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ABO Advance Review

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# ABO Advance Review Domain 5 & 6

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- ▶ **1. Optics**
  - ▶ 30%
- ▶ **2. Ocular Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, and Refraction**
  - ▶ 33%
- ▶ **3. Ophthalmic Products**
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- ▶ **4. Instrumentation**
  - ▶ 9%
- ▶ **5. Dispensary Protocols and Procedures**
  - ▶ 10%
- ▶ **6. Laws, Regulations, and Standards**
  - ▶ 8%

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## ABO Masters Program

- ▶ The ABO Master in Ophthalmic Optics designation demonstrates to the public and colleagues that an individual has attained a superior level in ophthalmic dispensing.
- ▶ Any Optician who is currently Advanced Certified by the American Board of Opticianry for at least one complete three-year renewal cycle and satisfies one of two additional qualifications is eligible to apply for this designation.
- ▶ Today 10:30am: Panel discussion: Masters Designation hosted by Cira Collins in the OptiCon Hub

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Domain 5 Tasks

- Dispensary Protocols and Procedures: 10%**
- I. Optical History
  - II. Fitting
  - III. Adjusting
  - IV. Measuring
  - V. Troubleshooting

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### It takes a Detective to Dispense Exceptional Eyewear

- ▶ often referred to as "FORENSIC OPTICIANRY"




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### It takes a Detective to Dispense Exceptional Eyewear

- ▶ Assess patient's/customer's expectations
- ▶ Describe methods of taking accurate facial, ocular and frame measurements.
- ▶ Evaluate patient's complaints regarding performance of correction.
- ▶ Apply formulae in the design of lenses.
- ▶ Describe the advantages and disadvantages of current lens materials.
- ▶ Solve problems associated with differences in new and previous eyewear.




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### Establishing Direction

- ▶ Request the prescription
- ▶ Analyze the prescription
  - ▶ Date
  - ▶ Strength
  - ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Examine patient's present eyewear
- ▶ Determine lifestyle and needs




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### Initial Frame Selection

- ▶ Select five or six frames based on patient's prescription, objectives, facial features, and color.
- ▶ Select a variety of plastic and metal frames
- ▶ Do not prejudice!
- ▶ Ask patient to judge the appearance, not the fit.




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### Features and Benefits

- ▶ **Features vs Benefits:**
  - ▶ Patients don't want features, they want to know how they will benefit them.
- ▶ **A feature** is something you can touch.
  - ▶ Example: Titanium, Spring Temple, Polo Design, Silicone Nose Pad.
- ▶ **A benefit** is how it helps the patient.
  - ▶ Example: Lightweight, fewer adjustments, save time, more fashionable, safer, sharper vision.




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### Lens Options and Additional Pairs

- ▶ Discuss during frame selection, not at the closing.
  - ▶ Better yet, in exam chair with Doc...
- ▶ Explain features and benefits.
- ▶ Relate to their needs.
- ▶ Demonstrate!
- ▶ Include when pricing eyewear early in the frame selection process, avoid sticker shock.




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### Problem Solving




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### Analysis of Vision Errors:

- Subjective Analysis
- Verify and Analyze the New Prescription
- Compare to Previous Pair of Glasses and Observe
- Check Fit of New Glasses
- Observe Fitting Characteristics of Previous Pair
- Vision Problems: Solutions




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### SOAP format



SUBJECTIVE



OBJECTIVE



ASSESSMENT



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Vision Errors: Subjective Analysis

- ▶ When did you receive your glasses?
- ▶ How many hours per day have you worn your glasses?
- ▶ Did you experience this problem with your previous glasses?
- ▶ When does the problem occur?



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Subjective Analysis

- ▶ Does the problem subside or become worse as the glasses are worn?
- ▶ Where does it occur? (Occupational or recreational setting)
- ▶ Have you found a way to solve the problem?



