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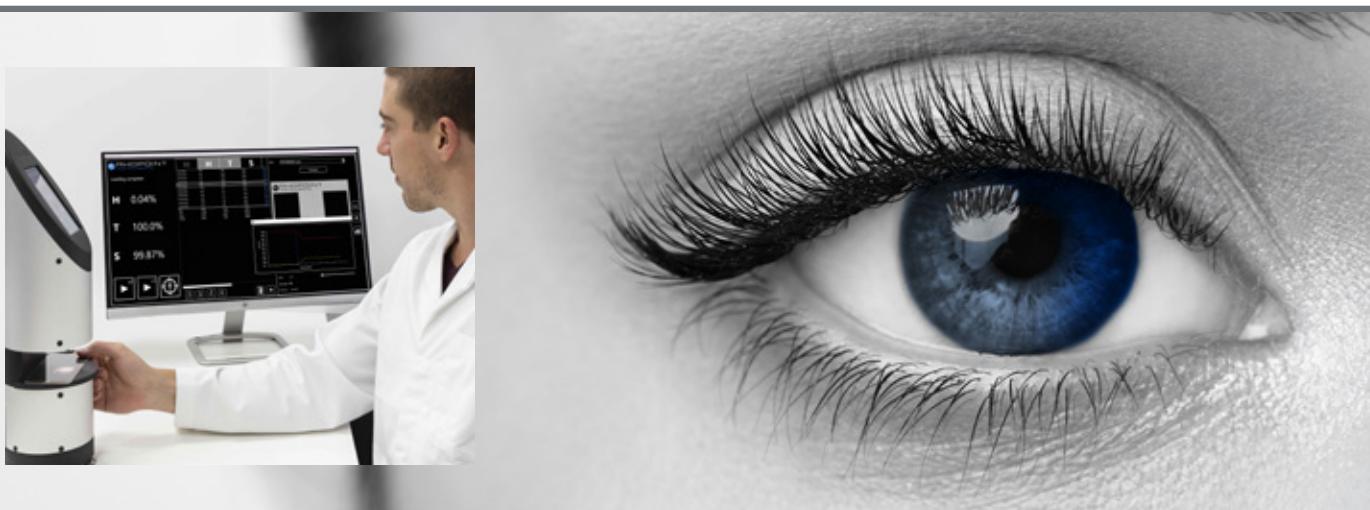
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**RHOPOINT**   
MEASURE WHAT YOU CAN SEE

**Advanced & Complete  
Analysis of Transparent  
Appearance**

- Haze measurement correlated with existing standards (ASTM D1003)
- New parameters matched to human perception

