intended direction of horizontal orientation of polarization, then the actual plan of transmittance shall be at $90^{\circ}\pm3^{\circ}$ from this marking.

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A note about Transmittance

- Section 7 covers topics associated with transmittance, or how much light gets through the lens
- You should be familiar with issues such as traffic light recognition and other requirements for using lenses for driving
 - The standard references ANSI Z80.3 for non-prescription sunglasses which has detailed testing requirements
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