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Vision: Subjective Analysis

- Blurred vision
- Double vision
- Perception/Discomfort
- Reflections



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### Vision Problems: Solutions

#### ADJUST FRAME:

- ▶ Pantoscopic tilt
- ▶ Vertex distance
- ▶ Wrap




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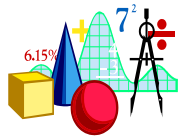
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### Vision Problems: Solutions

#### CHANGE LENS FORM

- ▶ Multifocal style
- ▶ Frame size
- ▶ Base curve
- ▶ Aspherics




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### Additional Pairs

- ▶ Sunglasses
- ▶ Safety Glasses
- ▶ Occupational / Recreational lens designs
- ▶ Different appearance for different settings.
- ▶ Convenience
  
- ▶ SHOE analogy




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## Measurements: Facial and Frame

- ▶ Interpupillary Distance
  - ▶ MM Rule
  - ▶ Pupilometer
  - ▶ Electronic
- ▶ Vertex Distance
  - ▶ Distometer
  - ▶ Electronic
- ▶ Pantoscopic Tilt
  - ▶ Manual
  - ▶ Electronic
- ▶ Wrap
  - ▶ Manual
  - ▶ Electronic



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## Millimeter Rule



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## Pupilometer

CRP, or Corneal Reflex Pupilometer



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### Digital



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### Optical Center Placement

- ▶ Optical Center: Those points on the front and back surface of a lens where the curves are parallel
- ▶ Optical Axis: A line which connects those two points.
- ▶ Horizontal placement determined by monocular P.D.
- ▶ Vertical effects prism and aberrations



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## Martins Lens Tilt Formula

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## VERTEX COMPENSATION

**Effective Power**  
It is what is felt if the lens when moved farther or closer to the eye

$$D_c = \frac{dD^2}{1000}$$

**Vertex Compensation**  
Is what is needed to change the RX to compensate for the movement to and from the eye.

- When the lens sit a different distance from where the doctor refracted the patient.
  - + MOVED AWAY GETS MORE PLUS
  - + MOVED CLOSER GETS MORE MINUS
  - MINUS MOVED AWAY GETS MORE PLUS
  - MINUS MOVED CLOSER GETS MORE MINUS

Use the sign if it is moving in  
Away from eye = add plus / subtract minus  
Toward the eye = subtract plus / add minus

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## Vertex Compensation

- ▶ A Distometer, millimeter rule, or digital device is used to measure vertex distance.
- ▶ If the power in any meridian is > 7.00D, an adjustment to power if the frame is fit at a distance different than the Rx vertex distance

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Fitting Single Vision Aspherics:

- ▶ Pre-adjust the frame.
- ▶ Dot centers of pupils, measure height and subtract 1mm for every 2 degrees of tilt or tilt head until pantoscopic tilt is eliminated before dotting pupils.
- ▶ Use pupilometer for mono P.D.



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Analysis of Spectacle Errors:

- ▶ Comfort
  - ▶ Nose, Ears
  - ▶ Glasses Slip, Touch Cheeks, Lashes
- ▶ Repair
- ▶ Vision



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### Comfort Errors

- Frame Selection
- Lens Selection
- Adjustment
- Analysis of Systems and Processes
- Identify Possible Underlying Systemic Factors (Enablers)
- Potential Improvements




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### Repairs

- Patient History
  - Occupational Factors
  - Recreational Factors
- Frame Selection
- Lens Selection
  - Impact Resistance
- Laboratory Work
- Dispensing Instructions




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### Vision

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ‣ Exam                        | ‣ Verification            |
| ‣ Prescription                | ‣ Adjustments             |
| ‣ Prescription Interpretation | ‣ Dispensing Instructions |
| ‣ Frame Selection             | ‣ Adaptation              |
| ‣ Lens Selection              | ‣ Follow Up Care          |
| ‣ Facial Measurements         |                           |
| ‣ Laboratory Work             |                           |




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### Prism

- ▶ Measurement
- ▶ Patient Problems
  - ▶ Base Down
  - ▶ Base Up
  - ▶ Base In or Out
- ▶ Decentration
- ▶ Slab Off
- ▶ Image Jump




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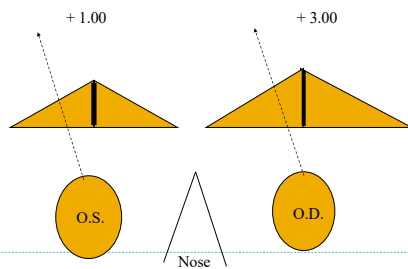
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### SINGLE VISION DISPLACEMENT




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### Vertical Prism (Imbalance)

- ▶ Determine the power in the vertical meridian.
- ▶ Determine the power difference between each lens.
- ▶ Determine prism at the reading level (usually 10mm)  $\Delta = P \times dcm$
- ▶ If the imbalance is greater than 1.50 $\Delta$  consider slab off, base up least plus or highest minus. Reverse for reverse slab.