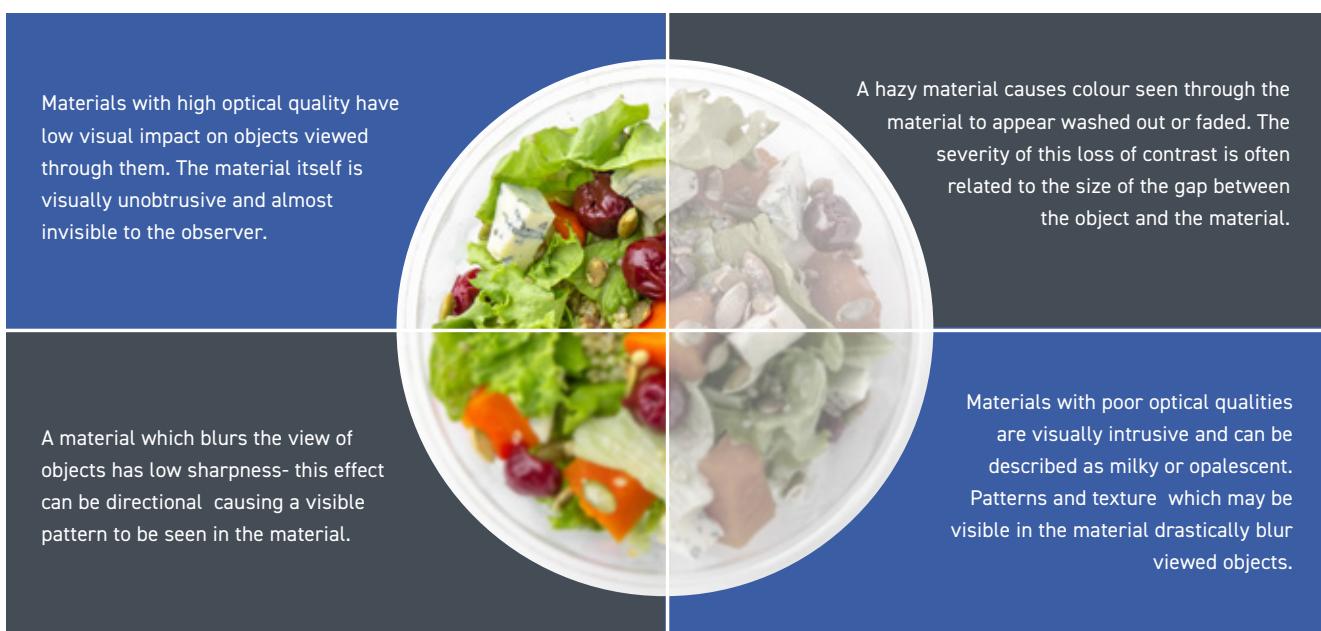


# Why measure the appearance quality of transparent materials?

Objects made from transparent materials are common in everyday life, clear plastic is used in packaging film and drinks bottles, windowpanes and windshields are made from glass, mobile phones are protected by a clear protective display.

The function of transparent materials is often to form a barrier which allows a clear view of a protected object or a scene beyond it. Manufactured products however, are rarely perfectly transparent-inhomogeneities in base material, surface texture caused during manufacture or scratches and abrasion reduce see-through quality.

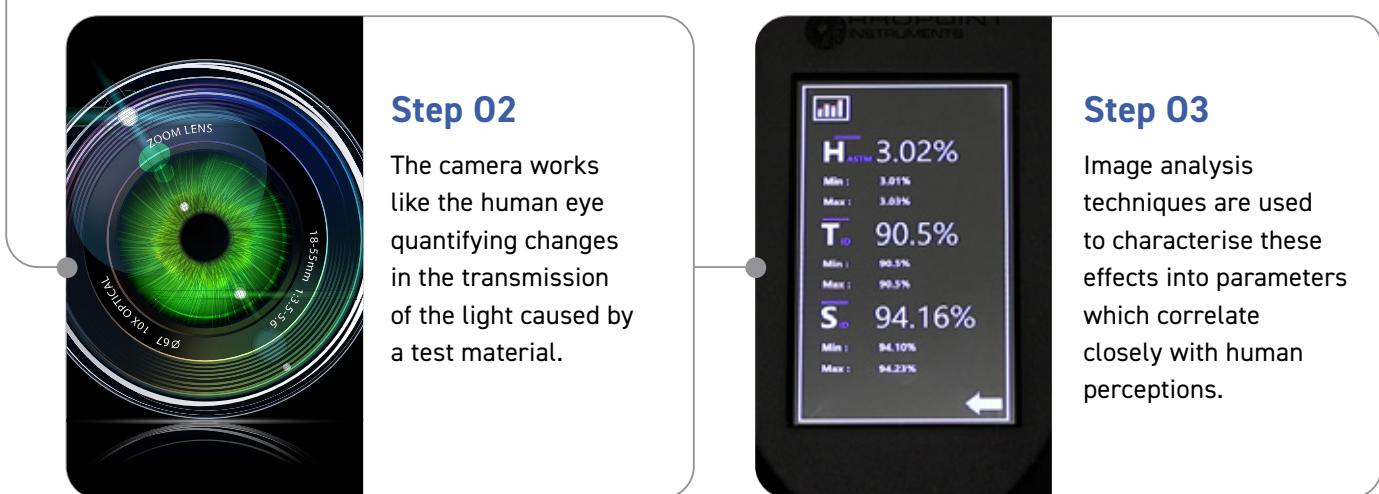
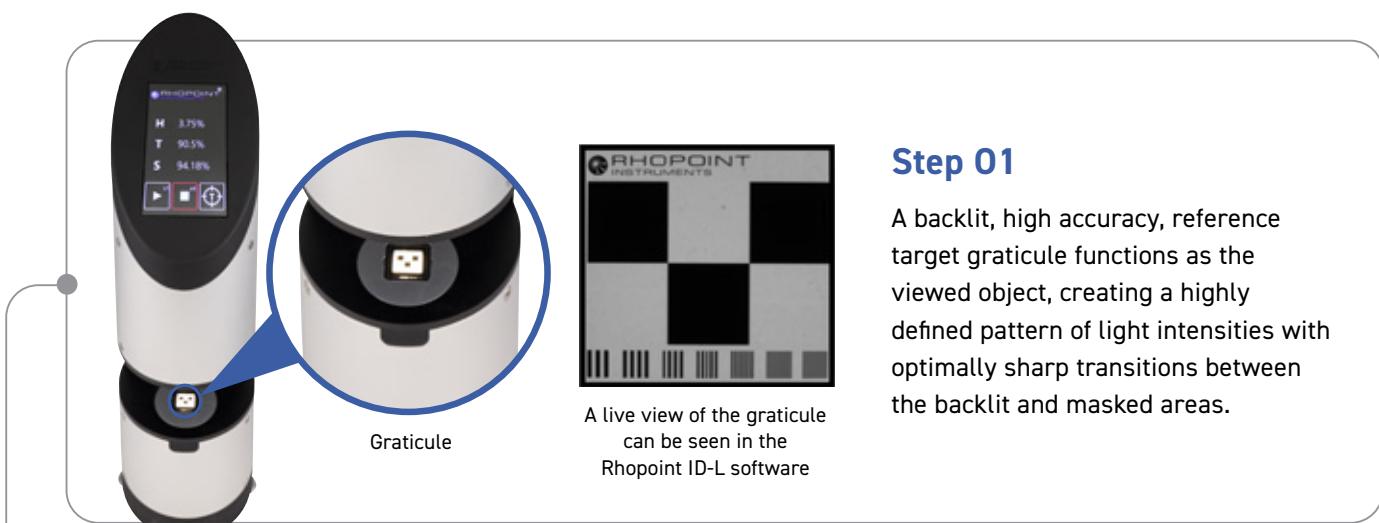
As these effects can reduce the perceived quality and functionality it is important that they are accurately quantified. Accurate measurement provides opportunities to optimise materials or processes during manufacture.



