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**Pulps — Preparation of laboratory sheets
for the measurement of diffuse blue
reflectance factor (ISO brightness)**

*Pâtes — Préparation des feuilles de laboratoire pour le mesurage du
facteur de réflectance dans le bleu (degré de blancheur ISO)*



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Introduction

The reflectance factor depends on the manner of preparation of the laboratory sheets and also on the conditions of measurement, particularly the spectral and geometric characteristics of the instrument used.