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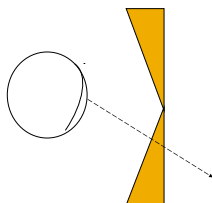
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### Base Direction - Minus Lens




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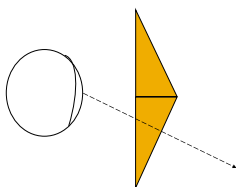
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### Base Directions - Plus Lens




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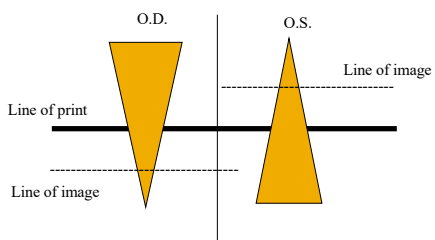
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### Vertical Imbalance



RESULT: DIFFICULTY READING SPLIT LINE OF PRINT

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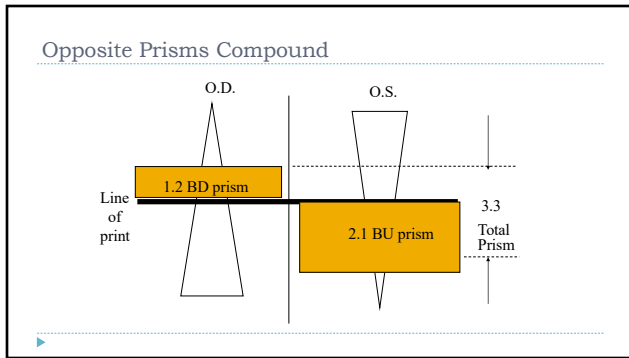
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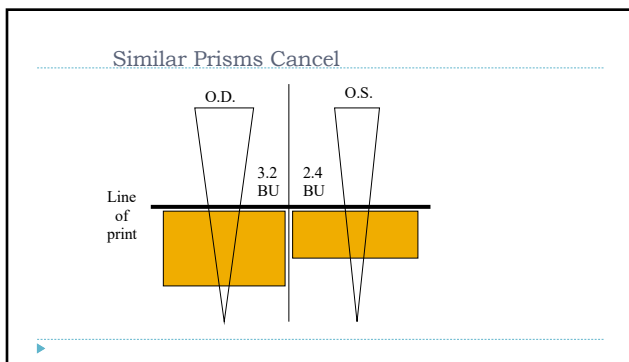
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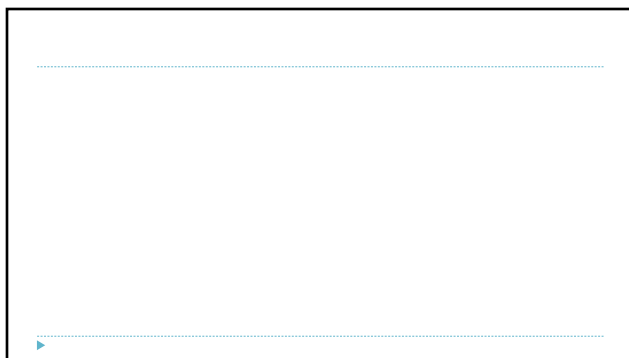
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Methods of Correcting Vertical Imbalance

- ▶ Contact Lenses
- ▶ Two Pairs of Glasses
- ▶ Adjusting the MRP or Seg Height
- ▶ Fresnel Press-On Prism
- ▶ Dissimilar Segs
- ▶ Compensated "R" Segs
- ▶ Slab-Off



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### Slab-Off Verification

- ▶ Place lens clock contact points parallel to the slab line on the distance portion and note reading.
- ▶ Place lens clock with one point on the distance portion, one on slab line, and one on lower prism portion.
- ▶ Difference in readings indicates the amount of slab-off prism.