# What is the Rhopoint ID?

The Rhopoint ID is a transmission haze and appearance meter that measures what the eye can see. It quantifies the see-through qualities of materials in a method that can be matched to real world conditions with results highly correlated to customer perception.

The unique Rhopoint ID method fully characterises the transparency of a material in a single measurement.



## Applications

ID measurements can be used to quantify the see-through quality of any transparent material: plastic films, plastic sheets, liquids, glass, PET bottles and more...



The Rhopoint ID measurement technology (patent pending) was jointly developed with Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich.



# Haze

**Haze:** quantifies the loss of *contrast* for objects viewed through a material.



- ✓ Haze is measured directly by evaluating contrast of black and white areas on graticule
- ✓ Measurements made with the Rhopoint ID are fully comparable with those made on an ASTM D1003 hazemeter
- ✓ Automatically operates when ASTM Haze platen (8 mm thickness) is placed in position on instrument between the graticule and a sample
- ✓ Factory calibrated to ASTM standards for a quantitative match

When a material has haze, it changes the appearance of both the material and any objects viewed through it. This can lead to a reduction in perceived quality.

- The product viewed through the material appears lifeless and dull - but details remain sharp.
- The colour of a viewed object appears washed-out and faded.
- The material itself appears cloudy or milky.

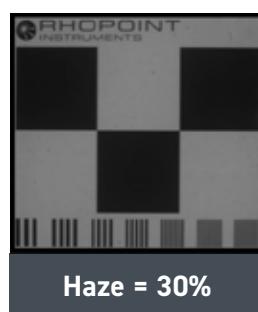
## What affects Haze?

Haze can be affected by factors such as the choice of resin, the moulding process and any surface textures. Haze can be caused by:

**Raw material choice:** For example, a plastic with an incorrect melt viscosity for a particular process.

**Process parameters:** Cooling a plastic material too quickly can introduce micro textures onto the surface of the film or structures in the bulk which reduce optical quality.

**Machine wear:** Wear and tear in moulds, chill rollers and slip dies can induce visible surface defects in the material.

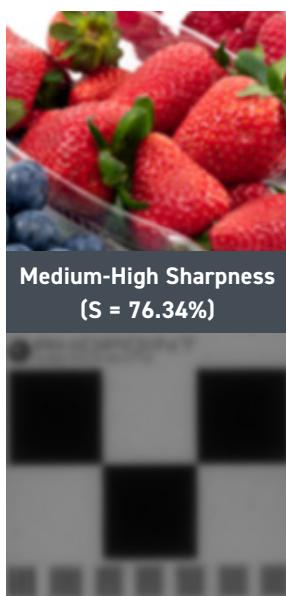
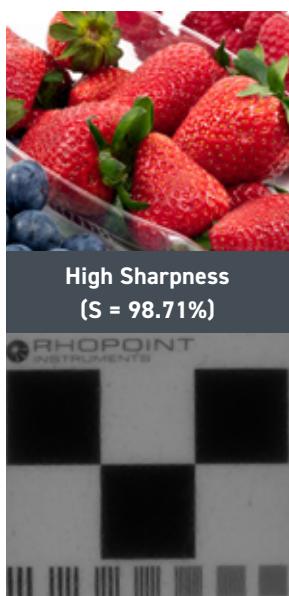


# Sharpness

Sharpness quantifies the loss of perceived detail for objects viewed through a material.