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### Evaluating the Need for Correction

- ▶ Age
- ▶ Amount of Imbalance
- ▶ Cause of Imbalance - Onset
- ▶ Reading Position



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Case Study # 1

30 year old female six months after refractive surgery.  
O.D. +3.00 -0.50 x 135 O.S. +2.00 -1.00 x 30  
SPH +3.00 SPH +2.00  
50% CYL -0.25 75% CYL -0.75  
Total +2.75 Total +1.25  
Optical Difference = 1.50  
Reading Level = 10mm  
Vertical Imbalance = P x dcm or 1.50^

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## Case Study # 2

45 year old male with an add power prescription for the first time.

O.D. -3.00 -2.00 x 180 O.S. -2.00 -1.00 x 120

ADD: +1.25 O.U.

SPH	-3.00	SPH	-2.00
+100% CYL	<u>-2.00</u>	+ 25% CYL	<u>-0.25</u>
Total	-5.00	Total	-2.25

Difference @090 = 2.75

Reading Level = 10mm

Vertical Imbalance = 2.75Δ




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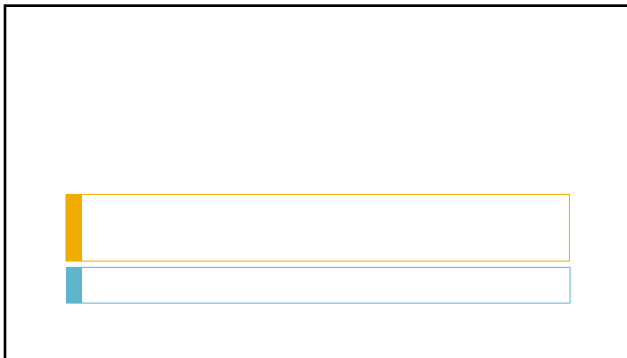
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## ANSI Standards

- ▶ ANSI Z80.1 Prescription Ophthalmic Lenses
- ▶ ANSI Z87.1 Occupational & Safety Eyewear

- ▶ Note on ANSI...generally viewed as "voluntary" standards....However,
  - ▶ ANSI Z80 may be a STATE requirement for Opticians
  - ▶ ANSI Z87 Adopted by OSHA, so is FEDERAL REQUIREMENT.




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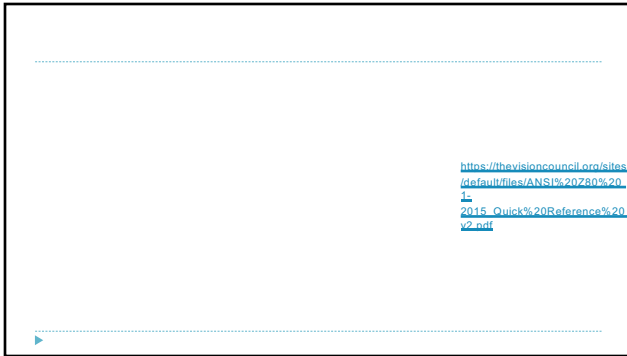
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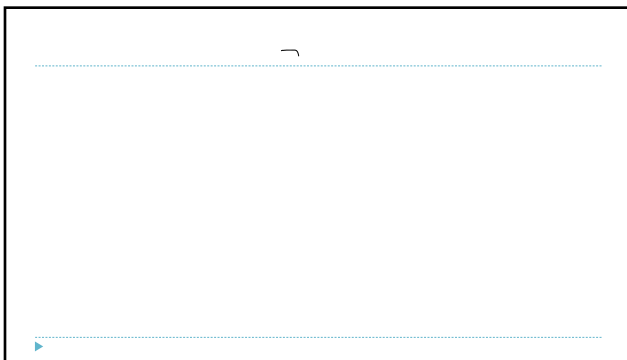
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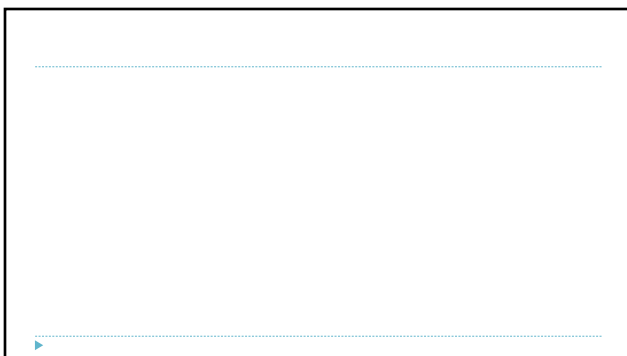
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**7. Base Curve Tolerance**