## What are the effects of reduced Sharpness?

When viewed through a material with high sharpness, an object appears sharp and distinct. As material sharpness decreases, the object appears blurry and obscured.



**Anisotropic Sharpness.** Only available with Rhopoint ID-L version.

A material can often exhibit optical effects which are *directional*. These phenomena are often induced in plastic parts by specific processing faults.

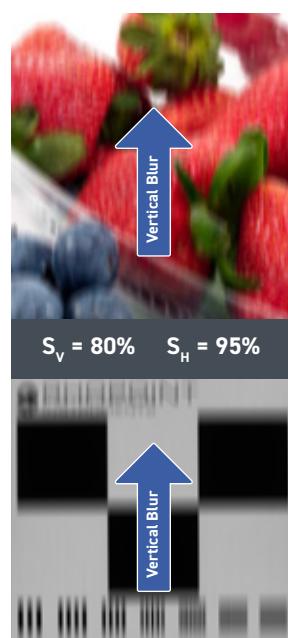
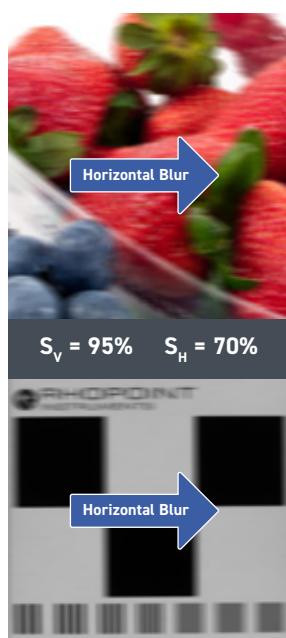
Visible texture is a common feature of plastic films and causes a significant reduction in their see-through quality.

## Directional Effects

The Rhopoint ID is the only instrument that can measure directional effects in materials using the ID laboratory analysis software.

The images to the right show the visual impact of different ID Sharpness (S) values in vertical and horizontal directions.

Measuring directional effects can be used in advanced optical quality control and for adjusting processing parameters to obtain optimal transparency.



# Clarity

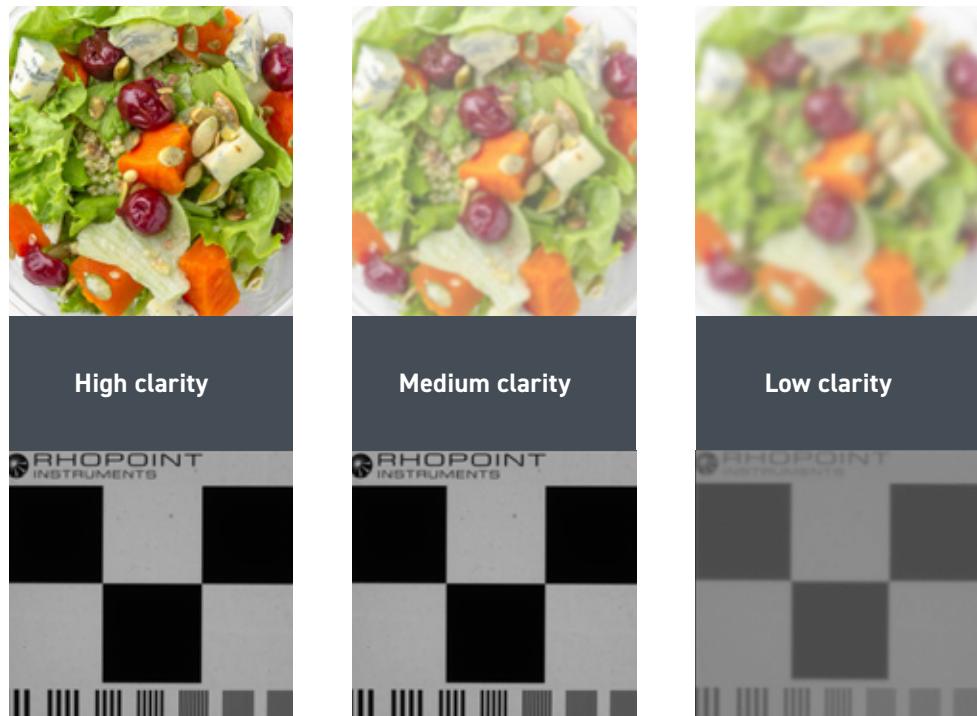
## What is Clarity?

Quantifies the blurriness of an object when viewed through a material, results are proportionate with Sharpness, but the measurement scale is compressed and the measurement resolution is reduced.

Clarity is a scale used by traditional haze and clarity meters. When measured using the 8mm adaptor plate, Rhopoint ID Clarity data conforms to specifications written for these meters.

Inter-instrument Clarity agreement between Rhopoint ID and traditional sphere instruments for commercial plastic films (<1000µm) is typically <0.4% C (SD).

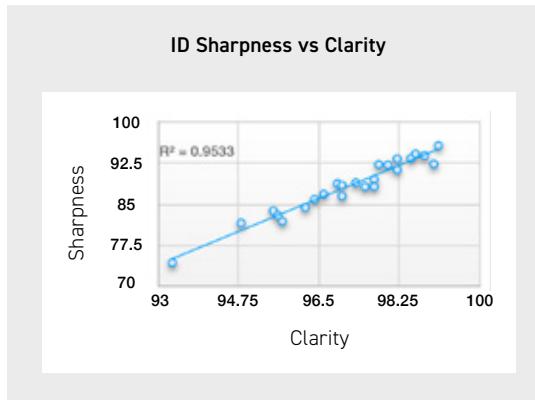
Inter-instrument Clarity agreement between traditional sphere instruments and Rhopoint ID for thick transparent plastic materials (<6mm) is typically <0.5% C (SD).



✓ ID sharpness gives improved measurement resolution compared with clarity

✓ ID Clarity is fully compatible with existing instruments

Note: Clarity and Sharpness do NOT capture poor optical characteristics associated with wavy/orange peel surfaces



**ID Sharpness measurement**  
Better measurement resolution than clarity.

**ID Clarity**  
Compatible measurement with existing measurements.

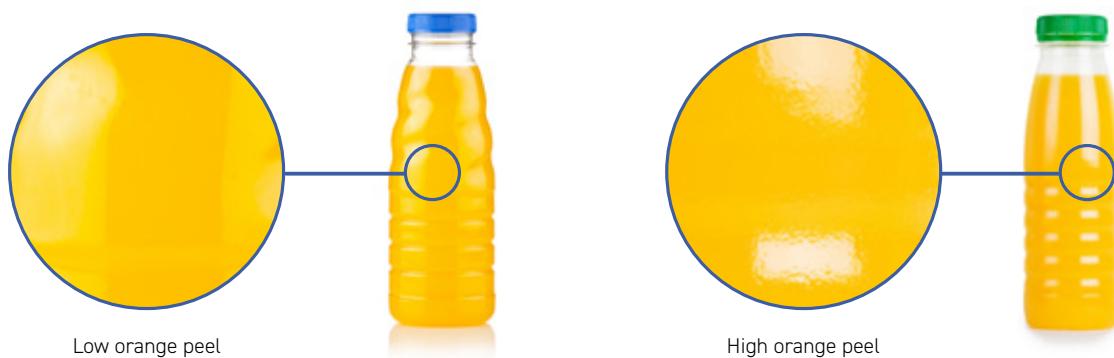
# Waviness

## What is Waviness?

Waviness is an optical effect caused by large structures (0.1-2mm) on the surface of the material. If the structure is homogeneous it is often described as orange peel - the surface resembles the peel of an orange.

If the effect is anisotropic, visible lines can often be seen when looking through the material.

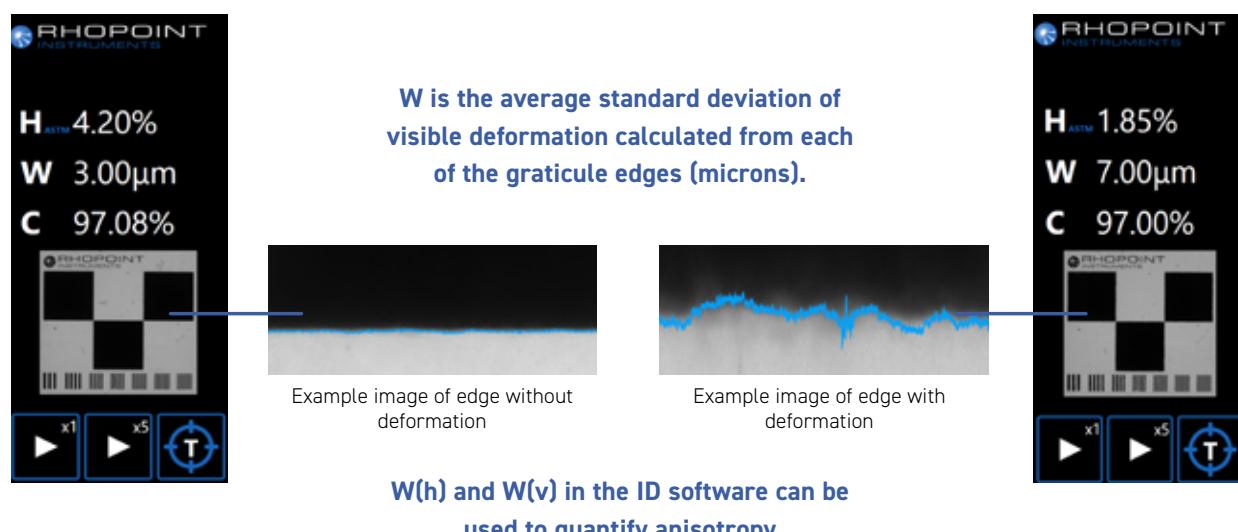
Unlike sharpness, these larger structures can cause dynamic distortion when the film is moved over a target image/object which has straight edges - the edges appear to distort and wave as the material is moved.