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

**8. 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  $\pm 0.3$ mm.

**9. Segment Size & Tilt Tolerance for Multifocals**

- The segment dimensions (width, depth, and intermediate depth) shall not deviate from the nominal value by more than  $\pm 0.5$ mm. The difference between the segment dimensions (width, depth, and intermediate depth) in the mounted pair shall not exceed 0.5mm unless specified.
- The segment tilt for each lens shall be within  $\pm 2^\circ$  as measured from the 180.

**10. Segment Vertical Location, Tilt and Fitting Cross Vertical Location**

- Multifocals: the segment height for each lens shall be within  $\pm 1.0$ mm. The difference between the segment height in the mounted pair shall not exceed 1.0mm.
- Progressives: the fitting cross height for each lens shall be within  $\pm 1.0$ mm. The difference between the fitting cross height in the mounted pair shall not exceed 1.0mm.
- The horizontal axis tilt for each lens shall be within  $\pm 2^\circ$  using the permanent horizontal reference markings.



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**11. 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  $\pm 2.5$ mm of the specified near interpupillary distance. The inset in both lenses shall appear symmetrical and balanced unless monocular insets are specified.
- Progressive addition lenses: the near reference point is set by the lens design. The fitting cross location in progressive lenses shall be within  $\pm 1.0$ mm of the specified monocular interpupillary distance for that lens.

**12. 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 centered on the reference point, or within 6 mm from the edge, are exempt from this requirement.

**13. Prescription Impact-resistant Dress Eyewear Lenses**

- All lenses must conform to the impact resistance requirements of Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, 801.410 (CFR 801.410).

**14. 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  $90 \pm 3^\circ$  from this marking.



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**Laws Governing Opticianry**

- Remember that our "RULES" that we have to follow are broken into :

1) **Laws** (passed by lawmakers and signed off on by an executive)

2) **Regulations** (rules and guidelines written to enforce or clarify laws, generally by a specific officer or department, and have the SAME legal standing, and can be enforced, just like "laws")



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Laws Governing Opticianry

And these Laws and Regulations can be passed by:

1) Federal Gov

2) State Gov

3) Local Gov



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Laws Governing Opticianry

- Federal Laws
- Federal Regulations

- State Laws
- State Regulations

- Local Laws and regulation (less applicable normally)



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Example of FEDERAL LAW

► Fairness to Contact Lens Consumer Act

- ❑ Must release CL Rx
- ❑ Online can sell, but must verify (1 business day and is filled)

❑ ENFORCED by FEDERAL TRADE COMMITTEE (FTC)



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Example of FEDERAL REGULATION

- ▶ FTC
  - ▶ EYEGLASS RULE
    - ODs and OMDs must give copy of Rx at conclusion of exam, even if not asked for
    - <https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/resources/complying-eyeglass-rule>
- ▶ FDA (food and Drug Agency)
  - ▶ Impact resistance standards 1971
    - Batch testing of plastic/resin lenses, individual drop ball testing of Glass Lenses
- ▶ OSHA (occupational Safety and Health Administration)
  - ▶ Require Eye and Face Protection on worksites when required
    - ADOPTED ANSI Z87 for these purposes



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Example of State Laws

- ▶ ALL states have laws and regulations on Optometrists, Dentists, Medical Doctors, nurses, Etc
- ▶ Some states have laws and regulations (ex licensing requirements) for Opticians
  - ▶ CT for example adopted ANSI as a STATE law for Opticians
  - ▶ FL for example has not adopted ANSI as STATE law for Opticians



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Other professional Requirements

- ▶ In addition to
  - ▶ Federal Laws (FCLCA, Federal Law)
  - ▶ Federal Regulations (FTC eyeglass rule, FDA impact, OSHA)
  - ▶ State laws if indicated
- ▶ There are also OTHER requirements:



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#### Other professional Requirements

- ▶ It is the against the law to sell any lens other than polycarbonate or trivex lenses for children or monocular patients?