## How is Waviness measured?

Waviness measures the visible distortion of the ID graticule edges through the material.  $W$  is the standard deviation of the edge deformation in  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Waviness homogeneity is assessed by comparing  $W$  (average waviness) with  $WH$  (horizontal waviness) and  $Wv$  (vertical waviness) using Rhopoint ID software.



# Distance Dependent Haze

Many materials exhibit a variation of transparency depending on whether the material is in contact with a viewed object, or separated by an 'air gap' distance between them.

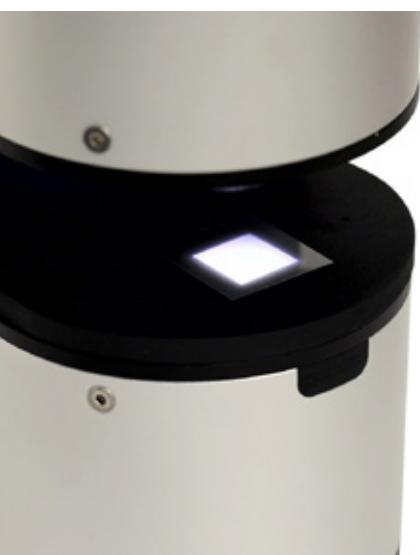
## Why is Distance Dependence important?

Matching the material exactly to the application allows quality improvements and production cost savings.

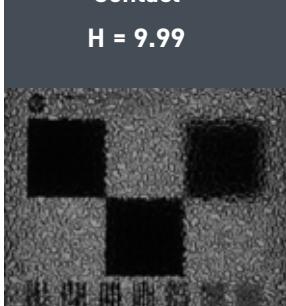
To match a specific material application the Rhopoint ID can measure ID Haze at any distance within 0–40 mm. Using the ID it is possible to identify the air gap distance at which maximum Haze is obtained (typically <25 mm).

### Haze and Distance

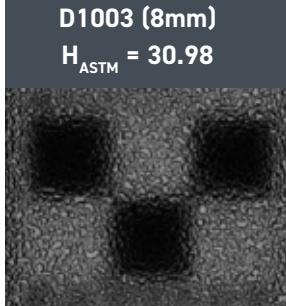
The images below show the effect of air gap distance for a hazy plastic film held in front of an image.



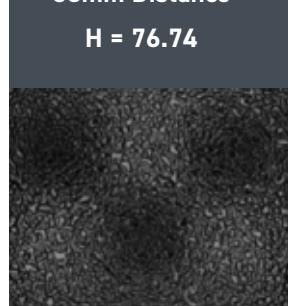
Contact  
 $H = 9.99$



Haze to ASTM  
D1003 (8mm)  
 $H_{ASTM} = 30.98$



30mm Distance  
 $H = 76.74$

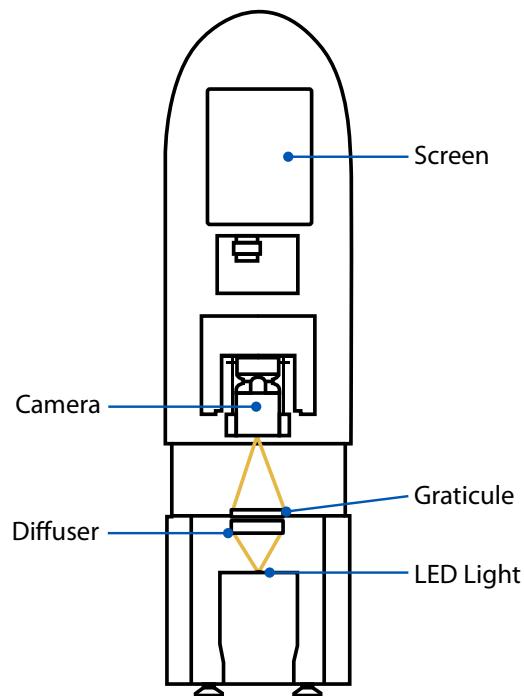


- ✓ Direct measurement of haze from transmission image contrast
- ✓ Measured in contact or at user-defined distance between material and object (0–40 mm)
- ✓ Measures distance dependence on the same scale as ASTM Haze
- ✓ Direct measurement of transparency via contrast of black and white areas on target graticule
- ✓ Measure and understand distance dependent haze

**High distance dependence of haze** is desirable for privacy/security glass and films which are designed to obscure a view without blocking light.