▶ TRUE or FALSE

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#### Other professional Requirements

- ▶ Actually there is generally no "law" (as far as I am aware).
- ▶ There IS, however, a legal concept called **"duty to warn"**
- ▶ in CIVIL cases, a professional can be held liable for injuries caused to another, if the practitioner had the opportunity to warn the patient of a hazard and failed to do so.

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#### Duty to Warn

- ▶ Optician has a duty to investigate what a patients needs are and to recommend the appropriate lens or lenses.
- ▶ IN absence of documentation, the practitioner can be held liable AND potentially revocation or action against license
- ▶ Many companies, concerned about liability, especially in minors, will set company policies to mandate using ONLY impact resistant lenses for minors, both to satisfy this "duty to warn" and to mitigate any potential liability (prevent lawsuits from injured patient, especially a child)

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- ▶ [Back to ANSI](#)

Recall that OSHA controls workplace safety (Eye and Face protection)

- Simply ADOPTED the “voluntary” ANSI Z87 standards to simplify process

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## ANSI Z87

### Basic Impact

VS

High Impact

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## ANSI Z87

- | Basic Impact  | High Impact                                 |
|---------------|---|
| Z-87 markings | Z-87-2 markings (all now)                   |
| 3.0 mm min CT | 2.0 mm min for HI mat<br>poly/trivex/tribri |
|               | 3.0 mm for all others                       |
|               | CR-39, etc                                  |

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ANSI Z87

- ▶ Lens Markings:
- ▶ Upper temp corner includes:
- ▶ Manufacturer's initials
- ▶ "+" if Hi Impact Material (Poly, etc)
- ▶ Add'l
  - ▶ V for Variable
  - ▶ S for Special Purpose
  - ▶ etc



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ANSI Z87+

- ▶ 1/4" Steel Ball at 150 Feet/Second
- ▶ Lens Thickness: 2.0mm.
- ▶ Lens Markings: Sandblasted manufacturer's I.D. and "+"
- ▶ All Frames, Basic or High Impact must meet High Impact Standards
- ▶ Frame Markings: Front - A, DBL, Z87-2 or Z87-2+, Manufacturer's I.D. Temples - Length, Z87-2 or Z87-2+, Manufacturer's I.D. On one temple



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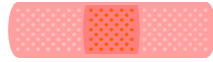
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### OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

- ▶ Federal agency charged with regulating safety practices in the work place and in educational settings.
- ▶ OSHA has adopted the Z-87.1 standards making them a federal requirement.



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### FDA: Food and Drug Administration

- ▶ Began mandating impact resistance of ophthalmic lenses in 1971.
- ▶ Plastic and others can be "batch" Tested
- ▶ Glass ALL have to be
  - ▶ Tempered:
    - ▶ Either Heat or Chemically
  - ▶ Drop Ball Tested



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### FDA: Food and Drug Administration

- ▶ Glass Drop Ball Test:
- ▶ Lenses must be capable of passing Drop-Ball Test:
  - ▶ 5/8" steel ball,
  - ▶ .56oz,
  - ▶ Height of 50 inches
- ▶ Safety Glass, 3.0 = 1.0" steel ball
- ▶ Records must be keep three years after purchase.



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#### FDA: Food and Drug Administration

##### ▶ Glass drop ball exceptions:

- Prism Segment Multifocal
- Slab Off
- Lenticular Cataract,
- Iseikonic
- Depressed segment one-piece multifocal
- Biconcave
- Myodisc and minus lenticular
- Custom laminate
- Cemented assembly lenses




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#### FTC: Federal Trade Commission

##### ▶ Established to prevent unfair business practices.

##### ▶ Eyeglasses I and Eyeglasses II investigational studies.

##### ▶ Doctor must give the patient a copy of their prescription immediately after the exam.




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End of Review

Questions?

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