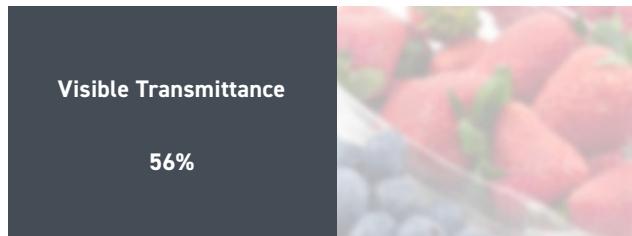
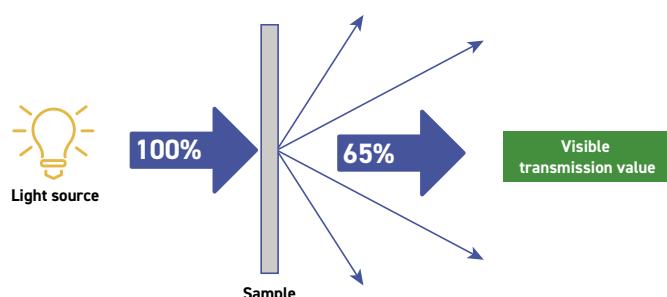
# Visible Transmittance

When considering how material is perceived by a consumer it is important to consider how bright an object viewed through it will appear.\*



## Visible Transmission to human observer

- Rhopoint Transmittance (TID) quantifies the amount of light passing through the material and reaching the camera/eye of the observer.
- This measurement describes the brightness/luminosity of the viewed object and is correlated to how one perceives the quality of the material.



\*Traditional hazemeters measure total transmission which is related to light absorption not visual perception

# Applications

The Rhopoint ID is designed to measure transparent materials including the following applications



## Films

Analyse surface roughness and bulk irregularities of packaging films. Optimise distance related see-through quality.



## PET bottles

Evaluate orange peel and texturing on external wall surfaces, Mould lines / marks or contamination in PET blow moulding processes.



## Windscreens

Analyse wiper wear resistance (wiper resistance test - ISO 12-103-1 A4) on automotive windscreen glass.



## Mobile phones

Measure the optical quality of display films and glass.



## Display films

Quantify the transparency of display films. Detect local defects.



## Liquids, gels and pastes

Safely quantify the transparency of liquid and semi-liquid materials.



## Recycled materials

Ensure the quality of recycled materials in new products meets accepted standards for transparency.



## Rigid plastics

Evaluate and optimise the use of clarifying additives in polypropylene packaging and containers.



## Tubes and Pipes

Glass, plastic or silicone pipes and tubing with a diameter >6mm

# Instrument features

The Rhopoint ID has been designed to measure samples for haze, transmittance and sharpness quickly and safely.



## No moving parts

Eliminates risk of mechanical failure



## Stand-alone instrument

Small footprint reduces space required in laboratory



## Lightweight

Easy to move in the laboratory or production line



## Resistant and durable

Made from durable, recyclable materials



## Touch screen

Single measurement time of 2 seconds to measure ALL parameters (up to 15 seconds on a comparable sphere instrument)

## Large mounting area

Minimal sample preparation required possible to measure non flat samples without bending or deforming.

## Fully sealed optics

Ideal for measuring liquid samples and solid materials impervious to damage through accidental spillage



Production



Laboratory



Research

# Rhopoint ID Options

The Rhopoint ID is available in two variants for laboratory or production use.

	ID-E	ID-L
Measures Haze, Transmission, Sharpness and Clarity	✓	✓
Operate in stand-alone mode	✓	✓
Measure (ID) with the sample material in contact with test target	✓	✓
Measure non contact distance haze and transmittance up to 40mm	✓	✓
Measure Waviness	-	✓
Measure curved parts - bottles, tubes and pipes	-	✓
Detailed analysis software	-	✓
Anisotropic Sharpness measurement	-	✓
Live view makes it easy to position test sample and locate specific areas of interest	-	✓

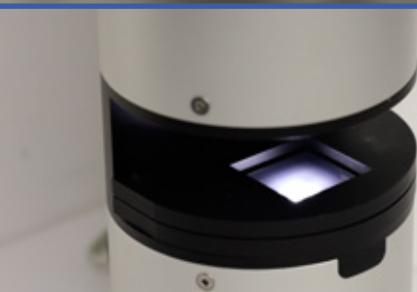


## Detailed analysis software

The Rhopoint ID-L analysis software enables detailed visual analysis of the sample using LIVE VIEW. Statistical analysis of multiple test results is shown for each measured parameter.

- Saves all the results as a CSV file
- Imports previous CSV results
- Saves CSV results and all images as tiff
- Imports CSV results and image tiff files

# Rhopoint ID-L Optional Accessories



## Surface Roughness Adaptor

The Surface Roughness Adaptor allows the roughness of the film on each side to be isolated and measured without submersing the material in oil.



## Abrasion Adaptor

Allows Taber abraded samples to be mounted on the Rhopoint ID. Results are highly correlated to ASTM D1044.



## 20mm Distance Haze Pack

Spacers for distance dependency haze measurement.

- 2 x 5mm spacers.
- 5 x 2mm spacers.
- 2 packs of spacers can be combined for a 40mm distance.
- Custom spacers are available.

# Specifications

	Sharpness	Haze	Waviness	Clarity	Transmission
<b>Range</b>	0-100%	0-10%	10-100%	0-500µm	0-100%
<b>Resolution</b>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
<b>Repeatability SD</b>	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.4	0.03
<b>Reproducibility SD</b>	1	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.3
<b>Inter-instrument Agreement Rhopoint ID vs Traditional haze and clarity instrument*</b>	N/A	0.5	0.5	N/A	0.4
<b>Effective operating range</b>	Materials T > 50%	Materials T > 50%	Materials T > 50%		

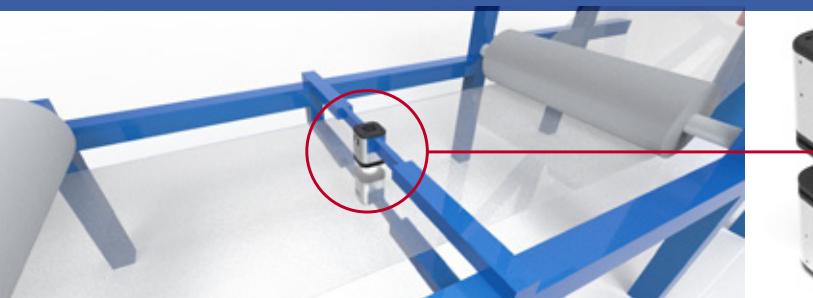
	ID-E	ID-L
<b>Measurement Mode</b>	Contact and Non Contact	Contact and Non Contact
<b>Non Contact Distance</b>	Up to 40mm	Up to 40mm
<b>Material Thickness</b>	<300µm	<30mm
<b>Software</b>	N/A	Rhopoint ID-Analysis
<b>Connection</b>	N/A	Ethernet LAN
<b>Spatial Resolution</b>	12µm	
<b>Imaged Area</b>	20mm x 20mm	
<b>Minimum measurement area (Haze, Sharpness)</b>	12x8mm	6x2mm
<b>Minimum measurement area (Transmittance)</b>	12x8mm	2x2mm
<b>Image Format</b>	N/A	16 Bit Tiff
<b>Image Sensor Size</b>	N/A	1280x1024
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	10-40°C	
<b>Dimensions h x Ø</b>	470 x 125 mm	
<b>Weight</b>	3.95 Kg	
<b>Packed Weight</b>	6.7 Kg	
<b>Power</b>	110/230V	

Product	Included accessories	Order code
Rhopoint ID-L	1 x USB drive (contains software / manual ) • 1 x checking standard • 1 x calibration certificate 1 x 8mm spacer (ASTM) • 1 x 5mm spacer • 1x LAN cable and 1x USB2 to LAN adaptor	A3100-001
Rhopoint ID-E	1 x checking standard • 1 x calibration certificate • 1 x 8mm spacer (ASTM) • 1 x 5mm spacer	A3100-002

Optional accessories for ID-L	Order code
Abrasion adaptor	B3100-002
Surface roughness adaptor	B3100-003
20mm distance haze pack	B3100-001

**Free extended 2 year warranty:** Requires registration at [www.rhopointinstruments.com/instrument-registration](http://www.rhopointinstruments.com/instrument-registration) within 28 days of purchase. Without registration, 1 year standard warranty applies.

**TECHNOLOGY DESIGNED FOR INLINE MEASUREMENT**



**Measure haze,  
transmission and  
sharpness directly  
on the line**

More details will be  
released shortly

\*Typical values- packaging film <1000µm



## TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

We offer two options for you to try out the Rhopoint ID before buying.

**1**

**Online demonstration:** Online presentation of the Rhopoint ID with your samples measured LIVE on Zoom, TEAMS or Skype. Includes a consultation with an application specialist.

**2**

**Factory sample testing:** Send in samples of your material for testing and receive a comprehensive test report.

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